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WELCOME!

... to the first ever 'on-line only' edition of The Diocesan Times. Several news items didn't make the June newspaper deadline and a few others occurred after the paper was printed and delivered. To catchup with those stories before September, this special edition took shape. Inside, there's parish news, diocesan news, announcements about upcoming events and a recipe for getting out one of summer's sour smells!

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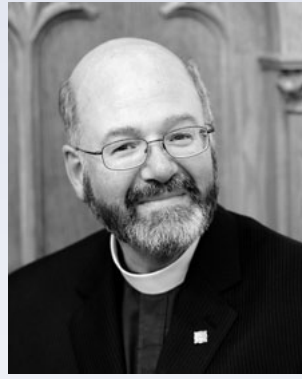
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Bishop's Welcome

Dear friends,
Sharing the life-changing story of Jesus has been one of the chief reasons for the existence of the Christian church. Over the years we have used: word of mouth, words written and printed and now electronic media to tell the story. The Diocesan Times tells the story of Jesus as it is lived out in the lives of the people of this diocese. Although an online version of The Diocesan Times has existed for a number of years, we are now moving beyond a digital reproduction of the printed version into a web based reporting of our faith story.

I want to welcome you to this online version of The Diocesan Times. I pray that the stories you read here will not only inform you about the life of the diocese, the parishes and people in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island but encourage you in your life with Jesus.

In His service,
+Ron



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



*Paul Sherwood
Editor, The Diocesan Times*

Editor's Welcome

Dear reader,
Sometimes events don't happen in an orderly fashion. Printing deadlines often occur outside real-life time lines and stories get missed or get bumped due to space restrictions. This online edition of The Diocesan Times will hopefully correct some of those shortcomings. This edition was created on a full-size letter format to make it easy to read online or print on regular paper (in landscape mode).

I hope you find the stories here interesting and the articles informative. As always, your comments are welcome.

Paul

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This circle is unbroken

by Peter Miller

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in July, Anglicans proudly opened a brand new Holy Trinity Church in Middleton, Nova Scotia. Three years of planning and hard work were celebrated with family, friends and community.

The new Holy Trinity church was constructed in the original Grove where Christian worship began in this part of the Annapolis Valley in 1789. Old Holy Trinity, a provincial Heritage Site, stands within a hundred meters of the original church in the area. In 1893, some 102 years later, the congregation in the Grove moved uptown, to a new church located in the bustling centre of Middleton.

That move served the congregation well for 118 years; but accumulating church structural problems led to the decision to construct a new building on the same property now as Old Holy Trinity. A modern day thinking Anglican congregation returned to its traditional geographical roots in the Grove in lower Middletown. The new church is nestled into the treed area and blends nicely with its surroundings.

Rev. Matthew Sponagle, rector of Holy Trinity, says the new church allows for the changes in Anglican worship that have taken place over many years; the building is both flexible and functional and will be a place to help the congregation grow in its relationship to God and each other. "I hope that we try not to permanently fix the furnishings in a way that works for us in our generation, but becomes burdensome for future generations" says Rev. Sponagle.

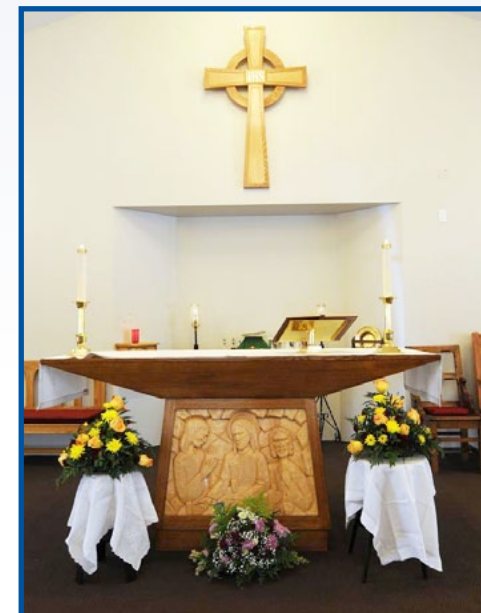
The new church confirms the congregation's wish to "go green" with the most up to date and efficient building materials. The state of the art heating and cooling systems are designed to keep everyone comfortable and allow for low maintenance and operating costs. In addition to a spacious worship space, the church contains a hall, several offices, kitchen, altar guild room, Sunday school room, choir room and storage areas. While the building materials are modern in every sense of the word, the new church has been decorated in a special blend of traditional and contemporary. Stained glass windows from the previous structure were fully restored and installed in the new church but traditional hard wooden pews have given way to comfortable, portable chairs.

The first service, July 10th began with a processional of church dignitaries, including Bishop Sue Moxley, and the church choir from Old Holy Trinity to new Holy Trinity. Beneath the portico of the new church, the first baptism, Calista Hall, was performed. After the cutting of the traditional ribbon by one of our oldest members of the congregation, Ethel Burbidge and our newest member, Calista, the congregation and guests proceeded into the new building to be seated for the service. It is hard to describe the pride and joy felt by all present in such a beautiful place of worship – really, you had to be there!



PHOTOS

Clockwise from top left: Bishop Sue Moxley and rector Matthew Sponagle prepare for service, Bishop Sue baptizes Calista Hall, the altar prepared for service and during collection even the youngest member added his contribution.



The Holy Spirit lights a fire in Bridgetown

by Marjorie L. Johnston

On Pentecost Sunday June 12, 2011, Priest-in-Charge Fred Rhymes arrived at the 9:30am service at St. Mary's Belleisle to a sea of red. The ladies at the service were all wearing red hats as a sign of the flames spoken to in the Acts Reading. Many of the women also had red blouses, dresses, scarfs, and skirts, while the men chose red sweaters, jackets, vests and ties. The service was a celebration of what the power of the Holy Spirit can and will do in each of our lives. Following the service at St. Mary's the celebration continued at 11:00am at St. James church, Bridgetown, where another sea of red greeted all who came to worship. This service was focused on youth. The Sunday school looked after greeting parishioners at the door, reading the lessons, bringing forward the gifts and offering, helping with the sermon as God's Rainbow of Love was built. The most challenging task was for the children to keep control of a church filled with balloons (a difficult task indeed). The Sunday School members were given their certificates during the service. Long serving Sunday School teachers Barb Marshall and Donna Goodwin, who were retiring, were presented with a gift and a big thank you by warden Mary Olford. The dedicated work of the Sunday School superintendents Wendy and Bill Knowlton was acknowledged and a big thank you was expressed

to teachers Megan Taylor, Morgan Marshall, Helen Harvy, and Scott Whitman. It was during the closing hymn where the highlight of the service took place for the children. As we continued to celebrate the Birthday of the Church with Lord of the Dance, the younger members of the parish got to pick out their balloons and take them with them to a hot dog lunch with cake for dessert. How can you not have cake and balloons at a birthday party!

PHOTOS

Top right: the St. Mary's Belleisle where everyone came with red including hats



Lower right: a picture of the balloons/ rainbow and Sunday School closing at St. James.



What is a QR code and why should I care?

These odd looking black and white squares (like the one displayed below) are showing up more and more in magazines, on signs, and online. They're called QR codes, and they hold some remarkable **potential** for your parish. Oh, and they're FREE.

From *Wikipedia*, the free encyclopedia:

"A QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response code) is a specific matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code) that is readable by dedicated QR readers, smartphones, and, to a less common extent, computers with webcams. The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background. The information encoded may be text, URL, or other data."

QR codes are special two-dimensional bar codes. They are intended to be scanned by a camera phone with a QR code reader application that you can download from your phone's application store or market. A QR code can hold a URL (web address), e-mail address, up to 250 characters of text or other information.

If you have a smartphone, go to the app store and search for a QR code reader. You'll find several free apps. Run the app and then hold your phone's camera over a QR code to read it. Since most QR codes have a URL encoded in them, when you read the QR code it will probably take you to a web page.

So what's the point?

There are a number of compelling points for using QR codes.

1. Value added:

QR codes link offline information to online content; this gives additional information and even multimedia to an offline experience. Think about in the Sunday bulletin/

program, put a QR code next to each item for which there's more info on the website.

2. Convenience:

If you've created print material that included a URL for more information, add a QR code for the URL to enable smartphone users to go directly to that web page without having to type in the web address.

Think about a QR code on your sign that links to your church's homepage or a welcome page, so those driving or walking by your church can get more information about your church.

Or perhaps a QR code that includes driving directions to church camp! If your church staff have business cards, put a QR code on back that links to the church homepage or to a profile page for that staff person.

3. EcoGreen:

Some people may want to skip the print bulletin entirely. Put the bulletin on the church website and place a QR code for the bulletin in the lobby so people can bypass the print version entirely. If your church sends out direct mail pieces to reach people in your community, include QR codes on them.

4. MultiMedia:

Put it in a "sermon notes" part of the Sunday bulletin and link it to the audio (podcast), video, or notes for the message.

5. Alternate signage:

If your church building has rooms for specific ministries, put a QR code on the sign outside the door that links to more info about that ministry.

6. Marketing:

Your church could create a sign that says something intriguing like "Good News!" "Want a better life?" and below it put a QR code to a text or video gospel presentation on the church website. You could put it on yard signs, posters or other things that could be posted and distributed in your community.

Perhaps a coffee mug for your church with a QR code on it. Give it free to first-time visitors or sell it to regular parishioners.

In fact, QR codes can be printed on almost any customized items –t-shirts, key chains, calendars, hats, tote bags, umbrellas, post-it notes, thumb drives, and more.

Use your imagination.

How do I create a QR code?

There are many free QR code-generating sites including: Kaywa (www.qrcode.kaywa.com)

Qurify (www.qurify.com/en)

Delivr (www.delivr.com/qr-code-generator)

These sites allow you to create your own QR code which can then be printed or inserted into a publication.

Below: This is the QR code for the URL (web site) for The Diocesan Times newspaper. It will take you to the web site. Note that the white border is part of the encoding.



www.nspeidiocese.ca/times/times.htm

Below: This is the QR code for contact information for The Diocesan Times editor. It contains only text and can be copied as a new contact.



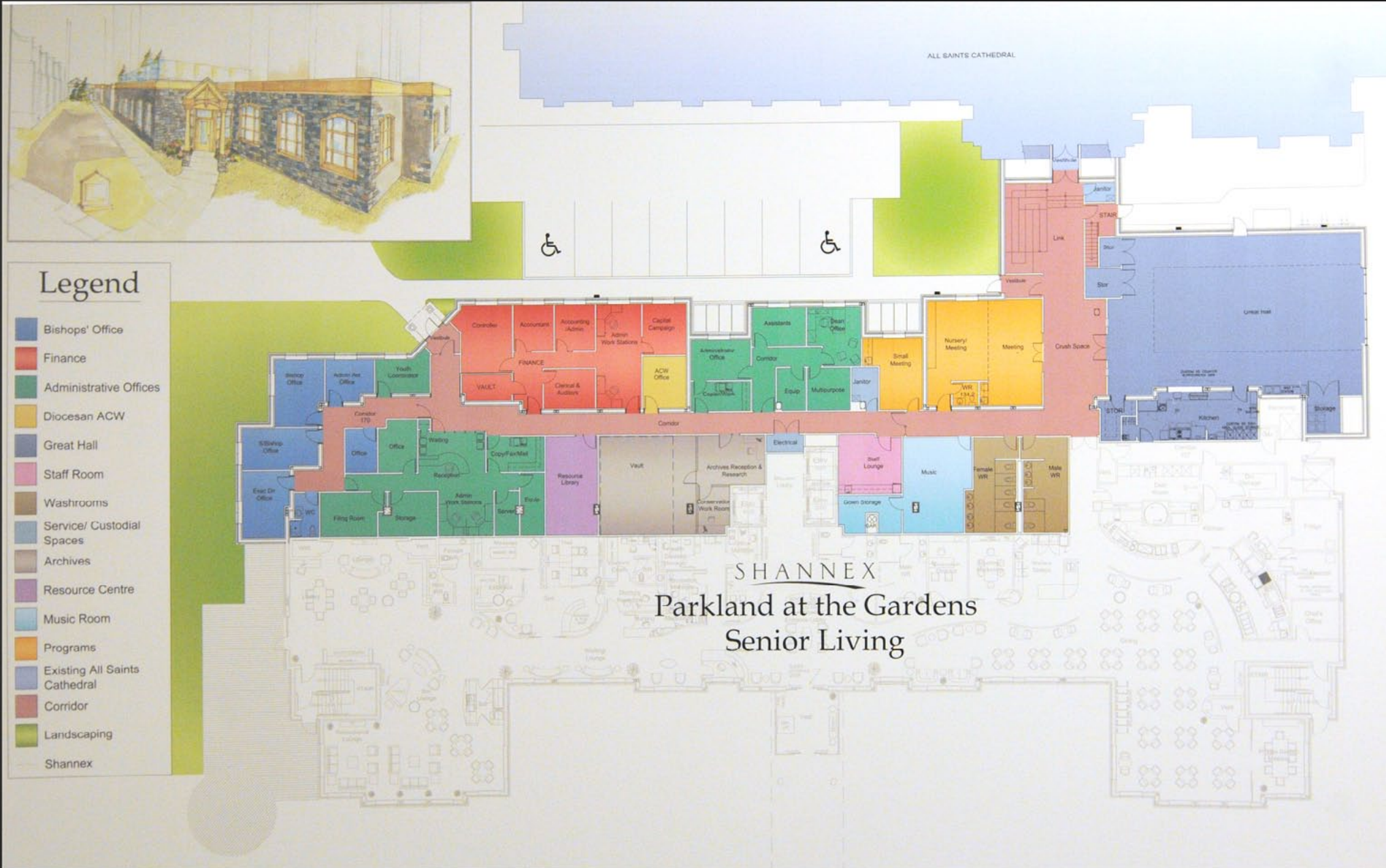


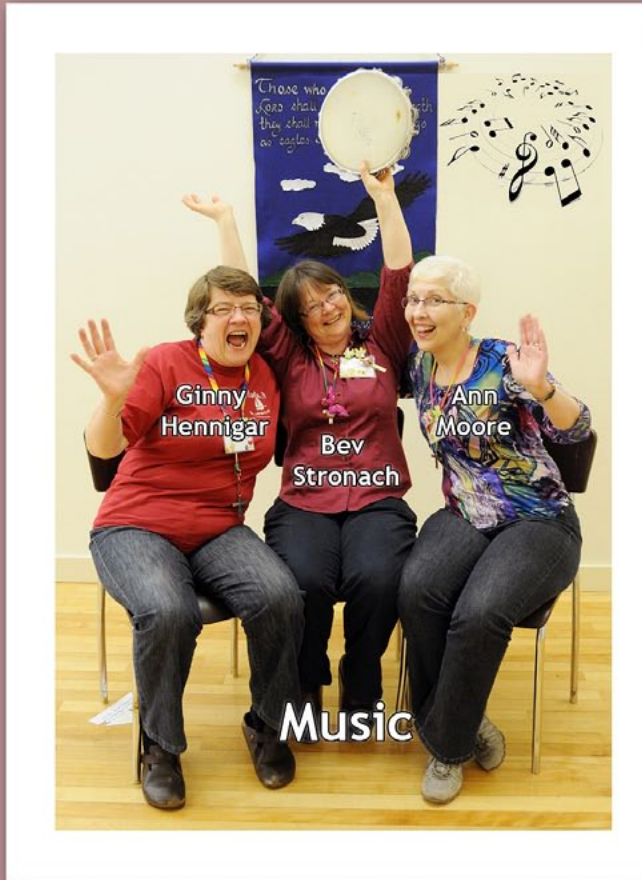
Rising to new heights

The new Diocesan Centre and Shannex complex are nearly taller than the Cathedral (photos taken on July 28, 2011). Depending on your vantage point, the new building appears to tower over the Cathedral but it still needs several more floors added for that to happen. *(see next page for floor plan)*



Anglican Diocesan Centre floor plan (August 6, 2011)





33rd Women's Anglican Cursillo
Kentville, NS May 2011



Our diocesan Cursillo movement was active in Kentville; they held weekend gatherings for men and women on separate weekends. Pictured above are the various groups of women who met during the May 12—15th weekend.



St. John the Baptistizer



Kitchen

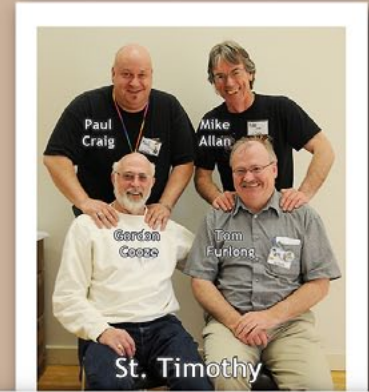


St. Peter



Palanca

33rd Men's Anglican
Cursillo
Kentville, NS
May 2011



St. Timothy



Back Table



Detail

Our diocesan Cursillo movement was active in Kentville; they held weekend gatherings for men and women on separate weekends. Pictured above are the various groups of men who met during the May 5—8th weekend.

LEAP for faith: a guide for faith development

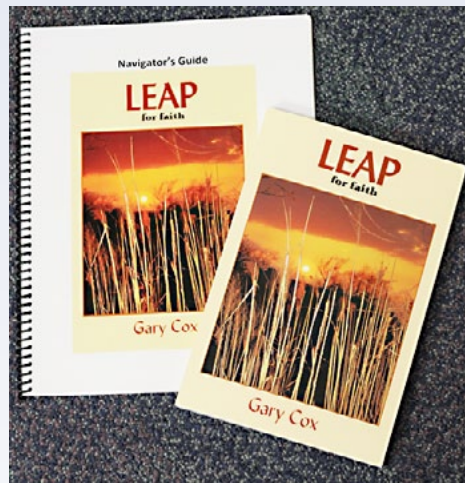
LEAP FOR FAITH is a 5-week program that supports faith development. The complete title *LEAP for faith: Understanding the process of Faith development* is a combined book & workbook that outlines an easy to understand process for a 'how-to' approach to growing one's faith. It is done in a non-threatening way through a fictional, yet realistic, story.

The purpose of *LEAP for faith* is to:

- promote and guide personal spiritual growth of the reader or participants in the program
- become a tool for congregational development and church growth
- reach out to those who feel do not have a meaningful relationship with God.
- show people how to grow in their faith.
- provide an easy-to-follow process that can be used to coach others (witness) in their faith development.

Building a deep and meaningful relationship with God and growing in our faith need not be a complicated endeavor.

There is a need to reach out to those who do not have a meaningful relationship with God. *LEAP for Faith, Understanding the process of Faith development* is a book and program that



will reach out and promotes church membership is vital to spiritual growth and fulfillment.

There is a need to show people how to grow in their faith. *LEAP for Faith, Understanding the process of Faith development* outlines an easy to understand and to follow process for a 'how-to' approach to growing our faith. This is done in a very non-threatening way through a fictional, yet very realistic, story.

And there is a need to provide an easy-to-follow process that can be used to coach others (witness) in their faith development. *LEAP for Faith, Understanding the process of Faith develop-*

ment is also for those who cherish their relationship with the Lord but simply don't know how to effectively witness for Christ or coach others in developing their faith.

The primary target audience for this book is three-fold:

1. Those seeking to know how to build a relationship God or further develop their faith and new church members
2. Bible Study or Book Reading Groups
3. Churches looking for a congregational development program to grow membership and church participation

According to Book Industry Statistics, the majority of all books sold are popular fiction. The next highest category is religious non-fiction. *LEAP for Faith: Understanding the Process for Faith Development* combines both of these.

LEAP for Faith, Understanding the process of Faith development is supported with questions and Scripture references at the end of each chapter in a workbook style. This style provides space for the reader to write and record their thoughts. It can be read and used by individuals or groups as part of the 6-week program

This process can help anyone grow in faith. A documented process which highlights simple steps that can be taken by both novice seeker and those who currently have strong faith, to deepen their relationship with Him

This will help make more effective witnesses. The understanding of the LEAP process helps the seeker to follow a step-by-step those who have a relationship with Him to deepen their faith and become a better witness

Read more about the *LEAP for faith* program in upcoming issues of *The Diocesan Times*.

Use the QR code below to link to the *LEAP for faith* site.



or visit us at www.leapforfaith.org

Integrity Magazine launch in September:

it's all for one and one for all in this new
Christian-based publication

Publication announcement

INTEGRITY MAGAZINE is Atlantic Canada's newest Christian Business Magazine.

It started as a joint venture by several Christian marketplace leaders from different churches and different denominations working in harmony to build up the Christian community in our region. We have assembled to use our varying gifts and talents to collaborate and launch this resource to encourage you to grow in your faith, stand up for Biblical principles in your workplace, and represent Jesus as you serve in your local business capacity.

We dream to see the church strengthened, unified, and having impact in our workplaces and communities so that Jesus will be glorified.

Integrity Magazine is both a print and electronic quarterly business magazine with a focus on the important role that faith plays in today's workplace. The inaugural issue will publish in September 2011. More details on availability for the print edition will follow. The electronic edition will be found on our web site:

<http://integritymagazine.ca/>

We believe that Christian business

people should reflect Jesus and a character of integrity as they operate in our current business culture. This magazine serves to inspire all of us in the workplace to promote a higher standard of conduct in the way we live out our spirituality every day in the local workplace. Through our articles we will be equipping you to represent Jesus with greater integrity in your workplace so you can proclaim:

This is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.- 1 Cor 1:12 NIV

No matter what your position is, you have a place of influence – we want to encourage and equip you to leverage that influence for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Vision

Integrity Magazine praises the Lord for making certain, that in His perfect time, it will teach Christian business owners, executives, tradespersons, and employees about real business success by the practice of Biblical business management principles (Isaiah 48:17).



PHOTO (from left)

Wayne Arkelian (Halcraft Printers Inc.) St. John's Anglican
Harm Geurs (Apeeling Orange Marketing) Metro Wesleyan
Matt Whitman (Sun Life Financial) Stoneridge Christian Fellowship
Jeff Lutes (CJLU Radio & International Harvesters for Christ) West End Baptist
Hermen Atienza-(MBA Christian business advisory services) Rock Church
Gary Graves (Gary C. Graves Accounting Inc.) Gateway Community Church
Not present: David Tonen (Jesus Atlantic.com) LifeBridge Community Church

A Broadway Songbook was a sellout!



Ruth Ballah



*John O'Halloran and
Connie Easton*

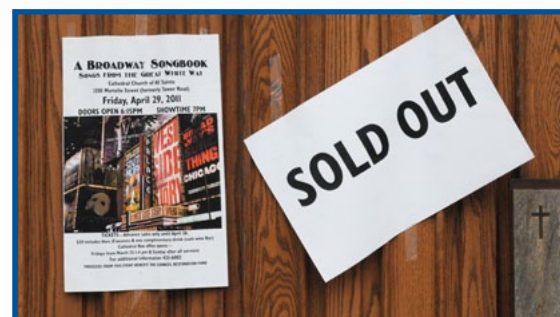


Keirsten Wells

It was a sold out performance of **A Broadway Songbook Musical Revue** at the Cathedral Church of All Saints at end of April. The Revue was presented to highlight music at the Cathedral and to raise funds for the organ restoration. It was successful on both counts raising \$2000 towards the restoration. From the photos, you can easily see the performers enjoyed the show as much as the audience.



Cynthia Pilchob and Joy Smith



*Nathan Johnson, Keirsten Wells
and Ting Otro*

Skunk deodorizing recipe



Editor's note: While not Anglican news in the strictest sense, the smell of skunk can be an unholy affront to the senses.

On the drive back to Halifax last weekend, the smell of skunk pervaded the car on 4 distinct occasions. It reminded me of the time my dogs got into a 'discussion' with a skunk and came home smelling the worse for wear. So for those of you with pets that get sprayed by a skunk, this recipe is for you.

Of all the local wildlife native to the Atlantic provinces, the one little critter you want to give a wide berth to is the skunk. Those of us who live here testify that if you've never tangled with a skunk, you don't want to. However, accidents happen and if you

or your pet gets sprayed with a skunk, the odor can linger for a long time without proper treatment.

Popular Science (Aug.'95) published a scientific study they did comparing various home remedies to alleviate the noxious scent of skunk. Tomato juice baths are worthless and will dye your animal pink; and while Massengil as a home remedy is bit more effective (it uses hydrogen peroxide), it doesn't have the strength to do the job.

The following recipe is probably the best skunk deodorizer recipe ever:

In a bucket, mix:

- 1 quart of FRESH hydrogen peroxide (from drugstore or grocery health care aisle)
- 1/4 cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap

The mixture will bubble. Thoroughly wet the victim in this mixture, taking care to keep it out of the eyes. Wash the dog with the mixture as if it were shampoo while it is bubbling. Rinse the dog and repeat. Be careful not to contaminate the rinse water.

The soap breaks down the oil in which the odor is suspended, and the hydrogen peroxide and baking soda neutralize the scent.

DO NOT PREMIX THE SOLUTION or store this potion in a bottle (the bubbling would cause it to explode).

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