

CrossTalk



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World Day of the Poor marked in Ottawa

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Parishioners at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa marked World Day of the Poor on Nov. 17 with an outdoor vigil around a sculpture that depicts Jesus as a homeless person.

In his homily at the Sunday Eucharist service, Dean Shane Parker explained that in 2016 Pope Francis first designated the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost that in the Roman Catholic calendar as World Day of the Poor, "intended to offer encouragement to all Christians and other people of good will to mark this day as a time of standing in solidarity with the poor of the world and to offer hope and consolation to those who are poor."

Inviting parishioners to process outside following the service for a vigil for the poor,

Dean Parker explained that in front of the cathedral, there is a sculpture created by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz that has become known as Homeless Jesus. There are more than 50 Homeless Jesus sculptures across the world, but Schmalz only allows one to be installed in any city. Passersby frequently mistake the life-sized figure as a real homeless person sleeping on a park bench, but a closer look reveals it to be a sculpture of Jesus with the wounds of crucifixion visible on His feet. "These sculptures have become a focus for World Day of the Poor wherever they are across the world," the Dean said, noting that a new one was being dedicated in Montreal that morning.

Parker went on to recount that after the sculpture was installed in 2018, he

was interviewed by a CBC reporter about it. Standing on Sparks Street, looking across at the sculpture and the beautifully ornamented cathedral as its backdrop, "it struck me very powerfully that... the sculpture describes the reason why this great temple exists. Because we believe that Christ is with every human person in the very best and wonderful moments of life, and in the most terrible, deprived suffering that human beings can experience. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus," he said. "If you look closely, it is the risen Christ wrapped in a blanket, not Jesus of Nazareth, but the timeless, risen Christ wrapped in that blanket, reflecting our belief that Christ is with us in everything."

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Christ Church Bells Corners housing project gets grant

By Leigh Anne Williams

Plans for an affordable housing project gained momentum when the City of Ottawa approved a grant application from Christ Church Bells Corners and the Diocese of Ottawa. Introducing the draft budget for 2020 on Nov. 6, Mayor Jim Watson said, "I am pleased to announce today that we will be funding more affordable housing projects with... The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, in partnership with the Christ Church Bells Corners Parish and Cornerstone Housing for Women, for a 35-unit building with a ground floor community services hub containing a food bank and community resource centre."

"We are thrilled at this news," said Archdeacon of Carleton Kathryn Otley, "and enthusiastic to move forward with our proposed affordable housing project."

The project is an integral part of the Diocese's plan to create 125 units of affordable housing in time for the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese in 2021.

Otley told members of the diocesan synod in late October that the Christ Church Bells Corners congregation had named their affordable housing project the Rectory Reimagination Project and were now looking for a new name that will tell everyone it is an affordable housing project.

The project does indeed involve the rectory, which will be torn down to make way for a new building. The house has not been used as a rectory for some time as was converted into the Nepean Home Support for Seniors in the 1980s and is presently rented by the Western Ottawa Community Resource Center (WOCRC). The WOCRC will continue to occupy the ground floor of the new building along with the local food cupboard (FAMSAC).

With Cahdco as their project development manager, Otley said that only with partnerships could this project be realised. "Our main partner is you, the diocese of Ottawa. We are also partnering with WOCRC; with FAMSAC and with Cornerstone Housing for Women. Cornerstone will be our housing provider. Chrysalis House, a women's shelter run by the WOCRC is also part of this exciting project."


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Artistic rendering of the affordable housing project to replace CCBC's rectory.

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CLERGY NEWS

Archdeacon Paul Blunt, a retired priest of this diocese, has been appointed Interim-Priest-in-Charge, of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe, Ont., effective Dec. 1. As requested by the parish, Holy Trinity will no longer be a part of the Area Parish of South Carleton, effective Jan. 1, 2020.

The Rev. Claude Delorme, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ontario, has been appointed Interim-Priest-in-Charge of the Area Parish of Prescott-North Glengarry, effective Dec. 1. In addition to other duties, he will focus on developing a Francophone ministry for the Area Parish.

The Rev. Gregor Sneddon has received the Bishop's permission to resign from full-time ministry and as Incumbent of the Parish of St. Matthew's Ottawa, effective Nov. 30, in order to pursue the position of executive director of HelpAge Canada, an NGO supporting aging populations in the Global South and Canada. Gregor remains a priest in good standing in the Diocese of Ottawa and will continue as diocesan master of ceremonies through to May 31, 2020.

The Rev. François Trottier has received the Bishop's permission to retire from full-time ministry and as Incumbent of the Parish of St. Barnabas Deep River.

On Dec. 3, 2019, the Rev. Adam Brown (right, top) was ordained as a transitional deacon. He will serve as Curate of All Saints Westboro until May 2020. The Rev. Michael Garner (right) was ordained as a priest at the same service. He is serving as Assistant Curate of St. Thomas with responsibility for Church of the Resurrection, Ottawa.



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STAFF NEWS



Carol Sinclair (above) has been appointed as the Diocesan Human Resources Manager, effective Nov. 4, 2019. Sinclair has more than 30 years of experience in organizational development and human resources, most recently with the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), Ferguslea Properties, Kingston General Hospital and The Royal Ottawa Hospital.

Canon Monica Patten (right) has been appointed as the new Chair of the Community Ministries Committee, replacing Archdeacon Brian Kauk, who completed his term as Chair.



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Diocese preparing to elect a new bishop



BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The election of the next bishop of the diocese of Ottawa will take place at Christ Church Cathedral on March 14.

Speaking to members of the diocesan synod in October, Archdeacon Doug Richards, the clerical secretary for the Diocese, described the months before the election as “an intense time in our diocese. The first question that you ask is who elects the next bishop?”

He explained that it is the members of the diocesan synod who attend and vote at the electoral synod, however, the timing of the upcoming episcopal election required an amendment to the rules that govern the election of a new bishop.

New lay representatives for each year’s diocesan synod are elected at annual parish vestry meetings, but with the episcopal election in March this year, it would be impossible for diocesan staff to compile a complete and accurate list from the



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Archdeacon Doug Richards is the clerical secretary for the Diocese.

vestry reports. Therefore, a motion was put before Synod to amend Bylaw 3.01 of the Canons, Bylaws and Regulations, to state that if an episcopal election takes

place before “May 1 in any given year, the Lay members of Electoral Synod shall be the same persons as were Lay Members of Synod at the regular annual Session of Synod held in the immediately preceding calendar year.”

There were some questions from synod members about instances in which a parish representative would not be available to attend, to which Vice-Chancellor Henry Schultz said that parishes would follow the same process they do for electing an alternate representative for diocesan synods, and the motion was approved.

An episcopal election committee was formed quickly after Bishop John Chapman made his September announcement of his intention to retire. The three clergy members on the committee are Archdeacon Susan Churchill Lackey, the Rev. Gillian Hoyer and the Rev. Jon Martin. Lay members are Ann Chaplin, Barb Gagne, and Ian Marsh. Resource people on the committee are Chancellor Canon Robin MacKay, Vice-Chancellor Henry

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Vice-Chancellor Henry Schultz answered questions about the process at Synod.

Schultz, Heidi Pizzuto as secretary, Heidi Fawcett as technical support, Jamie Tomlinson as moderator for regional meetings and communication, and the Rev. Patrick Stephens as chaplain.

Other key steps in the election process included writing and publishing a diocesan profile. Archdeacon Chris Dunn, Pat Leach, Canon Monica Patten, and the Rev. Victoria Scott worked as a team to draft a profile describing the diocese. It was approved by diocesan council on Nov. 26 and is now posted on the diocesan website.

The nomination form has also been posted on the diocesan website. In order to nominate a candidate, members of the diocesan synod need to have 10 people sign the nomination form—five clergy, and five laity. An additional 5 people (clergy or laity) can be added, but each person can only nominate one candidate. Candidates must be at least 30 years of age or older and must have been a priest in holy orders for at least seven years.

The form must be submitted to the Episcopal Election Committee care of the Bishop’s Office no later than Jan. 12, 2020. A current police

reference check for the nominee must be submitted with the form.

A list of questions for the nominated candidates to answer and submit will also be posted on the website.

By Feb. 12, the names of those who have been nominated will be made public.

Closer to the election time, on the week between Mar. 2 and Mar. 6 there will be four regional meetings where everybody is invited to come and hear and meet the nominees for the episcopal election.

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PARISH NEWS



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A new Healing Forest is blessed at All Saints' Westboro

by Barbara Robertson and Helen Norman

On a sunny Sunday morning in October, a group of children and adults from All Saints' Westboro was joined by members of their partner church, First United, to inaugurate Canada's newest Healing Forest. Situated in the All Saints' parish courtyard at the front of the church on Richmond Road, the small place for reflection and conversation features a rock that will accommodate two people. A pebble pathway from the street and a small sign welcomes the public to the site.

The idea of healing forests is gaining momentum across Canada. The project was begun by two visionaries, Indigenous leader Patricia Stirbys and settler geologist Peter Croal. The goal is to identify quiet places in communities across Canada, which can be developed into public spaces; and for these spaces to be

used for contemplation on the need for reconciliation, and for places where new friendships can grow.

In the summer of 2019, the All Saint's Summer Sunday School program sparked the dream of establishing a Healing Forest on Richmond Road. During the 14 weeks of the summer, the children learned about trees: trees of the bible, trees as icons, and trees as the lungs of the planet. One Sunday in July, 23 children met on the property and designed their dream Healing Forest. From this, came lots of work from the parents, and from the church staff and community, to bring the dream to reality. This work included the installation of the one tonne "Grandmother Rock," the digging of a path to spread pebbles on, and the installation of the descriptive sign.

On Oct. 6, the congregations of All Saints'



PHOTO HELEN NORMAN

Children's dreams come true: Parishioners from All Saints' Westboro and First United invited Anishnaabe Elder Francine Payer to bless the new Healing Forest

and First United gathered after All Saints' morning worship and welcomed Anishnaabe Kwe Elder Grandmother Francine Payer, who gave her blessing with smudging and ceremony. The children joined in by scattering of pebbles on the pathway, and everyone joined in the singing and blessing the path

with leaves of tobacco.

The All Saints' community welcomes visitors to the site, and we are all looking forward to seeing the natural development of the Healing Forest.

For more information on the National Healing Forest project, visit <https://www.nationalhealingforests.com/>



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reducing fossil fuel consumption and imports



Re: "Calling for action on climate change" (November 2019, *Crosstalk*)
I agree that action to slow the progress, and to mitigate the impact, of climate change should be taken, however, I would very much prefer that it should be effective and not domestically destructive action that we will be taking, and that stipulation often is missing from the rhetoric of climate activists.

I do not know of any effective/non-destructive climate change action that is readily available and is simply being ignored due to a lack of political will, which is often suggested by the very same climate change activists.

I find it particularly disturbing to call for Canadian oil to be "left in the ground", while saying nothing about stopping the importation of foreign

oil to power the Canadian economy. It seems to be more convenient to attack Canadian fossil fuel production, which is primarily in Western Canada, rather than confront Canadian fossil fuel consumption, which all of us do every day. I wonder if the passion for undefined "climate change action" would diminish if that action focused on reducing the mobility and comfort of all Canadians, as opposed to simply eliminating the livelihood of fossil fuel workers?

By all means, let us look for solutions to the climate change problem, but let us focus more on reducing our demand for fossil fuel as consumers, as opposed to reducing domestic production of fossil fuel while continuing to quietly import it from abroad, as that strategy simply eliminates domestic profits and taxes that are required to pay for the efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change in Canada, no?

I believe the climate change problem is complex and does not lend itself to the simplistic solutions that are now being offered.

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The statue, which has become known as Homeless Jesus, was created by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. Many cities around the world now have one. Ottawa's was installed in front of Christ Church Cathedral.

Parker added, "Secondly, we believe that we will find our true nature as children of God, made in the image of God, when we live from the compassion that God has placed in our hearts, when we stand in solidarity with those who suffer. We find our true nature when we use our gifts to change the structures and relationships that cause poverty."

Following the service, clergy, choir and parishioners went out into the frosty morning, gathered around the sculpture and prayed this prayer:

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that she may be a voice for those who lack even the basic necessities of life, tirelessly serving them and calling for change. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world's leaders, that they may not hide behind their power or abuse it, but work for the good of all humanity, particularly the poor throughout the world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community that we may show our love through our respect for each other and for our environment, gladly sharing what we have with those in need. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes so that we can recognize the injustice around us that is not always obvious. Allow us to be moved by compassion for the victims of injustice and to act in accordance with your will to defend the poorest and to save the children in need. Amen

PARISH NEWS

Feather gifts find parish homes

BY DEBBIE CRISDALE

At diocesan synod in October, each parish and community ministry received a ceramic sculpture of a feather. The feathers were created as a part of an outdoor public art installation at the Canadian Museum of Nature named “Populace” that marked Canada’s 150th anniversary. The symbol of a feather was chosen with the local Algonquin community as a representation of their presence on this land at the time of confederation.

Kirstin Davidson of the Parish of March, one of the artists behind the 2017 installation, generously made the feathers available to the diocese through the All My Relations (AMR) Working Group. “Placing a feather with each congregation could be a part of the journey that includes an inward promise and an outward, demonstrable commitment to embracing the uncomfortable truth of our history with Indigenous peoples and to taking a personal step towards change,” she said.



On Sunday, Nov. 24, Margaret Lemaire of the All My Relations Working Group came to Church of the Ascension in Ottawa, explained the significance of the feather to the congregation and offered a prayer in Cree.

The congregation recited the Baptismal Covenant and the feather now hangs on the wall near the font.



This photo from Church of the Ascension artfully blends the image of the feather with the reflection of a stained-glass window.



The Rev. George Kwari of St. Stephen’s Anglican Church in Ottawa asked artist and parishioner Jim Davis to design a holder for the parish’s feather. Davis created a holder that would allow the feather to be accessible, so that it might be used in the life of the parish, perhaps in ways learned from First Nations, such as an a feather to be held by each person in a talking circle, for example, he told *Crosstalk*. He chose a rough-hewn piece of sugar maple as the base, thinking of the generosity of First Nation people who taught the first European settlers how to survive and find nourishment in this land.

“The saw marks are readily seen and felt to cut across the age rings, internal scars, splits and cracks, and the rough scaly outer bark, reminding us of a journey played out and endured over time,” he said.

“The words on the parchment scroll, are part of our ongoing weekly liturgy, and we hope they will be our ongoing commitment to recognize, respect and dwell in peace with First Nations people.

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Back at the Well, women spend the morning designing their own beautiful hand-made greeting cards.

Women at The Well enjoy new views

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This fall has seen many activities for the women at The Well, one of the Diocese's five community ministries.

The Well, located in the basement of St. John the Evangelist Church on Elgin Street in Ottawa, provides women and women with children living with poverty and issues surrounding homelessness with a safe gathering place providing meals, services, and resources.

In September, we had an exciting day trip to the Thousand Islands where we took a boat cruise. Over 65 women went for the day. The boat trip went along the St. Lawrence and the ladies listened to the commentary explaining the history of the area and the sites along the shores. After our cruise, we ate lunch at the restaurant by the pier. A slight rainfall did not dampen our spirits as we enjoyed our fish and chips.

In October, we had two outings. The first outing was to the movies! Around 15 women went to the theatre using the new light rail transit system. This was the first time on the LRT for most people and being in a group, we

were able to break down some barriers and fears about taking the new train system. We went out for lunch to Subway and then walked to the movie theatre across the street. The ladies were able to choose which movie they wanted to go to with most choosing to see *Downton Abbey*, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The second event was a Fall Rhapsody outing to Gatineau park to see the changing leaves. The weather was overcast but it did not affect our enthusiasm. We drove through the park on a Thursday so it was not as crowded as the weekends. We stopped at the Mackenzie King Estate where we ate our bagged lunches on the porch of the estate house and then wandered around the grounds. Many of the women were able to walk to the ruins and through the forest and said that it would be great to spend the whole day exploring. After our time at the estate, we took the bus to Champlain

Lookout, where the sun made an appearance and brightened our view. We took photos of the Ottawa Valley and the women explored the area before heading back to the Well.

We are grateful to the Canadian Women Golfers Inc for their funding, which allows us to plan

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The women admired the spectacular fall colours on a trip through Gatineau Park.

activities that the women would normally never have an opportunity to experience. The women are thankful and really appreciate the chance to go on excursions like these.



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Centre 105 in Cornwall grows and searches for sustainability

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

“This whole thing started [when] about five people accepted my invitation to come and have coffee after they picked up a bag of groceries at Trinity Cornwall’s foodbank,” the Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly told the diocesan synod in October. “Three years later, three of those five people are still with me, but they have been joined by 60 others who come to have breakfast [three mornings a week] at what is now called Centre 105.”

Cazaly explained that this experiment to see if a drop-in day program similar to the diocese’s community ministries of Centre 454, the Well and St. Luke’s Table could work in Cornwall, Ont. has so far been “a phenomenal story of growth.”

Cornwall is a small largely deindustrialized city where many people are struggling to find work, get by on social assistance or minimum wage jobs, so the services Centre 105 provides have been welcomed both by the people who use them and by the city’s social service network.

Three mornings a week, Centre 105, now with two salaried workers and eight volunteers, provides hot, nourishing breakfasts for an average of 40 to 50 people, but Cazaly noted that one morning in October attendance “topped out at 75.” A legal aid lawyer comes in twice a month and a public health nurse also makes regular visits. “The staff is incredible at greeting people once and remembering their name the next time they come through the door,” Cazaly said.

All of that has resulted in something more than gathering people for breakfast. “We’ve created

a loving, supportive community that likes and looks forward to being together those three mornings a week,” Cazaly said.

He thanked the staff at Centre 454, where he served as chaplain for five years, for teaching him how a program like this could work. In Cornwall, Cazaly said, he has been invited into people’s lives in an even deeper way. “It’s about being invited to share their joys, their sorrows.... I have officiated at a few funerals, that’s the sad part of it, but I’ve also done a few baptisms as well. We’ve had babies born to couples who have come for breakfast in the morning, and we have walked with them through those difficult times of coping with the stresses and strains of their relationship and their family lives,” he recounted. “So dare I say, it



Lorraine Kouwenberg, pictured here at the diocesan synod in October, cooks hearty breakfasts at the Centre three days a week.

has become a community of faith as well as a community of service.”

Cazaly thanked Arcdeacon PJ Hobbs for helping to set up a governance model—a



Michele Fish with Peter Cazaly at a Drop In breakfast at Centre 105 in June 2019.

bishop’s advisory panel of eight “wonderfully supportive people, including one who is a member of the Mohawk community in Akwesasne,” which he hopes will later morph into a full-fledged management board. Growth brings challenges. “We have the challenge of simply outgrowing our physical space,” currently

in the back of Trinity Church Hall, said Cazaly. “We have reached a point where we have to change our space or move into a venue that is a little better for feeding all of these people as well.... We have worn out every appliance in Trinity church – two stoves, three fridges, two freezers and the dishwasher that cost us an arm and a leg,

but we had to do it anyway.” He thanked the congregation of Trinity Church Cornwall for their patience and generosity. “It is difficult to have something

like this walk into your building and start to share your facility.”

Although food costs are going up, he said he was “proud to say that we are feeding people breakfast for about 85 cents a plate.” Some of the cost savings are due to support from the wider community, including a group of women from the 7th Day Adventist Church who showed up, out of the blue about six months ago, said Cazaly. “Their church property has this humungous garden... and they walked in with bags of potatoes and all sorts of other produce.... And they said, ‘We’ve got everything you need, and we’ll keep you supplied.’ So, there are other faith groups who have ... become our very valued partners.” Cazaly thanked the diocesan council for “bravely [deciding] last fall that they would support this ministry for the next two years and guarantee me an annual budget of \$75,000 per year,” adding with a chuckle, “provided I raised a lot of that myself. It still was a risk.”

With two years to figure out how to make the program sustainable as a future community ministry, he said, “I continue to wake up at 2 a.m. wondering how we can keep this going.... Fundraise, fundraise,

fundraise,” is the mantra, he said. “We now have a donor base that is over 100, which is a good sign.”

Over the last two years, the centre has received grants from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, the diocesan innovation fund, the United Way. Cazaly thanked diocesan stewardship officer Jane Scanlon for often suggesting applying for particular grants and helping him through the process. “I can’t stress too much the importance of the Today 4 Tomorrow campaign. It has been incredible knowing that that kind of support is coming from the diocese,” he said.

Cazaly thanked Bishop John Chapman for sending him to Cornwall and giving “me a chance to try this out. An old guy in his 70s, imagine that.... And Archdeacon Peter John Hobbs who has had my back in every aspect.” His final thanks were to the Holy Spirit. “Sometimes we don’t realize to what extent the presence of God and Holy Spirit prod us to do things we never dreamed we would do and never thought we could do. Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.”

Task force recommends new model for refugee ministry

By Leigh Anne Williams

In the last year, the Diocese of Ottawa, working with constituent groups and co-sponsors, brought 242 refugees from countries all over the globe to Canada—the largest number of any sponsorship agreement holder in the country. “We should all be proud of what the Diocese has done, and we should give thanks to God that we have been able to give new lives to hundreds of the world’s most vulnerable people,” Don Smith, who, with Joyce Couvrette, has run the diocesan refugee ministry office. Writing in the ministry’s report to Synod, he added, “If only we could do more,” ruefully alluding to one of the most difficult aspects of the work.

The Rev. Mark Whittall, who served as chair of a refugee ministry development task force that has recommended a new model for operating the ministry, began his presentation to the diocesan Synod in October with a photo of a young Syrian family who recently arrived in Canada, happy and grateful to be reunited after years of separation. But he explained that aside from the stress of heavy workloads and deadlines, one of the most difficult stresses for those who work in the refugee ministry is the fact that “for every good news story that I tell you, there’s another story of heartbreak where someone wasn’t able to come for whatever reasons and is facing difficult situations.”

The refugee ministry is one of the biggest ministries in the Diocese, Whittall said. There are more than 500 volunteers actively involved in

resettling refugees, and the ministry has a scope of more than \$2 million annually. Currently, there are 16 parishes actively involved in the refugee ministry. He

explained that the ministry expands out into the community, working with 12 community groups and eight registered charities. It is an ecumenical and inter-faith ministry working with other churches and partners such as Jewish Family Services and the Ottawa Muslim Women’s Organization.

And there’s more, said Whittall. “We also in our parishes and communities support government-assisted refugees, asylum-seekers, and others in addition to those who we are actually responsible for sponsoring and resettling.” In his own parish of St. Albans and St. Bernard, for example, said



Joyce Couvrette and Don Smith have been at the helm of the diocesan refugee office working with volunteers to help hundreds of refugees come to Canada and resettle.

Whittall, there are seven refugee families who are

part of the community and who the parish is assisting in a variety of ways.

“None of this would be possible without our refugee ministry office,” he said. “They are the

ones who do the work to get people here. And sometimes it’s back office, out of sight, unheralded work in many ways.” He thanked the staff and the volunteers. “We

couldn’t do this without them,” he said, mentioning Don Smith, Joyce Couvrette, the Rev. Carol Hotte, Jane Logan, Barry Smith, and John McBride, by name.

Whittall said the ministry has been on “quite a ride” in the past five or six years since the global refugee crisis really exploded with the crisis in Syria and other parts of the world. “Our refugee ministry has grown tremendously... We just did what we had to do make it happen, and that’s a credit to those involved.” But, he said, there are challenges ahead.

Both Smith, who has worked as a “super, more-than-full-time volunteer” for years is retiring in 2020, and Couvrette will follow soon after that.

“Another challenge is that we funded this more or less on an ad hoc basis, we’ve gotten some grants here, some one-time stuff there, currently we are funding refugee ministry out of the episcopal budget, but we need to make that

funding transparent and we need to make it stable.”

There are also issues around workload and stress. “This is difficult work. Work comes in in batches, it is hard to get it done in time, there are deadlines,” he said, and there is an emotional weight to bear in trying to help people in desperate situations and not being able to help everyone.

“We also need to shore up the direction and the oversight of this work, so that the people who are doing it feel like they are supported and so that decisions can be made, which are not made in the heat of the moment when you’ve got a stack of applications on your desk,”



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The Rev. Arran Thorpe with members of a family who were sponsored by Trinity Anglican Church in Ottawa.

Whittall said.

After interviewing the people working in the refugee ministry, the task force made the following recommendations:

Hire two full-time staff members to manage the selection process, applications, ensure compliance with immigration and government requirements, and provide advice and support to constituent groups.

The director of mission, Archdeacon PJ Hobbs, will, on a part-time basis, provide direction for the staff

Establish a volunteer refugee ministry board, which will be an operational board, on which the members will not only provide oversight, but be hands on and take on functions such as policy and decision-making, advocacy, networking, outreach, oversight, fundraising,

risk-management, communications, and volunteer management.

This board should report to the Community Ministries Committee.

“This all will cost money,”

Whittall acknowledged, but he explained that the financial impact had already been taken into account in the balanced three-year budget that the Synod approved on Oct. 25. The total expense for the first year is expected to be \$150,000, and the next a little bit more because of some overlap of staff for training purposes. Funding will come from a combination of the collection of some application fees, the diocesan Today 4 Tomorrow fundraising campaign, additional grants, donations and fundraising, and income from some diocesan trust funds.



Deadline for application submissions to the Anglican Foundation of Canada is April 1. Application forms and information about applying may be found at www.anglicanfoundation.org

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Artistic rendering of the CCBC affordable housing project. CONTRIBUTED

Otley explained that 10 units will be reserved for women and children who would be transitioning from a shelter; other units will be below market rate and available to people who are on the Ottawa housing list. She noted that that housing list has more than 10,000 families on it, and it can take more than eight years for people to find housing. The remainder of the units will be offered at average market rates (which are still less than the going rate) and they will be available for people from the community to apply to rent.

“Going to annual Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness meetings,

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The Venerable Kathryn Otley, CCBC Incumbent says partnerships are essential and welcomes funding from the city of Ottawa.

we learned that, in the case of affordable housing, it is much better to have a mix of the type units made available. This creates a healthy atmosphere and facilitates everyone’s integration into the wider community.”

Otley added, “You might think: ‘35 units, it’s a drop in the bucket. But it makes a difference to those 35 families or people. And that is how we will make a difference, one step at a time, one unit at a time, and that’s our commitment’”.

The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario has resources to learn about homelessness on its website: <https://www.province-ontario.ca/homelessness>.

The resources include liturgy, hymnody, prayers, an adult Bible study, a youth study, a youth-wide game, resources for Church School, all to educate people about homelessness, about the issues and what they can do.



CCBC’s rectory (above) will be replaced by the project.

SYNOD 2019

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Resolving to use Holy Manners

By Leigh Anne Williams

Even within the Church, it isn’t always easy to love or communicate well with one’s neighbour or fellow committee member. One of the workshops at the diocesan synod in October offered some helpful advice on how to handle difficult conversations.

The Rev. Eric Morin observed that he and the Rev. Lynn Dillabough and the Rev. Linda Hill (pictured above) had packed information and advice into a brief presentation that, examined in more depth, could have expanded into a two-day workshop. In the first part of the presentation, however, Morin suggested that taking a list of Holy Manners to heart or to parish council and committee meetings. Perhaps even agreeing with fellow members to follow these guidelines could help avoid conflicts and difficult conversations. Here is the list, just in case it provides useful material for New Year’s resolutions:

1. Keep God at the centre of everything we do
2. Speak for oneself, use only “I” statements
3. Speak with a purpose
4. Allow for full and equitable participation
5. Listen carefully without interruption
6. Welcome the conflict of ideas
7. Take a future orientation
8. Demonstrate appreciation
9. Honour the decisions of the body
10. Commit to hold one another to account when we do not keep our Holy Manners
11. Be mindful of our body language
12. Check in about the good use of time
13. Encourage quiet people to speak, with an invitation

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Synod 2019 served as a meeting place for some of the group who travelled with Catherine Chapman to Jerusalem in 2016. Pictured above are Heidi Fawcett (also in charge of Synod logistics!), Filicia Kwamena, Hilary Rathwell, Patricia Bays, Catherine Chapman, Jane Waterston, Lori Marsh, Susan Lomas, Sue Garvey and Monica Patten.

Beyond bake sales: South Dundas shakes things up!

By Leigh Anne Williams

The Rev. Jon Martin, rector of St. James Anglican Church in South Dundas, offered diocesan synod members who attended a workshop called “Beyond Bake Sales” an inspiring account of how his parish revived its approach to fundraising and reconnected with its community.

Martin began by recounting his eager return to the parish where he grew up and his dismay discovering that the healthy church community of his memory was facing dwindling attendance and financial difficulties. When the parish council discussed fundraising, it became apparent that many volunteers, who had been stalwarts since the 1990s, were tired. “And 20 years of hard work while you watch the number of participants

explained, “is if you want more people to buy into what you are offering, then the best place to start is talking to the people who have not bought into it yet.”

In this case, the parish took the brave step of sending out invitations across South Dundas to a church lunch. They invited anyone who had never come to or left the church, anyone who was passionate about community development in the area. If they couldn't come to the lunch, they were offered interviews or an email with four questions:

When you think of our Anglican church, if you think of us at all, what comes to mind?

What do you think the biggest issues and challenges are within our local community?

What could we be doing to help you work toward solving these problems?

What do we need to do differently to have a positive impact on the lives of people within our community?

“I was a little worried when I sent this out that nobody would show up and no one would respond,” confessed Martin. He was wrong.

“It turns out a lot of people in

South Dundas were thinking about our church. And they remembered a time when our church was the place to go. There were programs based around the everyday needs of local families, the people were open and welcoming to new people with new ideas,” Martin said. “But they said somewhere along the line, something changed. The parish seemed more insular, and new people with new ideas were expected to ... ‘do things the way we’ve



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always done it around here.’ And as community needs changed over the generations in the wider community, the church did not make those changes alongside of the community...” Some also pointed out that traditional fundraisers such as yard sales, bazaars, and ham suppers, “were not something that all generations and demographics might be excited about.”

Their answers to the question about challenges and needs in the community centred on isolation and boredom and the high cost of living. “We don’t have large places. We don’t need to go somewhere to buy a thing, What we want is to be able to experience something new. We want to do something, not own something.”

Their comments also showed that there was a lot of need around outreach. There were more people in the community living around or below the poverty line, and many were genuinely concerned that refugees got the support that they needed, Martin reported.

“So we gathered up all this feedback, and as you can imagine, some of it was difficult to hear,” he said. “Being told that your community seems closed off to people who are different and your programs are kind of boring is not inspiring on a Sunday morning, and yet there was some truth to it.

...It doesn’t mean it was true for everybody, but it means for the people who took the time to respond, it was true

to them, and if we wanted to attract different people, we needed to pay attention.”

They decided to experiment with new ideas for a year.

The first idea they came up with was The Tilted Steeple Coffee House. “It was to be a once a month event where talented folk musicians would descend on St. James, and for a very low entry fee, people would come for homemade desserts, coffee, tea, and some excellent music,” Martin explained. “The point of the event was to provide one night a month where singles or lonely people could have a night out on an affordable budget and all of those proceeds would go to some form of community outreach.”

The second idea also combined community outreach and entertaining experiences. The now annual Taste of the Seaway is a ticketed three-hour garden party, held either on the front lawn of the church or at a local winery. “We have two local breweries, a winery, a distillery, and over 10 local restaurants that bring the best that they have to offer, and as well, all of the music is donated by local bands.” There is a silent auction with local art, and this year, even a haircut competition between local barbers and hairstylists. All of the proceeds go to helping low-income families and children in the community and to sheltering women escaping abuse, Martin says.

Traditional fundraisers yielded \$800 to \$1,200 per

Isabelle Delage of Plain Folk performs at the Tilted Steeple Coffee House at St. James, South Dundas. Proceeds from the monthly event support the local food bank, refugees, and youth initiatives.

event. In the first year, the Taste of the Seaway brought in about \$10,000. The Tilted Steeple raises approximately \$13,000 a year, which goes to supporting refugees, youth initiatives and the local food bank. And Martin said, because these events were done with other people in the community, they turned out to be far less work for church members. Even the bake sale ladies said it was nice to enjoy an event without working the whole time.

“The biggest win for us was the deep relationships we were able to build with the wider community,” he said. “If you’re wondering if this wonderful experience filled our pews...it did not. We’ve had a few new people...probably 10 in the last 18 months. However, we are now the place where non-churchy people call about weddings, baptisms, funerals.... We’re starting to be invited into their lives. Sometimes relationships build slowly, so it’s important to go at their speed,” Martin said.

“If we can actually love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves, maybe, just maybe we can find a new and sustainable way forward.”



The parish’s Taste of the Seaway garden party is held on the its front lawn or in a local winery and brought in \$10,000 in its first year.

and the level of income generated by your events go down is enough to make anyone exhausted,” he acknowledged.

They decided to follow some advice from MIT economist and leadership expert, Otto Scharmer, who suggests that all successful organizations need to do something he calls “leading from their blind spots.” That means finding out and focusing on what they are not doing well. “The point of his advice,” Martin

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Introducing the 2019-2020 youth interns and the rest of the YIP team



Donna Rourke is Youth Internship Program (YIP) Coordinator.

ALEXANDER is a Grade 12 student at Frederick Banting Alternative High School and worships at St Paul's Kanata. Alexander hopes to be an Anglican priest one day. He is currently taking the 10-week basic course in pastoral care with the Ottawa Pastoral

Care Training Team and plans to be placed in either a hospital or long-term care facility for the balance of his placements.

CALUM is a grade 11 student at Earl of March Secondary School in Kanata. He has been playing in concert and jazz bands in and out of school for four years. When he is not playing his trombone he is playing his guitar (electric or acoustic), jamming with friends — or Father John, or singing in his church's new Young Adults Ensemble, where he will be completing his internship.

DANIEL is a Grade 12 student currently attending Paul-Desmarais Catholic French High School. He took a grade 11 law class last year which fueled his interest in pursuing a career with the police. Daniel applied to the Youth in Policing Cadet



Interns Maritsa (above), Lauren and Sarah brought some fun to Synod, describing their retreat experience kicking off the year.

Program with the Ottawa Police Services for his YIP placement and was accepted. He will be taking a Grade 12 law class next semester to further his knowledge of law and policing. Daniel attends Epiphany Anglican Church and has done various activities with his church; he is one of the Crucifers and attended CLAY in 2016 in PEI and hopes to attend CLAY 2020.

LAUREN is a grade 12 student at Merivale High School, where she is currently part of the specialist high skills major, (SHSM), an art program with photography being her focus. Lauren's passion for photography began when she was 14 with a photography project in Grade 8. As an aspiring photographer she is constantly taking pictures, which is why she decided to join Merivale's yearbook committee. This summer, Lauren completed her co-op at Lee Valley in their marketing and communications department. This gave her great insight of studio work, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She will be returning to Lee Valley to do her internship.

LIN is a first year student at the University of Ottawa, studying biomedical sciences. She loves musical theatre and dance. Her placement is at St. John's Anglican Church, where she also attends.

MARITSA is a Grade 12 student at Bell High School, where she is currently doing

her second year of grade 12. Maritsa was originally born in Aleppo, Syria, and her family origins are from Armenia. She and her family moved to Canada in December 2016. Maritsa is fluent in Arabic, Armenian and English. Maritsa is a person who is interested in humanity. She has a career goal of working in a field where she can help people and is hoping to graduate with a degree in Science or Humanities. In April, Maritsa was introduced to YIP (Youth Internship Program) and in September she began her internship and started her work placement at Capital City Mission, a drop-in centre, where she enjoys meeting new people and talking to them, her favourite part of the job.

MATTHEW is a grade 11 student at Holy Trinity. He attends St. Paul's church every Sunday to worship. He enjoys bowling, swimming, curling, and table tennis in his free time. Last summer, Matthew worked as a camp counselor and planned many of the activities used in the camp. Matthew is looking forward to new experiences as a YIP intern. Matthew's work placement is as the YIP Alumni event planner.

SARAH is the YIP intern for All My Relations, and attends St. Mary's Church, Navan. She is in her first year at the University of Ottawa, studying communications and sociology. In her free time she enjoys going to the barn to spend time with her horse.

Sarah looks forward to using what she learns in school and YIP to help others.

THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM this year is being led by the Reverend Geoff Chapman with the Rev. Julian Campbell and Donna Rourke assisting.

MENTORS for this year include: Martha Costello, David Jurkowski, Dan Elmore, Breanna Pizzuto, Steve Heiter, William Parker, Robyn Sulkko, and the Reverends Stephen Silverthorne and Ryan Boivin.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE includes: Bob Albert, The Reverends Alana McCord and Jonathan Askwith, Judith Young, Ron Chaplin, Sarah Simpkin and Donna Rourke

We are grateful to the parish of Julian of Norwich for allowing us to use their space for faith formation and leadership sessions.

This is going to be an amazing year for YIP! Watch for pictures and updates in upcoming editions of *Crosstalk*.

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STEWARDSHIP

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By Jane Scanlon

St James in Carleton Place has a positive vibe that I noticed as soon as I walked through the door early on a Monday morning in late November to meet with Cathy Pretty and Peter Hicks, the co-leaders of the congregation's Giving Our Thanks & Praise (GTP) program. The positive vibe began with a plaque on the wall, near the entrance, expressing gratitude and celebrating all of the contributions made during the GIFT campaign that enabled the creation of a beautiful new parish hall. It radiated from the warm welcome that Cathy, the church administrator, gave me and continued to be evident among the lively group of people I encountered as they flowed into the church to participate in an activity.

St James Carleton Place is one of three congregations in the Area Parish of Mississippi Lake along with St James Franktown and St John's Innisville. The Carleton Place and Franktown congregations are moving ahead with GTP after participating in one of three workshops offered throughout the Diocese and facilitated by Susan Graham Walker. Peter, who attended the workshop held at St James Carleton Place along with Archdeacon Brian Kauk, said he was very impressed with Susan's depth of knowledge, which included many great ideas that could be implemented in a parish. He also appreciated the concept that "stewardship" is a conversion of the heart towards mirroring God's

Area Parish encourages generosity

generosity with our gratitude and generosity.

When Brian asked Peter to be a co-leader for GTP in the parish, he felt called to say yes. Although she didn't attend the workshop, Cathy demonstrated a gift for "asking" when she reached out to people to donate apples for an apple pie fundraiser, which was a big success. Recognizing this talent, Brian also approached her to be a co-leader, and she and Peter now head up a team of eight people from both congregations.

St James Carleton Place is not new to stewardship. Every year there was an annual campaign during Advent with varying degrees of success. It consisted of a letter from the Rector with reminders to make an annual commitment. Two years ago, the Goodness & Light Appeal was introduced, and it included a package with written testimonials that were read out during services. This year, Giving Our Thanks & Praise was launched in the two congregations. The Carleton Place congregation chose to do the five-week program and Franktown chose the three-week program. The parish appreciated the program's built-in ability to adapt to large or small congregations.

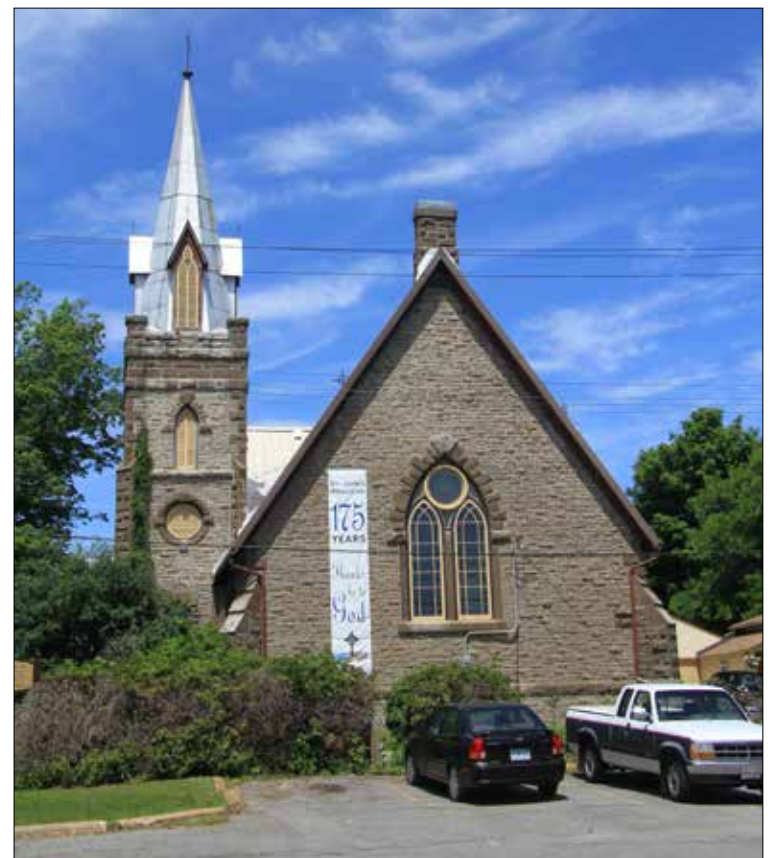
Communications are key to GTP, and Cathy brought her expertise to this through her network of contacts, up-to-date mailing list, and writing and design skills. There was a strong emphasis on personal testimonials during Sunday services leading up to the GTP Launch Sunday. These were powerful reflections of each individual's journey of faith, gratitude and giving—spoken from the heart. For example, Holly Parkinson said, "I give because, after suffering a terrible loss and

also being a newcomer to Carleton Place, St James parishioners embraced me with love, encouraged me to join welcoming groups and activities, and introduced me to new people." Peter said it became evident to him that, "more than anything else, people give to the church because of how it has touched their lives and their deeply-felt faith, and that they give generously of themselves – including their time and their talents."

On Launch Sunday a package was handed out including a letter, brochure and an intention card. Prior to and during the launch, Giving Our Thanks & Praise was endorsed by the parish's two priests—Archdeacon Brian Kauk and the Rev. Rosemary Parker. The response was positive with the majority of the intention cards (80%) indicating increased donations and pledges. Cathy follows up with thank you letters sent out as soon as the intentions are received. The letters are signed by the co-chairs with personal hand-written thank you notes from each of the priests.

Peter also observed that co-leading the Giving Our Thanks and Praise team with Cathy, helped him to conquer his fear of asking for support. He said he was grateful to see so many faithful people respond with their gifts. Referring back to her experience with asking for apples for the apple pie fundraiser, and the response she received, Cathy affirmed that "people are willing to give and, if you ask specifically, they are more than generous with their time, talent and treasure."

Giving Our Thanks & Praise has certainly contributed to the positive vibe at this parish!



St. James Carleton Place, Area Parish of Mississippi Lake

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Bales for the North can start with January sales

Now that we have enjoyed another Christmas, with family and friends, January is the month to invite your congregation to keep their eyes open for bargains that could benefit our friends in the North.

New items only, please and all clothing, material and yarn should be wash and wear.

Consider breaking the list down into 4 or 5 segments, and using the following paragraphs as bulletin inserts, perhaps once a month.

BALES FOR THE NORTH needs household items: sheets (cotton or flannelette), blankets, pillowcases, towels, face cloths, dish cloths and towels.

BALES FOR THE NORTH needs clothing: jeans (all sizes, large especially men's), underwear (especially adult sizes men and women), sweaters, flannelette nightgowns, work socks, gloves, and mitts (thermo or ski).

BALES FOR THE NORTH needs baby clothes: layettes, sweaters, bonnets, nighties, vests, jumpsuits, receiving blankets, diapers, sleepers, warm outer clothing, bedding and **SMALL** unbreakable supplies.

BALES FOR THE NORTH needs knitted articles: children and adults—sweaters, mitts, socks, gloves, scarves, baby wool for knitting

BALES FOR THE NORTH needs sundries: material 3-4 yards, flannelette, cotton, corduroy or fleece; safety pins, sewing items & thimbles.

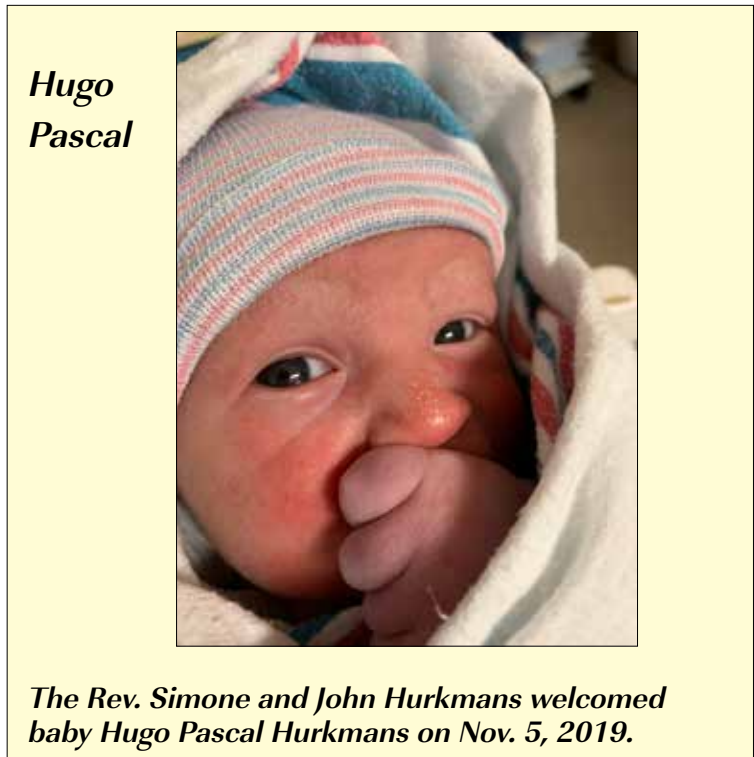
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"Jesus - the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease..." Detail from a window at St. Stephen's, Micksburg.

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Hugo Pascal

The Rev. Simone and John Hurkmans welcomed baby Hugo Pascal Hurkmans on Nov. 5, 2019.

REFLECTIONS

I have called you by name

By the Rev. Canon Stewart Murray

One of the most humbling events in life is when one has the privilege of naming a child. I still remember the long conversations my wife and I had when we were awaiting the birth of our second child. We developed lists of boys and girls names and discussed whether we should choose names from among numerous family names, thus reflecting family tradition, or do we choose something new and different. (I still think Hezekiah would have been a great choice!) We tossed around many names and even when we settled on what we thought was best, we had to wait to see the little one to see if the name matched.

Our names are very much a part of who we are; it is bound up with our very sense of self and our identity. Have you ever, perhaps as a teen, looked into the mirror and 'tried' on a different name? But no matter what we tried it did not feel right. People do change their name, often in times of personal renewal, in an attempt to become a different person and begin a new life.

When I was younger, as a sign of respect, one would never address an older person by their first name; when permission was given to do so it was something very special. Being on a first name basis with someone signified a relationship that was more than a passing acquaintance.



Canon Stewart Murray is Incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa

I think that it is very hard for families of people with Alzheimer's and dementia when the loved one forgets their names because it is one more sign of loss, the loss of that special relationship.

Our culture is becoming increasingly impersonal. We have usernames and numbers as personal identifiers, and we can at times seem invisible to the people we pass on the street or even to those who live next door. As a result, we can develop a sense that we do not matter or that we are just another faceless person in the crowd. It is at this point we need to remember that God knows our names, and that in His eyes we are precious beyond measure. I always remember the wonderful passage from Isaiah 49:16 "Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of my hands..." and Christ's own words in Matthew 10:29 "And even the very hairs of your head are

all numbered." Such powerful words are the remedy for the impersonal attitude of our culture.

In our parish communities, we strive to see everyone as a gift that God has brought into our midst and we strive to know each person by name.

The power of a name is highlighted for us on Jan. 1 when the church celebrates the Naming of Jesus. At this time, we remember the fulfillment of the promises of the Annunciation when the Angel 'announced' to the Blessed Virgin " ...thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." Luke 1:31 The name Jesus is the Greek translation of the Hebrew Yeshua which can be translated as 'God saves/delivers.' Saying the name of Jesus brings the presence of Jesus into our minds and hearts. The name of Jesus speaks of God entering into our time and opening to all the way of eternal life. The name of Jesus speaks of the love, hope and promises that are the heart of the Gospel. In the words of Hymn 377 verse 2...

*Jesus - the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease...*

Let us use the name of Jesus with love and as a way of entering into a deeper understanding of the love and mercy of God.



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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

Words in Hull

If Hull, now Gatineau, was not home to the earliest church built within the Diocese, it did claim to be the cradle of Anglicanism within the boundaries of the National Capital Region. In 1820, settlers at Hull sent a letter to Lord Dalhousie expressing their need for a church and a resident clergyman. It was an impressive request, coming as it did from a group of people who twenty years earlier had set out for the Canadian frontier from the cradle of Nonconformity in Massachusetts—a state where Congregationalism's days as the state church were numbered.

Great things sometimes are given to those who ask for much. The settlers received a grant of £500 that they had to match before a resident clergyman could be appointed. In 1822, the Rev. Charles James Stewart, a travelling missionary for the Diocese of Quebec, visited Hull and held Divine service in the schoolhouse at Columbia Falls Village. In 1823, Hull received its

West Quebec Deanery

Saint James, Hull

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first clergyman when the Rev. Amos Ansley, a missionary sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) was appointed. In 1823, the building of the first Saint James's Church began. It was completed in 1824 and consecrated by Stewart, now Bishop of Quebec, on 17 August 1830. With Bytown springing up across the Ottawa River as a canal construction camp in 1826, Ansley's Mission of Hull & Bytown included groups worshipping at Bristol, Buckingham, Clarence, Clarendon, Cumberland, Eardley, Fitzroy, Gloucester, Goulbourn, Hull, Huntley, Lanark, Litchfield, Lochaber, McNab, March, Nepean,



Onslow and Templeton. Should we be surprised that the clergyman wore himself out?

In 1865, Saint James's burned down, and on 25 October 1866 the cornerstone for a second church was laid with full Masonic honours at the corner of Church and Main streets. Thirty-five years later history repeated itself, and it too burned down in the great Hull-Ottawa fire of 26 April 1900. Anglican services were held in a tent on the old Wright homestead and then in a wooden structure, known as "the Tabernacle in the Wilderness" until February 1901.

The foundation for the third Saint James's Church was laid in August 1900 and the church opened on 21 April 1901, in time for Easter service.

Which, it so happens, is the service for which we see the church decorated in this photograph taken not so many years later.

There was a visual richness to the new house of worship. What made the third Saint James's Church stand out from its predecessors were the words both seen and unseen in its design: including "Holy, Holy, Holy" above the liturgical East window, "O Come Let Us Worship and Fall Down and Kneel Before the Lord Our Maker" above the Sanctuary arch above the altar rail, and "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me, Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord" above the chancel arch. The new house of worship was designed to give room for a parish hall and Sunday School in the basement below - hence the allusion to unseen words.

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PRAYER MATTERS

Praying for the election of a new bishop

By Paul Dumbrille

Our Bishop, John Chapman, will be retiring in March, and the Ottawa Diocese is in the process of discernment in the selection of a person to become our new bishop. The details of the process itself will be published elsewhere, but it will reflect the true will of God only if it is accompanied by prayer at all stages of the process. Prayers for all involved are called for both in our personal prayer and when we gather. In our prayers we would wish to remember the key elements of the ministry of a bishop in our church, namely:

- The Bishop is to proclaim, interpret and witness to the Good News of God in Christ.
- The Bishop is called to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church.
- The Bishop is called to

celebrate and provide for the administration of the Sacraments of the New Covenant.

- The Bishop is called to ordain priests and deacons, and join with other Bishops in the ordination and consecration of Bishops.
- The Bishop is called to be in all things a faithful pastor and a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.
- The Bishop is called to share with fellow bishops in the leadership of the Church throughout the world.

As the contact for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) in our diocese, I am hoping that, between now and the election in mid-March, every parish and congregation will include suitable prayers in their weekly liturgies. As support to encourage these prayers, I plan to publish a weekly prayer that could be used by parishes and congrega-



Paul Dumbrille is the diocesan Anglican Fellowship of Prayer representative.

tions in the Intercessions and Prayers of the People. I will distribute these prayers via the diocesan email list and the e-newsletter. I can also send these prayers to individuals if they wish, by contacting me at afp@ottawa.anglican.ca.

In praying for discernment in this process, I think we need to pray that God's guidance and presence will inspire all persons involved in the various stages of the process.

- In the early stages of our discernment time, we would want to pray particularly that those who would consider nominating a person to stand for this important ministry will be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- We would also want to pray that any persons who would be nominated, and are considering offering themselves, have discerned whether they are truly called by God to this ministry.
- As the Electoral Synod nears, we would pray for discernment by the delegates to the Synod and that they listen to God's voice as they learn about and consider the candidates that come forward.
- During the Synod itself, we would want to pray that

the Holy Spirit guides those casting ballots in the election. I am hoping to help coordinate an on-site prayer vigil during the Synod, and I encourage others to either join me in that endeavour, or participate in prayer vigils elsewhere. In any case, personal prayers on that day are encouraged.

- I also encourage all of us to pray for strength and wisdom by those who are involved in the organization and management of the nomination process and the actual election.

In conclusion, I offer the following prayer.

God of Wisdom, in every generation you raise up leaders for the followers of Jesus. We have been blessed in the Diocese of Ottawa with faithful and loving leaders in our community. As we seek to discern your will, help us to remain open to your Spirit's guidance, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

CALENDAR

Dec. 31

Community Labyrinth Walk

7 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St)
An introduction to the theme of the day is offered along with a general “how to” walk a labyrinth. Participants all comes for their own reasons and yet there is a time of communion and fellowship as we share sacred space together. Admission by donation.

Jan. 1

Choral Eucharist and New Year’s Levee

12 noon at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St.) Archbishop Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, will preach. New Year’s Levee to follow from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan. 3

Labyrinth Walk

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Luke’s, Ottawa (760 Somerset St. W.)
Last walker entering into labyrinth is at 8:15 p.m. Refreshments 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Suggested donation \$10-20 or best you can offer appreciated.
smkehoe@rogers.com
(613) 235-3416

Jan. 5

Jazz Vespers

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at All Saints Westboro with St. Matthias (347 Richmond Rd., Ottawa)
Join us and experience the transformative power of jazz in a sacred space. This month’s musicians: Peter Brown (piano) and Chris Breitner (bass)
(613) 725-9487

Jan. 7

Days in the Wildwood

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. John the Evangelist, Lancaster (20788 South Service Rd. South Lancaster)
A day of fellowship, study, worship and meditation in our scenic setting. This monthly event is free and open to anyone looking for a casual retreat experience. Whether you drop in for a few minutes or stay for the day, everyone is welcome! The Rev. Patrick Stephens thereverendpatrickstephens@gmail.com
(613) 933-3991 ex 22



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Jan. 12

St. Luke’s Recital Series: Jen McLachlen (flute) with Ruby Jin (piano)

7:30 p.m. at 760 Somerset St. W.
An evening of 20th and 21st century music for flute and piano, including works by Henri Dutilleux, Jonathan Harvey, and André Jolivet
Admission by donation.
music@stlukesottawa.ca
(613) 235-3416

Taste and See Eucharist

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at All Saints’ Westboro with St. Matthias, (347 Richmond Rd., Ottawa)
What makes Taste and See different? Real bread and real wine, silence, singing, movement, and a contemplative emphasis. All of us gathered around the table to make the Eucharist happen. All are welcome.
office@allsaintswestboro.com
(613) 725-9487

Jan. 16

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark’s, Ottawa (1606 Fisher Ave.)
Our weekly gathering for seniors resumes and features a visit from Lionel Doonan, a dance instructor and competitor, who specializes in aging with movement to music. (613) 224-7431

Jan. 23

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark’s, Ottawa (1606 Fisher Ave.)
This week’s special guest is Lionel Doonan, a dance instructor and competitor, who specializes in aging with movement to music.
(613) 224-7431

Jan. 24

The Healing Art of Self-Care

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St., Ottawa)
This retreat will be centred around a more contemplative labyrinth experience. It will offer time to explore healing themes and structured exercises which can be quite transformative! Participants pre-register and pay a fee (\$30-40) to help cover basic costs. To register, info@ottawacathedral.ca

Jan. 25

Robbie Burns Supper

6 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St., Ottawa)
Join us for our annual celebration of everything Burns! Silent auction. Entertainment. Cash bar. Sponsored by the Cathedral Women’s Group and the Cathedral Girls’ Choir. Tickets (\$50) available from the Cathedral reception desk or by calling 613-236-9149.

Jan. 26

Journeying as Allies Reading Group: The Break by Katherena Vermette

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Julian of Norwich (7 Rossland Ave. at Merivale Rd.)
Come discuss this award-winning debut novel set in Winnipeg.
Rhondda MacKay at rhonddam50@gmail.com

St. Luke’s Recital Series: Warren Nicholson (classical guitar)

7:30 p.m. at 760 Somerset St. W., Ottawa
My Heart’s in the Highlands: an evening of Scottish songs and music in celebration of Robert Burns. Admission by donation. music@stlukesottawa.ca
(613) 235-3416



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Jan. 30

Coffee, Company and Conversation

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark’s, Ottawa (1606 Fisher Ave.)
Come enjoy playing some cards and board games at our weekly gathering for seniors!
(613) 224-7431

Feb. 1

Kelly Lee Evans in Concert

3 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St., Ottawa)
Cathedral Arts is proud to welcome back JUNO Award-winning vocalist Kelly Lee Evans for its annual Black History Month concert. Tickets available at www.cathedralarts.ca, at the Cathedral reception desk, or by calling 613-236-9149 ext 15.

Feb. 9

St. Luke’s Recital Series: Coro Capriccio (chamber choir)

7:30 p.m. at 760 Somerset St. W., Ottawa
Admission by donation. music@stlukesottawa.ca
(613) 235-3416

Feb. 23

St. Luke’s Recital Series: Opus Three (flute trio: Cathy Baerg, Diana Lam, Loyda Lastra)

7:30 p.m. at 760 Somerset St. W., Ottawa
Opus 3 will perform a selection of their favourite compositions for flute trio. Admission by donation. music@stlukesottawa.ca
(613) 235-3416

Editor’s Note:

Correction
The date for Ascension Jazz and Chamber Series’ “Have Yourself a Jazzy Little Christmas: John Dapaah and Friends” was incorrect on *Crosstalk’s* December calendar.
The correct date is

Dec. 21.

Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Dr., Ottawa.
Dapaah.eventbrite.ca