



TRURO TAKES PRIDE IN PRIDE!



Photo: Integrity members and Saint John's Anglican Church members pause for a group photo before the Truro Pride Parade on began Saturday afternoon, July 14th.

Wolfville celebrates 200 years

St. John's Church, Parish of Horton, had its beginnings during the late 1700s through the work of the English missionary Society known as the SPG - the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

St. John's was built in 1818 by Jehiel Brown on lands purchased by the Parish of Horton from Stephen Brown DeWolfe. The church was completed in 1818 and the first service held on June 18th that same year. The church and burial grounds were consecrated by Bishop John Inglis on August 10th, 1826.

The church building and parish structure have

undergone many change but their commitment to ministry and outreach remains.

This 200th anniversary happened nearly 200 years later to the day. Archbishop Ron Cutler presided and preached during the service. And Canon Russell Elliot (who celebrates his 101st birthday this year) was among the many well wishers that day.

For lots more photos please see our September issue of the Diocesan Times.

Photo: St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville, NS.



COLUMNIST

The gift of new knees

After my last offering about life By the Bog things took a dramatic turn for us. My knees which had been howling at me for years were getting louder and louder over time and a few x-rays showed the result of many years of neglect. I was a candidate for new ones! And soon! As luck would have it, a new surgeon had arrived in our area and was willing to take me on within a few months. I considered myself very lucky and my Orin said "you'd best grab this spot fast because she will soon be over booked like all the rest".



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

The upshot of this is that I will soon be a bit 'bionic'. I can't say I am looking forward to the first few days and weeks with a walker but Dr. G has assured me that I am a great candidate for this procedure and Orin has been watching my every move with great interest as he prepares to get his "Household Science" diploma as he puts it and shares with any and all who will listen.

This has been a good learning experience for both of us; I must learn to let go and Orin will learn to take on a few

extra jobs around the house. I have made a nice big batch of meat sauce for pasta and Orin will learn to boil the noodles and thaw the sauce for a supper or two. There will be lots of baking put away and I am sure that neighbours will be arriving with a few casserole because that is what we do here By the Bog.

Father J has been very supportive too I must say with a promise of prayers and any other gift he might share with us. I have had to let some of the Guild know that I will be

out of commission for at least 2 months so my volunteering at St. Bart's will be handled by others. It is interesting to note that none of us are indispensable. If one can't do the Altar flowers, someone else will step in, if it was our turn to greet and take up the offering, another pair of hands and a smiling face will be there to fill the void. That is the way of life in a parish and a spiritual home like ours. We are a caring community.

This was brought home to me in a very real sense just a few days ago. I had ventured out to pull a few weeds in my new flower bed. The uneven ground has become much more of a challenge for the bad knees but those weeds were driving me nuts and I thought 'a few minutes out there and I can do what is needed'.

Well, I got the pesky weeds out but in the process I lost my balance and down I went. I didn't hurt anything more than my pride but the worst knee was folded up under my ample behind and I needed help to get back on my feet.

A neighbour was out mowing his lawn and heard my very stressed but embarrassed calls

for help and came to my rescue. Between David and Orin they were able to 'right the ship' so to speak and all was well for me. My neighbour just kept saying how glad he was that he happened to be outside and that he was able to hear me and how things can happen for the strangest reasons because he had not planned to be outside right then....but he was....and so.....

we all agreed that it must have been divine interventionor something!

David is not a church goer so he was reluctant to add any more. All I know is that I fell, I was in need of a helping hand and a good neighbour came to my aid.

And life goes on in the Bog. New knees in a few weeks and no more weeding this year, I'll leave that up to others. I will concentrate on my exercises and a few good books I have saved up for summer reading and I will let the dust bunnies run rampant in the house.

I'll keep you posted,
Aunt Madge



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THE SUMMER

IT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO WASTE THE WHOLE DAY...

EARLY MORNING SERVICES BECOME POPULAR

THE HEATING FINALLY STARTS WORKING

A RELIEF CONGREGATION IS BROUGHT IN TO COVER ABSENTEES

PARISH PICNICS TAKE PLACE

THERE ARE NOT AS MANY E-MAILS

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH SEND POSTCARDS

Dear Vicar, We are having a lovely time here. We went to the local church and have picked up some ideas. These include www. Revd. The V. St. B.

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PROVINCIAL SYNOD Report



Crest of the Anglican Ecclesiastical Province of Canada



Photo: Installation of incoming Provincial Synod members for the Province of Canada. From left Treasurer, Peter Irish, Deputy Prolocutor: Margaret Jenniex. Prolocutor: Reverend Trevor Lightfoot, Clerical Secretary: Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury, Lay Secretary: Susan Winn and Metropolitan Ron Cutler. (Def: A prolocutor is a chairman of some ecclesiastical assemblies in Anglicanism)

THE SYNOD OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF CANADA met at the University of King's College in Halifax from June 8-10. The Synod brings together the bishops, lay, clergy and youth delegates from the seven dioceses in Eastern Canada (from St. John's to Montreal). We met with the theme "Leadership for Mission". Over the two days of meeting there were four presentations on Leadership in God's Mission: Archbishop Cutler (Metropolitan of the Province of Canada), Archbishop Fred Hiltz (Primate ACoC), the Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully (Director of Faith, Worship and Ministry ACoC), and Mr. Zack Ingles (Fresh Expressions Canada). Each presentation was followed by an opportunity for members of the Synod to engage in conversation about the topic.

The Synod received reports from each of the dioceses about what they are doing or planning to do to prepare leaders in God's Mission. There was also a presentation and discussion about the proposed change to General Synod Canon 21 (On Marriage). In 2016 the General Synod gave first passage to an amendment to the Canon, in order to permit the marriage of same sex couples in the Anglican Church of Canada. The amendment will return to General Synod for the required second debate in 2019. In the meantime it was referred to each Provincial and Diocesan Synod "for consideration". Rev Dr. Paul Friesen and Rev. Paul Jennings spoke of their participation in the work of the Commission on the Marriage Canon and some of the details of the Commission's report.

Two members of our diocese were elected to the Provincial Executive. Rev. Trevor Lightfoot is now the Prolocutor for the Province and Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury is the Clerical Secretary.

In the final session of the Synod two resolutions were passed which reflected the role of the Province in leadership for mission. The first removed the obligation for the Synod to meet in every third year. The Synod would meet if called upon to do so by a certain number of bishops and delegates. (This is a constitutional change and will need to be passed again in order to take effect). The second resolution stipulates that the Synod would meet by electronic means unless an "in person" meeting is requested by one third of the elected members of the Synod. In approving the three year budget, the ministry line was removed. This recognizes that ministry and mission is best undertaken at the local (Diocesan and Parish) or National level. The decision reduces the diocesan apportionment to the Province, leaving more money with the dioceses.

The Synod closed by joining the congregation of the Cathedral of All Saints on Sunday morning for worship led by the children and young people of the congregation.

Many thanks to the local arrangements committee, led by Don Brushett, Rev. Canon Gordon Redden and Ms. Judi Colp - the outgoing clerical and lay secretaries of the Synod, and our Synod Office staff (especially Jan Connors).

Submitted by Archbishop Ron Cutler

Our spirit is a deeper component that communes with God and sets us apart from the animal kingdom



Rev. Dr. John Roddam

John Roddam is the rector of the Parish of Kentville in the Annapolis Valley. He is also the OSL Director of Region 9 (Atlantic Canada plus Quebec) for the International Order of St. Luke the Physician.

The New Testament Greek word 'sozo' means both healing and salvation. The first English Bible described Jesus as Healer of the world rather than Saviour of the world as in more recent translations. There is a close connection between God's salvific/saving work and healing. In fact, the word 'sozo' encompasses not only personal healing and salvation but corporate healing, including justice issues. Such a multi-faceted term is appropriate as the Lord's care and ongoing activity around us is broad-ranging and comprehensive.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. There are three components that make up our person – spirit, soul and body. St. Paul affirmed - *may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus*

Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV) Our body is our physical frame. Our soul includes volition, emotions and intellect. Our spirit is a deeper component that communes with God and sets us apart from the animal kingdom.

Just as the Holy Trinity is three persons and one God, there is an intrinsic unity in the human person, albeit in three parts. Many in the medical community assert that the source of illness is frequently psychosomatic – originating in the person's soul and manifesting in the body. For example, we can carry emotional "baggage" that can have physical ramifications.

At a healing service a couple years ago, a woman came forward for prayer, indicating she had a chronic back problem for over 40 years! She had seen many

doctors and was plagued with constant pain. When asked when this began, she shared a scenario where she had been playing with her children, bouncing down a set of stairs their "posteriors." When she followed suit, bouncing down the stairs, she put her back out. She added, "That was a stupid thing to do!"

As we quieted our hearts to inquire of the Lord how we should pray, there was a deep sense that this dear woman had judged herself harshly for this action. I was drawn to ask her gently to repent of this judgement. As she did so, she was dramatically and completely healed – demonstrating a link between the soul and body elements of our person.

In another instance, a parent with a chronic back issue and carrying a deep concern for her child was counselled

to offer that burden to the Lord - remember the BCP Comfortable Words in Matthew 11: 28-30? As a result of prayer, she found not only a deep sense of peace from God but total relief from the back problem – go figure!!

We are wonderfully and mysteriously made! The interplay of spirit, soul and body speaks to a complexity that defies our understanding. This is where listening prayer and the kindness of the Lord often work together to reveal "keys" to see people move towards healing and wholeness.

Join with me on a healing journey where God would work in our personal and corporate lives to draw us to Him, the source of life and wholeness – even Jesus Christ!

Invitation to a card party

By Rev. Lisa G. Vaughn

Whether it is a wild hand of Tarabish or the speedy play of Cribbage, we Maritimers love a good game of cards.

In May of 2017 our Diocese rolled out a new kind of playing deck – Faith Sharing Cards. Boxed sets of 52 plasticized 2 X 3.5-inch cards with official crests and questions, were distributed to every parish at our Synod gathering. Each with a different question, the cards provide opportunities for parishioners and their friends to engage topics about God, worship, prayer, faith, healing,

etc.

Faith Sharing Cards can be used in a variety of ways in all kinds of settings. For example, an ACW gathering could have each woman randomly choose a card and each would answer their question. A men's breakfast group could decide to choose one question and everyone respond to that question from their own unique perspective.

The fun activity can take place during an after-Sunday coffee hour, before a church meeting begins, at dessert time during a family meal, or even as a Facebook challenge of the day. Several clergy are

encouraging congregations to respond to faith questions during sermon time. Others post them on their PowerPoint announcements or publish in the weekly bulletin. Discussion groups with question cards can be organized over lunch hour at work, at the daily Tim Horton's coffee break, over a cold one at the pub, or between periods at the hockey game.

There are no rules to Faith Sharing Cards. However, there are two highly recommended principles:

- 1. Remind people that there are no right or wrong answers. Everyone's responses are uniquely valid to their experience, thoughts and opinions.**
- 2. Honesty and vulnerability are encouraged. We grow together in mutual trust, supportive care and deeper in faith when we authentically share what is in our hearts.**

The aims of Faith Sharing Cards are to help us as growing disciples to develop a vocabulary and comfort level around talking about our spiritual perspectives. Anglicans typically are not used to articulating our deeply held beliefs. Practicing will help each of us sharpen our



ideas and feelings about faith for ourselves, encourage and build up others as we hear one another's stories, and also prepare us for potential conversations with non-Christians. Being a people shaped by God's mission, we strive to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you. (1 Peter 3:15)

Another great way to use Faith Sharing Cards is to host gatherings with interested non-active church people - friends, neighbours, co-workers, family - who wish to explore spiritual things

themselves. One Diocese uses faith sharing questions at monthly dinner parties so guests can dive deeper and consider faith questions about God for themselves.

Printable copies of these Faith Sharing Cards can be downloaded free from the Diocesan Website – www.nspeidiocese.ca. Go to 'LEADERSHIP' drop-down bar for 'VSST & Task Groups' to 'Healthy Parishes'. Click on the pdf link (To print on card stock [heavier] paper and cut up).



The very first Sustainable Development Fair

BY DAVE MACLEOD

An unusually cold June afternoon did not deter people from attending St. Paul's Anglican Church's hosting of their first Sustainable Development Fair. Organized by the Outreach and Social Justice Committee, the fair was held to draw attention to, and educate people on the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals sent out in 2015. The objectives of the UN goals are in keeping with Christian responsibilities to love and care for all of God's creations. The key focus of the UN goals is to "end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all".

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

St. Paul's Church has a strong, widely-shared reputation for social-justice outreach and activism, and for commitment to stewardship of resources, both natural and human. At every baptism the congregation promises to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation — to

respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth," as well as to "strive for peace and justice, and respect the dignity of every human being." As the Outreach and Social Justice Committee's Mission Statement says, "We seek to achieve fairness for all through support, advocacy and education, with special concern for the for the disadvantaged and disenfranchised."

25 organizations participated in the fair, including displays from the cities of Charlottetown and Summerside, the UPEI Climate lab, Island Waste Management Corporation, and Peers Alliance (formerly AIDS-PEI). Displays helped educate the attendees on important topics like making sure your home is energy efficient and alternative sources of electricity (wind turbines and solar panels). Howatt's EnviroPaints displayed their line of paints, produced from paints colored but not sold, and mixed to give new colors in limited amounts. The Tool Library was there; it's an organization



Photo: One of the many sustainable displays at the first Sustainable Development Fair at St. Paul's, Halifax.

that lets consumers borrow tools that they may only need occasionally or even just once, in return for a nominal fee.

Phil Ferraro, from the Farm Centre in Charlottetown, gave a presentation on corporate social responsibility to an enthusiastic audience. Following the presentation, a lively question and answer session further educated the

audience.

Activities for children included face painting by the Wild Child (forest camp), and a coloring table was enjoyed by children and some adults!! Coffee, tea and lemon water were provided for the attendees thanks to donations from Lady Baker tea and Receiver Coffee Co. In the advertising for the event, the

public were encouraged to bring their own reusable coffee mug and/or water bottle.

As a "thank you" for coming to the fair, attendees were offered a bag of bulbs donated by Vesey's Seeds and a tree seedling from the Department of Forestry. The organizers are now evaluating the success of the event and thinking already about next year.

Sign up now for Vital Church conference

Registration is open for Vital Church Maritimes 2018 conference on Nov. 8—10. Take advantage of the event's Early Bird conference fee and the hotel early booking rate! (See www.nspeidiocese.ca for details.)

Our Diocese is hosting this inspiring event for lay and clergy leaders for the fifth time, and each year enthusiasm grows! The mission-oriented learning opportunity takes place **Nov. 8—10** at the Holiday Inn, Truro, NS.

Guest speaker is Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook from the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Oklahoma. As Canon for Church Growth & Development, Susan is engaged in ministries related to congregational vitality, evangelism, starting new missional communities of faith, as well as overseeing ministries involved with Christian formation, communications, stewardship and campus ministries.

Conference costs are the same as last year and include all

materials and meals (except breakfasts).

- **\$140 Early Bird registration for entire conference (until Oct 1)**
- **\$150 for entire conference**
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Hotel accommodations are single/double guestrooms for \$115 per night. (Request this special VCM/Diocesan rate.) Funding support for lay and clergy leaders in our Diocese is available.

This year's theme is Open Minds. Open Hearts. Open Hands. Explore with other like-minded people how to be open and responsive to where God is calling us to love, serve and make disciples.

Workshop details are still being firmed up. Topics include rural ministry, practical missional living, making connections with families,



contemplation as mission, and a variety of examples of budding Fresh Expressions of church. Keep an eye out for

details on the Vital Church Maritimes 2018 Facebook page and our diocesan website. Got questions? Contact the

Parish Vitality Coordinator at 902-420-0717 or lvaughn@nspeidiocese.ca.



Cursillo ULTREYA SCHEDULE: All gatherings start at 7 pm

Jul 10 **Saint Timothy, 2320**
Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake

Aug 14 **Saint Peters, 346**
Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage

Sep 11 **Saint Nicholas, 29**
Westwood Boulevard, Upper
Tantallon

Oct 9 **Emmanuel, 322**
Herring Cove Rd, Spryfield

Nov 13 **Church of Saint Andrew, 2**
Circassion Drive, Cole Harbour

Dec 11 **All Saints, 1408 Bedford Hwy,**
Bedford

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Faith & Fellowship Gathering

Anglican Church Women Board from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, April 2018



Photo: Archdeacon Katherine Bourbonniere, Archbishop Ronald Cutler, and Anne Williams, President, Anglican Church Women Board, Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

Anglican Women of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island held an annual Faith & Fellowship Gathering on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 at St. Andrew's,

Cole Harbour. The theme for the event, and for the last 12 months was "Witnesses to the Gospel". The keynote speaker and workshop facilitator was the Rev. Ed Trevors. At the closing service of Holy Eucharist, Archdeacon Katherine Bourbonniere was the Presider, and Archbishop Ronald Cutler was the Homilist.



Photo: Liz Finney, Fund Development Director, Bonny Lea Farm; and Anne Williams, President, Anglican Church Women Board, Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. The 2018-19 Project for Anglican women in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is a local one - "Bonny Lea Farm: A Home Forever". At a recent Faith & Fellowship Gathering of Anglican women, Liz Finney, Fund Development Director, Bonny Lea Farm, showed a video and power point presentation of the work of

Bonny Lea Farm, Chester, NS. It has been supporting adults living with disabilities since 1973. With six social enterprises to employ the residents, along with a number of enhanced program options, Bonny Lea Farm is committed to empowering special needs individuals, providing opportunities for them to experience faith, self-respect, love for themselves and others, dignity, integrity, productivity, and responsible community living, all while living in a group or small options home.

Bonny Lea Farm is planning to build a new residence to support

aging in place, given that 58% of the 37 residents are over the age of 50. The purpose of the 2018-19 Anglican Church Women Project - "Bonny Lea Farm: A Home Forever" - is to have the women in our parishes contribute funds to sponsor the living room in the new residence. This new residence will be home-like, barrier free, have specialized supports, 24/7 staffing, and will enable participants to remain an active part of Bonny Lea Farm. It is felt that this new residence for aging residents will serve as a model for other organizations across Nova Scotia and beyond.



Photo: Anne Williams, President, Anglican Church Women Board, Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island and Bishop Sue Moxley. On behalf of Bishop Lydia Mamakwa of the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, Bishop Sue Moxley accepted a cheque for \$10,000.00 from Anne Williams, President of the Anglican Church Women Board for our diocese. The funds were raised for the 2017-2018 Project, "Tribute to Teaching Indigenous Traditions" to help fund intergenerational conferences for the young

people in Mishamikoweesh to learn about their culture and traditions. The intergenerational conference model, with its emphasis on spirituality (each day of the conference starts with worship and Bible study), has proven to be an excellent tool to reach young people and to have them learn from the women elders about marriage and parenting and various traditional life skills, one being traditional food preparation. Bishop Lydia's response when she learned about the amount raised: WOW!



Photo: Anne Williams, President, Anglican Church Women Board, Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island; and Rev.

Ed Trevors, keynote speaker and workshop facilitator, at the Faith & Fellowship Gathering, April 21, 2018. The theme for this event, as

well as for the previous 12 months, was "Witnesses to the Gospel".

It's A New Day!

Book worms welcomed

By Rev. Lisa G. Vaughn

Maybe it's the Oprah effect, but somehow book clubs seem to be as popular as ever these days. A survey conducted by BookNet Canada this past winter reveals that more than 80% of Canadians said they had read a book in the last year. Of those, more than 27% had participated in a book club or reading group.

Even with all the vast options for ways to spend our time, still for many a book club is an oasis in an otherwise hectic life. There's something about diving into a good book, sharing insights and growing friendships that is very attractive to people. This is a great missional opportunity to invite non-churchgoers to explore Christian themes in a relaxed small group.



Rev. Lisa Vaughn
Diocesan Parish Vitality
Coordinator

Here are some tips to keep in mind as you plan your Christian book club:

- Aim to create a group of

5 to 10 people (a mixture of church and non-church people).

- Choose a cozy, comfortable location – someone's living room or a local café.
- Invite participants personally, either by word of mouth, e-mail or paper invitation. These are the most effective ways to encourage readers. Additionally, you can advertise in the local newspaper, post notices at the library, bookstores and on community Facebook pages.
- Ensure that hospitality is well done. Serve refreshments and create a welcoming environment. The old saying goes,

'People don't care what you know, until they know that you care.'

- Decide in advance of each session how much of the book you will read and limit the discussion of that section to one gathering only. Remember that not everyone has the time nor is a fast reader, so pace assignments accordingly. The goals are to build relationships and explore spiritual themes through discussion, not to race through a dozen titles in record time.
- The facilitator's role is to ensure discussion is shared and moves along. She/he does not have to be a Bible scholar or literature expert.
- Rotating the facilitation job each session is a great idea. Everyone gets to practice leading and no one is burdened or pigeonholed as the 'teacher.'
- Name some discussion guidelines up front. They could include these: all opinions are valued; it is okay to disagree; no one has to talk; take turns in the conversation; confidentiality is kept when participants talk about private matters, etc.
- Clarify the meeting's time frame (anywhere from 20 to 90 minutes) and be sure to end on time.
- Open and wrap-up the club gatherings with a prayer.

A good rule of thumb is, when in doubt keep it simple! A group that requires a great deal of work and expertise means it is challenging to duplicate (or carry on over a long time), and it may be intimidating to others who may consider sharing the organizing.

Some general questions that could be asked about the text during the gatherings:

- Where was God at work in this story?
- Describe the moments of grace in the book.
- What are the Christian themes of redemption, forgiveness, generosity, loving sacrifice, etc.?
- Were there any scenes or characters in the novel that are similar to ones in the Bible?
- Are there lessons for people of faith that can be drawn from this narrative?

Rev. Lisa G. Vaughn is the Diocesan Parish Vitality Coordinator. For articles, inspiration and insights on congregational vitality and mission see the Facebook page "Parish Vitality Coordinator – Diocese of NS & PEI, and Anglican Net News, "Six-Minute Study".



Photo: Two relaxed-style summer book clubs are taking place in the Diocese. This Wednesday morning group meets in a Nova Scotia Community College atrium space. The evening session is held at a local public park and Sobeys's community room. Both take place in the Halifax area.

Wasn't that a party!

BY SUE HEENAN

Again this May I am writing to say how pleased I was with the PWRDF Variety Show at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Middle Sackville, N.S. held on May 12, 2018. This was our third Annual event for the Variety Show and it was very successful this year.

We made a total of \$1095 of which the proceeds will go to PWRDF – Feed the Children in Africa. There

were several singers plus a new band this year called 'Frank Granby and His Cute As A Buton Band.' They were delightful and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Mothers' Union and a few other parishioners for the delicious refreshments that were served during the intermission. Again, wasn't that a party!

Photo: One of the variety acts at St. John the Evangelist to raise money for PWRDF.



EXCITING LINE-UP FOR VCM 2018

Workshops, panel presentations and worship experiences for this year's Vital Church Maritimes 2018 conference are shaping up to be diverse and engaging. Here are some of the topics and speakers that are confirmed so far:

- Paths to Discipleship with Ron Huntley, Archdiocese of Halifax
- Habits for Highly Missional People, Shawn Branch, Diocese of Fredericton
- Rural Missional Communities, Greg Jones, Atlantic Baptist Convention
- Benedictine Canon Community of St. Patrick &

Bread, Chad McCharles, St. James' Mahone Bay

- Contemplation in Mission, Sandra Fyfe, St. John's Wolfville
- Other sessions planned:
- o New approaches to Christian formation (helping people mature in the faith)
 - o Ideas for intergenerational gatherings
 - o Dynamic mid-week worship
 - o Mission and money
 - o Examples of Fresh Expressions of church (starting new congregations)
- At VCM an assortment of worship experiences will

be featured including Jazz Vespers on Thursday evening with Robert Richmond (St. Andrew's Locks Rd., Dartmouth) and his jazz band. The Friday evening liturgy will be a time of spiritual refreshment designed and led by Sandra Fyfe and the music duo Acacia, with Gail Fulop and Wayne Slaunwhite, of Eastern Passage.

Our keynote speaker comes from the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Oklahoma. Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook is an expert in Church Growth & Development. She has gifts and experience in congregational vitality, evangelism, starting new missional communities of

faith, Christian formation, communications, stewardship and campus ministries.

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St. John's, Wolfville hosts cemetery tour

When you hear the words 'ghost walk' it may conjure up a nightly walking tour with lantern-light, hearing about the haunted history of an area, local legend, eerie sounds, shadowy figures and the paranormal, enough to frighten even the most courageous of us all. But that's not quite what St. John's Anglican Church is doing as one of its 200th anniversary celebrations. Rather, their version of a 'ghost walk' is a celebration of many former parishioners.

St. John's, Wolfville is the oldest church standing in the area with a long history dating back to the 1700s through the work of the English Missionary Society. St. John's wasn't built until 1818 when land was donated by Mr. Stephen Brown DeWolf. The original structure was modelled in the Georgian architectural

style with plaster walls and plain glass windows. While Georgian style is highly variable, it is marked by symmetry and proportion with restrained ornament. Over time however, the original architectural restraint gave way to exquisite stained glass windows and an overlay of the plaster with wood, giving the interior a richer and warmer feel.

St. John's long and prolific history make a perfect setting for a historical walk down memory lane, even if there aren't any visible ghosts or signs of the paranormal. Many of those buried in the cemetery were significant movers and shakers who made noteworthy contributions to the local town, some of whom were faithful Anglicans. For its 200th anniversary, St. John's is teaming up with Valley Ghost Walks to provide a

cemetery tour for the parish, where those attending would meet former parishioners whose life an experiences would be "brought to life" using community actors. This coincides with Wolfville's 125th anniversary and the plan is to offer the cemetery tour during the annual Mud Creek Days in July.

Through its Sacred Arts Trust, the Anglican Foundation of Canada was pleased to offer a seed money grant to get this most interesting project off the ground. And if you happen to catch a fleeting shadow of a bishop while walking through the cemetery, don't be scared. It's probably the appearance of the Right Rev. John Inglis, third bishop of Nova Scotia who consecrated the burial grounds in 1826.

Youth Net after-school program for teens

For the third year, the Anglican Foundation of Canada has supported this exciting after-school program for young people with funding of \$25,000. St. George's YouthNet is now in its 20th year providing opportunities for teens in the north end of Halifax to grow, challenge themselves, and dream of bright futures. They do this through a lunch program, group discussions, cooking classes, team-building activities and summer camps. The teens who attend love the art classes, the music lessons, canoeing, hiking, and the encouragement to

engage in creative writing, poetry and story-telling. Their testimonials speak of increased self-confidence, enhanced leadership skills, and a greater willingness to try new things outside their comfort zone, all in an safe and encouraging, supportive environment of staff and many volunteers.

Listening to the voices of our young people is absolutely vital to our country and to a prospering society. Explore, learn, appreciate, respect, give back, share and mentor. This is what YouthNet is all about. That deserves a spirited Hallelujah!



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2018 Synod of the Province of Canada



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Members of the Provincial Council met in Halifax, June 2018.

Incoming prolocutor, Rev. Trevor Lightfoot and outgoing prolocutor, Rev. Eli Evans.

Zack Ingles of Fresh Expressions Canada, presenting to the Synod.

Metropolitan Ron Cutler with all he needs to chair Provincial Synod - a bell and coffee!





Photo: Dorothy Miller, Anne Williams, Douglas Beck, and Shirley Cole at St. John's, Bedford for the Lenten Quiet Day, with the theme: Witnesses to the Gospel, sponsored by the Anglican Church Women Board. The 3 postulants, Dorothy, Douglas, and Shirley joined the Board President, Anne Williams, for this photo at the steps of the chancel of St. John's.

Great connective tissue between Anglican Church Women and diocesan postulants

The Anglican Church Women Board for our diocese welcomes its connection with the postulants studying in the Masters of Divinity program at the Atlantic School of Theology. The Board especially appreciates the reflections that three

postulants offer each year for the Board-sponsored Lenten Quiet Day. Board President, Anne Williams, welcomed over 60 patrons for this year's event on St. Patrick's Day at St. John's, Bedford, as postulants Dorothy Miller and Shirley Cole explored the

Anglican Church Women theme, Witnesses to the Gospel, with each of their reflections followed by a time of quiet contemplation. For the Eucharist that concluded the day, with celebrant, Rev. Randy Townsend, St. John's Rector, postulant Douglas

Beck offered the homily. Drawing on themes of St. Patrick and the Gospel for the day, Douglas addressed the theme, Witness to the Gospel, and even included a musical composition of his own design, along with his accompaniment on the harp.

The Lenten Quiet Day has become an important feature for the spiritual life of many Anglicans – women and men - during the Lenten season. All are welcome. Plan on attending in 2019.

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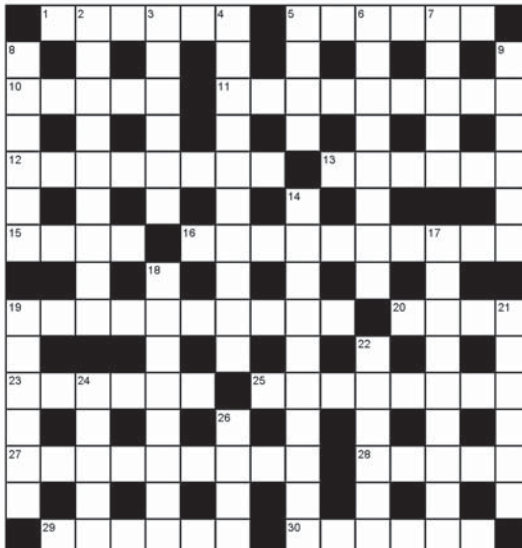
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Bible Crossword

by Maureen Yeats



July Puzzle



ACROSS:

- 1 – Accompany (6)
- 5 – “As long as the earth endures... _____ and winter ... shall not cease” (Gen. 8:22) a season (6)
- 10 – Expanse of sand along seashore (5)
- 11 – Substance put on skin to prevent sunburn (9)
- 12 – Cold, sweet treat; often eaten in summer (3, 5)
- 13 – Attorney (6)
- 15 – Hebrew priest, his name is the title of an Old Testament book (4)
- 16 – Passing from parents to offspring (10)
- 19 – Surrounded by something circular, such as a smoke ring (10)
- 20 – “And (Jesus) sent them out ... to _____” (Luke 9:2) cure diseases (4)
- 23 – “For her _____ is better than silver” (Prov. 3:14) salary

(6)

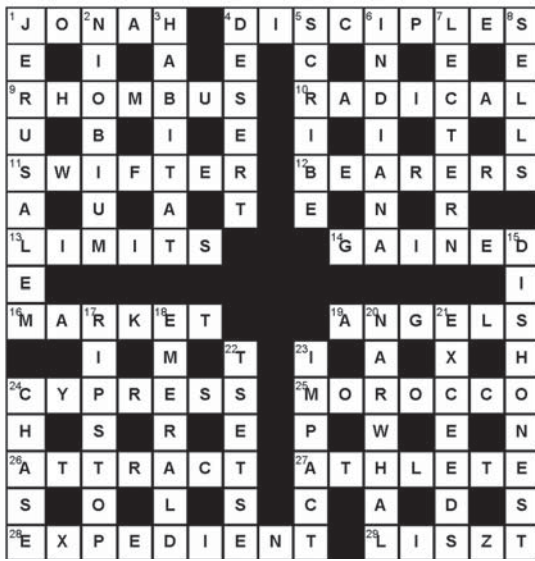
- 25 – Days when one does not have to go to work (8)
- 27 – “Silas and Timothy arrived from _____” (Acts 18:5) a region in northern Greece (9)
- 28 – Fence made of bushes (5)
- 29 – Birthplace of the Apostle Paul (6)
- 30 – Territory ruled by an emperor (6)

DOWN:

- 2 – Straw figure used to scare birds away from crops (9)
- 3 – Additional people (6)
- 4 – The two divisions of the Bible, the Old and New _____ (10)
- 5 – “I will make your offspring as numerous as ... the _____ that is on the seashore” (Gen. 22:17) fine-grained rock (4)

- 6 – Skilled tradesperson who repairs cars (8)
- 7 – “The last _____ to be destroyed is death” (1Cor. 15:26) foe (5)
- 8 – Compel (6)
- 9 – Capability for vigorous activity (6)
- 14 – To embellish again (10)
- 17 – Man’s name, person who quelled a riot in Ephesus (Acts 19:33) (9)
- 18 – Islands in North Atlantic off the coast of North Carolina (8)
- 19 – Puzzling situation (6)
- 21 – “This is my son, my Chosen; _____ to him.” (Luke 9:35) pay attention to (6)
- 22 – “For a _____ as God’s steward, must be blameless” (Titus 1:7) church leader (6)
- 24 – Hot, chocolaty drink (5)
- 26 – Social insects (4)

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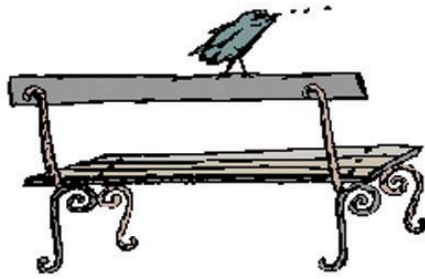
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BY REV RAY CARTER

I recently travelled to Regina for an academic conference of Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Deacons. In attendance were nearly one hundred others from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe and New Zealand. Papers were presented and discussed on many subjects such as "The Conundrum of the Transitional Diaconate", "Theological Basis of the Diaconate", and many others, including "The Prophetic Ministry of the Deacon". It is this last one that I would like to highlight. This paper explored the notion that diaconate is becoming more and more perceived as a ministry not only



The view from the Deacon's Bench

of outreach to the marginalized in society, but also as a prophetic voice applying the imperatives of the Gospel to the world around us. We explored how the deacon fulfills this calling while remaining rooted in our Church communities.

A deacon is charged by the bishop at ordination "...to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example" and "to interpret to the church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world."

So deacons are called to this ministry and to be accountable for it, but I believe all the baptized, lay and ordained, are called to this ministry.

The prophet's role is to be a sign of God's presence in our world and to be the voice for God speaking healing, peace, and reconciliation. As we listen to the news, read the papers, watch TV, or surf the internet we begin to recognize that, as disciples of Jesus called to prophetic witness we cannot be silent or inactive. We must give voice to the need to end injustice, discrimination,

racism, bigotry and all the other forms of hate that are so prevalent in our world today. As we watch reports about children (even nursing infants) being separated from their parents, can we, in good conscience remain silent? Do we just shake our heads and shrug when a boat load of refugees is denied safe harbor in several European countries? It is easy to calm our conscience by reminding ourselves that those unfortunate directives are being carried out in another country. But, do we take the time to question whether similar things are happening in our own nation? Do we speak out to our own government, asking that they use diplomatic means to give voice to the injustice being done? Do we challenge our own immigration laws and practices that are often unjust and inflict burdens? Several parishes in our own diocese have stepped up to sponsor refugee resettlement. Is it right for the government to present these new Canadian families with a huge bill for airfare on their arrival to Canada?

When we hear of the killings of gay men and women, do we speak out against homophobia and hatred, or simply tell ourselves that "I wouldn't

do that" and "let the justice system handle those cases"?

Do we take the time to look at our own attitudes and actions and ask whether in some way we contribute to the ongoing discrimination against various groups of people in our society right here in Nova Scotia?

What about the incidents of racism involving police or security services? Why are the number of African Nova Scotians "carded" by police so high compared to white Nova Scotians?

What about the poverty and homelessness that we see all around us? What about the continued trafficking in women and children?

There are so many problems in our world and our society. How are we called as individuals and as a parish community to be a prophetic voice today, calling for change and transformation in our world? Where does transformation in our world start? It starts in each and every one of us, in our own hearts and minds and with a lot of prayer and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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