



On their way



Photo: Bishop Ron Cutler and Deacon Ray Carter look on as newly ordained deacons Lorraine Otto (l) and Darlene Jewers (r) offer the peace.

Darlene Jewers and Lorraine Otto were ordained transitional deacons on June 24, the Feast of St. John the Baptist at the

Cathedral Church of All Saints with Bishop Ron Cutler presiding. Darlene Jewers was appointed curate of the

parish of The Resurrection effective June 16th, 2014.



Parish picnic surprises

Above: At the annual parish picnic in Boutilliers Point, Rev. Brianna Andrews raised money at her "Dunk the Vicar" booth. Husband Danny took full advantage of her offer and scored a direct hit while supporting the parish.

Below: Over at the Bayswater parish picnic, Rev. Marion Lucas-Jefferies (l) got a bouncy castle company that allowed adults inside. After the kids cleared out, she and fellow 'children at heart' adults climbed in to check it out.

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When brown bread speaks of home

Well, that was the fastest summer I had ever lived through! My Orin assured me that it is a sign of impending old age....time flying by...and I reminded him that he was seven years older than me! Enough said on that subject; September brings the taste of autumn to the Bog. The evenings are crisp and there is a need for a sweater when we go outside after supper.

Rev Billie and James are taking a few weeks away from St. Bart's so we will rely on Sunday help from the city and from our retired clergy living close at hand. It shouldn't be any problem at this time of year as far as storms and bad roads are concerned. That is a real worry in January. We will tempt our ordained substitutes with promises of early cranberries and delicious home cooked dinners following the services. I have vowed to line up people to feed these visitors so that I don't end up doing the job alone. Most folks are quite willing to entertain our "fill-ins" if they have sufficient warning. Last time no one thought of this so Orin just brought them home with him after he had counted collection, turned off the lights, turned down the heat and locked the big front door at St. Bart's Some Sundays they feasted on a roast dinner



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

other times on bacon and eggs, home-made brown bread and molasses. If they enjoyed the bread and there was a loaf uncut, they headed back to the city with a gift.

Speaking of Brown Bread...I have a story to share about our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. Now Bishop Fred, as we still call him here, is a boy from Nova Scotia and we are very proud of him and his lofty position in both the Canadian church and the World Wide Anglican Communion. We always love it when he can find time in his busy schedule to visit us here in the diocese. On one occasion I happened to be at a Pot Luck supper where he was a guest. It was a Saturday night and

so, being a tradition in these parts, Baked Beans and Brown Bread were on the table. Bishop Fred's eyes lit up when he spotted the brown bread and he was seen enjoying several slices.

He was sharing some of his adventures of life in the big city of Toronto. He and his wife and dogs had settled into a life much different from what they had known here but one that suited them. There was one small fly in the ointment. No one knew what brown bread was in Toronto! What they called brown bread, we called whole wheat bread here! Bishop Fred loved his dark rich molasses brown bread. He loved it with a nice cup of Morse's Tea....and that was a second problem with living in Upper Canada....no Morse's Tea!!

Bishop Fred had become a big city guy; he rode the subway to work when he was in town; he walked his dogs on the city streets and along the Scarborough Bluffs. He was getting used to flying all over the world and visiting remote parts of Canada. But he still missed real brown bread and Morse's tea!

The Primate was expected to fly back to Toronto early Monday afternoon. Before he headed out to Stanfield International Airport,

someone managed to get four fresh loaves....double loaves of brown bread, double bagged them, along with two large boxes of tea and had them packed into a carry-on bag. They even paid for the extra luggage. The gift was waiting for him at the departure gate.

He boarded his flight smelling of bread and smiling the smile of one who knows he will be sitting at his kitchen table that very evening, sharing a cuppa and fresh brown...real brown bread with his wife Lynn, with his dogs at his feet.

It always amazes me when I hear what speaks of home to different folks. For some it is home-made bread, for others it is the smell of salt air and mud flats at low tide, and for others it is being able to purchase a roast of pork with the crackle still on it; something I hear is impossible to do in Vancouver! The butcher there told my daughter "You must be from the Maritimes; me too!"

Our love of home is so tied to our senses of taste and smell and sound, the things of our youth; these things will always be a deep part of our souls, no matter where we go. We are blessed.

Hope that bread made it home Bishop Fred!

I'll keep you posted,
Aunt Madge



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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

It's foundational



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

One of my vacation projects this year was to rebuild a retaining wall next to my house. In the ten years since I first built it, it had begun to lean a little more each year until this spring, I thought it might actually topple over. At first I thought that if I removed a couple of rows of blocks it would be easy to straighten, but the further down I went, the level returned the same news, the wall was tilted right to the base. In the end I had to dig up the foundation and re-level everything. I had lots of time to think while carrying around large blocks and digging in the dirt. It is certainly not a novel idea to recognize that anything, whether a building, a project or a church needs to be based on a firm foundation. If the foundation is wrong then anything built on top of it will show the problem and eventually will collapse. Jesus used this image in the parable recorded in Matthew 7 and Luke 6. He compares two men who build houses, one on the rock and one on the sand. Only one house survives the test when the flood comes. He is teaching the necessity of not only listening to him but of acting on his words

What would you describe as foundational to the church? Our faith in a triune God? The boundless nature of God's love? The reconciliation between God and humanity wrought by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus? The proclamation of a

new way of living in this world in the here and now (the Kingdom of God)? All of these are foundational beliefs and I'm sure that you could add more. What about foundational activities? There is: worship, prayer, the study of scripture, the stewardship of creation, responding to human need and working for peace and reconciliation. Contrary to popular belief and despite their delicious variety, pot-luck suppers are not on this list! There is one other activity that rarely gets more than lip service in our congregations – sharing the good news. The baptismal covenant asks of every member of the church "Will you proclaim the Good News of God in Christ?" the first of the marks of mission of the Anglican Communion is "To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom". The very first disciples of Jesus invited others to "come and see".

One of the ways for us to address this foundational challenge is 'Back to Church Sunday'. This initiative was begun in the

Diocese of Manchester in 2004. We have been promoting it our diocese since 2010. It is the largest single local church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism: that we invite someone we already know to something we love. It is inviting a friend to our church. This year Back to Church Sunday takes place on September 21. Some parishes plan special worship services and other outreach or fellowship events for Back to Church Sunday. In some communities congregations from different denominations are joining together to engage in Back to Church Sunday. Some suggested materials for use on September 21 were circulated to parishes and made available on the diocesan website at the end of July. This is a great way to celebrate your church's ministry of hospitality at a time of the year when many parishes are beginning new programs. Even if you don't do something different or special to mark the day, you still have an opportunity to invite someone to join you in worship.

Of course an invitation can be extended to anyone at any time. The team who created Back to Church Sunday have recognised that more than one invitation is usually necessary before people may become engaged in a worshipping community. With this in mind they have begun encouraging churches to think about 'seasons of invitation'.

This is not an initiative designed to fill our church pews on one Sunday of the year, allowing us to forget about the opportunity for invitation the rest of the time. Nor is it about getting more people to support the church financially or with their offering of time or talent. It is not about saving our buildings. It is about one of the most foundational aspects of being a Christian and about being church. It doesn't happen in the church building, it happens 'out there' in the community. It is not about the church it is about the world.

There are people who worry about not being trained or well prepared to be evangelists. But there are really only two foundational questions that we need to be able to answer, either as individuals or as congregations: What are we inviting people to? and why are we doing this? If you can answer these questions then you too can invite someone you know to something you love. If you can't then it may be time for some foundational work.

+Ron

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Nova Scotia ACW 2014–15 Project

"Northward Bound - Bursaries For Ministry"

The 2014/15 Annual Project will be a national one - "Northward Bound - Bursaries for Ministry" to raise funds for bursaries for one year of studies for indigenous students attending an Indigenous School of Ministry. We are excited about this as it is a specific way to support some of our Anglican brothers and sisters in Canada's North. Training for Ministry has been highlighted as a significant ministry priority. Through these schools, and in partnership with theological colleges, northern leaders are able to access the highest quality education and culturally-appropriate teaching methods. These students will be trained and equipped for mission. Bishop Lydia Mamawkwa in

northern Ontario says that many of the clergy in her diocese are non-stipendiary and carry out their ministry by responding to human need by loving service (Third Mark of Mission). When they are trained they will be joining others who are transforming the structures of society (Fifth Mark of Mission) to enhance the work of native ministry. There are signs of growing self-determination as they seek peace and reconciliation. They show leadership in their own communities in structures that work for them and are more in sync with aboriginal ways of making decisions and moving forward together. Recently there has been wonderful movement from being a mission church to the creation of a new northern diocese - the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh.

The Council of the North is a grouping of dioceses and

archdeaconries assisted by grants through General Synod. It covers 85% of Canada's landmass but only 15% of its population. Ministry in the Council of the North has particular challenges - vast distances, isolation, harsh weather, and sometimes unreliable communications networks. The continuing effects of poverty and the legacy of the residential school system also contribute to a very high level of pastoral needs.

Of approximately 295 Council of the North clergy, 134 are non-stipendiary - in other words, they do not receive pay for their work as a priest in the parish. Many of the priests rely on regular jobs and social assistance to support themselves and their families. Many spend countless hours performing ministry in their communities outside of their regular jobs. A bursary may be the only way that they could

attend an Indigenous School of Ministry.

The people in the Council of the North feel that the General Synod financial support is not about providing services to members but about equipping members to serve. Bishop Michael Hawkins, chair of the Council, said, "The financial support that we receive through General Synod allows us to carry on the ministry and mission of the church in the North, but the greatest good we receive is the encouragement it provides to the lay and ordained ministers who work so selflessly and courageously throughout the North."

You may want to consider holding a "Council of the North Sunday", to make people aware of the work of the Anglican Church in the North. A Council of the North video can be found by

Googleing "Council of the North". Then on the drop down menu on the left side of the page click on "Council of the North Sunday". When you get that page, go to the menu on the left again and click on "resources". Scroll down and the video should be there.

It would be appreciated if groups or individuals could send \$75 towards the 2014-2015 project "Northward Bound: Bursaries for Ministry". If that is not possible, any amount will be gratefully received. Please send contributions to - NS ACW Board, c/o Board Treasurer, Marjorie Davis-Snow, ACW Room, 1340 Martello Street, Halifax, NS B3H 2Z1. Please make cheque payable to "NS ACW Board" and show 'Project 2014/15' on the cheque.

Youth & Family Ministry: Some Frequently Asked Questions

At our Diocesan Synod in May, 2013, a motion was passed regarding the future of Youth and Family Ministry in this Diocese. Previously, designated funds raised through the Leap for Faith capital campaign enabled the Diocese to hire a Youth Ministry Coordinator and to provide program expenses for this position. However, by the time our last Synod convened, those funds were running out and there was concern about the future. This position had never been included in the Diocesan budget, yet, after much discussion, it was resolved "that Diocesan Council be asked to find the funds necessary to re-establish the Youth Ministry Coordinator position for two years by January 1, 2014." At its first meeting following the Synod, Diocesan Council agreed to establish a task group to guide those efforts, and the Youth and Family Ministry Fund Development Task Group was born. Here are some questions we've heard since that time and their answers. It is our hope that these "Frequently Asked Questions" will update you on our work and the continuing effort to re-establish a position to oversee youth and family ministry in the Diocese.

Why is this task group called the "Youth and Family Ministry" Fund Development Task Group? Why has the word "family" been added?

While our Diocese has previously hired people with the title "Youth Ministry Coordinator," it became clear early on that parishes were looking for support not only for youth ministry, but for family and children's ministries as well. Responding to this identified need, the Youth Ministry Coordinator worked in collaboration with the Youth and Family Ministry Vision, Strategy and Support Team (VSST) to develop resources, training and programming to help parishes minister to children, youth and families. This has included holding information-sharing sessions on Sunday School curricula and helping parishes to develop *Messy Church* programs, among other things. As a task group, we recognized that a new Coordinator's position should realistically be a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, in keeping with this expanded mandate, and that our title should also reflect this expanded scope of ministry.



It's been more than a year since Synod passed a motion asking Diocesan Council to find funds to re-establish this position. Why hasn't that happened yet?

While the work of our Task Group began soon after Synod passed this motion, we quickly learned that finding money to fund a salary would not be as easy as it might have seemed. After reviewing a wide range of government, not-for-profit and other potential funding sources, we realized that many will fund programs, but not salaries. Since learning that, we have been exploring other ways to raise funds for the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator position.

What other ways have you explored?

Following our initial investigations of potential funding sources, our first big fundraising initiative was to families of those who attended the Diocesan Youth Conference in mid-November 2013. We established a Fund and created its name using part of the line from the doxology many of us say together every Sunday: "Glory to God, from generation to generation...."

Prior to attending the electoral Synod later in November

2013, delegates received a letter from Bishop Sue Moxley, inviting their financial support through the offering at the Synod Eucharist. The Task Group also created an attractive brochure, donation card and envelope to advertise the fund. At the ordination of candidates to the priesthood in December 2013 the offering was again dedicated to the *Generation to Generation Fund*. We have also received generous financial support from regions, parishes and individuals. In February 2014, the Regional Deans were instrumental in sharing additional information with the parishes in their regions, which resulted in further support for the Fund.

How much has been raised so far?

At last count, \$24,534 has been raised in donations from individuals, parishes and regions. An additional \$15,000 has been received from monies left from the *Leap for Faith* capital campaign.

It sounds like we're well on our way! How long will it be before we can hire a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator?

If adequate funds are available, we hope to launch the hiring process this October. This means we could have a

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator in place by the spring of 2015.

Is there a long-term plan beyond the year 2015?

At its April, 2014, Diocesan Council approved a motion to include the salary for the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator position in the 2015 budget. At its June, 2014 meeting, Council approved a motion that funds donated to the *Generation to Generation Fund* to this point will be used to cover the salary portion. The annual salary for the position is approximately \$45,000. We estimate that the annual programming cost is an additional \$15,000 depending on the types of programs undertaken. With the decision by Diocesan Council to include the salary in the budget, our task group will focus on the programming costs. We will need to continue building the *Generation to Generation Fund* if this position is to continue beyond one year. Members of our Task Group have made regular presentations to Diocesan Council to update members on our work and will continue to explore new avenues of funding. We are also working closely with the Youth and Family Ministry VSST to determine program priorities, based on the VSST's five-year plan for Youth and Family Ministry. This will help identify possible funding sources. As we believe this position is critical for our Diocese, we are committed to helping Council to re-establish this position for the longer term.

But my Parish doesn't have any children or youth, so why is this position so critical?

That's a complex question with many answers and there isn't space to respond fully. However, let's give it a try! First, even if there are no *visible* active children or youth in your Parish, they do live in the neighbourhoods and communities within your Parish. Programs such as *Messy Church*, youth group, after school programs, regional camping programs and our annual Diocesan Youth Conference all allow parishes to reach out to these children and youth in new ways. We are aware of one parish that sponsors children from their local school to attend their regional Junior Camp in

the summer. Another works with other churches in the area to offer a weekly Friday night youth group at the local curling club. Another prays for children and youth in the Parish by name when parishioners visit members of their local nursing homes. Other parishes advertise *Messy Church* programs in local libraries, schools and daycares. We recognize that we are living in a time and culture where we cannot always wait for people to come to us; instead, we must be willing to meet them where they are, in the community. That might sound challenging, but that's where a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator fits in – by helping parishes to develop appropriate programs to reach out to children, youth and families, by training parish volunteers, or by helping parishes see how they can support their local youth and children whether they come to church or not. One way we can do that is by being advocates for children and youth in our communities, speaking out against bullying and cyber-bullying, among other things. So, regardless of whether we see children and youth on Sunday mornings or not, we still have a role to play in shaping future generations. In this way we can pass on our faith from *generation to generation*.

How can I support the Generation to Generation Fund?

We are thankful for all donations, large and small! A tax-deductible gift may be made as a one-time donation or you may choose to divide your gift into monthly withdrawals via postdated cheques or pre-authorized debit or credit card payments. Gifts may be sent directly to The *Generation to Generation Fund*, Diocesan Centre, 1340 Martello St., Halifax, NS B3H 2Z1. Cheques should be made out to the *Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island* and designated in the memo line for the *Generation to Generation Fund*. For further information, or to arrange a gift by debit or credit card, please contact Jana O'Neil at 902-420-0717. We thank you in advance for your support of this important campaign. Your commitment to the whole people of God is much appreciated as together we build up the body of Christ – from *generation to generation!*

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In the nick of time!

Photo: Music Director John Overton (from Trinity Anglican in Yarmouth) was in Wolfville to oversee a team of enthusiasts dismantle, label and pack a Gerhard Brunzema Baroque organ from St. Andrew's United Church. He is bringing it to Holy Trinity in Yarmouth where it will not only serve in worship, but provide the opportunity to host concerts and start the Yarmouth Organ Project.

The first accomplishment is of course save this organ from landfill or leaving the province!

More to come in the next issues of The Diocesan Times.

Trinity Anglican Church marks 173 years in Sydney Mines



Photo: The Sunday school class and teachers at the 173rd anniversary service.

On Sunday June 15th, Trinity Anglican Church in Sydney Mines celebrated its 173rd Anniversary, falling on Trinity Sunday. Celebrant was Rev. Stacey LeMoine. This day also marked the closing of Sunday School with 12 children in attendance. This being Father's Day, the fathers were presented with candy upon their arrival. Rev. Stacey presented the children with certificates.

Two of the children present Rev. Stacey and Joanne Turner with gifts. Joanne does the Children's Story. The children then proceeded down stairs where they did face painting and had a fun day. Following the service, members of the congregation joined the children in the Church basement for a Parish Luncheon to celebrate the Anniversary. The cake was cut by Rev. Stacey, Thomas

Rice (the oldest member of the congregation present just turning 97. Assisting was the youngest person in attendance, Vivianne LeMoine, the youngest daughter of Rev. Stacey, who just turned one. These events were well attended.

It's a new day! Christian formation

BY REV. LISA G. VAUGHN

Autumn is back to school season. Time to crack the books and dig into some inspiring teaching.

Every Christian, regardless of age, is called to grow more and more into the full stature of Christ. Education in the faith is a lifelong process of being nurtured in our relationship with God, self, others, and all creation. Thus Christian formation refers to the spiritual progress of believers, and ways to encourage that developing maturity.

It is as St. Paul writes to the early church in Ephesus (4:14,15), "We must no longer be children, ... we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,..." Peter too urges followers to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). We are reminded every time we renew our baptismal

vows that we promise to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship."

More than just acquiring information, this area of study also includes the experience of God and a developing relationship with Him. It's a process that involves knowing, being and doing. Spiritual formation does not exclusively consider the individual, but also includes relationships and worship in the broader faith community (the church).

Many of us cradle Anglicans have not participated in any program study of the faith basics since our confirmation classes as youth. We can't help but forget some of the most important tenets of Christianity unless we're reading and discussing them. It's important that we are able not only to deeply believe and understand these primary doctrines of the church, but also as we focus on mission ("It's About the World"), we

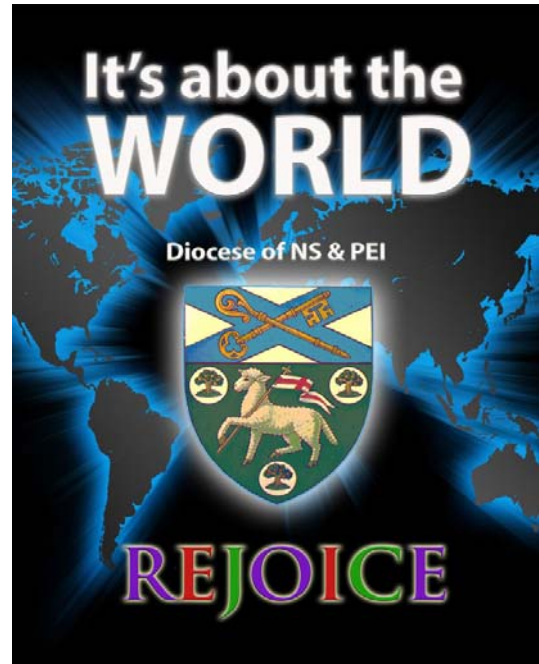
need to be ready to clearly and simply articulate these concepts.

Leaders are discovering that there are more people who have little or no experience in Christianity who also seek and need to learn about the foundations of our tradition. How is anyone (particularly adults) going to make a decision to be a committed disciple of Christ if they don't understand the basics of the faith? And what of those who left the church as children and only have a Sunday School knowledge of the Lord? How are they to mature as authentic followers of Jesus?

There are rich benefits to be reaped when Christian formation studies are offered in local churches:

- They provide opportunities for long-time members to refresh their memory on the basics of the faith.
- Helps congregations in their health and revitalization process.*
- New members and seekers get to ask questions free from pressure and judgment.
- Lay leaders feel better equipped to minister in the church and in mission work.
- Participants are inspired to live out a lively faith in worship, giving and serving.
- Creates a greater sense of community and fellowship amongst members as they learn, share and pray together.

(* The Healthy Churches' Handbook: A process for revitalizing your church, by Robert Warren)



The Diocesan Innovation Group is developing a database list of books, videos and downloadable resources (several of them free). It is available from www.nspeidiocese.ca, follow the links to "Christian Formation." The list includes brief descriptions of each educational tool, including the format, topics, authors and suppliers. Several of them are easy to use and quite suitable for both lay or clergy leaders to facilitate without a great deal of preparation.

A few examples of Christian formation resources are: EMMAUS: The Way of Faith; JOURNEY: People of God on the Way; PILGRIM – a course for the Christian journey; THE ALPHA COURSE and THE DISCOVERY SERIES: A Christian Journey. Most

of these come from Anglican producers.

In a recent study by The Church of England's report "From Anecdote to Evidence: Findings from the Church Growth Research Programme 2011-2013," scholars discovered that being intentional in nurturing disciples was one of the main ingredients to church revitalization. The authors say that "two thirds of churches which said they offered encouragement and support through specific discipleship courses or courses 'preparing members to be a Christian witness in their daily lives' showed growth."

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BY ANNE SHECK

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Church members 90 years old and over were honoured at St. Georges Church in Amherst during the morning service on Sunday June 8th. Each was given a rose as a token of appreciation. Among the ladies was Kathleen Smith who is 102 years old who has been a member of St. George's for 76 years.

Kathleen, along with Bertha Fisher and Gladys Stevenson, were awarded Certificates of Recognition for their service to the church at the seasonal

closing ACW luncheon on June 22nd. Bertha has been a member for nearly 70 years and Gladys for 61 years. None of the ladies are "cradle Anglicans" having joined St. Georges after they got married. These ladies have fulfilled many positions and carried out many ministries over the years, including entertaining and providing meals for soldiers during the 2nd World War, as Sunday School teachers and Altar Guild members. Though slowing down with age, they are still active Anglican Church Women in their St. Monica's Guild. What an example of dedication to their faith! Thank you, ladies.

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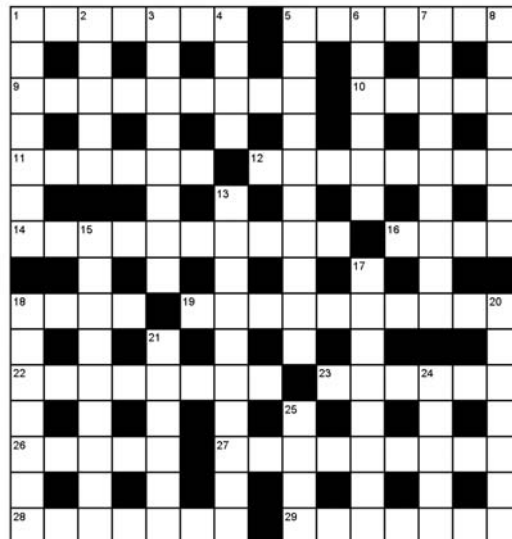
The June paper incorrectly identified several people in the photo accompanying the Sacrament of Our Ministry article. The names of the two outermost individuals should read Nancy MacDonald and Marie Nickerson.

Also, the lead article in the June paper had several egregious errors in spelling and grammar. These were subsequently corrected in the online edition.

Bible Crossword



by Maureen Yeats



September 2014 Clues

ACROSS:

- 1 – A Gospel writer (7)
- 5 – "Take heart; get up, he is _____ you" summoning (Mark 10:49) (7)
- 9 – "A _____ there had a slave whom he valued highly" Roman soldier (Luke 7:2) (9)
- 10 – A saint, ca. 329-379, bishop of Caesarea, Asia (5)
- 11 – A bacterium that requires oxygen to survive (6)
- 12 – A hanging for a pulpit or lectern (8)
- 14 – List of readings for church services (10)
- 16 – Volcano on Sicily (4)
- 18 – "Then the king took off his signet _____, and gave it to Mordechai" finger ornament (Esther 8:2) (4)
- 19 – Courses of action (10)
- 22 – The art of setting psalms to music (8)
- 23 – Slip by (referring to time) (6)
- 26 – "One _____ is cut off from Israel this day" large clan (Judges 21:6) (5)
- 27 – Keyboard character sometimes used in web addresses (9)
- 28 – Go before (7)
- 29 – Type of beef steak (7)

DOWN:


- 1 – A saint, leader of the angel army (7)
- 2 – Male singing voice (5)
- 3 – Antique name for oboe (8)
- 4 – "_____ for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage" tarry (Ps. 27:14) (4)
- 5 – Female prof. singer (10)
- 6 – Native of Benghazi (6)
- 7 – A police officer rank (9)
- 8 – "(Paul and Timothy) went through the region of Phrygia and _____" area in Asia Minor (Acts 18:6) (7)
- 13 – "Why is it thought _____ that God raises the dead?" extraordinary (Acts 26:8) (10)
- 15 – "A _____ woman from that region..." area that includes Tyre and Sidon (Matt. 15:22) (9)
- 17 – One who regards another with blind adoration, British spelling (8)
- 18 – Type of fabric, used for raincoats and sails (7)
- 20 – First Christian martyr (Acts 6:7) (7)
- 21 – Retard in movement (6)
- 24 – Keyboard musical instrument (5)
- 25 – New Testament book (4)

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In our busyness, we put God on the back burner

BY HEATHER MACEachern

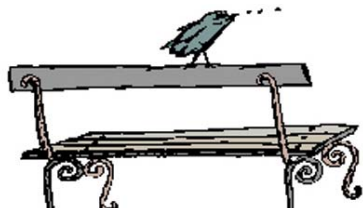
As I write this thinking about the last days of the 'lazy' days of summer and the gearing up for the busyness of the autumn I cannot help but wonder where those 'lazy' days were. How did I miss them? Did I, like Rip Van Winkle, sleep for a very long time? And what about the busyness of autumn; it's still here from the spring! The busyness never left! Can it be that I am the only one who feels this? No, I think not!

Two and one half years ago the Community of Deacons of the diocese agreed to host the National Deacons' Conference on behalf of the Association of Anglican Deacons in Canada. The conference is held every three years. The first was held in Charlottetown, then Winnipeg, Vancouver,

London and back to our diocese in Halifax. Three years appeared to be a long time to plan but the Community made sure the keynote speaker and the venue were in place with time to spare, then down to details. Seemed so long.....lots of time.....which flew!!

The Deacons chipped away and it began to come together, each person happily took on a job and carried it through. Each one offered ideas and, when doing so, agreed to run with it. This was teamwork!

We are now four days out before it begins (August 14)



View from the deacon's bench

and the excitement is building. We have prayed, planned, laughed and shed a few tears of frustration, and in spite of us, it has come together.

One of us will be telling you all about it in October, so why bother telling you about what will be old news when it is printed? As I sit here with many details to do, as does

each member of the Community of Deacons with their portion of the planning, I cannot help but give thanks to God.

Often in our busyness we put God on the back burner, knowing the unconditional love He has for us and knowing He will understand. It is so easy to get tied up in our committee work or our particular ministry stream that when something has to be shortchanged it often is our relationship with God.

I give thanks for the fun we had as the planning group; for the disagreement and the reconciliation after a decision was made; for the wise council of our Chaplain; for the many, many cups of tea one of the

deacons drank as we wondered when she would come to her limit (she never did!); for the rushing in at the last minute as ministry took precedence over planning; for the support of so many clergy and lay who shared their talents; for all the gifts we were given.

I realize, even if this conference does not happen, we are so blessed. I pray I remember this as I sit on the next committee to which I am called. Sharing with new faces with new ways of doing things; it truly is a gift God gives us to be able to interact with one another with the common denominator of His love,

I guess I didn't sleep through the lazy days after all.

Farewell and thanks for the memories



Photo above: Parishioners sing a final hymn at St. James' last service.

BY ANDREW COOKE
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE, PARISH OF
HACKETT'S COVE

On the 15th June, Bishop Ron Cutler deconsecrated St. James Anglican Church in West Dover, after almost 104 years of ministry since its consecration on the 10th July 1910. During this time, it was the center of worship for so many people; it provided an open door for local baptisms and weddings, a place of comfort for those who grieved in funerals and a place of worship for so many that have braved the seas as fishermen

in the local village. Lest we forget, during its history St. James was a place of prayer during two World Wars. It was built at a time when local travel would have been difficult, and the modern roads of today did not exist. It is with such thoughts we give thanks for all it has provided, and thanks for the many, who in the time of its construction, and subsequent maintenance over the years, have devoted themselves to its upkeep.

St. James was literally built on a rock and stood high above the main road below. It is easy to build a parallel to the

Gospel here, but although the church ceases as a place of worship, the message that was preached within its walls carries on in the lives of those who worshiped and heard the Gospel there. And though the building no longer carries on as the local church, the church which is the people carries on in the hearts and lives of its parishioners.

The Parish of Hackett's Cove continues its ministry with its three remaining churches in Peggy's Cove, Indian Harbour, and Hackett's Cove along the shore of St. Margaret's Bay.

WHAT'S NEW

Rev. Anna Hoeg resigned as rector of the Parish of Hackett's Cove, effective immediately.

Rev. Michael Conrad appointed priest-in-charge of the parish of Joilimore effective immediately.

Rev. Linda MacDonald is appointed priest-in-charge of the parishes of Blue Rocks-LaHave effective June 1 2014.

Rev. Debra Burleson is appointed acting executive secretary of Synod effective June 1.

Rev. Matthew Sponagle appointed rector of the parish of St. Luke's Dartmouth effective September 16th, 2014.

Ms. Darlene Jewers appointed curate of the parish of The Resurrection effective June 16th, 2014.

Rev. Kevin Frankland resigned from the parish of Tangier effective August 31st, 2014 at which time he will move to become rector of St. Michael and All Angels' Church in Winnipeg.

Rev. Nicole Uzans appointed rector, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, of the parish of Northumberland.

The Right Rev. Percy Coffin of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland is the new Metropolitan for the

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada effective June 27th. He replaces the Right Rev. Claude Miller.

Rev. Bruce Murray appointed interim priest-in-charge for the parish of Christ Church, Dartmouth effective July 16th, 2014.

Rev. Canon Peter Harris announced his resignation as rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown effective November 30th, 2014. At that time Canon Harris will retire from active ministry.

Rev. Michael McKeage announced his resignation as the associate priest of the parish of Wilmot effective July 31st, 2014 at which time Michael will transition into retirement.

Ms. Jana O'Neil will assume addition responsibilities in support of the bishop. These include booking appointments and correspondence. Please contact Jana at joneil@nspeidiocese.ca or 420-0717 to book appointments.

Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand appointed rector, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, of the parish of St. George's New Glasgow effective July 1st, 2014.