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Sponsors Waiting Too Long to Welcome Refugees

BY BOLU COKER, Intern at
Citizens for Public Justice

When Janet's Ottawa-based sponsoring group decided to sponsor a Syrian family in 2015, they expected a swift resettlement process.

"At the time, there was a lot of momentum and enthusiasm", she said, as many of the group's members were keen on supporting Syrian refugees at the cusp of the crisis in 2015.

Now, however, it seems this momentum may have waned a bit.

"It's not that they're not interested," she noted, but "we're not able to capitalize on this enthusiasm" because of the long wait. Janet is concerned that some volunteers may no longer have the time or resources to commit to the Syrian family once they ar-



rive, because the volunteers' situation may have changed.

Janet's group is among many others impacted by long processing times. Over 97% of the Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) surveyed for CPJ's report on private sponsorship challenges (cpj.ca/half-welcome) also raised concerns about long

wait times. One SAH representative mentioned that "protracted wait times inhibit the energy of the group and the ability to sustain interest." Another SAH noted that "we have lost churches who will not wait for six years to see their sponsored family arrive."

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Faceless Dolls Blanket

BY JILL ALLAN, Senior
Youth Teacher at
Ascension

This blanket was created by the Senior Youth Sunday School Class. It represents both our stand against violence and our journey toward reconciliation and healing of our relationships with the indigenous peoples of this land. The purpose of the blanket is to begin conversations around how our community may participate in this healing. The colours and symbols were carefully chosen for their significance. Important are the faceless dolls—each created by one of the senior youth, they represent either themselves or someone they know who has been impacted by violence as a sign of honour and respect. Displaying the dolls on one blanket represents a united front against

violence and hope for the future where healing takes place.

The idea for the dolls came from the Faceless Dolls art project created by the Native Women's Association of Canada to commemorate murdered indigenous women and girls.

The Faceless Dolls Blanket: Symbols and Meaning

This blanket represents our stand against violence and our journey toward reconciliation and the healing of our relationships with the indigenous peoples of this land. We hear God's calling revealed through the prophet Micah and God's promise revealed through the prophet Isaiah. We are guided by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Each youth has created a

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The Importance of Education and Dialogue

Course on Christian-Muslim Dialogue is Opening Hearts and Minds

BY REV. PATRICK
STEPHENS, Incumbent of
Christ Church Seaway

It is common for churches to offer courses on Christian spirituality during the season of Lent. This year, Christ Church Seaway hosted a different kind of Lenten course. In response to local confusion about Islam and how Christians should respond to a growing Muslim presence in our region, The Rev. Patrick Stephens decided that the time was right for his com-

munity to formally begin the work of inter-religious dialogue.

A special guest speaker was present for the first session and helped the group get started on the right foot. Imam Dr. Mohamad Jebara from Ottawa's Cordova Centre shared with the group about his own faith and was gracious in responding to questions from the floor. The course ran for a total of five sessions and was based around readings, video presentations, and group discussions.

Over all, approximately thirty people participated. For many course partici-

pants, this experience was the first meaningful encounter with the Muslim religion. As the course came to an end, there was much interest from the group to reach out to a nearby mosque to explore opportunities for further learning and relationship building. Later this spring, the group hopes to visit and tour a mosque, and possibly reciprocate by offering similar hospitality at the church.

The "Jesus Fatwah: Love your (Muslim) Neighbour as Yourself" is produced by Progressive Christianity, an American organization which is well known for their course "Living the Ques-

tions". Rev. Patrick found the course on the internet and decided to ask Leslie Giddings (the diocesan Child, Youth, and Adult Learning Facilitator) if the course was available through her office. She responded by ordering the DVD and lending it to Christ Church Seaway to use at no charge to the parish. The resource is now being used by another parish. Any ministry of the Diocese interested in making use of this resource can contact Leslie Giddings at the Synod office to make arrangements.



PHOTO: REV. PATRICK STEPHENS

Imam Dr. Mohamad Jebara addresses Christ Church Seaway's Lenten study participants. Jebara is the chief Imam and Resident Scholar of the Cordova Spiritual Education Centre.

FROM THE BISHOP

A Mandate we are Called to Engage

Furthering Government Relations is a Mandate we are Called by God to Engage

By The Rt. Rev. John Chapman

Dr. Sam Wells asked this question of those in the diocese of Ottawa who gathered at St. Matthew's church a few years ago:

...So why then do we spend so much time trying so hard to be Goliath? We think it's quaint and clever that David got by with five smooth stones and a sling, but we spend our energies building up our supply of swords and spears and javelins. We clad our car and our house and our country to look like Goliath, with so many safety and security features we can hardly move around in them.

Why are the churches feeling such a creeping sense of panic in the West right now? Because they're facing numerical decline. Why is that a problem? After all, Christianity isn't any less true just because it's less widely believed. The reason it's a problem is that churches have assumed for as long as anyone can remember that they're supposed to be Goliaths. They're supposed to be huge, they're supposed to be important, they're supposed to be players

on the national stage, they're supposed to be the acknowledged voice of the people. All the things Goliath was. All the things David wasn't.

The reality is that while we are no longer Goliath (thank God), we have stones in our quiver to use. We might call these stones voice, capacity, skill, wisdom, endurance and most of all, a passion to reach out to all of the people of God in a spirit of hospitality and reconciliation. We are people of the gospel and we are called to holy work. We are called to use the tools that God has given us so that the gospel of love, reconciliation and justice for all is heard by all in authority.

It was to this end that thirty-five or so church leaders from across our nation gathered at mine and the Primate's invitation at Christ Church Cathedral. We gathered at our Cathedral Church to discuss how we might better work with the governments of our land, those entrusted with the public responsibility, to ensure justice for all and the assurance of a civil society.

The Rev. Laurette Glasgow, our Government Relations Officer, along with panel members including Mr. David Humphreys, Ms. Marie-Lucie Morin and Ms. Peggy Morgan worked very

hard to launch our second Government Relations Symposium. Our key objectives included:

- To enhance our awareness of the federal government's policy priorities and the challenges it faces both at home and abroad;
- To explore ways to engage the government to further the mission of the church;
- To promote our witness in the Public Square.

Significant government "players" graciously answered our call. They too wish to engage public policy that ensures a result that, more often than not, concurs with the ministry of the church. The question was, how might we work together on those matters upon which we agree and conversely, how might we access the corridors of power so that we might address those matters that are contrary to the gospel of Christ?

Mr. Hugh Segal, Master of Massey College and former Senator set the stage with a keynote address with the theme, *Canada at 150: Living our Diversity – Myths and Realities*.

This address was followed by a variety of panel presentations and discussion on



topics that included Government priorities, homelessness and affordable housing, the international agenda and its implications for Canada, Indigenous relations, a new conversation, and finally, citizen engagement. The Hon. Andrew Leslie MP; Mr. Adam Vaughan; Ms. Sue Garvey; Mr. Peter Boehm, Deputy Minister International Development; Hon. Yvonne Jones MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs; Hon. Joe Jordan; Ms. Jane Hilder-

man, E.D. of Samara; The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton; and Dr. Harry Huskins, Executive Officer for the Anglican Church in Ontario all shared in our deliberations.

As well, I am delighted to say that our Governor General graciously received us into what he rightly calls "Canada's House". He applauded our work and offered sincere words of encouragement and support.

In the next issue of Cross-talk (September), the Rev. Laurette Glasgow, Government Relations for the ACC and the Diocese of Ottawa, will contribute an article that amplifies our deliberations but for now, I wanted to share with you that our diocese continues to work hard to ensure that our voice, the Christian voice, is heard and that we are doing all that we can to ensure that our passion for the peace of Christ that passes all understanding, is recognized, heard and included in all public policy deliberations. I thank God for our days together and the church leadership from across the nations who participated.



PHOTO: STEPHANIE BOYD

The Rt. Rev. John Chapman welcoming participants of the Government Relations Symposium, co-hosted by the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, recently held at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa.

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NEWS

Clergy News and Updates

Bishop Chapman is pleased to announce, God willing, that Ms. Simone Hurkmans and Ms. Rosemary Parker will be ordained to the diaconate at Christ Church Cathedral on the Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7pm. Clergy are invited to robe; the liturgical colour will be white. The Master of Ceremonies will be The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, assisted by The Rev. Gregor Sneddon. The Venerable Ross Hammond will preach.

Rev. Beth Bretzlaff

has been appointed as Regional Dean of the Deanery of Ottawa Centre; effective July 01, 2017.

Rev. Jim Kirkpatrick

has received the Bishop's permission to retire from full-time ministry, and as Incumbent of the Parish of St. Paul's, Renfrew; effective July 31, 2017.

Rev. Dr. Robert Leopold

has ended his appointment at St. Luke's; effective June 04, 2014; and will be returning to the United States.

Rev. Canon Rhondda Mackay

has received the Bishop's permission to retire from full-time ministry, and as Incumbent of the Parish of St. Margaret's, Vanier; effective July 31, 2017.

Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakely

has been appointed as Incumbent of the Parish of March; effective October 02, 2017.

Iraqi Refugee Becomes Anglican Priest

By Anglican Journal

Fr. Ayoob Shawkat Adwar, a priest in the Chaldean Catholic Church, was received as an Anglican priest at a ceremony in Surrey, B.C., March 26.

The event was a "small but significant piece of history," says Archdeacon Stephen Rowe, rector of the Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany in Surrey, since Adwar is thought to be the first Chaldean priest in history to have become a member of the Anglican clergy.

Originally from Mosul, Iraq—heartland of the Chaldean church—Adwar was ordained as a Chaldean priest in 2008. His family began to arrive in Canada about five years ago, and Adwar himself followed in 2014, when he was granted refugee status.

At around the same time, a group of Chaldeans began worshipping at the Church of the Epiphany. In Advent

2014, Melissa Skelton, bishop of New Westminster, gave her permission for a Chaldean Rite Mass to take place at the church. Over time, Anglicans and Chaldeans at the church started attending each other's services and learning more about each other's traditions.

Meanwhile, Adwar had declared an interest in becoming an Anglican priest, and began a discernment process. He was confirmed as an Anglican in December, 2016; that ceremony, like his reception as an Anglican priest, was presided over by Skelton.

Adwar, who is fluent in both Arabic and modern Aramaic—a Middle Eastern language derived from the language of Jesus—will serve as a curate in the diocese of New Westminster, working with an experienced Anglican priest.

Topic

Sponsors Waiting Too Long...

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It's clear that our private sponsorship program has its challenges, with long wait times constituting a major part of these drawbacks. It's also clear that many sponsorship groups, including church-connected groups, are not sure of what they can do about this situation. They do not know if their actions can lead to policy change.

"I don't know what we could do," Janet admitted, in response to the long wait her group is experiencing. "With time going by, you start to feel really powerless," she said.

Acknowledging one's powerlessness in a situation is a great way to set change in motion. It has the potential to transform a frustrating situation into an empowering moment.

Sponsoring groups can become empowered by advocating for policy changes. Many sponsors do not often engage in advocacy because they do not think their efforts can yield any impact. However, past successes, such as the government's reinstatement of the Interim Federal Health Program for refugees, show how the private sponsors and other interested groups can take action that

leads to policy change.

Other sponsors do not participate in advocacy because they do not know how it works. There are ways sponsoring groups can act to challenge long wait times. Sponsors can organize meetings with their Members of Parliament, to express their position on wait times, and to challenge their M.P. to take action on the issue. CPJ staff had a meeting with an M.P. in Ottawa, on the day the report was launched. We expressed our position on the concerns SAHs raised, and listened as the M.P. made commitments to support our advocacy work on these issues.

Calling your M.P. may seem inconsequential to the long wait many refugees currently experience, but it matters more than you think. If we all decided to advocate for lower wait times for refugee applications, the government would be galvanized to speed up the process. Additional resources would be provided for visa posts abroad that need more money and staff to process applications faster. Advocacy can yield tremendous benefits for the private sponsorship program if it is

well-informed.

CPJ has an Advocacy Toolkit on offer that outlines ways sponsors and Canadians can take simple steps to advocate for better refugee policies. The kit describes how anyone can develop an advocacy strategy, and maps out concrete steps on things like letter writing and meetings with legislators and civil servants. With the right knowledge, advocacy can be used to shape public policy and discourse in ways that will enhance the private sponsorship program.

We must move away from the state of powerlessness that comes from being overwhelmed by the current state of our private sponsorship policies. Instead, we must begin to act through advocacy to change these policies. When we realize that we have a role to play in effecting policy change, we'll move from powerlessness to action. Let's take the first step today.

*The interviewee has been given the alias "Janet" to respect the privacy of the refugee family awaiting resettlement in Canada.

A similar version of this article was published by ChristianWeek.org

Junior Youth Gather in Morrisburg

By Stephanie Boyd

On April 22-23, Junior Youth aged 9-12 gathered from around the Diocese at St. James, Morrisburg.

Participants of the Junior Youth Retreat, with a theme of "Born of the Spirit" explored what it means to have

grace, faith, and salvation. Through active games, service projects, reflection, and fellowship, the youth were encouraged to bring their deeper questions about how to grow in relationship with God.

As the retreat wrapped up,

parents and families were encouraged to join the Parish of South Dundas for worship with the Rev. Jon Martin; where they actively took part in the service and even performed some music.



PHOTO: ASHLEY RUSSELL

Participants of the Diocesan Junior Youth Retreat, held in April, taking part in a musical presentation during worship at the Parish of South Dundas.

PARISH NEWS

Celebrating 185 Year Relationship

By J.B. Coutts

Christ Church Bytown was going strong (even bursting at the seams) by the time the muddy lumber town it was built in was renamed Ottawa, and declared capital of Canada. So it seems only right that Christ Church Cathedral should give a party for its community — the cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, and the Diocese of Ottawa — to mark the sesquicentennial of Confederation.

Truly, there's much to celebrate in the 185-year history of Christ Church Cathedral and its relationships with the diocese, the city of Ottawa, the province of Ontario and the country of Canada. That's perhaps why there are so many facets to the celebration we're planning.

We've picked the weekend of Pentecost — June 2-4, because this year that ancient festival coincides with Doors Open Ottawa, the annual weekend when local buildings literally throw their doors open, allowing citizens to visit for free and learn about their city's heritage through its architecture.

The traditional Doors Open tours, highlighting the



PHOTO: MARGARET SAMPSON

Many volunteers are at work to prepare Christ Church Cathedral for Doors Open Ottawa and the Flower Festival in celebration of Canada 150 and the 185th year of the Cathedral's relationship with Ottawa.

architecture of our lovely Victorian building, will be on offer of course, but with added attractions, including Royal memorabilia and samples of the Cathedral's beautiful needlework on display.

And that's just the beginning. The Cathedral Altar Guild, with help of volunteers (in particular from the parishes of Christ Church

Bells Corners, St. James Manotick and St. Aiden's), is presenting Gloria! A Festival of Flowers. Thousands of red, yellow and orange flowers — representing the tongues of fire that descended on the disciples — will bedeck the Cathedral.

In addition, there are concerts in the Cathedral on Saturday at 11 a.m. (the Nepean

Songsters) and 2 p.m. (the Strings of the Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces) and a tearoom and boutique running in the Great Hall, where you can buy a cup of tea and a treat. Because of our special celebration, we're running longer than the official Doors Open Ottawa hours — the Cathedral will be open for visitors from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday June 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday June 3, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday June 4.

It's said, however, that the only way you can properly experience a church is to attend a service, so you might want to come to celebrate Pentecost and take in the Flower Festival at the same time. There are many services to choose from on June 4: Holy Eucharist, 8:30 a.m., Sung Matins 9:30 a.m., Choral Eucharist (with Bishop John Chapman confirming people from all over the diocese), at 10:30 a.m. and Solemn Evensong at 4:30 p.m. (incense will be used at Evensong).

We look forward to welcoming you to your Cathedral for Gloria! A Festival of Flowers.

Faith Partners Support Community

By Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly

The delicious smell of chicken being roasted in garlic and eastern spices wafted through the open doors of Cornwall's Trinity Church hall on Saturday evening, April 29, 2017.

Those smells were coming from a dinner being prepared by a Cornwall Faith Partnership group made up of members from Knox-St. Paul United, Trinity Church Parish Drop-In, Mustafa Elgazar from Cornwall Islamic Centre, Barbara Lois Helms of MOSIAC (Muslim Outreach, Support and Interfaith Centre), and members of the PEACE initiatives Canada (Cornwall Chapter), including their Imam and leader, Musabbir Alam.

A few weeks before, Rev. Peter Cazaly, Coordinator of Trinity's new and growing drop-in day program, was contacted by Alex Dewit, Executive Director of the Social Development Council

of Cornwall and Area, who, in turn arranged a meeting of some local Christian and Muslim faith partners who wanted to reach out to assist Cornwall's people at risk of homelessness. The result of that meeting was to put on a monthly community dinner and Trinity's well-equipped and spacious kitchen, and church hall were the ideal place since many people are already used to coming for hospitality to Trinity's drop-in centre and the nearby Agape Centre during weekdays.

The group of people that arrived a few hours before mealtime were amazing to watch. They could have run a sizeable restaurant with their skills and organization, as more than 15 people at any one time were gathered around the centre island workspace or in the cooking areas chopping, stewing, and mixing all the ingredients for a truly delicious meal.

What was even more grat-



PHOTO: REV. MARY-CATHERINE GARDEN

A busy kitchen at Cornwall's Faith Partnership Dinner

ifying to head was the friendly banter and conversation as members of the Muslim and Christian communities got to know each other and worked together with a common understanding - a belief that they have been called to serve their brothers and sisters in Cornwall, and to provide help and support wherever they find them and with whatever they need. It truly was an evening in which we

were all partners in faith, no matter what our individual traditions. We all made some new friends, and at the end of the evening, plans were discussed for repeating this same event in late May.

It looks like Trinity Church, Cornwall, will be the place to go once a month, for a Saturday night with really interesting food and at a price that can't be beat - free.



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faceless doll to represent either themselves or someone they know who has been impacted by violence. For the later the doll is a sign of honour and respect. This is an adaptation of the Faceless Dolls art project created by the Native Women's Association of Canada to commemorate murdered indigenous women and girls. Displaying the dolls on one blanket represents our united front against violence and desire for healing.

Identified on the circle surrounding the dolls are the seven indigenous sacred teachings of love, honesty, courage, truth, respect, wisdom, and humility and the fruits of the Spirit which are (again) love, but also: kindness, self-control, peace, patience, faithfulness goodness,

gentleness and joy. We strive to be shaped by these virtues. The circle represents our interconnectedness. The colour green represents life.

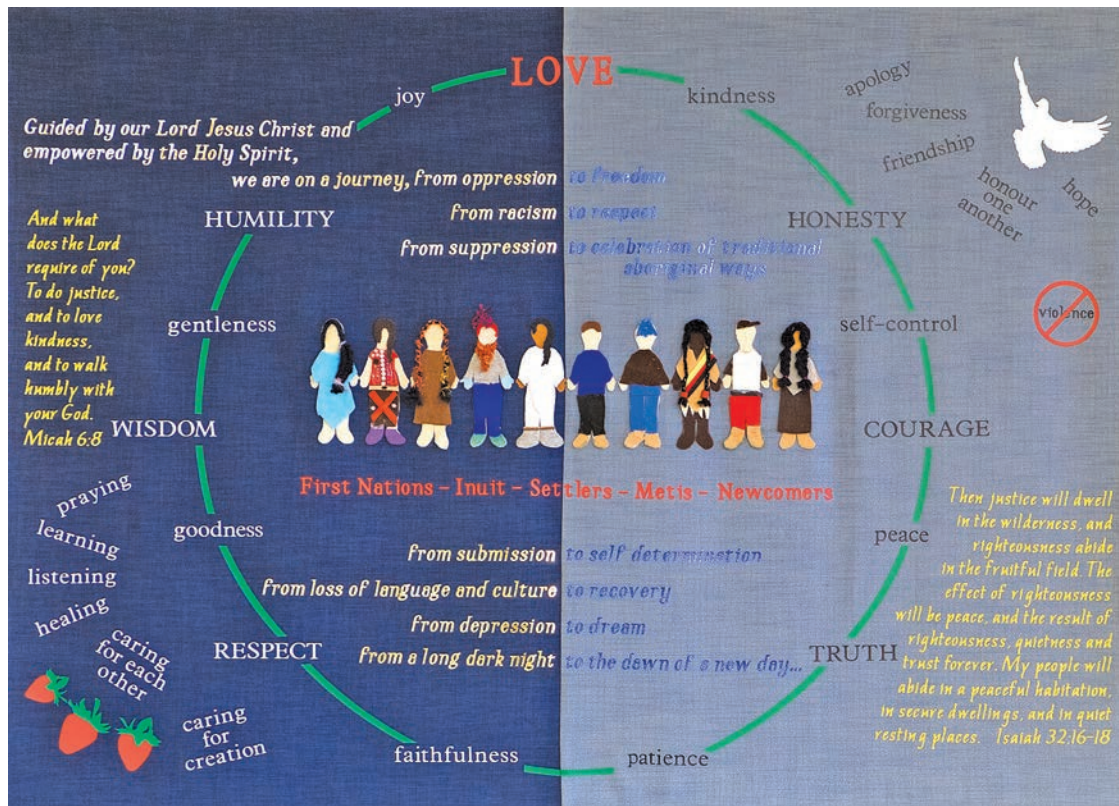
The colours yellow, red, black and white come from the Indigenous Medicine Wheel. The Medicine Wheel embodies many indigenous teachings including those surrounding health and the cycles of life.

Borrowing from the Primate's address at the Sacred Circle event of 2012, we describe the journey we are on: From the darkness of the Indian Residential Schools era and past treatment of indigenous people— represented by the dark night sky on the left side of the blanket—to light of the dawn sky of a new day on the right side.

The gold and royal blue represent the presence of God in our journey and our lives.

The dove symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit and peace. Strawberries are significant to indigenous culture representing peace and forgiveness. The words in the top right and bottom left corners of the blanket represent our responses to the call: apology and forgiveness, friendship, hope, the need to pray, listen, learn and heal, honour one another, care for each other and creation.

The purpose of this blanket is to begin conversations around how our community may participate in this healing together with indigenous communities.



'Food Hub' for Neighbourhood

By Anglican Journal

The Church of the Epiphany and St. Mark, in Toronto's Parkdale neighbourhood, is planning to become a "food hub," involved in growing, preparing and providing food for the local community.

"We're concerned that healthy, culturally appropriate food will become more and more unaffordable," says the Rev. Jason McKinney, associate priest. "Food has been identified by the neighbourhood as a need, and the church is in a position to contribute something towards that."

The idea originated in 2013, when the Jeremiah

Community, a local Anglican new monastic group, moved into the church building. Jeremiah Community members were looking for ways to connect with the neighbourhood, and hit upon the idea of offering a space where food could be distributed to local people, McKinney says. The idea began to take shape when the church began to make connections with local groups concerned about development in the neighbourhood.

"It became an idea of multiple organizations collaborating, ideally in a single space, by sharing resources and trying to think about cre-

ative solutions to food insecurity," he says.

Food hub organizers plan, among other things, to increase the capacity of an urban garden just outside the church. Meanwhile, one of the church's two industrial kitchens could be upgraded to process food from the garden.

"The biblical story begins in the garden and ends in a feast," McKinney says. "Food is central to the ministry of Jesus. Food is central to the ongoing sacramental presence of Jesus within the people of God today."

The Anglican

Executive Director Honoured

By Rafaëlle Devine

Saint Paul University (SPU) has awarded the Eugène de Mazenod Medal to Mr. John Joe Gunn, a volunteer for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and a citizen actively involved in social justice.

The medal, which bears the name of the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, recognizes Eugène de Mazenod's approach in showing boldness and zeal in addressing the urgent social issues of his time.

The Eugène de Mazenod Medal honours individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development of human capital in their community, in their environment or in society as a whole.

John Joe Gunn has worked in social justice in several capacities: at the diocesan level, as a staffer for religious congregations of women and men, and as director of the Social Affairs Office of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. In December 2012, Mr. Gunn was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for "exemplary service and commitment to the betterment of the community," and in 2013, he was granted a certificate of honour from Development and Peace (CARITAS Canada) in recognition of his efforts in international solidarity. Throughout his career he has been a leader in promoting and defending social justice.



PHOTO: SUBMITTED

Saint Paul University awards the Eugène de Mazenod Medal to CPJ's executive director Joe Gunn (front). Back row: Fr. Eugene King, OMI Saint Paul University Conseil d'Administration; Dr. Chantal Beauvais, Saint Paul University Rector, Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI, St. Joseph's Parish Ottawa.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Letter of Gratitude

The Well recently received the following letter of thanks from one of their participants.

I'm also grateful to a person who showed me the gate of The Well. I love this place for me it's like a heaven where I met people from all communities with love, respect and understanding.

I'm grateful to the staff who gave me the opportunity to contribute a bit and their support.

Last week, I was the winner

"I don't have enough words to thank you"

— Participant
The Well

of helper of the week and won a gift voucher which I consider my first earning in Canada and it means a lot to me. I don't have enough words to thank you guys, I love you all.

Context Matters

Christ Church Cathedral Holy Land Pilgrimage

By Alan Gill

During the last two weeks of March, Dean Shane Parker led a group of 28 members and friends of Christ Church Cathedral on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We journeyed within the environment and geography of the land where Christ was born and baptised, where he ministered to an often sceptical population clustered primarily around the Sea of Galilee, and where he was crucified. The trip provided a marvelous opportunity for participants to consider all they had come to know from their Christian education and involvement in an entirely new context.

“Context matters” writes Peter Sabella, our extremely knowledgeable local guide, in the Foreword to his recently published book, *Closed for Renovation: On the Road to Emmaus*. And most certainly the trip provided us pilgrims with every opportunity to reach a new understanding of Christ’s “society and the cultural and political environment he lived in.” And much of what we thought we understood took on a greater sense of reality, and deeper meaning.

We were of course given every opportunity to visit, reflect and pray in the many sites where the life of Jesus, as described in the Scriptures, is remembered. A few examples would be: his birth in Bethlehem; his baptism in the River Jordan; the locations around the Sea of Galilee where he taught, healed and performed miracles; and the events in Jerusalem leading up to his Crucifixion and Resurrection.



PHOTO: DOUG MORRIS

In March 2017, Pilgrims from Christ Church Cathedral visited Masada in the Desert.

As we were there in Lent, part of our journey was in the desert, recalling the temptation of Jesus and the Hebrew Exodus. We developed a better understanding of the importance of Jewish history in modern Israel after visiting Masada (and we could not help but be affected by a visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem).

In addition to learning about the ancient context of Christianity, we also became aware of how it has withstood the test of time. It was very informative to draw comparisons between the political and social conditions existing at the time of Christ and those of the modern-day Holy Land. We were able to appreciate how many aspects of the modern context impact the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities who dwell there.

Significant time was spent with Dean Hosam Naoum and members of the Arab

congregation of our partner Cathedral of St. George in Jerusalem. We heard about the challenges and the resilience of our sisters and brothers in Christ as they live in an often unsympathetic context and see their numbers shrinking in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

We visited the Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, a ministry of our partner Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, which has been supported by the Diocese of Ottawa. It is a wonderful example of the strong presence of Christians, and of interfaith collaboration. Another example of Christians striving for mutual acceptance and cooperation was seen at Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where an ecumenical spiritual centre is being constructed around a site of historical interest to both Christians and Jews.

Despite a context of po-

litical turmoil and concerns for justice and security, it was good to see these and other signs of co-existence. And one cannot help but remark that Jerusalem, a city of great significance to Christians, Jews and Muslims alike, functions largely as a modern urban centre.

The Christ Church Cathedral pilgrims benefited

greatly from the wonderful work of Via Emmaus Tours and the services of their associates. It was encouraging to see that there still exists within the Christian community a vibrant business of providing hospitality for pilgrims and other visitors.

In every context we found ourselves, our group was blessed with a spirit of positive conviviality. We were fortunate to benefit from the excellent planning and spiritual leadership of Dean Parker and the guiding skills of Peter Sabella (not to mention the singing of Michael Carty, a member of the Cathedral choir). All of this contributed to a sense of supportive fellowship, learning, and growing in faith.

We came from a variety of backgrounds, and lots of space was given for us to experience things from our own perspectives and to have our own perceptions. The whole experience, all we learned and witnessed, was variously described as uplifting, humbling and life-changing. Little else can be asked of what was a hugely successful pilgrimage.



PHOTO: DOUG MORRIS

Guide Peter Sabella with Pilgrims at Magdala.

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Mentorship Aftercare Presence

Par/By H el ene Goulet

Imaginez-vous dans la peau d'une personne sortant de prison   l' ge de 50-60 ans. Ayant purg  votre peine, on vous lib re conditionnellement pour vivre dans la communaut , sans argent, sans habilit s utiles, possiblement sans connaissances technologiques. Vous ne connaissez personne dans cette communaut  et on s'attend   ce que vous r ussissiez   vous y int grer. Ou bien, vous  tes un jeune adulte sortant du Centre de d tention d'Ottawa-Carleton en plein hiver, v tu de vos v tements d' t . Dans un film, cela nous ferait pleurer. Eh bien, cela se passe r guli rement dans ce pays et dans cette ville. Qui d'entre nous fera face   de tels d fis?

De fait, un de nos clients,

lib r  conditionnellement   London, a demand  d' tre r -incarc r  au bout de deux ans, de crainte de r -offenser. Au bout de trois ans, on l'a lib r  conditionnellement dans une maison de transition d'Ottawa. Une  quipe de MAP l'a accompagn  toutes les semaines pendant 3 ans. Il vit maintenant ici, sans probl me. Comme il l'a expliqu  lors de son entretien pour l'obtention de sa lib ration finale, outre son travail de d veloppement personnel, c'est ce contact r gulier avec l' quipe de MAP   qui il attribue sa r -int gration sociale r ussie. Alors, qu'est-ce que MAP?

En l'an 2000, on  tablit MAP R int gration, un organisme de charit  enregistr , afin d'appuyer des personnes sortant de prison et

faisant face   de tels d fis. L'acronyme signifie Mentorship-Aftercare-Presence. Tout le travail se fait par des  quipes de b n voles form s   cette fin, exception faite d'une gestionnaire de r -int gration   temps partiel. Lors de rencontres avec les clients dans un endroit public, les b n voles jouent plusieurs r les : l' coute active des d fis et espoirs de l'ex-d tenu, un mod le de comportements positifs, la clarification des objectifs et la responsabilisation dans la poursuite de ces objectifs, un d but d'appartenance   la communaut , une activit  sociale positive et l'all gement de la solitude. Autrement, les clients vivant dans les maisons de transition n'ont de contacts qu'avec d'autres personnes ayant commis des

crimes ou avec celles qui les surveillent. Cet appui peut durer jusqu'  3 ans.

MAP recevait un financement stable des Services correctionnels du Canada, jusqu'  ce que les coupures abolissent toute source de financement stable.

J'ai appris l'existence de MAP lors d'un Synode de notre dioc se. J'ai pris une brochure. Apr s l'avoir lue et y avoir r fl chi, j'ai communiqu  avec l'organisme, re u ma formation et, depuis, j'ai accompagn  3 clients d' ges et de contextes diff rents. C'est un travail tr s satisfaisant que d'aider quelqu'un   devenir un membre productif de la communaut , quelqu'un qui peut gagner sa vie, possiblement se r concilier avec sa famille et ainsi r duire le risque de r cidi-

visme de fa on signifiante.

Vous pouvez nous appuyer de diverses man res, soit en devenant un mentor ou en offrant vos services professionnels pro bono (map.reintegration@gmail.com; 613-710-2415). Si vous voulez aussi vous amuser tout en nous aidant, vous pouvez assister   notre concert-b n fice en soir e (et nous le souhaitons ardemment!), le samedi 30 septembre 2017,   l' glise anglicane St-Luke, au 760 Somerset ouest. Le dr Fraser Rubens, t nor et chirurgien cardiaque bien connu   Ottawa (eh oui, il a tous les talents!) nous offrira un concert pro bono. Les billets se vendent 20\$ (25\$   la porte).

Imagine being a 50 or 60 something year old offender being released from a federal institution. You have served your sentence and now you are released to live in the community, on parole, with little money, obsolete skills, quite possibly without computer skills or knowledge of the latest technology. You know no one in that community and you are expected to reintegrate successfully. Or, being a young adult released from the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre wearing your August shorts and T-shirt in the middle of winter. If we saw this in a movie, it would bring tears. Yet it happens regularly in this country and in this community. Most of us will not likely have to face such challenges.

In fact, one of our clients was released on day parole to a London Halfway house. After two years, unsure he

could transition successfully, he asked to be re-incarcerated. Three years later, he came to an Ottawa halfway house. He was assigned a MAP team and met with them for almost 3 years. He is now on full parole and living, without issues, in this city. As he stated in his full parole hearing, outside of his significant personal growth, the main difference between London and Ottawa was the support he received from his MAP team, which continues to this day. So, who or what is MAP?

In the year 2000, MAP Reintegration, a federally-registered charitable organization, was founded to support released offenders facing such a challenge. The acronym stands for Mentorship-Aftercare-Presence. Except for a part-time Reintegration Manager, all of MAP's work is done by teams of trained

volunteers who meet regularly with clients in a public place. The role of MAP volunteers is multi-faceted – offering reflective listening to the offender's challenges and hopes; modeling socially-positive behaviours; helping them to clarify goals and keeping them on track in pursuit of those goals; helping them to begin to feel grounded in the community; providing positive socialization and allaying loneliness. Otherwise, where the clients are residing in a halfway house, their daily contacts outside of MAP are generally in two categories – those who have committed crimes and those supervising released offenders. Our teams support their clients while they transition to and from being in a halfway house, or on parole in the community; the period of support can be as long as 3 years.

MAP used to receive core funding from Correctional Services Canada; however, cutbacks have dried up all secure funding.

I first found out about MAP at an Anglican Synod kiosk about 5 years ago and took a brochure home. Several weeks later, I contacted the organization, received training and was assigned to a team. I have now supported 3 clients of different ages and circumstances. This work is rewarding, as we contribute to the successful reintegration of someone who can become a productive member of the community, someone who is gainfully employed and possibly reconciled with their family, thus reducing the risk of recidivism.

You can support our work in many ways: you could become a volunteer

coach or offer your professional services free of charge by contacting us at map.reintegration@gmail.com or at 613-710-2415. As a registered charitable organization, we provide receipts for income tax purposes.

Finally, if you also want to have some fun while supporting a great organization (and we sure would love to see you there!), you can purchase a \$20 ticket to an evening benefit concert (\$25 at the door) on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 760 Somerset Street West. Dr. Fraser Rubens, well-known Ottawa tenor and cardiac surgeon (some people have all the talents!) will be singing pro bono and we will hold a silent auction with a variety of gift certificates, art work, jewellery, theatre subscriptions

The Big Give

By Paula, Administrator at Good Shepherd Barrhaven

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We will also be serving drinks and sweet treats outside the church as the people come to see, so we will need items for the Big Give and snacks for the snack table. You can bring you BIG Give items to the church any time after May 28.

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REFLECTIONS

Prayer Matters

Family Prayer

By Paul Dumbrille, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Representative

Praying Together

There are no hard and fast rules. A family may share their experiences and concerns before God in their own language. A family may simply share their experiences and concerns before God in their own language. Experiencing a prayer life together within your committed life can lead to extraordinary richness and a distinct awareness of God's presence and guidance in life. Shared prayer deepens your family unity and hastens reconciliation because members of the family choose to share, be open, and listen to each other and to God. People who live alone may consider creating a "praying family" with friends.

Including Children



During a pregnancy, an unborn child can be included in family prayers; praying for the parents and the developing baby will lead the way into peacefulness. It has been learned that the child in the womb gets to know the mother's voice long before your child takes that first breath. The child will hear that relationship and care are affirmed when audible prayers are offered over them long before they can say their first words of prayer. Learn-

ing to pray is not a study, but an attitude and way of life. If parents want their children to pray, and to become followers of Jesus, they need to be persons of prayer and learn along with them. Children have much to teach us; it will be a mutual journey.

Practice of Prayer

Prayer can be spontaneous, and can take place anywhere. However, experience has shown that praying at regular times and in specific places helps encourage prayers prayer in families. Creating or using particular space where one can sit, kneel, or stand to pray is useful. Call it what it is, and let your family see you pray. Invite them to respect your prayer time. Invite them to join you, i.e. light a candle, sit in silence, join in reading, and/or pray aloud.

Attitude of Prayer

Parents can create an attitude of prayer by engaging

in various forms of prayer appropriate to the occasion. We are very good at asking for things, but spend much less time being thankful. Thankfulness is the attitude of prayer that is brought out in Scripture; it is the recognition of blessing and thanksgiving. We are challenged to bring this into our daily lives and prayers.

Learning to Pray with Children – and Adults too

Talking to God in familiar way takes time to learn. Listening to God in a familiar way takes a lifetime! There are three basic ways of talking with God: using your own words, using another's words, and using no words – as in Romans 8:26-28, "with sighs to deep for words". A way of beginning with children is to start a conversation. Consider a conversation about the things for which each one of you is thankful in the day; things for which each

one of you is sorry and ask for God's forgiveness; asking God's blessings for family, friends, and events; and how you would like God to help you with what is coming up. This is highly individual and personal.

Prayer Suggestions

Teaching some 'touchstone' prayers is important. It would be helpful to have books and prayers available around the house.

The habit and benefit of family prayers cannot be measured. Participating in a regular prayer life opens everybody to receive the grace and power of our Lord into their lives in a natural and spontaneous way. A lifetime habit of prayer will surely enrich all our lives and those of others.

An excerpt from Paul Dumbrille's article on Family Prayer; to view the full article, please visit: medium.com/@OttawaAnglican

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REFLECTIONS

The Value of Time

By Rev. Canon Stewart Murray, Incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa



Summertime is fast approaching, and I remember very vividly the excitement of the last day of school and the preparations for heading off to the cottage. Summer was a time of freedom from school and routines, and a time for adventure and fun at the beach. As a child, the days of summer seemed endless; there was never quite enough time to fit in everything we imagined we wanted to do.

It is only as I grew older, with summer jobs and less time at the cottage, that endless days of summer became just eight short weeks between school terms. This experience caused me to reflect on the idea of time and how we understand how it shapes our way of living.

Time is an interesting idea or construct. It is a human creation, initially developed to mark the passage of sun, moon, and stars. The first timekeepers were used to note the times of planting, of harvesting, and of religious festivals. In our culture today, we do not have the gentle “rhythm of the seasons” understanding of time, but rather we experience the tyranny of time. The demands of modern life, the need to work and love in a wired 24/7 world and the constant demands placed on us by ourselves and others, mean that a constantly heard theme is there is never enough time. In a sense, we have become slaves of time.

Time can also be experienced very differently, de-

pending on the situation. When we are waiting for someone, or something, time often seems to slow down and the numbers of the clock never seem to move. At other times, perhaps when we are with someone we love or are enjoying indulging in one of our passions, the hours can disappear in what seems just a moment.

As Christians, the challenge is to find a balance that allows us to use time in creative and Christ centred ways. St. Teresa of Calcutta in her wisdom has said “I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I do know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will NOT ask, ‘How many good things have you done in your life?’ Rather, he will ask, ‘How much LOVE did you put into what you did?’” The way of love, which is at the heart of the Gospel, is for me a key to how to approach the use of time. We cannot make more time, but we can use our time in ways that reflect the values we strive to live.

The first step is to look over your day and see how you are using time. If you are like myself, you soon realize that so much of what I spend

my time on us unplanned and decided by outside demands. The next step is to decide what are priorities for you. Is it to spend more time with your family and close friends? As someone once told me, when we are dying we will not be regretting that we did not spend more time at the office! Work is of course important, we have to provide for our families, but time with family, especially with our children and grandchildren and those we love, is more important.

Working together, playing together, talking and praying together, build strong marriages and families, and confident and loving children. So the house gets a little messy, and the laundry piles up, but the time you have with the family will be a lasting treasure.

Life goes by too quickly and we may not have time to spend with our parents before they are gone, or with our children before they grow up.

It is also important to take time for yourself, to give yourself some ‘me time’. It is too easy to lose ourselves in work, or our full agendas, so that we have no time simply to pause and think.

A simple walk every day, or time set aside each day for a quiet cup of tea can bring a sense of peace in the midst of our busy lives.

Finally, to take time for prayer and worship as a family, with our Parish communities, will provide an anchor for our lives.

How we use the gift of time will reflect what we value most in life.

PARISH NEWS

Local Christians Gather for 32nd Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

By Mark Buccino

This past Good Friday not only saw warm and sunny weather, it also saw more than 160 people from different Christian Churches gather to walk as one community in retracing the steps that Christ took towards his death on the cross. As Canada celebrates its 150th Anniversary of Confederation, St. John’s South March Anglican Church, established 178 years ago, was honoured

to host this year Good Friday tradition which traces back to its first year in 1985. The participants were an impressive mix of people of all ages and denominations. The route took participants through residential streets of Kanata North where solemn Scripture passages were read and reflected upon. The walk concluded with participants gathering in the hall of St. John’s for refreshments and fellowship.



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REFLECTIONS

After an April Funeral for a Priest

*The servers stand in red robes waving
their gas-powered candles still burning
the clergy in white lined two by two
on the sidewalk.*

*Church bells pealing
as the pall bearers
dark blue suits with identical haircuts
move the naked casket into the hearse*

*the skies dirty grey
mirrored in the dirty streets
the grey fields
the bare tree branches.*

He died. His song is over.

*The widow's grief as the hearse pulls away
a coarse cry
the last public sound
before the rains come again.*

*sounds like loneliness like panic
we stand
alone in the rain*

*the cry of a grandchild
a girl in her Easter dress
meeting grief
electrifies the mourners
her tears join the rain.*

*He wrote the service
told his family to be joyful.
To celebrate his life and faith.*

*Joy just then retreated to the stone church
on the other side of the bell-puller's rope.*

*Joy's promise to return in the morning
feels as empty as his robes
hanging in the Vestry closet.*

- Rev. Margo Whittaker

From Eden to my Backyard

By PJ Hobbs

This year, I am going to do something that I have never done before. I have no experience, virtually no knowledge and no apparent skills. I may not be any good at it at all. But I am going for it. I am planting a garden.

I want to grow food. Lots of leafy vegetables, some potatoes, maybe some beans, tomatoes, and onions. I can imagine spending lots of time in my garden. Planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting.

This is what I have so far. Last fall, with the help of a friend, I built two raised garden beds. As of today, they are empty. Two days ago, I ordered one cubic yard of soil to be delivered to my home. I hope it's enough; a young sales clerk did the calculations for me. Soon the garden beds will be full of soil.

Then I need to plant seeds, figuring out spacing and rows. I know my garden will need water; I am not sure how much – Not getting that right could be a fatal flaw. When I eavesdrop on real gardeners, they often talk about animals eating their plants, but only certain plants. I need to find out which ones, and how to protect them.

These are just some of the things I know that I don't

know. What about the things I don't know that I don't know?

When we do something we have never done before, there are a lot of unknowns. It can be daunting. Sometimes, we just need to take one step at a time, figuring it out as we go.

I am going to be away from part of the summer. This part is awkward. I need to invite the people I live with (my wife and children) to help out with my – oops – I mean, our garden. I have been telling the kids that I am going to be a suburban farmer, a Dad joke that I am pretty sure is not helping my cause. Recently though, they have shown some interest. Healthy eating, food security, environmental concern, and active lifestyles are very much a part of the conversation that they bring home. So, a garden seems to spark some curiosity – I sure hope it leads to a collaborative action, an essential ingredient.

The good news is that I am not the first person to plant a garden; not by a long shot. People and gardens have been together for a very long time. It's biblical: Eden, Gethsemane, you reap what you sow, and oh the parables.

Some of my best friends are gardeners. I am going to be asking a lot of questions – I might even get some free,

unsolicited advice. It is good to get input from others with experience, especially when we're doing something new.

There is, of course, some real risk involved. I could have miscalculated the times, effort, and skill involved. My garden could be a failure. If that is the case, then I will have wasted time and money. Or, I will have learned something for next year. There is nothing quite like public failure. When we do something that we have never done before, there is always a chance it will not work out. There is uncertainty, doubt, and maybe even fear. We need to take courage and accept a bit of risk. Yet, why such negative thoughts – Trust, hope, and openness seem equally critical.

My garden is going to be great. Lush and green, abundant and bountiful. A source of pleasure, joy, and sustenance. There is much to be done before I get there. But I can see it now.

Sometimes, I think it is good to do things that we have never done before. I think, I hope, God takes some pleasure in me planting a garden.

I am told that there are many life lessons to be learned from a garden. I hope so. I can't wait to see.

Have a good summer.

PARISH NEWS

Parishes Gather to Celebrate at Historic Pinhey's Point

By Rhyanna Melanson

In Celebration of Canada 150, the Anglican Parishes of March, Fitzroy Harbour and Huntley will come together on Sunday, June 11th to step back in time. The backdrop is Pinhey's Point on the Ottawa River in west-end Ottawa. In 1820, the Point's namesake Hamnett Pinhey settled on lands granted him following the Napoleonic Wars. He would fund the building of 'Old' St. Mary's along the south shore of the Ottawa River in 1829.

The Service, held outdoors under a tent, will be conducted using prayers and liturgies dating back to Can-

ada's Confederation in 1867, when British North America had about 3.5 million people and the Ottawa region approximately 15,000.

The Victorian-era Anglican choral service will begin at 11:00 am, under a tent. All are welcome to dress in period costumes or come as you are.

Following the service, please bring a picnic lunch and join us on the lawn. There will be activities and games for the children from the Confederation era such as 3-legged races and sack races. Dr. Bruce Elliott an expert on local history will offer tours of the historic cemetery

at Old St Mary's beginning at 1:30 p.m. The museum located in the nearly 200-year old Pinhey Manor home is open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

While at Pinhey's Point, one can look out at the Ottawa River and imagine the logs that, in 1867, floated down the river to the Ottawa sawmills owned by lumber barons like Booth and Eddy. With this special occasion, help us celebrate both Canada 150 and more than 150 years of Anglican worship in Ottawa's West Carleton region.

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ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Seeking Leadership for Women's Ministry

By Marni Crossley

Attention!
Another year is coming to a close for the our Diocesan Anglican Church Women activities, and I want to wish everyone a restful, God-filled Summer, as we celebrate the 150th Birthday of Canada.

As many of you are aware, we are experiencing increased leadership shortages on the executive, due to ill health and many other reasons. We have attempted to recruit younger people to join Leslie Worden and myself in order to continue the work of the Diocesan ACW, without response so far.

We have continued the Bale Program this year with two packing days, and we will be assessing the continuation of this program through the summer. I am very aware of how vital the need is for this program to continue, for your brothers and sisters in the north; but without the support of our community in leadership roles, we may have to look at another way of supporting them.

If you are reading this as ACW, consider taking the issue to the Outreach Committee or person in your church. St. John's, Richmond and St. Columba's, Ottawa are doing an excellent and capable job of hosting the Bale Packing days. Perhaps, two people from each of these churches, or even deaneries, would be willing to learn from Evelyn Presley, about the Crosstalk publicity, the correspondence with northern communities, the contacts for shipping that she has made in her more than 20 years or coordinating this historic project – Evelyn is not as mobile as she once was, and needs a team or two

to assist her.

The role of treasurer and assistant treasurer will also be assessed during the summer. One possible resolution for our financial situation would be to transfer all of our Diocesan ACW monies to the Consolidated Trust Fund of the Diocese. These monies would still be available accessible for the continuing work of the Women's Ministry, by applying to the Diocese.

As far as program goes, Leslie Worden and I have been on two wonderful trips during 2016; ten days in Israel, as members of the women's delegation led by Catherine Chapman; and a week in Iqaluit and Pangnirtung, with a group of (mostly) St. Stephen's church members and youth. Both of these trips were moving and eye-opening for us, and we came back with a lot of pictures! Now we are the "have slideshow, will travel" team. We would be glad to come to your ACW meeting, or other church group, to show our slides and talk about our time "Exploring God's World".

Although our formal group structure is changing, we are also available to talk about our ongoing ACW issues.

Blessings on your Summer!

For more information about the ACW, the Bales for the North Program, or how you can get involved, contact:

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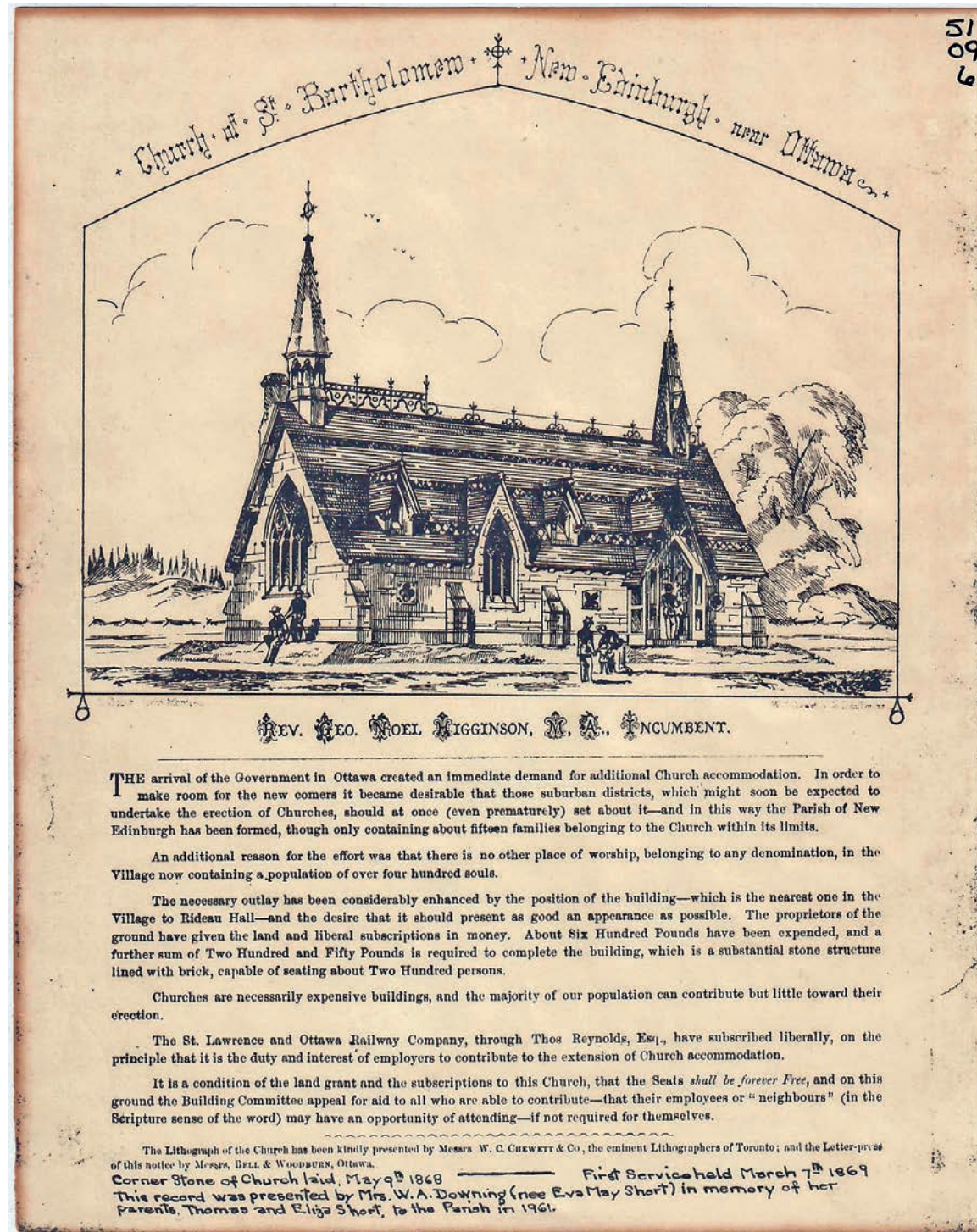
By Glenn J Lockwood

On May 7th, at the regular Sunday services at Saint Bartholomew's Church a new history of the parish by Janet Uren and Glenn Lockwood was launched, to mark the 150th anniversary of the formal founding of the parish in 1867. What we see here is a poster to solicit subscriptions for building Saint Bartholomew's, New Edinburgh the following year. The church was designed by Thomas Seaton Scott of Montreal at the prompting of Thomas C. Keefer.

This jaunty image raises more questions than it answers, and we cannot even be certain as to what year it was produced. Saint Bartholomew's was the least admired of the half-dozen Anglican churches designed by Thomas Seaton Scott in the mid-Victorian era. To judge from the unflattering comments of those who beheld it when it was first built, for the Victorians Saint Bartholomew's as first built was a far cry from the confident design we see here.

What we actually see is Thomas Seaton Scott's vision of what the new church in New Edinburgh might become - printed in the hundreds and sent by the first incumbent to prominent Anglicans across Canada to raise funds to pay for building the new church. The western belfry, for example, would not be built until a dozen years after the church was built.

For Anglicans to organize a mission in New Edinburgh in 1866 was a conceit in a



small mill village. Only 28 individuals from fifteen families signed up at the outset. The conceit was harnessed to the property development goals of the heirs of the Honourable Thomas McKay and the missionary goals of Bishop John Travers Lewis at

Kingston.

The congregation began precisely when the government of Canada moved to Ottawa. The late Thomas McKay's villa - Rideau Hall - temporarily was leased as a home for the governor general. Expectations of growth

in New Edinburgh and providing the viceregal household with a place of worship well away from contending politicians in Ottawa it was hoped would help Saint Bartholomew's grow into the design that Thomas Seaton Scott mooted.

Every parish has its moments of quiet drama. No one anticipated the first incumbent of Saint Bartholomew's departing suddenly. Exactly why he left remained a mystery for over a century. Then, eleven years later many walked out to found a breakaway congregation, Saint David's Reformed Episcopal Church. Even as parish sons went off to serve in armies in western Canada, South Africa and the First World War, women and children were enlisted in social causes and fundraising for a parish struggling with finances.

Only as it became clear on the cusp of the First World War that Rideau Hall would remain the permanent viceregal address, did the future of Saint Bartholomew's appear resurgent, especially with the development of Rockcliffe Park as an elite residential district nearby. Copies of the new book *Faithful: St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa, 1867-2017* can be purchased for \$45 from the church at 125 MacKay Street.

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The Value of Facebook Events

By Heidi Danson, Diocesan Conference and Event Coordinator

In my last article I wrote about the value of an event name - part of the article touched on how an event's name works on Facebook. In this article, I am going to expand on Facebook events and how to make them!

To begin, if your Parish has a Facebook Page, Administrators of the page can click on the events link on the left side panel. From this page you can create, view, and

manage all your events.

A few benefits of creating Facebook events are that you can promote your event to a wider audience, gather RSVPs, keep your attendees informed of changes, and create excitement by posting updates and teasers. When people are looking for information regarding an event, their first stop is on Facebook. Being visible and present online is the first step to a successful event!

Here are some Tips & Tricks for Facebook Events:

- Keep the name short
- Post on the event often; keep people interested and talking
- Allow anyone to post on the discussion board; discussion raises awareness and self-promotes the event
- Set the event Host as the Parish name; not the personal Facebook page of the person creating the Facebook event
- Fill in all of the important information, in the appropriate fields; if people have to search for the time or location, they may get frustrated

and not simply not attend

- Promote, promote, promote! Share your event outside of your parish; have parishioners share it with their friend circles; share it on other social media platforms (think Twitter or Instagram); and provide your Facebook event link on all advertising pertaining to that event, including bulletin announcements

Always remember, Facebook gets people talking and sharing - this is your ultimate goal!

* While many of these features are available if your Parish is set up as a Facebook Group (as opposed to a Facebook Page), events will be not be able to be shared as publicly.

** If you're not a Page Administrator; ask if they are planning to make an event, encourage them to do so by letting them know how excited you are to share it, and offer your support if they are in the midst of a busy schedule.



June 07

Reel Faith: At 6pm at St. Margaret's, Vanier (206 Montreal Rd). Find God at the Movies. A simple supper followed by viewing and discussing of movies with a spiritual dimension. This month's film: The Testament of Youth.
Info: 613-746-8815
office@stmargaretsvanier.ca
stmargaretsvanier.ca

June 09

Solid Walls of Sound (Redux): At 7:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks). Celebrating 125 Years of Choral Music at Christ Church Cathedral. Directed by Matthew Larkin, with James Calkin (organ). Silent Auction. All proceeds support choristers participation in the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys' 2017 UK Tour to Gloucester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. Suggested donation: \$25 Adults
\$10 Students
Info: 613-236-9149
cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca
ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

June 10

Parking Lot Sale & BBQ: From 8 - 1pm at St. Thomas (2345 Alta Vista Dr). Rain-date: June 17. Spaces available for \$20.
Info: 613-733-0336
stt2@magma.ca
stthomasaltavista.ca

Garage Sale: From 9 - 2pm at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave).

Info: 613-224-7431
stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca
stmarksottawa.ca

Open Table Dinner: From 5 - 7pm at St. Thomas, Stittsville (1619 Saint St). Hot meal, everyone welcome. Free will offering.
Info: 613-836-5741
stthomasstittsville.ca

June 11

Choral Evensong: At 7pm at St. Stephen's (930 Watson Ave). The Cranmer Singers directed by Frances Macdonnell will sing Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday. Music to be sung will be by Henry Ley, Stanford, and Stainer. This is a fundraising event towards the cost of replacing the lift which provides access to the church; an open offering will be received.

Info: 613-828-2472
office@ststephensottawa.org
ststephensottawa.org

Victorian Service & BYO Picnic: At 11am at Pinhey's Point Historic Site (270 Pinhey Point Rd). To celebrate Canada 150, please join Anglican Parishes of March, Fitzroy Harbour, and Huntley, at Historic Pinhey's Point on the Ottawa River for an 11am outdoor service; liturgy from Confederation. Period costume dress, or come as you are. Please bring a picnic lunch. Cemetery Tour with Dr. Bruce Elliott at 1:30pm. Children's activities provided.

More info see pg.

June 13

Music of a Northern Land: At 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's (125 MacKay St). Celebrating Canada 150 and Latvia's 100th Anniversary. Latvian artists Dzintara Eriha (piano), Emma Bandeniece (cello), and Canadian-Latvian Vilma Indra Vitols (mezzo soprano), present World Premieres for cello and piano. Reception to follow; sponsored by the Embassy of Latvia.
Tickets: \$20
Info: 613-745-7834
stbarts@belnet.ca

June 15-18

National Gathering for All Anglican Women: At Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario. Join in worship, workshops, conversations with Primate Fred, sharing with women from across Canada. Registration: \$500 incl. shared accommodations and all meals.
Info: 905-439-2728
mares@idirect.ca

June 15

Pension & Pre-Retirement Planning: From 9:30am - 3pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Ms. Judy Robinson, Executive Director of Pensions, will offer a presentation on Pensions and pre-retirement planning from the viewpoint of the Pension Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada. All members, clergy and lay, of the Pension Plan are invited to attend, with spouses welcome. Lunch will be served. Registration is free:
heidi-danson@ottawa.anglican.ca
Info:
david-selzer@ottawa.anglican.ca

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June 16

Fish Fry: From 4:30 - 7pm at Holy Trinity, Metcalfe (8140 Victoria St). New Zealand cod, fries, beans, rolls, homemade coleslaw and dessert. Eat in or take out. Tickets: \$15 in advance \$18 at the door
Info: 613-821-2873
613-425-1080

June 17

94th Annual Lawn Supper: From 4 - 6:30pm at St. John's, South March (325 Sandhill Rd).
Info: 613-592-4747
parishofmarch.ca

Celebrating National

Aboriginal Day: From 10am - noon at the Parish of Huntley (3774 Carp Rd). As part of the day's activities, Kairos Canada will be hosting the Blanket Exercise, an informative and emotional teaching on the history of first peoples, colonization, and reconciliation in our country. The blanket exercise will be led by Theland Kicknosway and his mother Elaine. Theland is an inspiring young teenager and it is a great gift that these two amazing teachers will lead a wonderful educational opportunity.
Info: 613-839-3195
huntleypriest@bellnet.ca
huntleyparish.com

Parish Financial Management Workshop:

From 9:30 - noon. Location to be determined. A workshop for churchwardens, treasurers, clergy, and interested parishioners. The workshop will wrap-up by 12pm, then lunch will be served for those who wish to stay for fellowship.
Info: 613-232-7124 x 222
heidi-danson@ottawa.anglican.ca

June 18

Joy of Faith: From 3 - 5pm at Jean Pigott Place, City Hall (110 Laurier Ave W). Capital Region Interfaith Council are planning Joy in Faith to celebrate Canada 150. Feat. arts presentations in song, dance, and spoken word from 12 of our faith groups; incl. Indigenous peoples. Trying to witness to TRC in the themes of the event; O Canada will not be sung, but will have Oscar Peterson's Hymn to Freedom and an Earth Centered piece sung by a massed choir.
Info: cricottawacirc.ca/blog

June 24

Afternoon Tea and Hats: At 2pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Followed by Choral Evensong at 4:30pm; hosted by the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys. The Tea will feat. all thing hat-related; incl. repertoire the Choir will sing during its week-long residence this summer at Gloucester Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and St. Alban's Cathedral.
Tickets for the Tea: \$20
Info: 613-236-9149 x 12
cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca
ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral

June 30

Prayer for Canada: At 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). On the eve of Canada Day, the Cathedral will host an interfaith "Prayer for Canada" service. Faith leaders from across Ottawa, along with the Mayor, a number of other civil leaders, and people from the Algonquin Anishinabe community will gather to express as much diversity as possible. The service will feat. a call to prayer by cantors from various faith traditions, 150 seconds of silent prayer and participation by the One World Choir; an ensemble comprising former refugees from around the world. All are welcome.
Info: 613-236-9149
cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca
ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral



July 01

Canada Day Organ Recital: At 11am at Trinity, Cornwall (105 2ns St W). Feat. Brian Hubelit. Compositions will be by Canadian composers only, incl. the singing of 'Oh Canada'. Donations accepted; proceeds will go towards organ refurbishment and the Trinity Church Drop-In Centre.
Info: 613-933-3991
trinitycornwall.ca

July 09

Summer Evensong: At 7pm at Holy Trinity, Lascelles (5 Pritchard Rd). All are invited to Evensong this summer at Holy Trinity, Lascelles, QC; in beauti-

ful country setting in the Gatineau Hills, 9km north of Wakefield. Different guest preachers and guest musicians every week.
Summer Dates: July 09, 16, 23, 30, August 06, 13, 20, 27
Info: 613-729-1916
anglicansinthehills.ca

July 10-14

Diocesan-Wide Canoe Trip: All Saints Westboro is hosting a five-day canoe trip in Algonquin Park for youth 14-18. Every is welcome; no experience necessary.
Info: <http://bit.ly/2iVAD1f>

Country Fun Nature

Camp: At Tucker House Renewal Centre, Rockland (1731 Tucker Rd). An environmental day camp program for children aged 5-13 run at the Tucker House Renewal Centre, a beautiful historic retreat just east of Ottawa. Camp activities take place in a natural setting of old-growth forest, wetlands, fields, a limestone quarry, and organic gardens.
Info:
countryfun@tuckerhouse.ca
<http://bit.ly/2pOweRn>
The Camp also runs July 17-21



August 13

20th Anniversary Celebration: At Epiphany (1290 Ogilvie Rd). Join us, and Bishop John, in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Parish of Epiphany.
Info: 613-746-9278
epiphanyanglican@gmail.com
epiphanyanglican.ca



September 30

Stewardship Café: From 9:30 - 2pm at Christ Church, Seaway (2 Bethune Ave, Long Sault). Join the Stewardship Subcommittee for conversations and case studies about Stewardship and bring successes and challenges to the table. Registration is free, refreshments are provided.
Info: 613-232-7124 x 222
heidi-danson@ottawa.anglican.ca

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May 24

ACW Annual Meeting: From 9:30am - 3pm at Church of the Resurrection (3191 Riverside Dr). Experience "When Grandmothers' Speak" with Elder Larry Langlois. Registration: \$12; incl. lunch
Info: 613-747-2197
sgseguin@rogers.com
http://bit.ly/ottACWe

May 25

Ordination to the Diaconate: At 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). God willing, Ms. Simone Hurkmans and Ms. Rosemary Parker will be ordained to the diaconate on the Ascension of the Lord. Clergy are invited to robe; the liturgical colour will be white. Master of Ceremonies will be Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, assisted by Rev. Gregor Sneddon; Ven. Ross Hammond will preach.

May 27

End of Life Pastoral Care: From 9-noon at Julian of Norwich (7 Rossland Ave). This workshop will discuss the issues of fear, anxiety, and the inner spiritual crisis that can occur at end of life; and how we can best support individuals and their loved ones as they journey through the final stages of life. We will learn effective listening techniques and how to provide space for these individuals to talk about their feelings and support then with coping. Open to anyone interested in learning what it means to "be there" for someone on the end of life journey.
Tickets: \$10
Register: pjmidd42@gmail.com
Info: http://bit.ly/2p9T84s
julianofnorwichottawa.ca

Giant Yard Sale: From 9am - noon at St. John's, South March (325 Sandhill Rd). We've got gadgets and gizmos a plenty. We've got whozits and whizits galore. You want thingamabobs? We've got twenty! Housewares, books, craft supplies, clothing, toys, jewellery, and finds of all kinds!
Info: 613-271-9970
barbara33@sympatico.ca
parishofmarch.ca

Ham & Bean Supper: From 4-7pm at Centennial Hall (Franktown, ON). Ham, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, salad, pies, rolls, etc.
Info: 613-286-3789
franktown-innisvilleparish.ca

Opera at the Cathedral: At 7:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Presented by Cathedral Arts, feat. Katherine Whyte (soprano) and Jean-Philippe Fortier-Lazure (tenor), accompanied by Matthew Larkin.
Tickets: cathedralarts.ca

Stairwell Carollers Concert: At 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew's (125 MacKay St). A splendid programme of A-Capella choral music, celebrating the Carollers' 40th Anniversary and St. Bart's 150th Anniversary!
Tickets: \$20, incl. reception
Info: 613-745-7834
stbarts@bellnet.ca
stbartsottawa.com

Telling Our Story: From 9 - 2:30pm at Good Shepherd, Barrhaven (3500 Fallowfield Rd). How can we increase the chances of our stories being picked up and told by journalists? In this seminar, Mirko Petricevic, Director of Communications and Public Affairs at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, will provide tools that can help us spread our stories through the traditional news media and across social media.
Info: 613-823-8118
admin@goodshepherdbarrhaven.ca
http://bit.ly/2p6Dw0R

May 29
Mindfulness Meditation Workshop: From 9am - 1pm at St. George's, Gatineau (111 rue Broadway Est). A beginner's workshop on the principles of Mindfulness Meditation. Psychologist, Dr. Alan McAllister, will provide tools to initiate your practice. Excellent for stress management. Admission is free, donations accepted. Please bring a bagged lunch.
Info: 819-893-2917
vivmcallister@gmail.com

May 31
Bale Packing: From 9am - 1pm at St. Columba (24 Sandridge Rd). Bring your bales materials, your monetary donations, and your friends with their strong arms, to help with this ongoing mission of love and

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support to our northern communities.
Info: 613-445-2089
acw@ottawa.anglican.ca
http://bit.ly/ACWbales



June 01
BBQ Chicken Dinner: From 5 - 6:30pm at St. Aidan's (934 Hamlet Rd).
Tickets: \$13 Adults
\$6 Children 6-12
Free for children under 6
Info: 613-733-0102
staidans@bellnet.ca
staidans-ottawa.org

June 02-04
Flower Festival & Doors Open Ottawa: At Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St). Mark your calendars and plan to attend a edition of this annual event. The Cathedral will offer visitors tours, a flower festival, musical performance, and a tea room. To volunteer for the flower festival aspect of the weekend, please contact Gwynneth (gwynnethvans@sympatico.ca or 613-565-6214).
Info: 613-236-9149
cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca
ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral
See article on p.5 for details

June 02
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 from 8:30 - 9pm. Suggested donation \$10-20, or best offer, is most appreciated.
Info: 613-235-3416
stlukes.ottawa@yahoo.ca
stlukesottawa.ca

June 03-04
Doors Open Ottawa: The City of Ottawa is proud to present Doors Open Ottawa, a free annual architectural event that celebrates our community's built heritage. Here are some of the Anglican Churches participating this year:
• Ascension; 253 Echo Dr churchoftheascension.ca
• Christ Church Cathedral; 414 Sparks St cathedral@ottawa.anglican.ca
• St. Mark's; 1606 Fisher Ave stmarksottawa.ca

June 03
The Big Give: The Big Give is an annual event, where churches cross the country bless their neighbourhoods through a unified day of giving extravagantly, where everything is free! Here are some of the Anglican Churches participating this year:
• Good Shepherd, Barrhaven; 3500 Fallowfield Rd goodshepherdbarrhaven.ca
• Holy Trinity, North Gower; 3272 Church St holytrinitynorthgower.ca
• St. Alban's, Ottawa; 454 King Edward St stalbanschurch.ca
• St. Mark's, Ottawa; 1606 Fisher Ave stmarksottawa.ca
• St. Paul's, Kanata; 20 Young Rd stpaulshk.org
• St. Stephen's, Ottawa; 930 Watson St ststephensottawa.org
Info: thebiggive.ca

Chelsea Community Tailgate Sale: From 9am - 2pm at St. Mary Magdalene, Chelsea (537 Route 105). 30+ vendors selling yard-sale treasures from their vehicles. Plus, home baking, a huge sale of quality used books, preserves, perennials, and a BBQ.
Info: 819-664-5058
cdoutriaux@sympatico.ca
anglicasinthehills.ca

Goods & Service Auction: From 9am - noon at St. James, Carleton Place

(225 Edmund St). Viewing from 9am, auction begins at 10am sharp.
Info: 613-257-3178
admin@stjamescp@bellnet.ca
stjamescarletonplace.org

Victorian Tea: From 2-4pm at Holy Trinity, Metcalfe (8140 Victoria St).
Tickets: \$10
Info: 613-233-1556

June 04
Book Café: From 11am - 2pm at St. Mary Magdalene, Chelsea (537 Route 105). Browse and buy great used books and enjoy café treats.
Info: cdoutriaux@sympatico.ca

Garden Party & Fashion Show: From 3 - 5:30pm at the Residence of the German Ambassador. Support Cornerstone Housing for Women at their Annual Garden Party.
Tickets: \$70
Info: 613-254-5684 x 514
cornerstonewomen.ca

St. Luke's Concert Series: At 7:30pm at St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Coro Capriccio. We conclude the 2016-17 series feat. one of Ottawa's newest chamber choirs. If it's warm, we're air conditioned. Admission by donation.
Info: 613-235-3416
music@stlukesottawa.ca
stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series

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