

Ordination to the Priesthood

BY STEPHANIE BOYD,

Diocesan Communications Officer

On February 01, 2017, Christ Church Cathedral was host to the Ordination of the Priesthood of three members of our Diocese.

Rev. Ryan Boivin, Rev. Victoria Scott, and Rev. Mary-Catherine Garden were ordained priests.



PHOTO: STEPHANIE BOYD **Rev. Canon Catherine** Ascah delivering the sermon.



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During the Litany of Saints, priests of the Diocese gather in the chancel of Christ Church Cathedral with Bishop John Chapman to pray for Rev. Victoria Scott, Rev. Mary-Catherine Garden, and Rev. Ryan Boivin.

Darkness and Light

BY REV. CANON STEWART MURRAY

titudes of people who had been touched by Jesus' min-Holy Week, especially istry it spells discouragement Good Friday, and Easter are and even despair. The biblical accounts of Good Friday "it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour" (Luke 23:44) speak of literal darkness at noon - the sixth hour, but also the darkness of the human heart, mind and imagination. We can sense the desolation and the loss of hope not only of those standing at the foot of the Cross but of others whose lives were touched by Jesus. We all have times when darkness touches our lives. See STORY, p. 8

Politics of Migration

BY KIERSTEN JENSEN

On Thursday, February 2, 2017, the World Student Christian Federation-North American Region (WSCF-NA) and Student Christian Movement-Ottawa Chapter (SCM) hosted an event on The Politics of Migration at Trinity Anglican Church. We heard from Zaya Kuyena, an Ottawa young adult who attended an inter-regional leadership training event in Dhaka, Bangladesh this past December, and from Luciano Kovacs, WSCF-NA Executive and Program Director for Advocacy and Solidarity, who attended a border solidarity trip in Arizona and Mexico.

Zaya joined Student Christian Movement members from across the globe in Dhaka for a week-long conference to explore racial justice and Indigenous rights, to hear theological themes and stories from migrants all over the world, to gain advocacy skills in working for migrants and refugees, and to gain exposure to the cultural and political context of Bangladesh. He said the experience had him reflecting on how we could learn from the experiences of other Indigenous communities' government relations as we continue the work of reconciliation in our own communities.

most pressing migrant justice issue he learned about on the trip. The Rohingya have been described as one of the world's most persecuted minorities. Over 67,000 have fled to Bangladesh since October and over 400,000 have lived in Bangladesh for decades. Tens of thousands are currently in over-crowded refugee camps. Despite serious concerns from the UN and various human rights groups, Bangladesh plans on relocating the Rohingya refugees to Thengar Char, a remote unpopulated island that is prone to extreme flooding and cyclones. Locals are saying this is less like "relo-See STORY, p. 5

an invitation that God gives us to reflect on the challenges and difficulties we all face. They are also times that speak to me of the possibilities of change and renewal. For Jesus Holy Week is the end of his public ministry and the time of his passion and death; for the apostles it is the end of the hope that Jesus' ministry had given to their hearts and minds; for the Roman authorities it is the disposal of a problem and an insurrection averted while for the mul-

Zaya shared with us the

FROM THE BISHOP

The Season of Lent

By The Rt. Rev. John Chapman

Soon, we will go to the desert with Jesus and with one another.

It is a sacred journey that we take every year. It begins with the Baptist calling us to the river reminding us who we are; he reminds us that we have been washed in water and the Spirit and named as a child of God. We then immediately follow Jesus into the desert. Here we catch a glimpse of what the landscape might look like without God. Here we recognize through the very same temptations that Jesus encountered our sin; our capacity and our need to be relevant, our longing for power and our desire to achieve as best as we are able, immortality. Our journey then ends at the cross where we die to ourselves recognizing that without Jesus we are empty.

This is a journey that we often take for granted and we more often than not underestimate its power and our need for it. In moments of clarity we do know that it is an important journey and that our very health is dependent upon it. After all, what good is physical health and mental health if the very root of our being, our soul

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if you will, is in turmoil or unattended?

I think that most of you would agree with me. It is critical that we put ourselves and the society in which we live, under the microscope. God knows, especially in these days of unpredictability, anxiety and fear of that which we cannot seem to control, we really do need to journey through the desert of our times if only just for a short while.

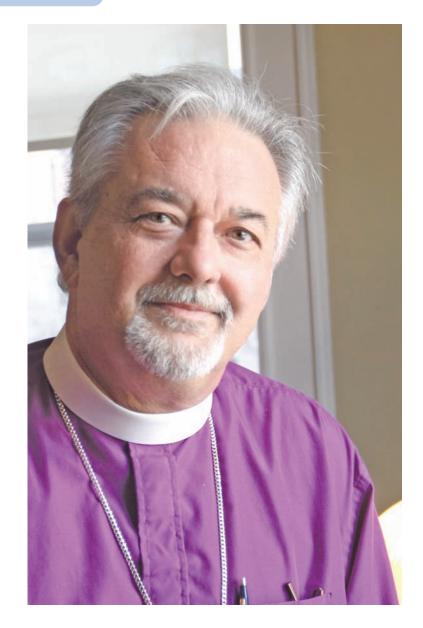
So why is it, if this spiritual journey is so important, we do not feel the need to invite someone to journey with us? Why are we so hesitant to ask another to come with us to meet our spiritual community and to pray with us? Why is it that we are so hesitant to invite others to encounter God? What is it that holds us back? I have watched people apply very convincing arguments, fully animated and passionate, doing all within their power to ensure that a friend

or colleague sees a particular Hollywood film. "You just have to see it! The best film of the year. It was such a profound commentary on our times. The writing was brilliant, the dialogue moved me to tears."

Help me understand the difference.

I wonder if the criteria by which we assess events in our secular lives are being inappropriately applied to our spiritual lives. Maybe we think that our Sunday liturgies are not slick or professional enough for our friends to see? Maybe our priest isn't that cool? Maybe some of my eccentric friends may not seem as endearing to my guest as they do to me? Maybe I just don't want to share my special place with others? Maybe I am just too shy to invite someone to a gathering that is really quite intimate for me?

Whatever our reason and I expect they are varied, Jesus calls us to gracious hospitality. Jesus calls us to share the gospel with others and invite them to join our communities of prayer, witness and learning. Jesus calls us to work together so that all may be one in the Spirit of the living Christ.



My friends, may I encourage you to invite someone to share your Lenten Journey.

+ John: Offawa



NEWS

Reaching Out to Senior Newcomers

By Anglican Journal

St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Edmonton recently welcomed newcomer seniors to Canada by helping them overcome social isolation.

From July to October 2016, a program saw the parish partner Welcome Centre for Immigrants (WCI) and Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN) offer free English language and computer classes to newcomer seniors.

More than 40 people from India and several African nations participated in the morning classes offered three times a week.

Having identified language development and cultural awareness as key learning priorities, the seniors were given an opportunity to realize their goals through presentations and field trips organized by Julie McArthur, an EMCN instructor, and Chand Gul, a WCI community connector and volunteer from St. Patrick's.

Participants learned about Canadian geography, culture and history, with an emphasis on Indigenous history. Other topics included civic services, recycling and waste management, and preparing for a visit to the doctor. They also attended classes meant to improve computer literacy.

Overall responses indicate the participants were less fearful and more confident about going out into their community having attended the classes.

St. Patrick's said it would also use surplus funds from a \$15,000 Anglican Foundation of Canada grant and parish proceeds from contributions to the diocese of Edmonton's REACH fundraising campaign to continue hosting job fairs in co-operation with WCI and EMCN. In January, the parish began a partnership with the Pan-Edmonton Group Addressing Social Isolation of Seniors to offer another instalment of English literacy classes, helping connect senior newcomers to resources-and one another.

"It is a great joy to see our prayers for the unemployed and newcomers to Canada being put into action," says the Rev. Kevin Kraglund, St. Patrick's rector..

The Messenger



By Jane Scanlon, Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer

Overwhelmingly supported and approved at Synod 2016, Today 4 Tomorrow is a diocese-wide and community appeal that will take place, annually, during Lent and Easter. It offers a wonderful opportunity for all of us to support an appeal that will give hope a way forward in our Diocese.

The logo for the appeal is a wordmark representing Today 4 Tomorrow with a symbol made up of three colours: orange (represents optimism, hope and harvest), purple (represents human dignity), and blue (represents safety and stability). It is also made up of four shapes. The square is a safe container encompassing human needs. The bread, which look like an arrow with a rounded base, is a symbol of our Christian community as the body of Christ doing God's work in the world. As an arrow, this symbol also points toward and transitions into the cross and circle which are symbols of our faith and of eternity.

Today 4 Tomorrow is directed to individual households and donors. In 2017, the goal of Today 4 Tomorrow is to raise \$560,000 (including \$60,000 for expenses) to support key initiatives emerging from Embracing God's Future (EGF) – our diocesan roadmap – and to begin, today, a legacy of benefitting parishes and local communities over the long term.

This year's case for support focuses on two EGF priorities, Engaging the World and Life-Long Formation,



Today 4 Tomorrow

Cornerstone Housing for Women
Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre
St. Luke's Table
The Well
Community Engagement Beyond the Urban Core (\$75,000) provides funding to encourage the development of new community ministries throughout the Diocese.

Refugee Ministry (\$60,000) enables sponsorship through parishes, ecumenical collaborations, and community groups

Internship Program for Mission Engagement

(\$80,000) employs recent college and university graduates to facilitate inter-parish collaboration and empower engagement in local rural, suburban, and urban communities

LIFE-LONG FORMATION Children, Youth, and

Adult Learning Facilitator (\$40,000) attends to the formation of children, youth, and adults, in order to ensure that we are a multigenerational church Funding Curacies

(**\$90,000**) provides mentoring for newly ordained priests, contributing to the formation of leaders, and enabling more parishes to afford an assistant curate give hope a way forward for current and future generations - diocesan wide, in our parishes and communities. The appeal is to individuals, primarily through direct mail and through inserts in the April and May issues of Crosstalk. Parish engagement is voluntary but is strongly encourages and supported. Parishes are being encouraged to choose one of the appeal Sunday dates to dedicate as the Today 4 Tomorrow Sunday and to use the promotional materials that will be provided during all of these Sundays from March through to May.

The dates for the Today 4 Tomorrow Sundays are as follows:

- March 19, 26
- April 02, 23, 30
 - May 07

• June 04 (Pentecost) is wrap up Sunday; a time to say Thanks

Today 4 Tomorrow Sundays include the following:

- Social Media
- Website
- Video

• Parish Package (poster, bulletin inserts, brochures, return envelopes, bulletin covers)

Speakers Bureau

Today 4 Tomorrow is about investing in the lives of people and by doing so making a difference now and for the future. As an annual appeal, it will have an effect on both current and future generations – giving it great potential for multi-generational impact over a long period of time.

Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Social Time: 6 pm Dinner: 7 pm

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and seven mission and ministry initiatives as follows:

ENGAGING THE WORLD Community Ministries (\$140,000) supports our Community Ministries to serve those are the most vulnerable through: • Centre 454 Parish Ministry Institute (\$15,000) ensures structured formation, training, and learning throughout our Diocese.

The Today 4 Tomorrow annual appeal is focused on priorities that are identified as having great potential to For more information about Today 4 Tomorrow, please call Jane Scanlon, Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer 613-232-7124 x225 or email jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca



STEWARDSHIP

It's A Wrap

GIFT Grants Committee

By Andy Moody, Chair GIFT Grants Committee

The GIFT Campaign was a wonderful experience for the Diocese. While the obvious goal was to raise funds, the benefits of the overall campaign went far beyond fundraising. As a participant in both the committee work at the parish level and later on the GIFT Grants Committee, I witnessed the effects of this terrific campaign across the Diocese. Since so many of you are familiar with the parish level activities, let me provide you with my perspective from the Grants Committee.

As you know, parishes raised funds and kept half of those funds for their use. The other half went to the Diocese to fund many organizations and causes. But a portion of that Diocesan funding was held for parishes to access for special projects. Hundreds of thousands of dollars to be allocated to these special projects across five distinct categories: parish vitality, children and youth, outreach, Bishop's child poverty, and lay leadership development. Parishes wishing to undertake special projects in any of these areas were eligible for funding by providing the Grants Committee with their project proposals.

In preparation for this eventuality, the Grants Committee was struck and I was joined by Rev. Canon Allen Box, Carol Burrows, Kim Chadsey and Neilda Hayes. Before receiving applications, we spent a busy few months preparing policies, processes, procedures, and online resources for parishes to help them access funds. Our policies were reviewed and approved by the GIFT Steering Committee. We were supported in this early work and in an ongoing basis by Executive Archdeacon David Selzer, Stewardship Development Officer Jane Scanlon and GIFT Campaign Chair Monica Patten. For grant applicants, we knew that the greatest effort they were going to make, should be in delivering their projects. We never wanted them to spend the bulk of



their time on the grant application process. Therefore, in our preparatory work, we strived to make the application process as simple and easy to use as possible. I think we succeeded in that goal, starting off by placing all of our materials and tools on a dedicated GIFT Grants web page. The online form submission put upper limits on the amount of text that was written and allowed us to make received applications available to committee members efficiently through cloud storage.

Then the applications started arriving. Pouring in, better describes it! Some of the most compelling applications were the simplest. Great ideas tend to stand on their own merits and we saw many of those. But with limited funds to dispense, that made our job more difficult.

Many of our meetings were held at the Cornerstone facility on Booth Street, one of the Diocesan Community Ministries. Having our meetings there, I think, helped to put our minds in the right place in regards to the needs of others.

We agreed that all sixtysix projects were worthy, but rather than list them all here, I'll provide you with a sampling: lay leadership courses, child nutrition sessions, grief workshops, Daily Bread with Ottawa West End Chaplaincy, summer day camp, Building a Culture of Peace, youth ministries, Ruddy Shenkman Hospice, Spirit Art Studio Program, Haiti orphanage, rural food program, and notfor-profit housing initiatives. There were a number of policies we developed and strived to adhere to throughout our mandate. Among Total Grants them was the principle of

spreading funds widely throughout the Diocese. This was fairly easy to address, as we continued to receive applications from rural and urban parishes over our five year mandate. In fact, we continuously received a wide variety of applications crossing multiple categories including the clearly defined (parish vitality, children and youth, outreach, Bishop's child poverty and lay leadership), but also urban and rural, as well as cross-denominational, parishes working with secular organizations, and multi-parish submissions. This was a key indicator of the strong relationships we Anglicans have within our communities.

It was a great privilege and honour for me to chair this committee. I had the opportunity to work with people who took their responsibilities very seriously, and we certainly had some lively discussions over almost six years. My role put me in touch with many parishes and individuals throughout the Diocese which showed me the breadth and depth of skill sets, as well as their determination to get things done. While our decisions were not always popular, I believe we made the right ones: decisions which benefited the most people, as well as helping those who had the greatest need. And all of these decisions were made with great reverence and thanks to the many who provided the funds in the first place.



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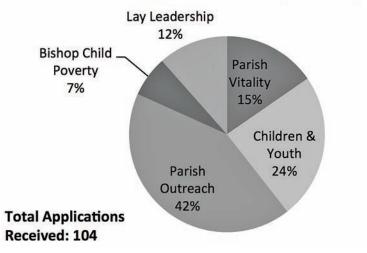
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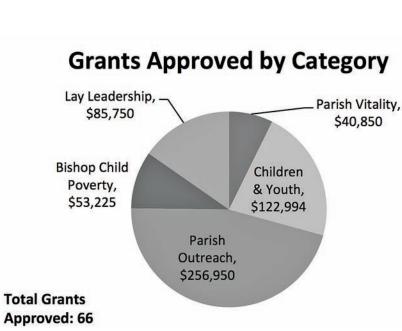
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Grant Applications By Category





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Ecumenical Prayer for Unity

By Rev. John Wilker-Blakely, Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer

On Sunday, January 22, the Christian Council of the Capital Area joined together with about 70 others to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year we met at St. Peter's Lutheran church 400 Sparks Street. Meeting at St Peter's was, in part, to honour the 500th anniversary of the Reformation which our Lutheran sisters and brothers are marking this year.

This year's theme was "Reconciliation: The Love of Christ Compels Us". Set into a background of song and scripture the bilingual service, led by Fr. Jacques Kabangu (RC) and The Rev. Martin Malina (Lutheran) took us on a journey of reconciliation. After initial open words of welcome, a litany of repentance was read by representatives of our various traditions. This litany named the "stones" with which we have built up walls between us. The "stones" had names like "lack of love", "hate and contempt", "false accusation", "discrimination", "persecution", "broken communion", "intolerance", "religious wars", "division", "abuse of power", "isola-



photo: Stephanie Boyd A visual representation of the "stones" with which we have built up walls between us.

tion", and "pride". As each petition was read, youth placed a stone with that name in the floor of the chancel until a wall obscured our view of the font and the cross.

After the reading of the scripture (Ezekiel 36:25-27, 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, and Luke 15:11-24) and a Choral presentation (made by the children's choir of St. Peter's), we heard, stories of Christians working together, and overcoming the barriers we have set up. We heard stories of parishes sharing buildings, working together for refugees, inner city health, sharing pulpits, and women's interchurch ministry. With each story one of the stones separating us was removed until at the end the Cross and font were once again revealed as the signs of our unity. We concluded with the joint recitation of the Nicene Creed, the prayers of the people in both official languages, the lighting of candles, and a prayer of blessing in German (to honour the Lutheran Reformation).

The Liturgy was richly symbolic, well attended and followed by an extended time of fellowship with some great finger food to with which to sustain our conversations. As always is was great to meet with our ecumenical sisters and brothers in this annual celebration of our unity in Christ.

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Council of the North

Politics of Migration...

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cation" and more like "isolation" as the island is not even accessible for much of the year.

In October, Luciano spent 10 days at the Arizona-Mexico border as part of the WSCF's Overcoming Violence Program. In partand organizations who minister to these migrants.

A powerful moment for Luciano was attending a vigil in front of the Eloy Detention Centre on the eve of the School of the Americas Convergence in Nogales. This detention centre is a private, for-profit facility that holds migrants. It has the highest record of inmate deaths in the country. At one point during the vigil, attendees noticed what appeared to be the lights flickering off and on in the detention centre. An attendee who was familiar with the facility stated "the inmates don't have access to light switches. They're flicking their blankets on and off of the windows to tell us they hear us." Many of those inmates were sent to solitary confinement the next day.

Luciano shared the words of another participant: "Thank you for disturbing me. We all need to be disturbed to fully understand what is ethical in doing solidarity in deep and meaningful ways. This program enabled me to see once again that there is hope amidst

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nership with the Waldesian Society and Borderlinks, participants gained handson advocacy skills training in migrant justice, they were exposed to the impact of the existing wall which covers much of the US-Mexico border, as well as an increased understanding of the roots of forced migrations from Mexico and Central America. They were also given theological tools to explore migrant justice and had the opportunity to learn from congregations

suffering and that marginalized people continue to take charge of their narratives."

The WSCF is the regional and global body of the SCM, which exists in local autonomous movements all over the world. For more information on SCM Ottawa or WSCF-NA, search them on Facebook or visit

> scmcanada.org and wscfna.org



PARISH NEWS

Saying Goodbye

By Sandy Quaile

After 117 years, St. George's closes its doors with the last service and deconsecration on January 8, 2017.

Vernon is a small village on Bank Street (HWY 31) just inside the southern limits of the City of Ottawa. Today it remains quietly nestled amongst prime farm land. But this was not always the case.

In the late 1800s, the ambitious Rev. Charles B. Clarke, rector of Greely, Metcalfe and Russell parish, envisioned a need to establish an Anglican church in the area. At that time, Vernon was the logical choice. It housed agricultural implements, a general store, a blacksmith, a saw mill, carriage maker, veterinarian, cheese factory, cheesemaker, shoe makers and one of the most important... a general store that sold everything from groceries to fabric. Over the years it transformed into egg grading station, post office, gas pump station, etc. distributed the farm produce to various centres. There was a one room school, an orange hall and two large churches servicing the Baptist, Presbyterian and United congregations. Vernon was a bustling and critical hub within the farming community.

Initially Anglicans met in various homes and the Orange Hall before securing the existing parcel of land from Mr. Benning Acres in 1899. Building started immediately on the pretty Gothic structure using local stone and timber sourced from various local family farms, hauled by horse and wagon and erected by volunteers under the tutelage of stone masons, and the multi-talented Rev. Clarke. Amazingly the church was dedicated on Jan 9, 1900, although consecration didn't occur until May 19, 1918 when all the bills were paid!

A Women's Guild formed in 1928 and the Altar Guild in 1962. These rolled under the formation of the ACW in 1968, a dedicated group who became instrumental fundraisers.

By and large, the originating families were, Moses, Jackson, Sharpe, and most prominent... the four Acres' families, descendants of which remain parishioners today. As you would expect, many maintenance changes have occurred over the years... a brass church bell installed, multiple roofs, heating systems, piano and organ replacements, coloured windows installed in 1932, multiple repointing of stone work....and so on. The church was never insulated nor a well drilled or water installed. Repairs necessary for the continuation of services occurred but the skeletal structure and the wood and timbers supporting the floor and roof are original to the building.

Area demographics have changed over the last century. Two World Wars impacted family descendants. The arrival of post war Dutch and European farmers precipitated ownership changes and amalgamation of area farms. Modern day progress, occupational changes and the ease of travel eliminated the need for services that were once critical to a thriving village. The historical over-abundance of Anglican churches in most every village has no doubt contributed to the demise of many. Even today, there are five Anglican churches within a 15 minute drive of Vernon.

The congregation of St. George's has never been large. It has admittedly been a last generation church for a few decades. Upon reflection, it is nothing short of amazing that so few families have been able to sustain this church, both operationally and financially for 117 years.

Vernon has always been part of a multi-point parish. As such we recognize and appreciate the extraordinary level of effort and care from our many incumbents over the years.

As we reflect upon the contribution of past friends, relatives and parishioners, we give heartfelt thanks for their extraordinary dedication and that of the wonderful community around us. Your support has allowed us to successfully fundraise over the years thereby enabling the luxury of worshiping in our beloved church for so long. So thank you and God Bless.

World Water Day

By Joan Lawrence

World Water Day marks the beginning of the 2017 Trinity Institute conference entitled JustWater to be held at St. Matthew's in the Glebe. The web cast from New York begins Wednesday evening, March 22 and continues on Thursday and Friday during the day.

This annual conference is extra special this year as Trinity Church, New York joins with the JustWater Global Partnership that will see events, educational activities and services take place around the world.

Access to clean water is an essential human right, yet such access is increasingly compromised by droughts, pollution, rising tides, and flooding. These effects of climate change are most tangibly felt by the very people the Gospel urges us to look to—the marginalized and the vulnerable.

This conference, infused with spiritual principles and common prayer along with science and solutions, allows us to deeply examine what connects us, and empowers us to take unified, faith-based action on the front lines of the water justice movement.

Speakers include Ottawa's own Maude Barlow of the Council for Canadians who is well known political activ-



ist, a former Senior Advisor of Water for the United Nations and author of several books on water. Joining her will be Jeffrey Sachs, professor and author; Archbishop Winston Halapua of Polynesia and Aotearoa, New Zealand; Katherine Hayhoe, Director of the Climate Science Center of Texas Tech University and Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of South Africa and past chair of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network.

Join the water justice movement! We'll develop a deeper appreciation for water as a sacred gift, gain a thorough understanding of the relationship between water justice and climate change, and learn what we can do about water issues of access, pollution, drought, and rising tides.

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LIFELONG FORMATION



Diocesan Youth Conference

Lean in. Find Yourself. Be Transformed.

By Diocesan Youth Conference Planning Committee

Greetings from the Diocesan Conference (DYC) Planning Committee!

We are a team of youth leaders, past DYC participants, clergy and Diocesan staff. We believe that effective youth ministry begins in our parishes and that is where DYC has emerged from. This is an opportunity for youth, ages 13-18, to connect, build community, worship, and experience God together for an entire weekend. We are very excited to have officially launched DYC 3 in January. Using Facebook, Crosstalk, and the Diocesan mailing list as our main communication tools we hope to ensure that each and every parish feels invited to participate in 2017. What is DYC?

First and foremost, this is

your conference. This year's gathering will be May 19-21 (yes, on the May long weekend!). It is two nights and three days at Christie Lake Camp. Adult leaders from the parish accompany youth at the event. Friends from outside the parish are welcome as long as the adult leader has a relationship with them and is willing to be responsible for them! Adult leaders attend for free. Cost for youth participants is \$50. Most of the cost of this event is covered by our Diocesan budget.

What is the theme for DYC 3?

We will be exploring conflict and reconciliation (conflict with others, ourselves, and with God) through worship, prayer, guest speakers, workshops, games, and time for reflection. LEAN IN. FIND YOURSELF. BE TRANSFORMED. is our tag-line. Stay tuned to find out more about our scriptural theme, pre-event bible study, and resources for leaders. How do you get involved with DYC?

Help us by spreading our message to your parishes, councils, and most importantly the youth in your church. Please consider placing an announcement in your weekly bulletins, talking about DYC at your parish council meetings, and organizing volunteers to be drivers, and finding adult volunteers to accompany youth (using Screening in Faith process, of course!). If you would like a member of the DYC planning team to visit your parish, please contact Leslie Giddings leslie-giddings@ottawa.anglican.ca

For more information, like us on Facebook: facebook.com/dycottawa

Lent 2017

Resources for Lent

By Leslie Giddings, Diocesan Learning Facilitator

There are many ways that parishes in our Diocese use the season of Lent as an opportunity for Christian Education. I thought I would share with you some of the great ideas that I have heard about as I visit with parishes in our Diocese.

Church of the Epiphany

is offering Peter Rollins' *Atheism for Lent* as part of their weekly reflection group. Atheism for Lent seeks to use some of the most potent critiques of Christianity as a type of purifying fire that might help us appreciate and understand Christ's cry of dereliction on the Cross in a new way.

Christ Church Seaway

is offering *The Jesus Fatwah: Loving Your (Muslim) Neighbour* as a weekly video and discussion. Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith.

Parish of South Dundas is offering *Alpha* as a weekly

meal, learning session and discussion. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith, and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

St. Aidan's

is offering a book study on Who Is This Man: Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus by John Ortberg.

There are many informal, social media inspired ways to connect as well. Here are two with a wonderful track record for being meaningful opportunities to grow and connect.

40 Acts

is a program that is run out of the UK that has a lot of materials available for parishes.

5 Marks of Love

is a six week series from The Center for the Ministry of Teaching and the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE).

For more information about any of these resources, please contact Leslie Giddings leslie-giddings@ottawa.anglican.ca



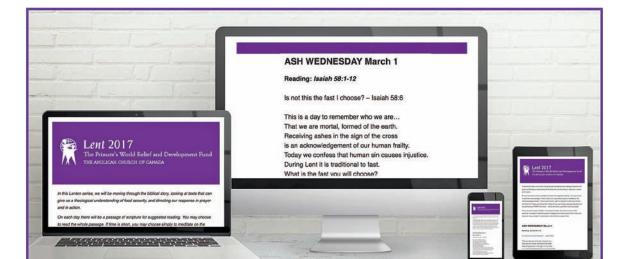


PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER CARROLL Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley speaking at Algonquin College's Vigil in Solidarity with Québec.

By Stephanie Boyd,

Diocesan Communications Officer

On Monday, January 31, Algonquin College organized a vigil in solidarity with the Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec. Religious leaders of different faiths were in attendance and each spoke briefly about the recent, tragic shooting at the Quebec Mosque.

Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley, spoke on behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa as our Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer.

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Darkness and Light...

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The pain of loss caused by the end of a friendship, the death of a loved one or the loss of our dreams, the deep disappointment we can experience in our relationships, the sense of being lost and alone, unsure of what to do or even think are all such occasions. But the darkness of Good Friday is scattered by the Resurrection on the third day. In the darkness of the tomb new life emerged triumphant. Holy Week marked the end of the old order of sin and death and the new life made possible in the Risen Christ of Easter. A new beginning can emerge from times of darkness. Indeed it is often in the times of darkness that we can come to understand what is most important in our lives, what really matters. We can turn and look to the Risen Christ to lead us out of 'darkness and into his own marvellous

light' (1 Peter 2:9).

The theme of change and renewal is very much part of the drama of Holy Week and Easter. Change is never easy but as the wise saying reminds us 'change is the one constant in life'. For me the challenge is to keep my mind, heart and imagination fixed on Christ and His covenant with me, and all of His people, so that in the midst of the whirl of change He is the centre of stability and peace. With Christ as the centre I can be open to the changes in my life, society and the Church. In the midst of change we have the opportunity to work with others to ensure that we keep our focus on the eternal values of the Gospel. Change often requires that we let go of people, things and treasured ideas in order that the new might emerge. Change can seem at times to be darkness as deep as on Good Friday, but we know that the resurrection is also promised; that out of the tumult of times of change a new and vibrant way will be found through Christ. I have known many people who have gone through a terrible loss, feeling isolated, confused and even afraid, but with the love and support of their Parish, family and friends and the grace of God they have found a new and different but satisfying way of living once again.

Perhaps you have gone through an experience of having your life turned up side down but have come through it with a renewed sense of purpose and of the understanding of the depth of God's love for you. This Holy Week see in the life of Christ and of the people in the Gospel something of your own journey and rejoice. May God grant all of us a holy and challenging Holy Week.

With The Help of Dogs

By Jenny Holt

God didn't grant us dogs just for companionship. It's important to understand just how a dog can be your best friend, and save your life. People who are unfortunate enough to have disabilities, or families with special needs children, sometime struggle to live full lives. However, some dogs can help these people live fuller, and more independent lives.

With the help of a service dog, people who need these furry pals will be able to go about their business like anybody else. Leaving their home is no longer a risk; they could even attend Church to participate in the Holy Eucharist. Being able to leave home is important, although service dogs are capable of much more, even detecting oncoming seizures. This early warning could be the difference between their owner being saved, or being greatly damaged.

For more information on how dogs can rescue people, and other benefits they bring to the community, please visit: http://www.particularpaws.com/ blogs/news/5-amazing-rescuedogs/



What Is Fasting About

By Paul Dumbrille, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative

Fasting has been observed by Christians from earliest times. Jesus himself practised fasting. When he received the gift of the Holy Spirit, he entered the wilderness and fasted. (Luke 4: 1-2). There are scriptural references to fasting in the Old and New Testaments and fasting in Lent is a widespread practice. **Why Fast?**

For the Christian, fasting is done for a spiritual purpose,



of self-denial. At these times, the mind seems much more attuned to God's will for us, perceptive of God's voice, and willing to respond. Length of Fasts

Prayer Matters

lasts until that meal the following day. Thus, only two regular meals are missed. Combining fasting with a retreat day of prayer, meditation and bible study can be very useful. This is long enough to make one feel uncomfortable from the lack of food and conscious of the act of self-denial. The individual is reminded to pray and is demonstrating humility before God by the very act of self-denial. I have found fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to be meaningful for me. Reaching a deeper communication with God may require a three-day fast. It is best not to plunge into a three-day fast without some experience with shorter periods of fasting. The three-day fast is especially appropriate when guidance is being sought from the Lord on matters of real consequence in the life of the individual such as; a possible vocational change, seeking one's ministry, or dealing with a recurring problem.

or drink, such as meat or alcoholic beverages, over an extended period of time. In doing so, one may feel led by God to deny oneself some form of food or drink, indefinitely. Several years ago, fasting from drinking alcohol during Lent, led to my giving up alcohol consumption completely.

Private and Community Fasting

Jesus cautioned us against making a display of our righteousness in fasting; "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting." (Matt. 6: 16) When we fast privately we should keep the matter, insofar as practical, between God and us. Church leaders and others sometimes call for days of fasting and prayer. There is a sense of fellowship and community of spirit in knowing that others are participating in an act of self-denial. **Some Practical Matters**

emotional exhaustion, should not fast, nor should pregnant women, or people with diabetes or heart problems. As with all self-denial, there is discomfort involved in fasting. If symptoms become alarming, the fast should be interrupted or terminated.

Some Spiritual Matters

Let us not forget why we are fasting in the first place. John Wesley once said, "First, let it [fasting] be done unto the Lord with your eye singly fixed on Him. Let our intention herein be this, and this alone, to glorify our Father which is in heaven." Keeping a journal during a fast, can be useful in learning a great deal about ourselves, and what God is saying to us. Fasting can help us to experience the closeness of God's presence and special love for us. Through fasting we are likely to receive guidance from God, particularly if Bible study is a part of our discipline. Effectiveness of prayers, ability to focus one's attention rather than being confused and distracted, and special revelations from God, are normal occurrences during periods of fasting.

producing a positive effect achieved through self-denial. Fasting disrupts the process of 'going our own way and doing our own thing' and reminds us of our reliance upon God. Each pang of hunger reminds us that we are doing something we don't have to do, because we love God. Each gentle reminder of our self-denial is an opportunity for prayer. Beneficial aspects of fasting are evident, even in shortened periods of fasting such as skipping a meal. Deeper benefits of fasting come after longer periods

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The normal fast involves abstinence from solid foods but not from water or other liquids. The body can survive quite well, even benefit from, periods of abstinence from food, but water is essential to good health. Simply skipping a meal can be spiritually beneficial and can be considered fasting. However, there seems to be a direct relationship between the length of a fast and the benefits gained from it. A normal fast is from one to three days long. A oneday fast usually begins after a meal-lunch or dinner - and

Partial Fasts

Sometimes a fast can take the form of abstaining from one or more types of food There are some people who should not fast, or should do so only minimally. Those who are undernourished, or are experiencing physical or

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

Clarendon Deanery

Timber!

By Glenn J Lockwood

In 1896 a permanent Anglican missionary was requested either at Campbell's Bay or Fort Coulonge. A lot was offered in Campbell's Bay for a church in 1900, with John Douglas, a student from the Diocesan Theological College in Montreal, arriving to work as a missionary. By 1902, the rural dean noted Campbell's Bay was a good base for ministering to lumbermen.

This soon led to activity. In 1903, the new mission of Campbell's Bay was established partly for the purpose of ministering to lumbermen at Davidson, Quebec. Village lots 55 and 59 in Campbell's Bay were purchased from J.T. Pattison et al on 21 March 1903, and construction of a church began, with Bishop Carmichael laying the cornerstone for Saint George's Church on 14 July 1903. Village lot 57 was acquired on 15 July 1905.



This photograph by Brian Glenn in October 1908 reveals that lumbermen performed their own ministry in building this handsome house of worship. What we see here is the view from the chancel looking toward the narthex. The small side windows are notable, as is the trinitarian arrangement of pointed windows in the liturgical west wall. What stands out is the amount of wood in the pews, the wainscotting, and particularly the remarkable wooden ceiling. A photograph of the church exterior (published in Crosstalk in June 2009) before the brick exterior cladding was placed on the tower shows the tower walls clad solidly with boards, with the boards in the side walls of the tower laid diagonally, while the boards in the front wall of the tower were laid in herringbone fashion. The vestry walls also were clad solidly with boards, before they were bricked, and we may assume that this was true for the entire building. It was full of timber.

As opposed to open timber ceilings, wooden ceilings

of gambrel design were frequently built in this region at the beginning of the twentieth century. They could have four, five, or as in this case, six slopes of panelling. A major reason for their popularity was that it took less time to heat up a church with such a ceiling in place, rather than one with a higher open timber ceiling. The boards in the ceiling panels in many churches was either laid out simply in diagonals to form a larger cross or herringbone pattern. What we see here is something that would have taken much more work to produce, with the arrangement of boards in each panel forming a Saint Andrew's cross, with a small rectangle at the centre of each panel. It is almost a prayer in wood.

So much for elegant intentions. What followed were decades of struggle. From 1903 to April 1904, Campbell's Bay was served by a lay reader, the Reverend Guy Bruce conducted services during the summer of 1904, only for the mission to be vacant from 1904 until 1910. By 1954 Campbell's Bay had become one point in a parish of five churches. A generation after becoming part of the Diocese of Ottawa, Campbell's Bay in 1995 was part of the Anglican Churches in the Pontiac then in 2001 part of the Parish of the Northern Pontiac.

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REFLECTIONS

Hanging Tips From Almonte

By Alex Hughes

Often churches have photographs of past rectors either hanging on the wall or in a drawer. The frames are usually of different sizes as well as the photographs themselves. Also if they are hung they never seem to be straight. We at St. Paul's in Almonte had the same problem and this is how we solved it.

We went to our local frame shop, in our case Phillip Wood in Almonte, where he made frames all the same size with pre-cut mats to match the number of rectors. He also made five extra to cover future needs. The mats as you can see from picture no. 1, have two openings, the top one for the picture of the rector which was sized for a 4x6 photograph and the bottom and the lower opening for his or her history. Phillip Wood sent us all the frames assembled but he used fasteners in the back that were easy to remove and replace.



1. Showing the frame and cut outs We drilled two holes 3/8th

before we went too far, we made sure that the back of each photograph was named and easily identifiable. Each picture was then scanned and equally sized in our case to 4x6. We then reassembled the frames with the picture history in place. A few of the very old pictures needed a little retouching as they were very faded. We used Photoshop.

We then took a 4x8 plywood sheet covered it with suitable cloth, framed it and



3. Showing 4x8 cloth covered plywood panel, iron bars, and the "L" shaped strips with the pictures resting on the strips and stuck to the iron bars with magnets





2. Showing magnets We took the rectors out of their original frames, but put it on the wall.

We bought from our local hardware "L" shaped wood moulding and flat iron bars; available at Home Hardware. (See Image 3)

So there you have it, the bottom picture is sitting on the moulding and the magnets on the pictures are sticking to the iron flat bars. The number of frames, magnets, steel bars, etc. to purchase will vary, but it is easy to figure out.

You can now move the pictures easily and align them perfectly.

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Something New is Happening in Cornwall

By PJ Hobbs

On February 6, Larry Langlois and I went to Cornwall to touch base with the drop-in, day program that is taking shape at Trinity Church. Larry is the Coordinator of Support Services at Centre 454, a day program of our diocesan Community Ministries, bringing with him decades of experience. The first person we met upon arriving was the Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly.

Peter grew up on a dairy farm along the St Lawrence Seaway. During his career, among other things, Peter taught high school English and History in Cornwall, was the resident historian at Upper Canada Village, and served as organist and choir director in churches along the Seaway. In retirement, if you can call it that, Peter studied theology in Ottawa, was ordained a Deacon, and served for 5 years as Chaplain at Centre 454.

Not long ago, Bishop John sent Peter back to the Seaway to Trinity Church to explore ways of addressing social needs in the community. Peter wasted little time. Of course he discovered that good ministry was already happening. Trinity Church is on a historical site in the heart of Cornwall. The worship space is magnificent and the rest of the facility is well suited for community use. In fact, it sees many groups through its doors on any given day. For years the parish has operated a weekly food cupboard to help augment the resources of people on social assistance, which seldom cover the basics (food, housing, clothing, etc). Peter saw an opportunity and invited folks in for coffee after visiting the food cupboard. They gladly stayed and parishioners began stepping up to help. What is more, the parish dedicated a wonderful space within the facility for the drop-in. This winter, with support from the Diocese, Peter is overseeing a trial expansion of the drop-in from one to three days a week. Folks gather for coffee and a meal, friendship, and support. When Larry and I arrived we discovered a going



PHOTO: GODZSPEED COMMUNICATIONS Folks at Trinity Cornwall's Drop-In.

concern. The place was full of people, parishioners and drop-in participates freely interacting with one another. Four students from the Social Service program at St Lawrence College were also on hand. They recently met Peter, discovering in the drop-in a needed service that they envisioned independently and was now being launched by the church.

I spoke with a couple of regulars, admittedly living on the edge. They spoke with enthusiasm, emphasizing the need for a program like this in a central, accessible location like Trinity. They shared ideas of how it could expand – more hours, cooking classes - and how the greater community needs to support the obvious need. The students from St Lawrence echoed these sentiments. They offered informed analysis of community needs (food security, affordable housing, emergency shelter, coordination of services.) and told me that the incident of poverty in Cornwall was one of the highest in Ontario.

After the drop-in closed for the day, Larry and I sat down with Peter, Archdeacon Frank Kirby (Incumbent of Trinity Church), and the Rev. Mary-Catherine Garden (Curate at Trinity). We spoke of the growth of the program in a few short weeks and the synergy that seems so evident. Frank remarked, "We want to offer hospitality. We have the facility and I am heartened by the way parishioners have embraced the ministry". Peter talked of donations coming from Christ Church Seaway, another indication of growing support and collaboration. We acknowledged that these are early days for this ministry, precarious and uncertain. We discussed next steps, Mary-Catherine taking copious notes (securing funding, building support, budgeting and planning). At the end of the day, having taken it all in, Larry said, "The energy is building, it is so obvious, this is filling a need."

I was reminded how God works in our midst, guiding us to portals through which renewed mission can be discovered. I thought of a verse from the Book of Isaiah, "Thus says the Lord ... I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it". Indeed, something new is springing forth in Cornwall.

NEWS

Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change at the Green Churches Forum

The Green Churches Forum, to be held on May 11 at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, will host a distinguished guest: the Honorable Catherine McKenna, Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change. She wants to show her support to Canadian churches of all denominations as spiritual and moral leaders in their efforts to reduce their ecological footprint. She will say a few words at the opening of the Forum and will be on hand to meet and exchange with participants.

The theme of our Forum is "Celebrating the Spirit of Creation". We want to celebrate in conjunction with the celebrations taking place throughout the National Capital for Canada's 150th anniversary. As believers we see Creation manifested in abundance in our home and native land. This event will be like a thanksgiving for the beauty and greatness of God's work from coast to coast to coast.

The opening conference by a noted Canadian spiritual and ecological figure will be followed by workshops on topics related to spirituality, education and action. During the break for a "green" lunch, it will be possible to visit the kiosks of various ecological organizations that work as stewards of Creation. Other workshops will be presented after lunch, and the day will end with a beautiful ecumenical celebration.

This fourth Forum organized by the Green Churches Network follows those held in Montreal (2010), Drummondville (2012) and Quebec City (2015). Begun in 2006 in Montreal, the Green Churches Network presently numbers more than 60 churches of various denominations. As the mission of the organization covers Canada in its entirety, the National Capital is the best choice for a meeting site in this anniversary year.

> Registrations will be accepted beginning in March For more information, visit forum.greenchurches.ca or call 1-844-490-6464

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It seems that the trend of Islamophobia that had been magnified since last year's US election, has reached its summit in the Quebec City shootings. The lives of 9 innocent human beings - forget being Muslim - were taken away on the grounds of their faith. No Muslim, Christian, Jew or atheist deserves any sort of persecution or marginalization. We are all human, and we each have a right to express ourselves in whatever form we please.

to recognize that this unfortunate tragedy was a result of an ignorant attitude, and we must protect ourselves against it. We must learn to accept religion, cultural and ethnic differences and work towards unity.

As an Ahmadi Muslim, who has personally felt the the effects of Islamophobia, I sympathize with the victims of these attacks, and offer my most sincere condolences and prayers for their families.



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The Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly, is overseeing a trial expansion of Trinity Cornwall's Drop-in from one to three days a week.

What's important now is

–Khizar Karim



PARISH NEWS

Gala to Welcome St. Bartholomew's 150th Year

By Ruth Honeymoon

Ars Nova's annual New Year's Eve Gala transformed St. Bartholomew's into a Venetian palace, complete with singers, a refined string quartet, and a glittering dinner dance! This year's event, skilfully organized by Ruth Honeyman, was especially important as it was the kick-off for St Bartholomew's 150th Anniversary in 2017. The party had a Venetian theme with evening revelers decked in fabulous masks and ladies in shimmering gowns! All ensured that the evening would transport attendees to the opulence of Europe, from the concert's repertoire to the crystal-themed décor of the transformed hall.

The festivities began with a glass of sparkling wine and a very successful Silent Auction curated by Elizabeth Heatherington, Co-Chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee. Following this, Master of Ceremonies, Rob Clipperton, introduced a concert of opera favourites with James McLean, tenor, Chelsea Honeyman, soprano, Garth Hampson baritone, and Kevin Burke, bass. James McLean entranced the audience with Una furtive lagrima from Donizetti's L'elisir d'amore, and Nessun dorma from Puccuni's Turandot. Garth Hampson performed One Day When We Were Young and Vienna, City of My Dreams and had a star turn in The Night I Appeared as MacBeth-a crowd favourite! Chelsea Honeyman delighted the crowd with Sebben, crudele by Caldara, George Gershwin's By Strauss and in ensemble in Time to Say Goodbye. Through it all, our amazing pianists Timothy Piper and Rosalind Weeks deftly accompanied the singers.

But the concert only marked the beginning of the evening! The night gave way to a reception in a transformed St. Bart's hall, where guests entered a winter wonderland of silver and crystal. As they enjoyed Italian wines and a buffet dinner, they were once again serenaded by the night's performers – and some took to the dance floor to waltz away the final hours of 2016. At midnight, in true New Year's tradition, the church bells rang out in New Edinburgh while the assembled sang Auld Lang Syne.

St Bart's 150th Anniversary Committee has a full compliment of special events and activities planned for 2017, including skating at Rideau Hall, the St Bartholomew's Book and CD launches, a visit by the Primate and numerous concerts and special services.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to call our parish office at 613-745-7834 x 115

FROM THE EDITOR

By Stephanie Boyd

Did you know that in addition to being the Editor of Crosstalk, I am also your Communications Officer.

One aspect of my role as Communications Officer is to manage the content found on our Diocesan Website – If you've ever visited our site, I'm sure you can image just how daunting a task this can be.

One particular area of the website that is far over due for an update is our Parish Directory.

Yes, it is very unlikely that your parish address will be listed incorrectly, but what about your parish email or website? Do you have any social media accounts?

I would love to be able to share that information for



you.

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Meet Angela Rush

By Stephanie Boyd

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Advertising Manager, Angela Rush. Angela has been the Advertising Manager for Niagara Anglican since April 2011 and has added several other diocesan newspapers to her portfolio. Angela Rush brings a successful track record in advertising sales, marketing, and customer service; with over 15 years of experience as an advertising representative with several magazines. She has organized and led many successful promotional and fundraising initiatives, had les an Alpha group for young







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Contemplative Prayer: Tuesdays in Lent, at 12:05pm.

Sung Eucharist: Sunday Afternoons at 4:30pm. Sung Eucharist in the Chancel of the Cathedral with readings on theme of reconciliation, followed by a musical reflection. Potluck supper to follow.

Sensory-Friendly Worship: March 14 at 7pm. Sensory-friendly worship for individuals and families with special needs, and anyone else who want to enjoy worship just as they are. Info: 613-236-9149 cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral



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

North Gower Pancake

Supper: From 5-7pm at Alfred Taylor Recreation Centre (2300 Community Way, North Gower). Hosted by Holy Trinity, North Gower. Enjoy a hearty supper of pancakes and syrup, ham, sausages, baked beans, fruit salad, homemade pies, coffee/tea, and juice. Tickets: \$10 Adults \$5 Children 6-12; free for children under 5. Info: 613-489-2207 holytrinitynorthgower.ca

St. Matthew's Pancake

Supper: From 5:30-7:30pm at St. Matthew's (217 First Ave). Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewanglicanchurch@bellnet.ca stmatthewsottawa.ca

St. Mark's Annual Pan-

cake 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



March 01 Ash Wednesday Activ-

ity Day for Youth: From 8:30-4:40pm at St. James, Manotick (1138 Bridge St). The Churches of South Carleton Deanery invite your youth ages 12-17 for an Ash Wednesday Activity Day. Info: http://bit.ly/2jVrfcV

Ash Wednesday: At 7pm at St. Matthew's (217 First Ave). Service with choirs.

CALENDAR

Retreat: At Manoir D/ Youville (Châteauguay, QC). Presented in partnership with the Diocese of Montreal; the theme of the leaders retreat is Renew, Refresh, Restore. Info: http:bit.ly/2ke6KJF mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca

March 05

Evensong: At 4pm at St. Matthew's (217 First Ave). Combined choirs, Clucas Responses, Stanford in C canticles, Gardiner's Evening Hymn. Reception to follow. Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewsottawa.ca

March 06 - April 03 The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbour As Yourself: Monday evenings from 7-8pm at Christ Church Seaway (2 Bethune Ave, Long Sault). This 5-week course (designed around short readings, video presentations, and small group discussion) is developed to help Christians learn more about the Muslim faith and to overcome prejudices that sometimes exist between these two world religions. Info: 613-534-2560 thereverendpatrickstephens @gmail.com

March 12

Archville Chamber Series: At 7pm at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr). Flautist Christian Paquette and pianist Frédéric Lacroix: Two accomplished musicians who have performed at Chamberfest and the NAC. Enjoy complimentary coffee/tea, or purchase a glass of wine or craft beer. Tickets: \$12 Adults \$7 Students Info: http://bit.ly/2lcjFQd

St. Luke's Concert

Series: At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). An evening of Celtic song and music feat. trio Hibernia with traditional Celtic singer Ellen MacIsaac, Susan Tomas (Irish Harp), and Ross Davison (Uilleann Pipes and Tin Whistle). Admission by donation. Info: 613-235-3416 music@stlukesottawa.ca stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewsottawa.ca

March 25

Reflections on Vimy Ridge 1917: At Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Evensong followed by poetry of the Great War and a 4-course dinner inspired by "la Normandie". All are welcome to attend the Evensong. Dinner tickets available at the Cathedral box office. Info: 613-236-9149 cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

March 26

St. Luke's Concert Series: At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). A Ship, an Isle, a Sickle Moon: Tales of Gloriana and the Spanish Main. Feat. Mary Muckle (harp, harpsichord), Julie Leduc (harp), Marilyn Jenkins (soprano), Douglas Brierley (violin), Loyda Lastra (flute), and the Ottawa Youth Harp Ensemble.

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April 06 Roast Beef Dinner: From 5-6:30pm at St. Aidan's (934



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April 09

K. Lee Scott's Requiem: At 2pm at St. John the Evangelist (154 Somerset St W). The Choir of St. John the Evangelist and The Strings of St. John's present K. Lee Scott's Requiem and other shorter pieces of music appropriate for Holy Week. Tickets: \$20 Info: 613-232-4500 stringsofstjohns.ca A second performance will take place April 14, at 7:30pm, at the Wakefield Community Centre



May 07

Congregational Resource Day: St. Helen's (1234 Prestone Dr). This year's theme is "Worship That Works". Info: picatic.com/CRD2017

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. Tickets: http://bit.ly/2kGbjjj Info: http://bit.ly/2jVcrLx

Ascension's Shrovetide Organic Pancake Supper: From 4-7pm at Church of the Ascension (253 Echo Dr). Annual benefit for the Centretown Emergency Food Bank serves fromscratch organic pancakes and real maple syrup, with sausages. (We're close enough to the canal for a skate before of after supper). Nonperishable food items will be collected for the food bank.

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$5 Children under 14; or pay what you can. Info: 613-234-4024 stmatthewsottawa.ca

March 03

World Day of Prayer: At 2pm at St. Helen's, Orleans (1234 Prestone Dr). Celebrate with fellow Christians around the world in this Ecumenical Service; written by the Committee in the Philippines. Info: 613-824-7756 mabhatt@roger.com

March 03 - 05

Annual Children and Youth Ministry Leaders March 19 Evensong: At 4pm at St. Matthew's (217 First Ave). Men's Choir; Plainsong office of Evensong. Reception to follow.



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