



Bears offer hope for kids

SUBMITTED BY REV. CANON DR. JUDY ROIS
 Executive Director, Anglican Foundation of Canada

New to the Anglican Foundation of Canada in 2011 was the Foundation of Hope Bear. For a \$20 donation to the Foundation, you can have your own Hope Bear as a reminder that the Anglican Church cares about kids in Canada. All donations will be placed in Trust Fund called, Kids Helping Kids - a fund that is currently being established to help kids in need right here in Canada. One in seven children in Canada live in poverty and hundreds will never have the chance to thrive or contribute due to poverty and social deprivation.

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The Foundation uses Canada Helps at www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s30264

Photo right: Judy Rois with the Bears for Hope in their knitted sweaters.

Photo inset: the Thank You note attached with each Hope Bear.



Knitting in her nineties



Photo: Kathleen (Kaye) Cox with some of her knitting.

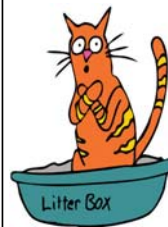
BY RACHEL RYAN

Kathleen (Kaye) Cox, 90 years young, of Deep Brook, N.S., is a very busy knitter. She knits for the Mission to Seafarers boxes, Christmas Daddies, pneumonia vests for Canadian Food for Children, and for the craft table at church sales. Kaye has been an active member of the Parish of Clements and only recently retired as secretary of the ACW. Kaye has also been a member in the Neighbourly Club, the Red Hatters and the local Garden Club. Her knitting needles are always busy, and she has friends and members on the hunt for yarn. She is a very valued member of the ACW.

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COLUMNIST

Rest in peace and rise in glory

WE SAID FAREWELL to an old member of the community and the parish last week. Miss Eudora Victoria Jennings left us to 'go on to glory'. Dory, as a very few friends called her, or Miss Jennings as the majority were wont to address her, was a very old lady. She had been a part of our community for 94 years.

Her father was the well-known lawyer Edward Victor Jennings with his office in the large house that had been built just before the beginning of the First World War. If The Bog had a mansion it would be the Jennings home. It was built when families of means had servants and the children of such families were sent away to school at a young age. Eudora, an only child, went to Edgehill and later to King's College in Halifax. She wanted to study law like her father and grandfather before her. However women in that profession were almost unheard of so she obtained a degree in History and English looking to teach. Then she returned to The Bog and never practiced her profession!

Eudora was born just as the First World War was ending and graduated the spring before the Second World War started. She returned to her parent's home following her graduation and spent the rest of her very long life there.

Some say she was in love with a young man who was killed overseas during the war, other stories went around the community about a jilted bride left at the altar but my mother



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

maintained that if Dory was to be married, it would have been at St Bart's and there was never any talk of such a wedding. My mother had been one of a few close childhood friends that Eudora had, one of the very few who had the privilege of calling her Dory

Over the years Miss Jennings became part of the folklore of The Bog. She lived in the big house, first with both parents, then with her mother and after her mother's death she continued to live there. She had a very old, very large Lincoln Town Car that she drove throughout the community. She never drove over 25 miles per hour and never, ever took the car past the rural roads and onto the highway. If a trip further afield was needed she had a neighbour drive her ... not in her car but in their own. She sat in the back seat with her eyes tight shut and clung onto

the strap by the window. Any trip to Halifax ended with a stop at the "Chickenburger" in Bedford for a snack. My Orin took his turn driving her to special appointments and said it was, to use his words, "a treat". Orin has a way with sarcasm!

Miss Jennings was a faithful worshiper at St. Bart's. She sat in the family pew, three back from the front on the Gospel side; the pew with the special needlepoint cushion on the kneeler, and she used that kneeler, never slipping back to rest her bottom on the edge of the pew. There were not many Sundays that she was absent. She lived through the introduction of the new prayer book and several new hymns, always saying she hated change but never letting that keep her away from church. She changed her habit of prayer with the new changes, standing where she had knelt before and using the unfamiliar words with her strong responsive voice. She welcomed every new rector with Tea at her home two weeks following his/her first service. She wore a hat and gloves whenever she went outside the house and was one of the last to insist that hats were meant to be worn in church by any respectable lady!

Miss Jennings died in her sleep, in her own bed, in her beloved home, just as she would have hoped for. She left a will and instructions for her funeral with music and readings selected and Rev Billie saw that her wishes were fulfilled. The

community gathered to say a fond farewell to her. Rev Billie spoke of her faithfulness to her church and to her ideals. We sang the hymns she loved and listened to the readings she had carefully selected. Several former rectors came to take part in the service and we began to hear about the quiet help and council she had offered these priests over the years. We heard that she had paid for the university education for several children of the rectory as well as other financial support for some young people in the community. It was Miss Jennings who supplied the parish with Communion wine and wafers as well as candles and palms for Palm Sunday. Her family had done so for generations and she left provision in her will that these needs would continue to be looked after by the Jennings estate. It was Miss Jennings who quietly gave very generously to the Rector's discretionary fund every year. It was Miss Jennings who sent flowers to those who had been bereaved, never with a card but everyone seemed to know who was behind the kindness

We said goodbye to a true friend of St. Bart's and of the community that we call The Bog. She was the last surviving member of a very old and prominent family. We will miss her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

I'll keep you posted,
Aunt Madge



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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

On a journey



The Right Reverend Ron Cutler, Suffragan Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

ON A RECENT TRIP home to Halifax I ended up in a place I didn't expect. I was flying home from Toronto. The flight left on time and was uneventful until we arrived over Halifax. Instead of making preparations for landing we began to circle the airport. Soon the pilot announced that a sudden snow squall and drop in temperature had made the runways unsafe; we would continue to circle until the runways were cleared. We circled but the runways were not cleared. Then the pilot announced that we would be going to Moncton for fuel. We stayed on the ground in Moncton until the pilot announced "In 20 minutes we will be taking off, at that time I will decide if we are going to try Halifax again or go to Montreal for the night." In the end we did try Halifax airport again and despite a rough landing everyone arrived safely. I had some time to think as these events transpired. (One thing about flying – as a passenger you really can't control the trip.) The odd twists and turns of my journey that day caused me to think of being on a journey in a number of different ways.

The image of the journey is common in scripture. The Jewish people follow Moses on a journey to the Promised Land that lasted far longer than they at first thought it would. Later the people would be forced to leave their country for a time of exile but eventually they would journey home. Both exile and return significantly shaped the expression of their faith. Mark's gospel gives a powerful sense of the journey that Jesus and the disciples were on. People welcome Jesus, they respond to his words and the healing that they see him doing, but he does not stay in any one place for long. There is so much to do and there are so many places to go, the need to proclaim God's kingdom drives him to keep going. Mark's style of writing give us a sense of movement and urgency. The gospel tells us that at a certain point "Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem" – he began a journey that would lead to crucifixion and resurrection. It is clear that it is not just the destination that matters, it is in the journey itself and in the events and encounters along the way that we see God's kingdom lived out.

At the start of the season of Lent, the Ash Wednesday service

uses the image of a journey to describe this time of preparation to celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord. If we are familiar with the church year, this journey will seem predictable, perhaps even comfortable. We will engage in well known disciplines: prayer, penitence, fasting and almsgiving. Hopefully we won't just 'give up' something but also 'take on' something: a scripture study, some outreach or act of charity, some expression of the kingdom that Jesus proclaimed. As familiar as these Lenten Disciplines are, if we enter into them with a sense of expectancy, they have the ability to take our Lenten Journey to unexpected places. Perhaps it will be some new understanding about God's call to us or an insight into that which is preventing us from responding to that call. It may be a new way of approaching God in prayer or worship. It may be a moment of Grace and absolute clarity about the overwhelming love of God; our own mountain top experience, or the deep quiet knowledge of God's presence.

Our church is also on a journey. Our goal is God's kingdom, lived out in all its fullness. There are times when we seem to be going around in circles waiting for something to happen, there are times when we seem to be going backwards, losing sight of our purpose and our goal and there are times for decisions to be made about trying once again to move forward even though the way is filled with challenge and our journey may take us by new roads. While the ultimate arrival at our goal may be just as much out of our hands as my ability to control the airplane I was on, we are not passengers on this journey. We are very much a part of proclaiming and living out God's kingdom by word and deed. We are also not alone on this journey, we are a part of a group of disciples who can be as weak, confused, helpful and trusting as that first group of disciples. The guiding words that God gives to us are the same ones he gave to those who were on that journey to Jerusalem with Jesus; "listen to him".

+Ron

Prayer that unmasks

BRIGHT, DECORATIVE, colourful, artistic, symbolic; all these are words that describe the masks and costumes of Mardi Gras and Carnival. Combine that with the intense music of parades and parties and one realizes that you are in the midst of a major festival of celebration. People in diverse parts of our world have just enjoyed a thrilling, exhilarating time. Now in Lent, these masks, created with care and precision, partly to symbolize how we might like to think ourselves, or, to allow us to be someone other than who we are, are placed on a shelf or hung on a wall for another year. But do all our masks get put aside for Lent?

Being human means that we do wear masks; masks that we put on every day with one another. There are masks for work, when amongst strangers or new situations, sitting in a waiting room are just a few examples. Even amongst family and friends we can be guarded and unwilling to reveal our true



Prayer

Steve Laskey

selves. Keep a stiff upper lip, put up a good front, chin up etc. are all phrases that come to mind when we need to get through a crisis. One mate from elementary school had a regular weekly appointment with the principal for one thing or another. He always came back to the class smiling and I

wondered what he had to smile about. It revealed nothing of what was happening within him and I could not believe there was anything authentic about that smile as he walked back into the classroom.

'Authentic' is a word that can be used to describe a way that we would like to be even if it is difficult to be so. There are fears and insecurities, hurts from the past and worries about what others think that prevent us from being authentic. So we protect ourselves with masks that are not easily set aside. If we would like to set our masks aside, Lent is a perfect time to do so. We can use a simple prayer to lead us along the path of authenticity. It comes from John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland. It is a prayer that begs to be said or sung repetitively and meditatively. It is a prayer that takes root in our depths and begins to reveal who we are and are to be, to be authentic. It brings us to the place where we meet with God who brings

to us an awareness of the masks we wear before others and indeed, before God. Here it is:

*Take, Oh take me as I am
summon out what I shall be
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.*

Jesus lived his life authentically and revealingly. He could see behind the masks others wore. His invitation is about letting those masks fall away; to be accepting and forgiving of one another and building up each other. There are a great many things we can concentrate on in the Lenten season. This is an invitation to use this simple prayer to quietly reflect about letting go of our fears and pretences so that we may be released into the fullness of life that God desires for everyone. My prayer is this may be a prayerful, holy Lent for everyone.

Steve Laskey is the Rector of Christ Church, Dartmouth and Diocesan Rep for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jenny Sharp appointed rector of the parish of Summerside/St. Eleanor's PEI as of March 16 2012. Jenny is currently the rector of St. John in the Wilderness, Brights Grove, in the Diocese of Huron.

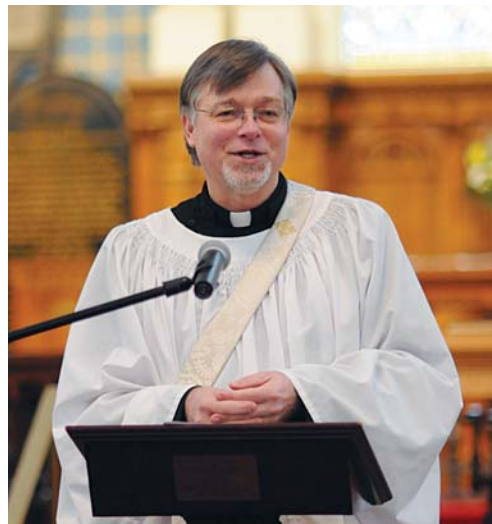
Rev. Gordon Druggett appointed regional dean of the South Shore effective immediately.

The funeral of the Rt. Rev. Russell Hatton, Suffragan Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island from 1986-1990, took place at Christ Church, Dartmouth on Saturday January 21 at 2pm.

Rev. Canon Rod Gillis has announced his resignation as rector of St. James, Armdale as of May 31. At that point he will move into retirement.

Rev. Cathy Pharo resigned as rector of the parish of New London as of May 31, in order to accept an appointment as rector of St. James, Kentville.

The Diocesan Clergy Conference will take place from May 14-16 2012 at Quality Inn and Suites, Parkland Dr. Halifax. The theme is: "I have called you friends" and the keynote speaker will be Rob Voyle. Information and registration forms available soon.



Walk a mile in my shoes

This month's book review was written almost a decade ago by Arthur Boers, whose book on the Camino de Santiago (2007), reviewed in December 2011, was the focus of his 4-5 February 2011 visit to St. Paul's, Halifax-en route to deliver the Simpson Lectures (based on his January, 2012 book, 'Living into Focus: Choosing What Matters in an Age of Distraction') at Acadia Divinity School.

Photo left: Author and Anglican deacon Arthur Boers delivers the homily at St. Paul's, Halifax in February.

Christmas pageant powered by computer



Photo: Children from the parish of French Village perform their annual Christmas pageant

This year the Anglican Parish of French Village held their annual Christmas Pageant and carols service at St. James' Anglican Church in Boutlier's Point. The pageant was presented in a computerized slide show format, with pictures of the Sunday School students illustrated, on a large screen, the Christmas story as it unfolds in narration and music.

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King's strikes the right chord twice in one week

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The juxtaposition of these two concerts, being performed just a week apart, is quite special, particularly for a city the size of Halifax. Equally, just the making of the Earth Mass alone is an exciting prospect by itself.

The first concert is the King's College Chapel Choir (under the direction of Paul Halley) singing J S Bach's Mass in B Minor on Saturday April 14 (Halifax) and Sunday 15 (Lunenburg). The chamber orchestra Ensemble Regale, led by baroque specialist David Greenberg, will be featured in the concert and Paul is bringing in some exciting

young singers for the solo parts. These include soprano Dawn Bailey from Montreal (www.dawnbailey.ca), who sang in the KCCC St Matthew Passion last spring, second soprano Kristi Bryson from Cambridge, England, mezzo Sarah Myatt of Halifax, alto Andrew Pickett, also of Halifax, tenor Joel Estrada, who is a protégé of Suzie LeBlanc, and bass Peter Walker from Montreal (www.blueheronchoir.org/musician_bios/muswalker.html).

The next concert is the Earth Mass (Missa Gaia) starting April 19.

"Sitting there that morning in the Cathedral, alongside the choir, experiencing for the first time the High Mass of the Episcopal Church, I began to imagine what

I would want to hear in a truly contemporary Mass. I envisioned a celebration that was both ecumenical and ecological, one that would embrace all life on Earth. I wanted to feel the earth-power of African and Brazilian percussion as a complement to the serene voices of the choir, and to share with the congregation that spirit of celebration we experience with our concert audiences. As I listened to [the preacher's] impassioned words on our responsibility to the environment, the title came to me: Earth Mass."

PAUL WINTER, COMPOSER

Context: April is Earth Month; 22 April is Earth Day.

What: Earth Mass is a contemporary 'jazz mass' that incorporates the calls of the

wolf and the loon and whale song. It is the brainchild of Paul Winter and was composed by Paul Winter, Paul Halley, Oscar Castro-Nevis and others. It was premiered at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, New York City, on Mother's Day, May 10, 1981, with a sermon by David Brower, founder of Friends of the Earth. Earth Mass is now performed annually at St John the Divine on Saint Francis Day, including a blessing of live animals, where it continues to attract a crowd of thousands.

When: Thursday 19 April (Wolfville), Friday 20 April (St John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg) and Saturday 21 April (First Baptist Church, Halifax—afternoon performance)

Who: The King's Chorus and Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir, directed by Nick Halley, with Theresa Thomason as soloist + band of 10 instruments, including Paul Halley on piano.



Canada Briefs

News from dioceses across Canada

First Inuit woman ordained

On Nov. 13, 2011, Rev. Sarah Baikie became the first woman of Inuit descent to be ordained in the Anglican diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The bishop of the diocese, Cyrus Pitman, ordained Baikie in the presence of her family and community in her home church of St. Timothy's in Rigole, Labrador. Baikie's five grandchildren, dressed in traditional aboriginal attire, drummed the procession into the church. The Lord's Prayer was recited in her local dialect of Inuktitut.

Anglican Life

Restoration on hold for two historic Quebec churches

Two major renovation projects in the diocese of Quebec are on hold after a shortfall in provincial funding for the restoration of heritage buildings.

The Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec has reduced its funding by \$5.7 million, to \$12.9 million in 2011-2012 from \$18.6 million the previous year.

The diocese asked for more than \$100,000 to restore the interior of All Saints' Chapel, a 19th century chapel adjacent to the bishop's residence in Que-

bec City. The chapel has not been used for worship in more than 20 years because of a leaky roof. The plan was to include transforming the interior into a multi-purpose meeting area. For now, the \$53,404 grant received will be used to repair the church's roof, brickwork, windows and exterior.

The diocese also had applied for more than \$50,000 in heritage grants to restore the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Diocesan property manager James Sweeney said the diocese will find out in late fall whether these projects will be considered in the next round of funding.

Two other churches in the diocese received funding: St. John the Evangelist in Portneuf received a \$15,726 grant to restore its belfry; and Church of the Epiphany in Way's Mills received \$152,600 to restore its roof, foundation and windows.

Gazette

Joint national worship conference in Winnipeg

Anglican and Lutheran churches in Canada are holding a joint national worship conference June 29 to July 2 in Winnipeg.

Speakers include Craig Van Gelder, who writes on the missional church and on congrega-

tional leadership, and Douglas Cowling, director of music at St. Philip's Church, Etobicoke.

Entitled "Beyond the Fortress," the conference will take place at the University of Manitoba.

Rupert's Land News

Five women priests ordained in Ottawa

The bishop of the diocese of Ottawa, John Chapman, ordained five women as priests on Nov. 30, the 35th anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The women had earlier been ordained as deacons at a ceremony held in May at Christ Church Cathedral, which Bishop Chapman had also presided.

The new priests are Kerri Lynn Brennan, Diane Catherine Jagassar, Carolyn Louise Sharp, Monique Ann Stone and Linda Ann Wheeler.

"In women priests we see a true sacrament of the priestly vocation," said the Rev. Canon David Clunie, who delivered the sermon. "They have brought a wholeness to our church that is pleasing in God's sight."

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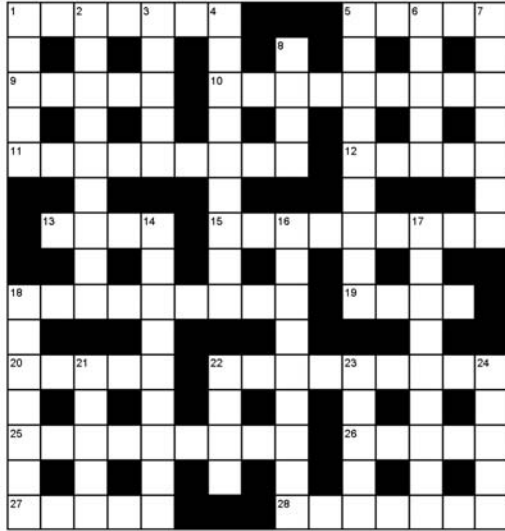
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by Maureen Yeats



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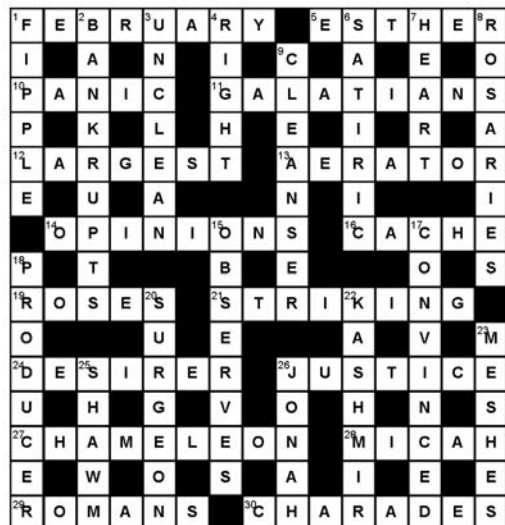
ACROSS:

- 1 - Old Testament prophet (7)
- 5 - "Jesus had just then _____ many people of diseases..." healed (Luke 7:21) (5)
- 9 - "Uzziah...did what was _____ in the sight of the Lord" correct (2Chron. 26:4) (5)
- 10 - Severe (9)
- 11 - Lead (to conduct) and lead (the metal) are examples of this (9)
- 12 - "Do not _____ up for yourselves treasures on earth" stockpile (Matt. 6:19) (5)
- 13 - Stylish (4)
- 15 - He or she cares for Communion Vessels and vestments (9)
- 18 - Town where Jesus lived as an adult (Matt. 4:13) (9)
- 19 - Season of fasting and self-denial (4)
- 20 - Father-in-law of Caiaphas (John 18:13) (5)
- 22 - Listened (9)
- 25 - Admired (9)
- 26 - "The Lord will _____ them up" elevate (James 5:15) (5)
- 27 - Grasses that grow in marshy places (5)
- 28 - Puts on one's clothing (7)

DOWN:

- 1 - Month containing St. Patrick's Day (5)
- 2 - Anchored boat serving as a lighthouse (9)
- 3 - To provide food, as at a banquet (5)
- 4 - Country in South Asia (9)
- 5 - A seed-eating bird (9)
- 6 - Large, endangered African animal (short form of name) (5)
- 7 - Underground prison, especially in a medieval castle (7)
- 8 - "The righteous flourish like the _____ tree", tropical tree (Ps. 92:12) (4)
- 14 - Baptisms (9)
- 16 - "He _____ and they were created", ordered (Ps.148:5) (9)
- 17 - Occupancies, as of a house (9)
- 18 - Thomas _____, reviser of the liturgy, martyred 1556 (7)
- 21 - One who takes care of the sick (5)
- 22 - Sacred (4)
- 23 - "_____ eleison", Lord have mercy (5)
- 24 - Acts (5)

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Prayer - George Herbert

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REVIEWS



Reviews Editor
Paul Friesen

Aren't there enough books on prayer? Aren't there enough Prayerbooks? Well, apparently not, because if we prayed enough we could let up on urging each other to pray. And would a relationship with anyone (including the trine God who created and redeemed us) make any sense without conversation (which is really what prayer is all about)? The book under consideration this month was written almost a decade ago by Arthur Boers, whose book on the Camino de Santiago (2007), reviewed in December 2011, was the focus of his 4-5 February 2011 visit to St. Paul's, Halifax--en route to deliver the Simpson Lectures (based on his January, 2012 book, 'Living into Focus: Choosing What Matters in an Age of Distraction') at Acadia Divinity School. Our reviewer this month is Rob Elford, a retired naval officer and current diocesan ordinand, in his last semester of study at the Atlantic School of Theology. But enough said. It's time to read the review, and maybe the book. But above all (and not just in Lent!) it's time to pray.

Prayer stands in opposition to the unfulfilling pressures of our society

Arthur Paul Boers, *The Rhythm of God's Grace: Uncovering Morning and Evening Hours of Prayer* (Paraclete Press, 2003).

IN THE JANUARY 2012 ISSUE of *The Diocesan Times*, Steve Laskey wrote an engaging piece about prayer, friendship, discernment, encouragement and the natural rhythm of life. He wrote about a conversation with his friend Ralph in which he stated, "We talked about not only what we said in prayer but what we heard in prayer." As we learn from the teachings of church, share in the breaking of bread and, last but not least, pray, we open ourselves to receive divine grace through a rhythm of faithful dialogue. Laskey's piece is a perfect segue into Boers' book...

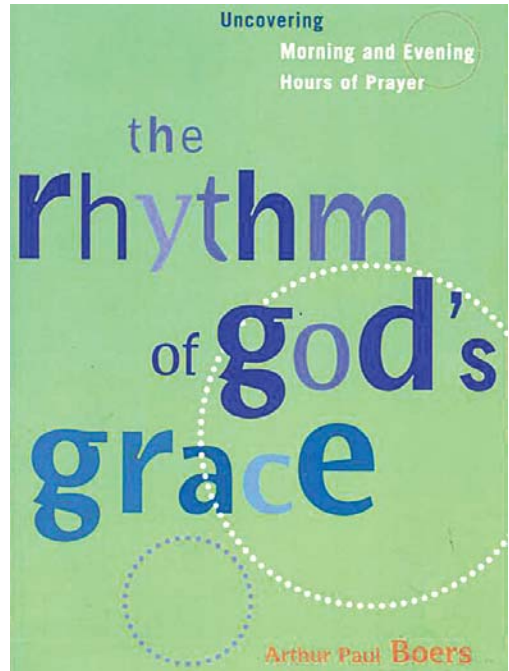
Arthur Paul Boers, now an Anglican deacon but a Mennonite pastor when he wrote this book, presents a forthright, personal and engaging appreciation for the natural, divine rhythm of life in a beautifully accessible book of less than 150 pages. He makes a compelling case for uncovering the nourishing rhythm of adherence to the offices of morning and evening prayer. Boers argues morning and evening prayer can cultivate a rhythm that loosens the shackles of the hectic pace the norms of our modern, secular society silently impose upon us.

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Can we try to hard to pray? Do we put pressure on ourselves to get our prayer just right? Can this self-inflicted pressure lessen our ability to focus on the stillness? Has the individualistic nature of our busy world infected our prayer lives with too much individualism? *The Rhythm of God's Grace* is a book written out of assessed need based on a pastor's concern for the inadequacy of our prayer lives and his desire to tap into practices of ancient wisdom. Boers' desire seems simply to help others experience a peace within in the ordinary by getting in step with the natural rhythms of the created order infused and sustained by the divine. It is a peace based on offering praise, listening and responding.

Boers takes the reader briefly through the history of liturgical prayer in dialogue with communities throughout Europe and North America. He does not shy away from pushing the edges of established denominations of all varieties that are task driven rather than rhythmic and prayerful. He challenges all of us to re-evaluate some aspects of the much needed Protestant Reformation. The Reformation responded to real concerns and corruptions, to be certain, but it arguably encouraged personal piety at a cost to our sense of community. He contends that neither Rome nor any denomination in the Western tradition is immune to this unfortunate development.

I particularly enjoyed Boers' discussion of the sanctification of time by addressing St. Paul's references to "making the most of time" (Eph 5:16; Col 4:5). Our rhythms are out of synch with our nature. Our contemporary lives simply don't make the time to have sacred time. The imminent and dangerous consequence is that our societies are part of a project that either cannot, or refuses, to find God at all in any time, place or person. We need to build



'Sabbath' into each day as an ongoing process of experiencing the blessing of time, to participate in the sanctification of this precious ephemeral gift of time, through which we can more clearly focus on the gifts of place and people. We learn to make the most of time through prayer; to become mindful of the present.

Prayer stands in opposition to the unfulfilling pressures of our society. A life which makes prayer a priority refuses to let our busy culture prioritize life for us.

Boers does not insist that the daily office is for everyone but he does argue that to at least attempt it for a period of time, to be persistent and faithful, will motivate and encourage a fulfilling prayer life. Fundamentally, prayer is a graceful response to God's immeasurable grace. Grace refuses to be commodified. Grace refuses to relent to the ungraceful structures prevalent in our society.

If you have not yet decided on a Lenten program, I highly recommend considering this book. Let us all take time to cultivate a prayerful practice that offers praise, listens and responds. I am grateful for Boers faithful, ecumenical offering.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Where is Bishop Sue?

Bishop Sue Moxley is on sabbatical leave until April. She sent updates on her journey in January and February.

Message from London from +Sue

Here I am, living in St. Matthew's House, part rectory, part bed & breakfast! It is literally connected to St. Matthew's Church, a parish church in an area of apartments. Here, we can walk to Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Lambeth palace and places I haven't thought of yet!
 We arrived here Saturday after spending a day in Oxford. The Cathedral there is inside Christ Church College and was not easily accessible to the public. We visited St. Church and stood in the supposed place where Cranmer preached his last sermon before being burnt to death. It is much more interesting learning history on the spot!
 I preached at Westminster Sunday past. The sermon might show up on their website at some point. It was a different experience being part of a tourist attraction. IN the 1,200 people they counted, many were apparently not Christian. Leaving church some commented on the story of Simon Peter's mother in law - never heard it before! What an interesting thing for a god to do, to heal an ordinary woman!

The General Synod of the Church of England began meeting here yesterday. I was part of a panel presentation on women bishops. There are odd dynamics about a decision on that here. You can probably follow the discussion which begins Tuesday and goes through parts of Wednesday and Thursday on the Church of England web site. In his opening comments the Chair of the business committee reminded folks to speak as Christians! Thursday evening, I'm off to Tanzania. I will try to check in from there after we arrive. I remember you in prayers each day.
 +Sue

Where is Bishop Sue now?
 This week I am in Masasi, Tanzania. It is in the south of Tanzania near the Mozambique border. One day next week we will visit the parish that is right on the border under the bridge that crosses from one country to the other!
 We worshipped at the Cathedral on Sunday past. The opening of the service to the offertory, is their old hymn book and very formal. At the offertory, the music changes and the people each bring their offering to the altar, but they come by communities, so we were with the visitors. During Communion the 3 different choirs takes turns

singing. They are really good. One of them is trying to raise enough money to make a CD. The service started at 7am (before breakfast) and lasted to 11:30am! Then there was an auction of goods the people brought who had no money to give, so flour, corn meal, 2 chickens and a piece of fabric were auctioned. I have given the Dean some of our articles from DYC to auction next week!
 Today we visited the Anglican school that contains a high school and the seminary for 2 dioceses. We had a great discussion with the students who wanted to know everything from the economic situation in our diocese, to whether students enjoy mathematics in Canada!
 Yesterday we participated in a workshop in the local elementary school on permaculture. The leader is from Malawi and it is very scary to hear how the land is being eroded and destroyed by mono culture farming of corn here. I'll send more later in the week after we visit some projects funded by PWRDF.

Blessings.
 +Sue



Photo: Archdeacon Glenn Eason presents long-time organist Faye Jefferson with a certificate of appreciation for 40+ years of service.

Organist recognized for long service

SUBMITTED BY MONICA GRAHAM

The Parish of Northumberland (formerly Pugwash-River John) recognized organist Faye Jefferson for more than 40 years of dedicated service to the churches of Holy Trinity in Middleton Corners and St John the Baptist in River John. Faye began playing the church organ as a teenager,

and has rarely missed a Sunday. Archdeacon Glenn Eason presented her with a certificate during an Oct. 30 service for all five parish congregations, hosted by Holy Trinity. Northumberland will continue to recognize dedicated parishioners at parish-wide services, held on the final Sunday in months with five Sundays.

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