



Lunenburg loves Louis

BY PAUL SHERWOOD

THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST began as one of those wonderful sunny mornings on July 22, 2012. There was an air of anticipation and in Lunenburg, a very special **Service of Recognition of Priesthood** was beginning for Rev. Louis Marcel Joseph Quennelle at St. John's Anglican Church.

After the reading of the Gospel, Bishop Ron Cutler, Mrs Doreen Dixon, Barbara Eisenhauer, Revs. Irving Letto, Alvin Westgate & Linda Macdonald, Ms. Mary Meisner, Archdeacon Michael Mitchell and Senator Wilfred Moore came forward to present Louis Marcel Joseph Quennelle for recognition as a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Louis Marcel Joseph Quennelle was already ordained a priest in the one holy catholic and apostolic church of Jesus Christ on May 19, 1985 by Bishop Paul O'Byrne of the Diocese of Calgary. However, shortly after his ordination as priest, he surrendered his faculty to exercise his priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church on February 28, 1987. The decision to leave became clear as the reality of ordained ministry in the Roman Catholic church unfolded.

Louis was introduced to the Anglican church after meeting Robert MacMillan; he was received into the Anglican Church of Canada in 2003 after worshipping there for over 10 years.

Both Louis and Robert are active members of St. John's, Lunenburg. Louis took on roles in the spiritual development committee, choir, music committed and has been a synod delegate for the past three synods.

During a Christian group vacation to Greece in 2007 with parish priest Michael Mitchell, Louis was introduced to the possibility of ordained ministry in the Anglican Church. Over the next number of years, that conversation evolved into discernment, training and numerous meetings. And in early 2012, the parish of St. John's asked Bishop Sue Moxley to license Louis as an Anglican priest.

So on the 8th Sunday after Pentecost, the presentors requested that this priest, who already received episcopal ordination, be authorised to exercise his priestly ministry according to the disciplines of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Communion.

As the service continued, Bishop Sue Moxley asked Louis Quennelle, the presentors and the congregation a series of questions to confirm the loyalty, conformity and commitment to his service to God and the church.

Bishop Moxley concluded that part of the service by saying to Rev. Quennelle, "Louis, with the authority vested in me and in full recognition of your priestly orders I welcome you as a priest of the Anglican Church of Canada in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

The air of anticipation in Lunenburg turned into one of joy inside St. John's that Sunday as more than a hundred well-wishers welcomed Louis into his new role.



Photo above: Archdeacon Michael Mitchell, Bishop Ron Cutler, Rev. Louis Quennelle, Robert MacMillan and Bishop Sue Moxley.



Photo right: Rev. Louis Quennelle celebrates his first communion after his welcome into the Anglican Church of Canada as priest.

When the well runs dry...drill!

SUMMER HAS FLOWN BY! Before we knew it June and July were history and August was on the same path. Maybe it is me, maybe it is this aging thing that seems to happen to us all but my summers are getting shorter every year and my winters tend to go on forever!

Here By The Bog we enjoyed the extreme warmth of the sun, but not the drought that had us all gasping for water. Those with shallow wells were on water rations and those with drilled wells were thanking their lucky stars! Now, if you have never lived with a dug well or visited anyone with such a water source you may not understand what I mean by "water rations". I guess we practice what the environmentalists are urging the whole earth to do. We reuse any and all water we can, we brush our teeth without leaving the tap on, flower gardens get the used dishwater, rain barrels stand ready to collect any rain that might come off the roof and there is a "Flush only if absolutely necessary" sign in bathrooms. I hope I don't need to explain what that means!

The rectory has been managing on a very old dug well. The well was dug long before any of us can remember and my



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

father once marveled at the fact that it never seemed to run dry. He was sure there was an underground spring feeding it. The water was clear and cold and always tested clean when the health department insisted it be checked. Unlike some who were known to throw a bottle of bleach in every few weeks, especially when the dreaded test was coming up in the near future, the rectory well remained pure all on its own. Billie and her In-Laws followed the advice of the community and did not waste their precious gift. Pop's garden cried for water but he kept the hose curled up beside the house.

Then the "kids" arrived for their annual visit. There are one or two teens in the mix this summer and although the rules were laid out; a day without at least two showers was not in the cards for them. Extra loads of laundry and those "necessary flushes" ran the well almost completely dry. It struggled to recover every night but the water began to be discoloured and the pump strained to find anything to pump.

There was an emergency meeting of Parish Council called and it was decided to call in the well drillers. Some of the men thought they would find water quickly with the memory of this underground spring in folks' minds. Others advised that they go deep enough and make sure the casing was firmly in the bedrock. Pop wanted to call in a Diviner to look for a good source of water but Billie soon put a stop to that witchcraft!

The rig backed up the rectory driveway and across part of the beloved vegetable bed. The ugly contraption began to do its thing and after just a few days a great source of clean clear water came gushing out. While the yard was torn up it was decided to run a line from the new well to the Parish Hall so that we

didn't have to carry water there whenever we had a function. The piping was laid below the frost line so that this water source would be there throughout the winter. Once the water was in the hall, the next suggestion was to put in a washroom so that we were not running to the rectory whenever Mother Nature called. The Building Inspector told us we needed to install two washrooms and make them wheelchair accessible. He also said that a wheelchair ramp into the hall would be necessary now that we were doing renovations.

The new well at the rectory took on a life of its own and what was going to be a manageable debt load became a huge burden for us as a parish. But as Rev. Billie pointed out, "It's an ill wind that doesn't blow in some good", and now that we have a water source in the Hall we will be able to have all sorts of fund raising dinners. She also promised that those spotless teens who visit the rectory this summer will be there to lend a hand for such functions whenever she calls ... after all she is Granny to them! The young legs will be much appreciated! I'll keep you posted, Aunt Madge



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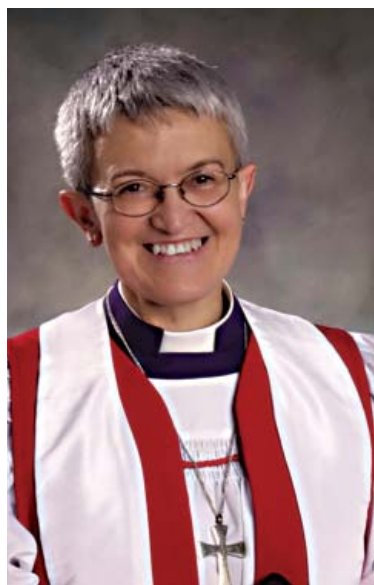
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WE DO NOT NEED TO GET SOMEONE IN TO HELP US WITH MARKETING OUR CHURCH AS WE ARE PERFECTLY ABLE TO DO IT OURSELVES

BISHOP'S MESSAGE



*The Right Reverend Sue Moxley,
Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince
Edward Island.*

Let us dream of a church...

OVER THE SUMMER, while cleaning out the office, I found a small booklet that was given to me just after I was ordained priest. It was put together by Charles Wilson, who was, I think, a consultant for our diocese many years ago. It was published by Forward Movement Publications. It fits so well with the vision of our diocese and the marks of a healthy congregation that I am using it as the basis of the Bishop's message for this month. It should take all of us back the vision in each of our parishes, and cause us to consider what we have planned for the coming year that will move the people of our parish closer to living out their vocation as Christians and closer to fulfilling God's dream of people reconciled to God, living justly with joy!

Let us dream of a church in which all members know surely and simply God's great love, and each is certain that in the divine heart we are all known by name; in which Jesus is very word, our window into the Father's heart; the sign of God's hope and God's design for all humankind; in which the Spirit is not a party symbol, but wind and fire in everyone, gracing the church with a kaleidoscope of gifts and constant renewal for all.

A church in which worship is lively and fun as well as reverent and holy; and we might be moved to dance and laugh; to be solemn, cry or beat the breast. People know how to pray and enjoy

it - frequently and regularly, privately and corporately, in silence and in word and song...

A church affirming life over death as much as life after death, unafraid of change, able to recognize God's hand in the revolutions, affirming the beauty of diversity, abhorring the imprisonment of uniformity, as concerned about love in all relationships as it is about chastity, and affirming the personal in all expressions of sexuality; denying the separation between secular and sacred, world and church, since it is the world Christ came to and died for...

Let us dream of a church with a radically renewed concept and practice of ministry and a primitive understanding of the ordained offices. Where there is no clerical status and no classes of Christians, but all together know themselves to be part of the laos - the holy people of God, a ministering community rather than a community gathered around a minister."

There is more in the little booklet and I hope we may be able to obtain more copies. If so you can expect to be seeing them in parishes as the bishop comes to visit and to consider with you whether you have a "Dream" church!

+Sue

Stairway to heaven – a personal act of devotion

I WONDER IF GOD looks upon some of our acts of devotion with a humorous eye. In Rome last spring I planned I would ascend the twenty-eight steps of the 'Holy Stairs' on my knees. Tradition says these are the steps Jesus ascended to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem. These steps were later brought to Rome by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine. Though made of marble, these steps are now encased in wood. For many centuries pilgrims have ascended them on their knees as an act of penitence and prayerfully remember the passion of Jesus. But such acts of devotion do not always work out the way we expect.

It was late afternoon and there were still a goodly number of people beginning the climb. My knees give me problems and I wondered if I really should begin. I might slow others down. But I thought since I am here I might as well give it a go. If I did this prayerfully, I can ignore the discomfort. I knew there was a set prayer for each step but I decided my prayer for each step would be to sing the Trisagion to a wonderful meditative tune I know, say the Jesus prayer and finish with a Gloria. This, I thought, would give me a good reflective pace. So to my knees...the first step...and pain already; not my



Prayer

Steve Laskey

knees but my shins. I feel awkward. The depth of the step was too long to accommodate the length of my lower leg or perhaps I should say my leg is too short. Holy God, holy and might, holy and immortal one have mercy upon us...

'Right...Stay focussed...Don't look ahead...and don't count the steps (I love to count things). Remember, this isn't some sort of spiritual tick list... Lord you know my intentions... and please, I would like to leave with shins intact...Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.' Worn into each step are grooves shaped over hundreds of years by the knees and shins of penitents.

There is some comfort knowing I am placing my shins where other shins have gone before. I keep going.

I am slow and the crowd ahead of me is starting to break away. A mother and child, a boy of about four, come up alongside. Imagine. A child is passing me - oh to have the knees (and shins) of a child. Everyone makes their way up as best they can. Some are powering up like they do this as a daily exercise. I, on the other hand, am bent over in complete submission. How humble I must look bent over, almost prostrate. The truth is that I am simply distributing my weight evenly across the steps. I am leaning on my forearms on the step above and my forehead is nearly touching the step as well. I notice the child who has very large eyes is watching me. He rests, laying on his side. 'Sure, he's allowed to rest', I think. But there's pity in his eyes. Do I look to be in that much pain? His mother, on the other hand, kneeling upright, looks as if she had been in training for this, the penitential Olympics. I wonder to myself if anyone has ever just stood up and walked the rest of the way. I pray again... Holy God, Holy and mighty; Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us...

Half way up I think of Martin

Luther who went up these steps in 1511 and heard the words 'not by works but by faith alone'. Yes, that's it. Faith! I don't need to do this. If I can't walk up I could slide back down on my behind. But I can't. There is a crowd behind me getting closer and closer. Don't look back. Don't look ahead. Take each step one at a time. Think about Matthew 6...stay in the present...the present moment, like the day, has worries enough for itself...I can do this...

I am thankful I am to the side of the steps. Here the grooves appear deeper and are perhaps easier for me. Still I can only just lift my knee up to the next step. I use my big toe as a lever to push my knee up to the next step. Is this cheating? Well, we all use wiggle room from time to time. 'I'm doing the best I can Lord...' 'Holy God, Holy and mighty....' I pause in a groove and rest. I say the Gloria a few more times. 'See Lord, I'm not really resting. I am praising you...'

I am getting close now. The woman and the child with those eyes of pity have reached the top step. I have three to go. Oops, I counted. The boy knows I'm struggling. Up, then up again I move. But they are still at the top step. I'm stuck where I am until they

move. What are they waiting for? There's no traffic light... Should I linger once I reach that top step too? Finally she stands up. The boy stands too. He watches me; waits for me. What is he thinking?...Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

Finally, I reach that top step. I say two extra Gloria's and 'thank you Lord'. I stand. Oh the bliss of instant relief. I smile. The boy, still watching me, smiles too, then turns and walks off with his mom.

I need to sit so I walk over to the chapel. There are others there; some sitting; some kneeling. Double bliss - padded kneelers! - just what I need. A little reward? No, of course not. There is a hinge on the padding to lift it so to kneel directly on the hard wood. I keep the padding down. I sigh. I realize my prayerful act to reflect on the passion of Jesus was not as holy an experience as planned but it was a blessing. It did remind me that it is not my actions that sanctify me but my faith in God's grace. It is in that grace I must walk (or crawl) and that grace out of which I must act even if it is at times a bit awkward. I wonder how some of the others reflected as they ascended the Holy Stairs that day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following deacons ordained at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on Monday June 11: Marilyn Hamlin and Joan Helpard ordained Deacons, Rob Elford and David Puxley ordained as Transitional Deacons.

Rev. Gordon Relf ordained to the priesthood at Emmanuel Church, Spryfield, Monday June 18.

Rev. Jim Greene appointed priest-in-charge of St. Margaret of Scotland effective June 10 following the retirement of Rev. Dianne Parker.

Bishop Sue accepted the resignation of Rev. Michael Boyd, July 31, 2012. At that time Michael will move into retirement.

Bishop Sue has appointed Rev. Jenny Sharp as ACW Chaplain for PEI, June 20, 2012.

Rev. Fred Rhymes appointed priest-in-charge of the parish of Wilmot effective July 1, 2012 during Rev. Matthew Sponagle's sick leave.

Bishop Sue accepted the resignation of Rev. Ron Appleton, September 16, 2012. At that time Ron will move into retirement.

Rev. Peter Rafuse resigned from the parish of Sydney Mines, September 30th to become rector of St. Martin's, Western Shore, October 1, 2012.

Rev. Rachel Parker appointed as rector of St. James, Armdale, September 1, 2012. Rachel comes from the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. Judi Phillips appointed rector of the parish of New Ross, October 1, 2012.

Rev. Charles Bull appointed rector of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Halifax, November 1, 2012.

Rev. David Puxley appointed incumbent of St. John's, Westphal, September 1, 2012.

Archdeacon Marilyn Newport appointed as Acting Health Care Chaplain, August 27, 2012, to cover the maternity leave for Rev. Keirsten Wells.

Rev. Tricia Ingram appointed to serve with Rev. Tom Henderson on the Lay Readers' Executive and Board of Standards, September 1, 2012.

Bishop Sue is pleased to announce that she has received from the Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Louis Quennelle as a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada. Louis was received into the Anglican Church some time ago and has been a member of St. John's, Lunenburg for several years. He will serve as priest assistant with Archdeacon Michael Mitchell at St. John's, Lunenburg.

Hospital Chaplain: Loss of Chaplaincy position - Diocesan Council in 2011 agreed to retain the QE II hospital chaplain position and appointed Rev. Andrea MacIntyre to the position. In April 2012, Andrea resigned to take a position in Ontario. The Human Resources Subcommittee agreed that the position should be refilled so the position was advertised. At the June Diocesan Council meeting, Council looked at the budget projections for the 2013 budget. A motion was passed to not fill the second Chaplain position for the year 2013. Our Lutheran funding partners and our hospital partners were notified June 26, 2012. Those who had applied for the position were also notified June 26, 2012. At the present time, there is a small task group looking at alternative ways to provide some support to the Coordinating Chaplain for the volume of visiting. There are also some [others] looking at alternative funding sources.

The revised **Episcopal Itineraries 2012-2014** is posted to the website at: <http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/bishop-ops/itineraries.htm>

St. John's starts sod turning



Photo: Dot Arkelian and Jack Ibsen, both lifetime members of St. John's, turn the ceremonial first sod on Sunday, June 3 2012, in anticipation of the construction of the new parish centre on Kearney Lake Road in west Bedford for the Parish of St. John's Anglican Church, Halifax.



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You're invited!

Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Diocesan Youth Conference

On behalf of the Rev. Brianna Andrews, Jennifer Warren and Bonnie Skerritt, of the DYC Task Group of the Youth and Family Ministries VSST, I am happy to announce that all youth in grades 7 through 12 and their leaders, from throughout the Diocese are invited to gather for the 10th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference at Scotian Glen Camp on Sutherland's River near Thorburn, NS, from November 2-4, 2012.

Susan Naylor
Youth Ministry Coordinator

TEN YEARS AGO, in 2002, lots of young people spent two days together dreaming about God's vision for youth ministry in this diocese. At the end of the weekend, when asked, "What do you want to do?" the answer was clearly to gather together like this every year. So many youth, especially those from rural congregations identified the need to be with their peers to celebrate their faith and challenge one another to find ways to be a part of the church. Every year since then, our youth have gathered in places like the Atlantic School of Theology, sleeping on the floor in the 1898 building and worshipping in the chapel there; at Christ Church in Dartmouth, where Sunday worship was with the parish and activities were outside in beautiful weather; at Canoe Cove, PEI, the first time with bunks and showers in the same building; and this year, 2012, at Scotian Glen, a beautiful conference centre that will allow for the growing numbers of participants. These conferences have helped to build up ministry within rural and urban churches. Whether or not a parish has a formal group or youth ministry, young people have consistently said they value the relationships with other young people and have continued with their involvement in the local church because of their connection to DYC.

What happens at DYC is not just a weekend retreat for a great group of young people. There is Christian education and Bible study that are relevant to the life of a young person. There is time for healthy fun and games and enjoyable times of worship. One weekend, the whole conference was lead through their days in the way of monastic prayer. They lived it together and then were taught about the elements that had been lived. Many said their eyes were opened to the richness of the church. Others have commented that DYC has helped them to see the wider world through Christian eyes, that the church and the church's ministry goes beyond the Sunday morning experience. Living Justice, PWRDF, bullying, current culture, who we are as individuals, the meaning of the Baptismal Covenant, these are all topics that have been explored by our young people through the DYC gatherings. This year, the focus will be on peace making and striving to be people of peace under the theme, "Let Peace Reign." Live music, another fantastic coffee house, great leadership and careful planning will all be a part of this years' experience. The young adults in leadership, those who have just finished high school and are under age 30, have already begun planning for a supporting role. After the success of the clergy gathering at DYC last year, the clergy will once again be offered the opportunity of meeting together to work out ways of being successful at delivering youth ministry in the parish.

Having the support of their parish is helpful to each person's experience of DYC. Keep some time free for your youth to tell you about their

trip. You will be amazed at all they have to share. The adults that attend DYC are an important factor in its success. Those with lots of leadership experience work alongside those who are new to youth ministry. It is a safe place and one where there is a role for every level of ability and interest. Leaders at DYC all need to be accredited through the Care 2 Screen program and attend one of two leader's sessions prior to the event.

It costs each person \$85 to come to DYC. The Diocese, through the Youth and Family Ministry Vision, Strategy, and Support Team, pays the rest. If you have ever been away to a clergy conference, lay readers' event, ACW weekend or Mother's Union event, you know that it means a lot to be able to afford to attend. Many parishes help out those who go either by offering to pay for the registration, paying half, having a designated fund raising event or paying for the registration fees for the adults. Some parishes have drivers who are willing to help families get their young people to the event. Some help out by encouraging teens that are loosely connected to the parish to consider attending. A big part of DYC is making the invitation to youth to attend and then helping them find the means to attend. Welcoming them back to the parish and asking for the experience to be shared enriches things for everyone. So, if you have read this far, do your part for youth ministry and cut this article out and share it with any young people in your life, with the servers and Sunday school students in your parish, with the young person who comes to church at Christmas and Easter and doesn't know what this faith thing is all about, with your Spiritual Development Committees and Parish Council or anyone else who might want to help celebrate these ten years of successful youth ministry through the Diocesan Youth Conference.

Quick Facts

Theme: Let Peace Reign

Dates: November 2-4, 2012

Where?: Scotian Glen, Sutherland's River, Thorburn, NS

Register from Sep. 1-Oct. 12

Online registration and payment options:
www.nspeidiocese.ca

Cost: Grade 7-12 youth registration:
\$85

Adult registration: \$85

Adult rate discounted to \$40 for those bringing youth or on leadership team.

Updates: see us on Facebook:
"DYC 2012 - Diocese of NS and PEI Youth Ministry"

Leader Sessions: 10 am-Noon October 13

HRM - location to be announced - PEI and Cape Breton by Skype 5-7 pm October 19, All Saints, Bedford. Light supper provided

More information:
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Register early
and avoid
disappointment!



Virtual Church School finds new home

ALI SYMONS,
GENERAL SYNOD WEB WRITER

THE VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL curriculum has now moved to its own website: www.churchschool.info. Launched in February 2008 by the Diocese of Keewatin, the project offers year-round, lectionary-based lessons in English and French and is available for free online.

The new site is structured to link up with the lectionary and includes updated lessons, background material, and links. There are a few new resources, including an outline for a nativity play.

Fiona Brownlee, project coordinator and lesson writer, is the brains behind the operation. A seasoned educator and curriculum writer, Ms. Brownlee has written three years' worth of lessons to correspond with the Revised Common Lectionary. Michel Gagnon, a lay reader in the Diocese of Montreal, translates all lessons into French.

Dozens of churches across Canada use this material, including many smaller rural and isolated parishes—from the Arctic to the Prairies. Virtual Church School lessons are designed to be easy to read and plan, with few extra resources needed.

"I think it's important to encourage all parishes to continue with a Christian education ministry, even if they don't have the ability to buy more expensive curriculum resources," said Ms. Brownlee.

"Children all across the church deserve quality

Christian education material."

Up until now, Virtual Church School material was hosted on the Council of the North website, but as the council begins to refocus its work, Fiona and other leaders decided it was time for a dedicated website.

For Mr. Gagnon of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, the Virtual Church School is valuable because, according to his assessment, it's the only Anglican church school material available in French.

"Five years ago, we were faced with the same dilemma in our own parish: where to find material that would be suitable for a small group of children for whom French was the common language," said Mr. Gagnon.

"Published resources tend to be elaborate and expensive for very small groups and besides, the benefit of having ready-to-print exercises is lost when most of them cannot be used because of the language barrier."

Mr. Gagnon also appreciates that Virtual Church School lessons follow the church's standard lectionary—the Revised Common Lectionary—so parents and children work through the same material and can discuss it at home.

Visit the Virtual Church School website:
www.churchschool.info/

LETTERS

June 3, 2012

Dear Editor:

FOR 61 YEARS I was an active member of another denomination. Two years ago my husband and I moved to Musquodoboit Harbour, NS. I went to a church of the same denomination here but after 5 months of attendance felt uncomfortable and lonely. I belong to a group which meets at St. James Hall on Dolby Hill and often I would look at the very old, simple, wood church next to the Hall and feel a sense of attraction. One Saturday we went to a yard sale at this hall and we met a lady we had known for years through an organization we volunteer with. I asked her what kind of church St. James was and how could I go to a service there. Catherine invited me to meet her at St. Thomas Church in Musquodoboit Harbour the next morning as the service alternates between the two churches. I met Catherine in the parking lot and went with her into the church. She introduced me to the Priest and to some of the people. Everyone was so friendly and I felt very much at home. I continued to attend either St. James or St. Thomas each Sunday and I loved being there. I joined the Parish People which is a choir made up of people from several denominations in the area and directed by the Parish Priest, Rev. Tricia Ingram and her husband, Dave. We sing at community events, variety shows, ecumenical services in other churches and at our Sunday morning services. I continued to meet so many people and began to grow roots in my new community and in my new church.

I love my church! I love the little, old, white churches of the Parish of Musquodoboit, St. Thomas and St. James. I love their simplicity and their beauty.

I love the people who make up my church! They really care about each other and the people in our communities. I love to hear people chatting and laughing as they gather before the service begins and as they leave the church. I love how I never had to sit by myself. Often we have a luncheon after the service on Sunday. I'm not a very outgoing person but I really enjoy these luncheons. We just sit wherever there are empty chairs and we've met so many wonderful people and enjoyed good companionship as well as a delicious lunch. I attend Bible Study. I have learned so much and again have met a lot of great people.

I love my Priests! We are fortunate to have 3 dedicated Priests whom we share with the Parish of Ship Harbour, Rev. Tricia Ingram, Rev. Marilyn Murphy and Rev. Michael Foley. Every Sunday I look forward to attending the service and hearing a homily which I know will help sustain me for the following week. When I have a question I feel welcome to ask any of our Priests and they are happy to answer. I love the hug or the warm hand shake I get from the Priest as I leave the church. I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and know the Holy Spirit is working in our Parish and in me.

I am so happy that I decided to follow my heart and my attraction to that little white church. Last September I was confirmed into the Anglican Church at St. James Church on Dolby Hill, the very church that caught my eye when I first saw it. I know that now I am at home.

Sincerely,
Patricia Lapointe



Photo: Rev. Gordon Granchelli, Andrew Penny and Rev. Peter Rafuse

"Girl Power Wolf Spirit" project a success

Thank you to everyone who ensured the success of the Anglican Church Women Annual Project 2011. In providing \$6,500 for the youth initiative, Girl Power Wolf Spirit, we are acknowledging and supporting the Anglican Church of Canada's Vision 2019 priority to walk with

Indigenous Peoples on a journey of healing and wholeness. The success of each Annual Project depends on the commitment and generosity of Anglican Church Women in the Diocese and the contributions of each organized group. Many thanks.

Celebrating 171 years in Cape Breton

BY MERDINA BOND

A SPECIAL SERVICE was held in June at Trinity Church in Sydney Mines to celebrate 171 years of service. The special preacher for the service was a former parishioner Rev. Gordon Granchelli who served on the altar as a young boy and attended King's College in

Halifax studying for ministry. Upon graduation Gordon served in the parish of Upper Falmouth, he eventually became involved with Social Work and still does Church Services in various parishes during vacations. Gordon spoke about growing up at Trinity and the fond memories he had with his Church Family.

Following the service, members of the congregation went downstairs to the Grandy Hall for a light Lunch. An Anniversary cake was cut by Rev. Gordon Granchelli assisted by Sunday School member Andrew Penny of Florence, the youngest in attendance.



Photo: ladies from the Country Harbour parish and Rev. Rebecca Sample

Country Harbour pays homage to the Queen

BY REBECCA SAMPLE

When Holy Trinity Church in Country Harbour celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, all the

ladies wore their hats, gloves, pearls, and rings, to help celebrate and honour Her Majesty.



Photo: Lynn Willet, Rev. Tricia Ingram and Bev Fahie.

A dance for Mother's Day

ON MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday, May 13, 2012 a liturgical dance graced St. John's Church in Oyster Pond.

Lynn Willett and Bev Fahie, the Steeple Winds

did an inspiration dance to the song 'Can You Imagine'.

The dance was choreographed by Lynn Willett and Bev Fahie and assisted by David Willett.

A breath of fresh A.I.R.

(Autism Information Resource Kit)
Anglican Church Women Nova Scotia Board's Annual Project 2012

AUTISM NOVA SCOTIA began in 2002 with one primary goal: to help parents, professionals, those on the spectrum, and others to find the information and services they need to support persons living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder that affects the way an individual communicates and relates to people around them. Children and adults with autism experiences difficulties with everyday social interaction. The degree to which a person is affected by autism falls along a spectrum. Some people will have very limited language capability and have high support needs, others may have exceptional language abilities and require very little support. In all cases, it is important to understand the disorder and the supports and services available to the individual and family to ensure proper development.

Newly diagnosed families are particularly at sea. Hearing the diagnosis for the first time can be overwhelming and it may be difficult for families to absorb information. Autism Nova Scotia recognized a need for communication and therefor created an InfoKit for newly diagnosed families. The InfoKit is a comprehensive binder filled with information to help families get their feet under them. It provides links to resources in the community and tidbits of information to help parents as they navigate the medical and education systems. The InfoKit also includes two books: one is for the parents to help support them as they begin their

journey and the other is a picture book for the child to enjoy.

For more information on the InfoKit or on Autism Spectrum Disorder, please contact Autism Nova Scotia at 902-446-4995 or e-mail vharvey@autismns.ca

Costs to produce and provide the materials included in the InfoKit are substantial. The 2012 Project for Anglican Church Women in Nova Scotia will be "A Breath of Fresh A.I.R. - Autism Information Resource Kit. The funds raised for this project will allow InfoKits to continue to be produced and distributed throughout Nova Scotia, helping families across the province.

Imagine the benefit to families living with autism to have a fully resourced binder from Autism Nova Scotia, complete with everything one could use to navigate the challenging waters of an autism diagnosis. We know that we can count on the support of Anglican Church Women in the Diocese to send funds for this local Annual Project. Do you realize that a contribution of \$75 provides funds to complete and equip fully two resource Kits? Please send contributions, NS ACW Board, c/o Board Treasurer, Marjorie Davis-Snow, 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax, NS B3K 5J6. (Note: this address will change around December when the new office opens.) Please make cheque payable to NS ACW Board and indicate "Project 2012" on the cheque.

Thank you for your continued support of our annual projects.

Are you ready for 2013?

A GOOD START to getting ready for next year is to purchase a 2013 Canadian Church Calendar. The Nova Scotia Board of the Anglican Church Women has recently received a supply of these calendars. Along with having colourful pictures, the calendars also indicate "liturgical colors" for the various church seasons. For groups wishing to sell the 2013

Church Calendars as a fund raising project in their parish now is the time to place an order. For more information please contact the ACW Calendar Chairperson, Anna Langille, at (902) 423-8697, or write to Anna at the ACW Quinpool Road, Halifax, NS B3K 5J6.



Cursillo weekends a success in Kentville

THE NOVA SCOTIA Anglican Cursillo Movement held its 34th weekends at St. James, Kentville. Nearly 80 team members and candidates came together from across the diocese for a men's weekend on April 26-29th and a women's weekend on May 3-6th. The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living which is fundamental for being a Christian in the

world. Cursillo presents a way of structuring our Christian lives so as to make a difference in the world. For more information, visit the diocesan web site at: www.nspeidiocese.ca/profile/we_do/cursillo.html Or the Cursillo web site at: www.chebucto.ns.ca/religion/NSACM/Welcome.htm

Photo left: Members of the St Mary Magdelene table from the Women's weekend take a timeout to pose for a group photo.

Photo below: Members of the hard-working Kitchen team from the Men's weekend in Kentville.

MARY MAGDELENE



KITCHEN

June ordination for four deacons and a priest



Photo: Front row - Rob Elford and Marilyn Hamlin.
Middle - David Puxley and Joan Helpard
Back row - Bishops Ron Culter, Sue Moxley & Bruce Howe

ON JUNE 11, Marilyn Hamlin and Joan Helpard were ordained Deacons and Rob Elford and David Puxley were ordained as Transitional Deacons at a celebration at the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax.



Photo: Gordon Relf and Bishop Ron Cutler.

Gordon Relf was ordained to the priesthood at Emmanuel Church, Spryfield, Monday June 18.

The Paul Wattson Lecture A Journey of Hope: Faith, Spirituality, and Tolerance

Tuesday, November 6
Saint Mary's University
McNally Theatre Auditorium

Guest Speaker: Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, "The Gaza Doctor" - Author of *I Shall Not Hate*

Dr. Abuelaish is a Palestinian doctor who rose from abject poverty in a Gaza refugee camp to become a champion of peace and reconciliation through his medical practice. Working on both sides of the border, he was a beacon of light, "a magical, secret bridge between Israelis and Palestinians," according to an Israeli colleague. Dr. Abuelaish came to the world's

attention in January 2009, when a TV news report from Israel captured his anguished efforts to save one of his daughters, only moments after Israeli missiles exploded into a bedroom of his Gaza home, instantly killing three daughters and a niece. The personal tragedy came only 4 months after he lost his wife to illness. It was this highly publicized carnage suffered by a well-loved and respected man on both sides, that quickly led to the end of the Israeli Defense Force's Operation Cast Lead only two days later. Soon after the tragedy, he moved his remaining five children to Toronto and accepted a post as

associate professor of medicine at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. A few months after arriving in Canada, Dr. Abuelaish's book, *I Shall Not Hate*, which documents his extraordinary personal journey of tragedy and hope, was published by Random House Canada and became an instant best-seller. It has since been translated into 15 languages. He continues to travel the world to promote his message of peace and to support Daughters for Life, a Canadian charitable foundation he set up in honour of his three fallen daughters.

Godspell at St. Nicks

ST NICHOLAS Anglican Church in Westwood Hills is buzzing with the sound of music this summer as the talented cast of 11 local youths prepare to deliver an exciting version of the musical "Godspell". Work on the play began in May and it is shaping up to be an event not to miss.

Director Debra Forsyth-Smith and Musical Director Kevin MacLlreith have put in many joyous hours to ready the production for its September 14th to 16th shows.

The cast delivers the Godspell message and has a lot of fun doing so. And fun and the Gospel of St Matthew is what the musical is about. "From start to finish this play is extreme entertainment, but the message of the Gospel is

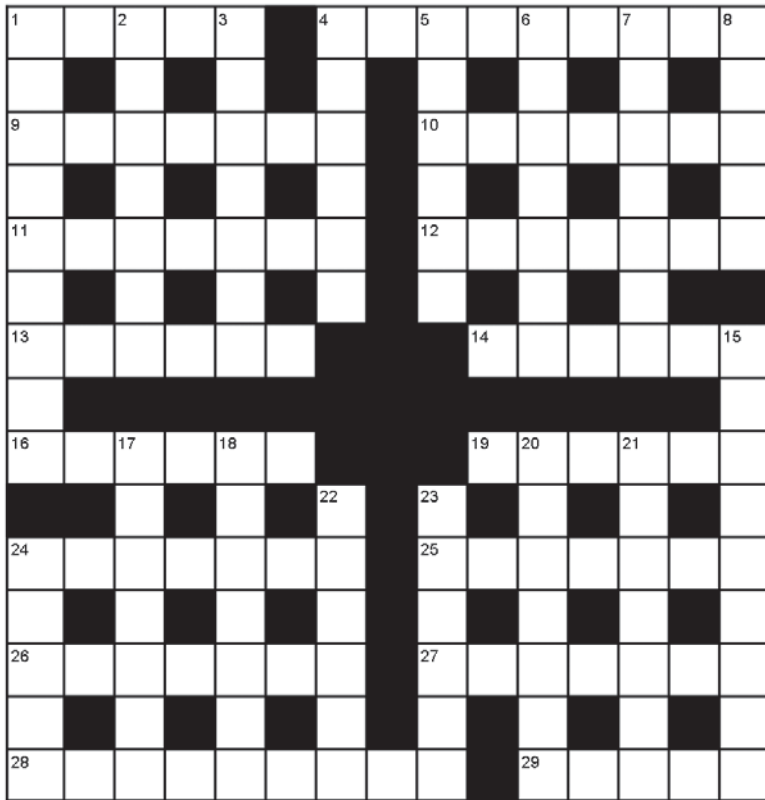
never lost" said Forsyth-Smith. "There is something for everyone", she added.

"The congregation at St. Nicks has been so supportive" said producer Rick Ratcliffe. "The challenges of a summer production, the heat and the scheduling, have not interfered with the quality of the performances" he added.

There will be four performances of the show starting on September 14th at 7:30 pm with a matinee at 2:30, and an evening show at 7:30, on Saturday, September 15th. The final show is Sunday, September 16th at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 students and are selling fast. Reservations can be made at 826-7482.

Bible Crossword

by Maureen Yeats



September 2012 Clues

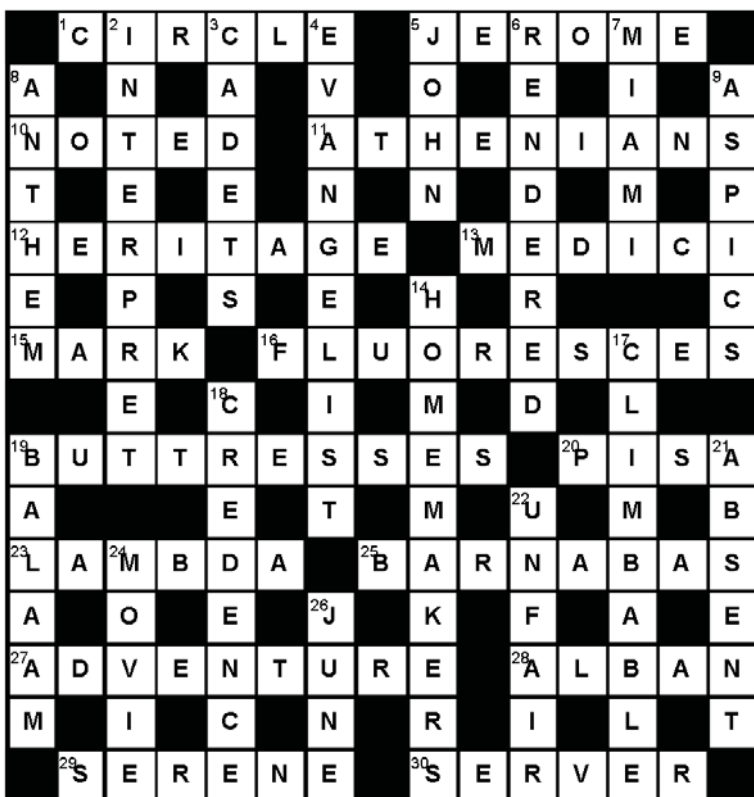
ACROSS:

- 1 – Assembly of church delegates, both ordained and lay people (5)
- 4 – Month when school year begins (9)
- 9 – Accuse of misconduct (7)
- 10 – Person who does not believe in God (7)
- 11 – Vibrating effect in instrumental music (7)
- 12 – Leader of the army of God's angels (Rev. 12:7) (7)
- 13 – "this I affirm and _____ on in the Lord", emphasize (Eph. 4:17) (6)
- 14 – "I exhort the _____ among you..." presbyters (1 Peter 5:1) (6)
- 16 – Cure (6)
- 19 – Translator of the Bible into Latin, died 420 (6)
- 24 – Character in a Shakespeare play, Queen of Fairyland (7)
- 25 – Exit road on divided highway (7)
- 26 – Reside (7)
- 27 – Small flute (7)
- 28 – Short-barrelled cannons (9)
- 29 – Greek mythology wood nymph (5)

DOWN:

- 1 – More holy (9)
- 2 – Sons of one's brother or sister (7)
- 3 – "_____ likewise must be serious", ordained people but not priests (1Tim. 3:8) (7)
- 4 – Place of learning (6)
- 5 – Old Testament book (6)
- 6 – Pertaining to morals (7)
- 7 – Military unit of several regiments (7)
- 8 – African honey-badger (5)
- 15 – "Anyone who does not enter the _____ by the gate..." pen for sheep (John 10:1) (9)
- 17 – Writer of one of the gospels (7)
- 18 – Ornamental type for decoration, borders, etc. (7)
- 20 – Obliterated (7)
- 21 – A place of prayer (7)
- 22 – "When a strong man, fully armed guards his _____ ..." fortified building, (Luke 11:21) (6)
- 23 – Body of Christ on a Roman Catholic crucifix (6)
- 24 – Part of leg between knee and hip (5)

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Prayer - George Herbert

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REVIEWS



Paul Friesen

Reviews Editor

What did you do on your summer holidays? It's a question I remember answering in grade school and along with the teacher's request for a bristol-board autumn leaf collection seemed as predictable as the question about what we thought of our new teacher. Well, this time I hope you will forgive me for asking and answering my own question. I had another shot at summer theatre, again complements of our only patron of the arts, my father-in-law. I mean we, as a family, were granted tickets to a Stratford Festival production of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance'. And the Stratford Festival, in large part

responsible for the Gilbert & Sullivan revival that began in the 1960s, knows how to put on their works. Admittedly there is not nearly so much obvious theology (both good and bad) in 'Pirates' as in last summer's 'Jesus Christ, Superstar'. But the gents who first brought 'Pirates' to stage were certainly not without theology.

PAUL FRIESEN

Piratical theology or St. Augustine & the Pirates

W.S. Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan, *The Pirates of Penzance* (World Premiere, New York, 31 January 1879); Stratford Festival Production, Stratford, Summer 2012. Directed by Ethan McSweeney.

'It is, it is a glorious thing/To be a Pirate King!' And how could it not be so? Sean Arbuckle, the current Pirate King, understood exactly what G&S had in mind; a fun pirate, a cool, ironic pirate, a pirate for the people. Eat your heart out, Johnny Depp! Every member of our family was engrossed and convulsed (with laughter) throughout the performance of this 'comic opera'.

In fact our home has been, well, remarkably *jaunty* every since our return from holidays; it seemed the CD player never ceased (for a good ten days) belting out a number of *Pirate* tunes as our nine-year old daughter marched through the kitchen miming various characters; the Pirate King of course, but also the Sergeant of

Police, and the hard to resist Major-General Stanley. But she is the kind of girl who when given the choice between being a pirate or a princess (as she recently was) without hesitation chose a pirate; especially a G&S pirate! But why do we all, in some way, sympathize with the role, a role as old as sea faring itself?

St. Augustine (354-430 a.d.), in his *City of God* (IV.4.5), reached for Cicero's *De Republica* and famously quipped, 'It was a witty and truthful rejoinder which was given by a captured pirate to Alexander the Great. The king asked the fellow, "What is your idea, in infesting the sea?" And the pirate answered with uninhibited insolence, "The same as yours, in infesting the earth! But because I do it with a tiny craft, I'm called a pirate; because you have a might navy, you're called an emperor.'

It's a story for all to savour, not just Noam Chomsky and various kinds of anarchists. Because here the whole thing turns rather serious. And it's because St. Augustine introduces this story with the critical

observation, 'Remove justice, and what are kingdoms but gangs of criminals on a large scale? And what are criminal gangs but petty kingdoms?' The key words are '*remove justice, and ...*', without which none of it makes sense. Legitimate governments, nations of justice, were never meant to be interchangeable with bands of pirates or any other brigands. When governments are easily confused with gangs of violent bullies something is very, very wrong. And it ought to be named, and if need be shamed. But with this *The Pirates of Penzance* is not concerned.

To be honest, if we watch G&S pirates at work on stage, we laugh because they are revealed to be rather 'un-piratical': for all their talk they are rather bad at being pirates, that is rather bad at being bad; they are soft on their victims and not good at all at collecting loot. Likewise, the police are not heroic in the face of crime; the Major-General is militarily hopeless; Ruth, the nursemaid, is inept at all her child care duties; and the virtuous, even prissy young ladies are instantly and romantically intrigued by the Pirate King's rogue companions.

Underneath this comedy there is a darker comedy at which W.S. Gilbert's lyrics aimed; hypocrisy amongst the 'gentle classes' who in the 1800s let words like 'duty' and 'honour' roll from their lips

so often the words were emptied of almost all meaning. Perhaps Arthur Sullivan, the composer in the pair and a notorious ladies' man felt it himself as he wrote the music for the hymn that became



known as 'Onward Christian Soldiers.' It raises in one's mind the question of what holy words we hold sacred in our own day ('lack of fulfillment', 'honesty', 'healing') as we hear our politicians and overhear ourselves try to excuse ourselves for our moral failings and so empty these words of what they could really mean. The unmasking of these words, this fall, in a comic opera would be well worth the price of the ticket.

In the meantime, I shall continue to laugh at the *Pirates of Penzance*. And when the laughter dies down I hope I shall have the courage to look inside our country, our church, and myself with the help of the liturgy. Isn't this where theology begins for all of us?

PAUL FRIESEN



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View from the deacon's bench



BY MARILYN HAMLIN

I come with Joy!

AS I GATHER my thoughts in preparation for writing this piece, I am reminded that it is one month to the day since Bishop Sue placed her hands on my head and said the Prayer of Consecration, BAS p.656-657. I can still hear the words, "Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Marilyn, whom we now consecrate in your name...." It was June 11, the Feast of St. Barnabas, in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, the night I was ordained a Deacon.

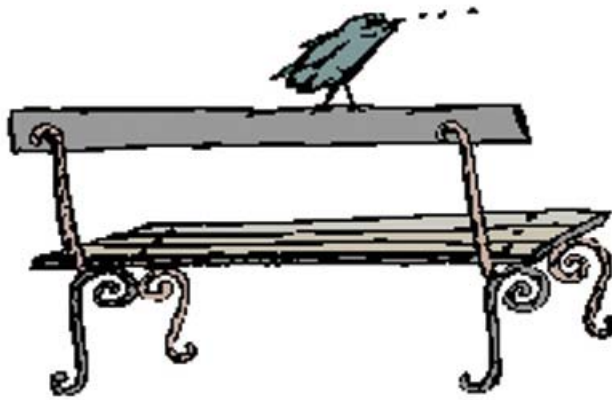
Since that glorious, joy-filled evening, I have become aware

that changes are occurring in my life. People have a different perception of me. Responsibilities weigh heavier on my shoulders. My words and my actions impact others, and I am reminded of 1 Samuel 3:19. Any words that Samuel spoke in the Lord's name would have an effect on someone, somehow, somewhere. "The Lord let none of his words fall to the ground".

I know that when I preach, proclaim the Gospel or prepare the gifts, my words and actions will affect someone. Perhaps the way in which I perform the ablutions or dismiss the people creates discussion. As I represent the Church in my visits to hospitals, nursing homes or shut-ins, what I say and do will impact others. Talking to people at a coffee shop, in the mall or on the street are opportunities to affect peoples' lives and bring God's message of hope and joy into empty hearts and lonely places. I am touched when I hear the love and respect in a voice that softly calls me, "Rev. Marilyn" and I have felt the warmth and trust in a person's hands as we

pray together.

During the Service of Ordination on June 12th, we sang a Communion Hymn called, "I Come With Joy", CP #60. Its words have deep meaning for me. The hymn begins, "I come with joy a child of God forgiven, loved and free". The final verse sends us forth, as we sing, "We'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one". As I listen I am reminded of the joy I feel in knowing that it is through our meeting together in Christ, and our communion with Him, that we become one in Christ. I am affected by and respond to the words and the images they create.



Several days after June 11, I was visiting an elderly parishioner in her home. It's always a pleasure to have a conversation with her, and our times together are filled with moments of insight, humour and joy. As I was leaving and the door was closed and locked behind me, I heard the lady call out, "Oh, and congratulations on your promotion". I chuckled to myself, and said, "Thank you, I'll see you soon".

Her words did not fall on deaf ears. I thought about what she said and I've come to the conclusion there is a connection, a link between "promotion" and "ordination". I have been ordained in the

Anglican Church and have promised to commit myself to the promotion of the Good News. When I leave the church building I have promised to promote the Gospel of Christ through my words and by my deeds. The ministry of a Deacon is to promote the needs and concerns of the wider world to the church community in which we serve. I guess it is safe to say, I am a promoter of the Christian faith, a promoter of Christ's message of joy and a promoter of God's love.

So, one month after my ordination as a Deacon, these are just a few of the thoughts I have been mulling over. I give thanks for the many joys of this ministry. I give thanks for the Community of Deacons of which I am a member and I give thanks for God's Grace that has enabled me to take my place on this "Bench". May I always remember that what I say and what I do is for the Glory of God, and may it be said and done with joy.

The shape of things to come



EDITOR

Paul Sherwood

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED since the last edition of The Diocesan Times.

The Anglican Editors met in Kamloops, BC for their annual conference. Editors for the diocesan newspapers and the Anglican Journal met for three days. Discussions ranged from social media influences to 'better photography' workshops. Keynote items were the results of the national readership survey and our new printing partner, Webnews Printing in North York. The Anglican Journal is covering the national results this month and the local results of the readership survey will appear in the October Diocesan Times.

With a new printer comes changes and the most dramatic is the deadline for submitting stories, articles or columns to the paper. The revised printing schedule means all submissions need to be in by the first day of the previous month. To be included in the November paper, you need to have your contributions in by October 1st. In return, the printer will get the papers out earlier and in

most cases by the beginning of the publication month. Getting the newspaper to the printer after the publication deadline will incur financial penalties in the hundreds of dollars, so please get your stories and photos in early! And speaking of photos, please send in the largest size possible - at least 300dpi. Although smaller images may look good on your computer screen, they don't print well on paper.

Social media continues to dominate conversations about communications in nearly every organization. It gave the Olympic Games a new face on the world - if sometimes an unfortunate one. I like the immediacy of Twitter feeds and the social aspects of Facebook. But the banal comments after newspaper articles or YouTube videos make me wonder about the future of humanity. Some anonymous commenters would likely be reticent to write and certainly embarrassed if their real identities were published next to their submissions. Reading some of that drivel drives me away instead of drawing me in.

Also this month sees the return of the annual Anglican Journal Appeal. This Appeal provides much needed financial support for our national church paper. We are partners in this appeal with a 50/50 split on the net proceeds.

The Diocesan Times conducts its own appeal in December for just the local diocesan newspaper. Please offer your support for the Anglican Journal appeal.

And lastly, a question for you, dear reader.

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of people buying electronic readers (Kobo, Kindle, Nook and tablets), is there a need to provide the newspaper in an e-reader format? For those of you who own one, you already know that a PDF file does not suit most e-readers. The preferred file type is epub or mobi.

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