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No power? No problem

BY REV LAURA MARIE PIOTROWICZ

The Sunday morning after Hurricane Dorian found St John's Lunenburg with doors open and candles lit. Though power was absent, their prayers were not; and the smaller-than-normal congregation gathered in the choir seats for intimate and powerful worship. As light streamed through the stained glass, they shared communion with some local members, and welcomed guests who had been inspired to join. No power was no problem, as worship continued in the Light of Christ.

Note: Other parishes had a different experiences and their stories are told in the online edition of [The Diocesan Times](#) and our [Facebook page](#) (www.facebook.com/diotimes).

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COLUMNIST

We have ploughed the fields

I have been thinking of my monthly “share” with you and after so many years I have come to realize that so many of my offerings are tied to the seasons. Seasons in our life, seasons in our church calendar, seasons in our seasons if that makes any sense. We go from seed time to harvest every year and our lives move with the length of days.

Here by the Bog every family seems to have a garden of some sort. It might be a patch behind the shed with rows of beans and potatoes, carrots and swiss chard. It might be a few pots of herbs and some tomato plants on the back deck; others choose to concentrate on flowers but with a few cucumber plants and squash hidden among the blooms. We all seem to need to tend to our gardens with the love and attention they ask for, even demand I might add!

This past summer was one of uneven moisture! Too much in the early part of the growing season, drought in the heat of August.



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

Those with drilled wells could water, others with dug wells were very reluctant to share their water supply with the garden.

When it came time to share our bounty with others in the annual feast of Harvest Thanksgiving we wondered if there would be much there to share. There was! St. Bart's was filled with the fruits of our labors. Every window sill had the required polished apples and grapes sitting on golden

leaves from the oak tree in the church yard. There were vegetables piled in front of the pulpit and the biggest pumpkin that was grown By the Bog found its rightful spot just below the lectern.

Jason refereed to this particular service as the “Feast of Plenty”. From the first year he was with us he was amazed at the way we decorated the church for Thanksgiving. It was a tradition handed down over the generations and we wouldn't have it any other way.

I can remember my own parents bringing in branches of coloured leaves, grape vines and bushel baskets of potatoes, squash, beets and carrots to set before the altar steps and around the front of the chancel. The arched frames for the vines still sit in a dark corner of the church cellar. They prided themselves on their ability to wow with the harvest from their gardens. An important thing that was always found scattered throughout the building

were baskets of cranberries picked from our bog.

Things change as we grow older, but our harvest festival is still a highlight of the church year. It is a time when the church season, the seasons in our lives and the season of seasons come together in one big bountiful gift we can offer to the Creator. In years past the food was given to the rectory family to fill their root cellar and larder. Jason and Miranda have said everything should go to the local food bank and other places where the hungry can be fed.

We rejoice in our harvest, we have “Ploughed the fields and scattered the good seed on the land”, we share with those in need and we sing with great gusto “Now Thank we All Our God”. It has been a strange summer here By the Bog, but it has been a good summer and we do Thank our God.

I'll keep you posted,
Aunt Madge



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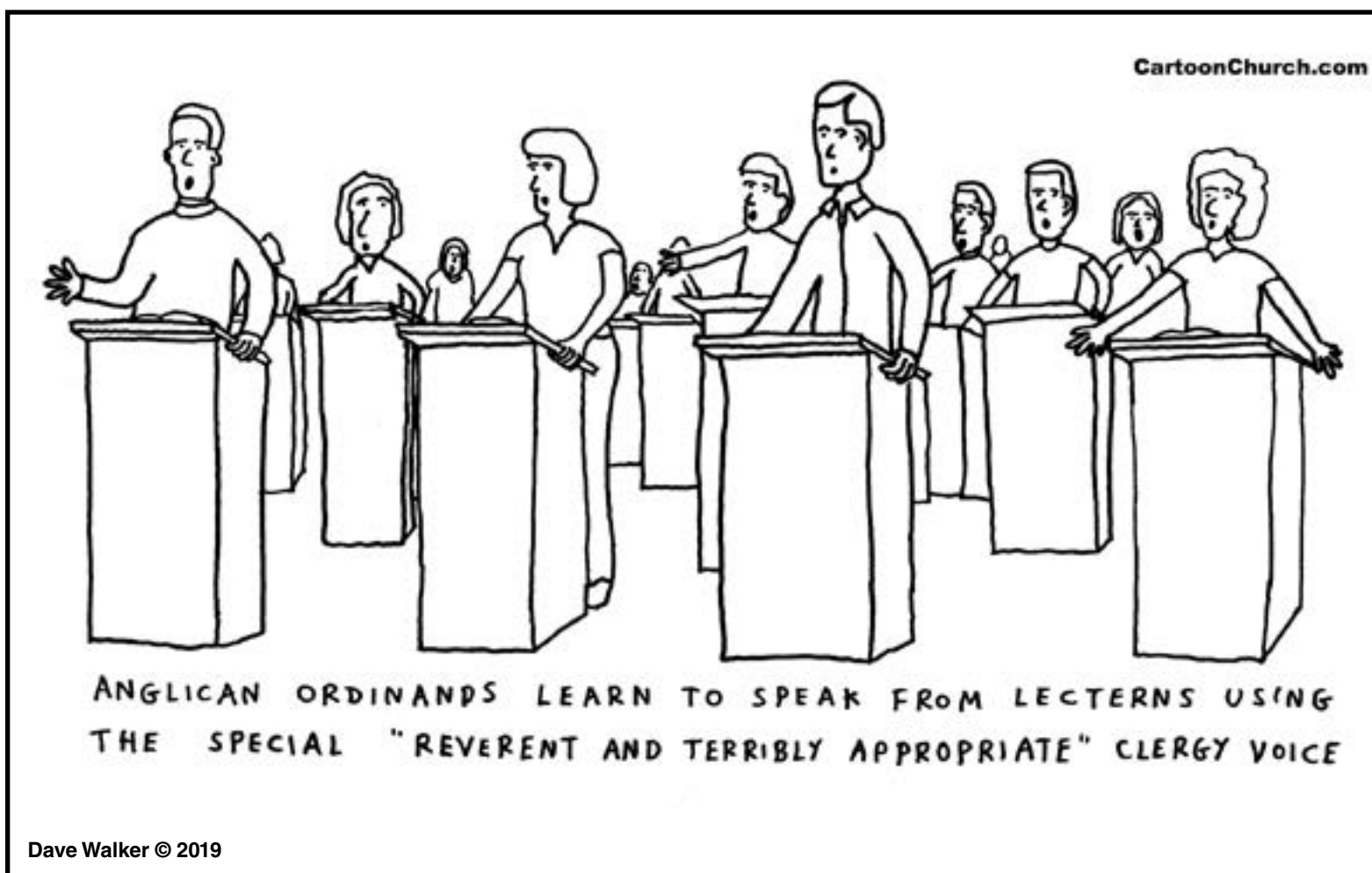
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BISHOP'S COLUMN

“Are our words more than tokens?”*



The Most Reverend Ron Cutler,
Bishop of Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island

I am writing these words as our diocese and neighbouring provinces clean up after Hurricane Dorian tore through Atlantic Canada this past weekend. Those of us who experienced Hurricane Juan, found this experience less difficult, perhaps because we were better prepared and took the warnings more seriously. Still, two days after the storm, there are thousands of people whose lives have been disrupted and who are still without power and there are damaged houses, businesses, orchards, farms and vineyards on the cusp of the harvest. Even so, the destruction here is not even a shadow of that inflicted by the same storm as it passed through the Bahamas!

Tragedy and trial have a tendency to make or break communities. In the aftermath of this storm, as in the follow-up to Juan in 2003, we are seeing examples of the best kind of community spirit; offers of food, facilities for charging electronics, showers and company as well as impromptu community meals to share food that can no longer be kept frozen. These experiences prove that the walls of daily living, the preoccupations that fill our lives and so often separate us from others, can quickly tumble when we are faced with an existential threat or a very clear need for assistance.

I was not planning to write about a hurricane in this month's Diocesan Times. Rather, I was going to write about my experience of July's meeting of the General Synod. Almost two months after the Anglican Church of Canada gathered for our triennial national gathering, I am still working through the experience. I think that the quickest way to describe this gathering would be: emotional. You don't really expect what is a legislative gathering to be emotional however it was. There was the sense of gratitude and celebration for the twelve years of leadership provided by our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and thanksgiving for his often-expressed love for our church and for the high expectations he has had for us. There was a whole other set of celebrations as our church gave canonical approval for an expression of self-determining status for indigenous ministries within the Anglican Church of Canada. The moment when Bishop- now Archbishop Mark MacDonald was presented with an archbishop's cross, felt as though a new relationship with indigenous people really was possible! This was about more

than church structure, it was a part of the ongoing work of reconciliation with all the emotions attached to that work. This work of addressing past trauma was addressed directly when Archbishop Fred presented an apology to indigenous elders for the “spiritual harm” done by our church. There were not many dry eyes in the Synod that night.

There was yet another kind of celebration when the lay and clergy members of General Synod elected the Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls as the first woman Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. 40 years after the first women were ordained to ministry in our church, we now have a wonderfully gifted woman leading us nationally and internationally. Other moments were not celebratory. There was the moment when we confronted the past and the legacy of anti-Semitism as we changed the prayer for “Conversion of the Jews” in our Book of Common Prayer. There was a mixture of earnestness and hope as we talked about issues of climate change and committed to take local action to fight the change which has both global and local impact.

The emotion most keenly seen and felt, however, was during the evening where we voted on the amendment to Canon XXI (on Marriage). Despite an aggregate vote of 75% in favour of a change to provide marriage equality to same sex couples, the vote failed. Such a change requires separate super majorities in the three separate “houses” of the synod. The vote passed in the houses of clergy and laity but fell just short in the house of bishops. No one could miss the sorrow and anguish this result produced. Despite so much good and positive accomplished at this synod, the result of this vote dominated not only the secular reporting of the event, but all the rest of our time together.

The General Synod did approve a document entitled “A Word To The Church” by a majority of 85%. This document outlines the history of our conversation about human sexuality in the Anglican Church of Canada. As well, it describes the current state of the debate and makes 5 affirmations; 2 of which recognized that there are a range of opinions about interpreting the current marriage canon and a range of teachings about marriage held in our church. It also recognizes that cultural and missional context will mean that different dioceses will look at marriage in different ways but that despite differences we will strive to continue to “walk together”.

Following the vote, I announced that I would authorize the clergy of this diocese, who feel called to do so and where there is parish support, to solemnize and bless same sex marriages. I issued a pastoral letter on September 6, 2019 to all clergy and parishes to provide further details. I have also committed to creating a small group which will bring together the various diocesan guidelines with respect to marriage.

I have reflected on this question for many years, from a pastoral, biblical, sacramental, structural, missional and cultural perspective. In the end, I cannot justify maintaining a boundary on this grace for faithful members of our church. I said above that one of the unplanned benefits of a disaster is that it provides the possibility for breaking down the walls which separate us. I believe Jesus did much to break down walls between people and between people and God during his life and his church is called to do likewise.

“The question for us today as in every day is to look carefully at the ways in which we carve boundaries which would exclude. From the Biblical traditions' witness the regulations governing such boundaries should not be determined on the basis of anything other than a willingness to accept Jesus as Lord and a willingness to act according to the values of the kingdom. Ethnic, religious, gender, and social status are not determinative. These are matters of circumstance, not faith.” Dr. Patricia Kirkpatrick, Chair, Biblical Studies, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, Montreal, “Theological and Scriptural Models of the “Inclusive Church”: Harmony or Counterpoint?” Paper presented April 14, 2007

Those who proclaim faith in Jesus Christ and strive for God's Kingdom should not be excluded.

In Christ,
+Ron

* From the Song “Will You Go Servant Go” by the Rev. Kevin George

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NEWS FROM AWAY

Dear Diocese,

On the road again! Homeward bound. Travelling east on the infamous 401. The highway we all love to dread. Driving home from the most southern tip of southern Ontario where a small group of old friends gathered to celebrate a 20th anniversary.

Twenty (and a half) years ago, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, East Africa Food Study Tour participants, strangers at that time, from across Canada and a variety of denominations, were introduced in the airport hotel restaurant in Toronto. The next day we flew together to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on a journey that was life altering in ways we would never dream.

We stayed in touch with each

other over the years celebrating our on-going friendship at our tenth anniversary reunion in Winnipeg in 2009 agreeing to come together at least once every ten years.

This year, at the 2019 reunion, Sam, our tour guide twenty years ago, who lives in Ethiopia, but who spent his childhood in Bleinham Ontario where we gathered for the reunion, was able to join us.

All along the dusty African roads in 1999, Sam asked questions to provoke thought. That hasn't changed. As we sat chatting in Jack's backyard, reliving that special experience 20 years ago, he inquired about what difference the journey to East Africa made in our lives.

Sam appeared surprised to hear that the East African Food Study Tour was as much as spiritual journey for me that had a profound impact on my call to ordained ministry as it was learning about the root causes of hunger.

I admitted that I had not given much thought before that about the critically important work of the church in alleviating hunger before that tour. I knew that PWRDF existed but wasn't exactly certain of the profound difference it made. Upon my return home, I was so anxious to help people understand by sharing my experience in East Africa that I told my parish priest, "I have to tell the world about the work of the church." She replied, "Have I got a deal

for you."

The "deal" was that I could speak in church about hunger and the church's contribution to alleviating hunger if I would agree to become the PWRDF parish rep. Sure I said. And that, I explained to Sam, was where life took a turn and the road to ordained ministry began. It's your fault I told him. And he smiled.

In the midst of all the twists, turns, bumps in the road and sometimes terrifying hairpins turns in ministry, including, a decade of full-time parish ministry, a few more trips to Africa and Asia, God has placed extraordinary people in my life, in the special times and in the everyday times. For that and them I give thanks.

But isn't that how God works? Sometimes in our everyday lives. Sometimes with big surprises. Sometime in and through others, like Sam, and their influence on us and our lives. Touching us in incredible ways. Allowing us to know God's love while at the same time calling us to love others.

As we wrap up Season of Creation, a time when we spread that love to all of God's creation, I pray that your journey to Thanksgiving will be filled with the joy of God's presence seen in the people who cross your path.

Blessings from the outer world,
REV. MARIAN LUCAS-JEFFERIES

DYC is coming!

By Sarah Drysdale

As the summer season comes to a close, the excitement of The Diocesan Youth Conference is approaching swiftly! Both leaders and youth are working diligently as the conference draws nearer, to ensure the best possible experience for campers and leaders who will be attending. The 2019 youth conference will take place from October 25th- 27th, in Malagash, Nova Scotia, with a theme that will be the focus for the entirety of the weekend.

The theme of the retreat revolves around the importance of the Five Marks



of Mission, and how we, as Christians can fortify and invigorate the value of the ideas which are encapsulated within the outline and its purpose. The many topics of discussion and lively activities at the youth conference which take place will collaborate together to pique interest

and invoke the enjoyment for helping both God's world and the people in it. The main activities at the retreat consist of: engaging workshops, campfire, open mic night, and daily worship with music. These activities were thoughtfully chosen to serve the purpose of connecting as

a group and to help others, to understand the impact of the Five Marks of Mission, and to direct youth on how to make positive changes to the world today.

The youth conference is suited for teen campers, with registration available for those who attend grades 7-12. The conference also offers the opportunity for older participants to contribute as leaders, with the option to gain experience in leadership roles and settings. For campers to partake in the weekend, there will be a fee of \$85 dollars, and for leaders, a fee of \$50. Bursaries are also

available for those who may need this as an option. For more information regarding bursaries, you can contact Will Ferrey at rector@christchurchamherstns.ca

As the conference weekend draws nearer, social media reports will be posted on several accounts, giving updates to returning participants and to those who are interested in attending the retreat. If you wish to get more involved, you can visit www.sharenspei.ca/dyc for more information regarding registration, and to answer any questions you may have about the event.



Rev. Dr. John Roddam

"What is required?"

From the Canadian Anglican Book of Common Prayer (1962) Catechism (Pp. 551.)

Catechist. What is required of persons to be baptized?

Answer. Repentance; whereby they forsake sin, which separates them from God: and faith; whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Catechist. Why then are infants baptized?

Answer. Infants are baptized so that, being received into Christ's Church, they may grow in grace and be trained in the household of faith.

Catechist. How can infants promise repentance and faith?

Answer. Their Godfathers and Godmothers make the promise for them.

Catechist. When do they take this promise upon themselves?

Answer. When they are confirmed by the Bishop and through prayer and the laying on of hands, are strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

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Pope John Paul II stated, "We have sacramentalized our people, we have not evangelized them!"

The same could be stated of Anglicans, I believe. We celebrate God's goodness and love reaching out to us even before we can understand to call us to Himself in

the sacrament of Baptism. However, the rest of the transaction needs to be included – our adult response in repentance (turning to the Lord) and Faith (entrusting our lives to Him). Unless closure is accomplished, our salvation and eternal destiny are not secured. Baptism is like a cheque but it needs to be endorsed/personally signed!

It matters not if you have a high view of Baptism or embrace Baptismal Regeneration, the Scriptures and our Anglican Formularies (in this case the BCP) call for Conversion to a living and vital personal relationship with Jesus!

My wake-up call surrounding this serious omission in our "Anglican culture" was when I had a profound conversion in university. I met Jesus in a

powerful encounter! However, my Anglican family, rather than seeing this as a cause for celebration, were afraid and feared I had been impacted by a cult!

One preacher likened Infant Baptism to a polio immunization – where dead germs are introduced to see the body develop immunity to the real disease! He suggested that Paedobaptism lulls people into a system of religious activity, not a living relationship with Christ!

While this is an extreme analogy, I do feel many simply rest on the fact they are baptized without the need of genuine conversion – turning to Jesus and enjoying Him in a vital, life-changing relationship. Where are you?

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

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Blown away!



Photo: Liz Finney, Fund Development Director; Anne Williams, Co-Coordinator, ACW Board; and John Biebesheimer, President & Board Chair, Bonny Lea Farm. Members and friends of the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board visited Bonny Lea Farm to present \$20,000 for the Home to Stay project and to receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

CYNTHIA PILICHOS,
ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
DIOCESAN BOARD

Given that I am writing this column on a blustery day in late August, the aftermath in the Maritimes of a tropical storm, you might imagine that I am referring to items being blown around or off my deck overlooking St. Margaret's Bay. But, no – I have secured what could be blown away and instead have turned my attention to the words of the Executive Director of Bonny Lea Farm, David Outhouse: "We were absolutely blown away by your donation towards our Home to Stay project to build a new home to support Bonny Lea Farm participants as they age . . . the Anglican

Church women raised "\$20,000 over the past year in support of this project."

We, too, were blown away by the generosity of women's groups, whole parishes, and individuals, as this project really captured the imagination of everybody. You only need to visit Bonny Lea Farm to know why that is, another blown away experience. Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board members had the opportunity in mid June to do just that, and what an occasion that was. Before having the very gratifying moment to present our generous contribution at a lovely reception, we had an enlightening tour of Bonny Lea, meeting those

who live and work at Bonny Lea Farm and who will be benefitting from the Home to Stay enterprise. While the Participants, Staff, and Board of Bonny Lea Farm are "grateful to have all of us [who have contributed to the Home to Stay project] on this journey to ensure that people with disabilities experience dignity, respect and a high quality of life as they age . . . at home at Bonny Lea Farm", we were grateful for the opportunity to spend time with this amazing community.

We are looking forward to more blown away experiences as we encourage women's groups, whole parishes, and individuals to contribute to the Anglican Church Women

Diocesan Board's Annual Project 2019/20: Education – a life changing gift! It is the turn for a Project with an international focus, and we really appreciate that Anglican women in the Valley proposed that the Board partner with an incredible group of dedicated women in King's County – the King's-Kikima Grannies - for the Annual Project 2019/20. The King's Grannies have been supporting the Kikima Grannies in Kenya, as the latter raise their grandkids, all orphaned by the scourge of HIV/AIDs.

The King's-Kikima Grannies story is an incredible saga of support, spanning more than a decade, and we are delighted that some of these King's Grannies will be the guest speakers at most of the Regional Meetings for women this fall. All women (not just those who identify as ACW) are invited to attend these regional gatherings - the details of date, location, and contact person are available in the Calendar 2019/20 on the Anglican NetNews under ACW. Subscribers to the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board's Newsletter, Keeping in Touch, will have received a copy of this Calendar of Events with their latest issue – Summer, 2019.

The Kikima Grannies have identified that the next area of needed financial support in their community is post- secondary education for several youth; hence the Annual Project 2019/20: Education – a life changing gift! Let's be blown away again by the incredible

generosity of Anglicans as we bring in funds over the next number of months (until the end of April, 2020) for Education – a life changing gift! And, a reminder again, that the Annual Projects of the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board are not just for the women of the parish to contribute to, either as an organized group or as individuals. We keep emphasizing that the Annual Projects are equal opportunity initiatives for giving! They are truly something that a whole parish can rally around to support.

With reference to Anglican Church Women in our diocese, Bonny Lea Farm Executive Director, David Outhouse, spoke of being "in awe of the power of [our] work". While the Board appreciates the compliment, knowing that the ministry of women is something to be in awe of, we recognize our dependence on the support of many - women and men - in order to inspire the blown away descriptor. So, here's to another anticipated blown away Annual Project: Education – a life changing gift!



MORE BOLDNESS – SIGN UP NOW!

Regional MORE Mission Schools continue this autumn for the Regions of Prince Edward Island and Chignecto. Module #4 called **MORE Boldness**, explores themes related to finding our faith story and being able to tell God's story of hope and good news for the world. This session helps equip participants to dive deep into what it means to be a disciple today, especially related to our Anglican identity.

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- **Prince Edward Island**
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(Registration Deadline Oct. 16)
- **Chignecto**
Nov. 30 - All Saints', Springhill
(Registration Deadline Nov. 27)

- Dartmouth - Jan. 11 (tentative)
- Fort Sackville - Jan. 18 (tentative)
- Chebucto - Jan. 25 (tentative)
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Bring a team!



“Oops”: Cognition versus Will

I think I was 7. Early one morning before I began my day I said to myself, “so, beginning today I am not going to sin, ever again!” And I meant it. So far so good. Later that day, around 3 to be precise, Mom was having her usual afternoon nap in our big farm house. I was hungry. So I managed to quietly (so I thought) get up on the cupboard in the pantry to secure for myself some cookies from inside the cookie jar she kept in the cabinet. Opening up the door very quickly, I again, quietly, so as not to awaken her, took off the top of the old antique cookie jar. Laying the cover carefully near my feet, I put my hand inside the jar to grab a couple of chocolate maroons. Then, and out of nowhere came a stern motherly voice from her bedroom down the hall; “Bryan, I don’t always see you, or what you are doing, but Jesus does!” Those words stung deeply. Quietly and quickly, I pulled out my now empty hand, placed the top on the jar, climbed down off of the cupboard, and walked away, dejected



BRYAN HAGERMAN

because I had been caught by a mother who knew everything, and disappointed that my experiment with sin, was ruined. As I look back on that now, many years later, I have discovered that I had correct cognition, but limited will to match it.

Cognition is what we know. Will is the unseen intangible force behind our ability to follow through on a decision made. We all have a measure of both within our psyche.

I have always been amazed and even admired those heroes of mine who; can run a marathon in just over two hours, a mile below four, or poll-vault over a bar up to nineteen feet successfully. What’s more, the ability to hit a 100 mile an hour fast ball, a 350 yard drive straight in golf, keep a 4.0 GPA, stay true to a diet, or any specific personal discipline. It always comes down to cognition versus will.

When helping a Client who has issues with anxiety, I like to use an old catch phrase attributed to American pastor Robert Schuller, “if it’s gonna be, it’s up to me!” And I believe it. Because much of what is needed with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, is an exercised, purposeful will. I can say no to an anxious thought or rumination by telling myself the truth, or I can give into a lazy will, and believe the distorted thought yet again. Those who are firm with what they know, and willfully move towards it, overcome many behavioral obstacles. Personal choice

is a decision. I decide to do something based upon my cognitive abilities, empowered by my personal will, and with that, the desire to succeed.

Jesus gives us both knowledge and will. I have the knowledge of God’s promises within me because I read and memorize scripture, and live and worship in a spiritual community. And because I know him in relationship I realize what he promises me. For example, in John 14:27 we read; “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid. “That’s a spiritual cognition, and a truism, given to us by Almighty God. A few queries. Would he give us knowledge that we cannot attain? And given the fact that each of us have the Holy Spirit within us, how could we not engage our cognition and will towards success in an area of our lives that alludes us. He’s not asking us to run a two hour marathon. He’s asking us to make a decision not to worry, to be anxious, or be troubled.

And he’s not asking us to deny that we are anxious and worried either. He is asking us to take spiritual steps to become overcomers, because he has overcome the world. Those steps involve simple faith and practiced existential belief in Him.

So concerning spiritual cognition, versus personal will, under the power and directive of God the HS. Place your left and right hands in front of you six inches apart, perpendicular to your body, pointed out from you. Let the left hand represent God’s knowledge given to you. Let the right hand represent God’s power. Then, move one hand towards the other until they touch. This symbolizes cognition and will coming together in harmony. It can symbolize success. Do you feel it? Can you visualize it? “If it’s gonna be, it’s up to me, God being my helper “

Dr Bryan Hagerman
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Out of sight, out of mind?



By Mary Stone
Mothers Union

Every person attending our Diocesan Synod in May was moved to silence at the showing of the local Ted Talk, “True North and Child Trafficking in Canada”, featuring Emily Pelley.

So too, all synod delegates, were moved to vote unanimously in support of the Mothers’ Union/Anglican Church Women Resolution which addressed the need for all churches in our diocese to develop awareness of, and become educated about, Human Trafficking.

Synod was quickly followed by a summer hiatus in most parishes and so, perhaps, the issues of Synod are gradually fading into the background.

This article is to remind you that the issue of Human Trafficking did not take a summer hiatus and continues

unabated, particularly in the province of Nova Scotia.

Why is it that we quickly embrace the call to look after our environment but not to wonder about some of our vulnerable citizens, those who are victims of human trafficking? ‘Ignorance is bliss’, and ‘turning a blind eye’ are ways of avoiding having to think about the plight of victims of human trafficking.

The 4th and 5th Marks of Mission ask us:

1. to respond to human need by loving service and
2. to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.

Archbishop Fred reminds us that in our baptism we promise to respect the dignity of every human being and that ‘human trafficking is an

assault on the dignity and beauty of people and the image in which God has created them’. ‘Why wouldn’t the church be involved...?’

Steps a parish can take:

- Become educated about Human Trafficking.
- With permission, put the Crime Stoppers Human Trafficking Stickers in washrooms in your community. Stickers are available at the ACW Board Office at the Diocesan Center.
- Buy the resource recommended by the Anglican Consultative Council and our Diocesan Synod - Sexual Exploitation in Canada: A Leadership and Learning Kit for Churches can be ordered on line from the Canadian Council of Churches.
- Visit the Anglican Church of Canada website on Human Trafficking and watch the videos www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/

- Contact the following organizations for speakers or resources on Human Trafficking.
- Crime Stoppers (RCMP) for information on Human Trafficking and efforts being made to address this issue
- <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/programs-services/preventing-human-trafficking>
- www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ht-tp/index-eng.htm Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre in Ottawa.
- www.opendoorcentre.com/about-us/about Helping Nova Scotia youth who are sex trafficked. Youth need a safe place to talk about their experiences of being recruited and groomed or exploited and controlled.
- ywcahalifax.com/advocacy/ Nova Scotia Trafficking Elimination Partnership (NSTEP) - engaging with provincial partners to lead an inter-

jurisdictional coalition to prevent and eliminate the trafficking and sexual exploitation of primarily young women in Nova Scotia.

- www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/cmpgns/cmpgn-06/gd-prnts-en.aspx
- www.canadiancentretotendhumantrafficking.ca/ The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking is a national charity dedicated to ending all types of human trafficking in Canada

Emily Pelley suggests ‘...one of the most important things we can do for young people is to talk about what healthy relationships look like, make sure they know the risks of trafficking and exploitation, but let’s not focus on fear. Instead, let’s show them the power they do have to protect themselves and their friends.’

Ignorance is not bliss and turning a blind eye prevents us from seeing the vulnerable.

What will your parish do?

MISSION (is) POSSIBLE:

Diocesan Stories of People Responding to God's Call Doing little bits of good



Photo: Welcome sign at Christ Church, Dartmouth.

BY REV. LISA G. VAUGHN

Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said: "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

The rector of Christ Church Dartmouth, Rev. Kyle Wagner says, "The things that we do are just small, but to some, they make a significant impact."

Picnic tables, a community garden, bee keeping and a Little Free Library, are just some of the ways this downtown congregation is endeavoring to build relationships with new people in the neighbourhood. "Our

parish takes pride in keeping our grounds safe and inviting," said the priest. "We often have people come and walk their pets around the property, so we try and make things as welcoming as possible."

Christ Church, a looming presence at the corner of Dundas and Ochterloney Streets, has a beautifully landscaped property inviting residents and patrons in the thriving neighbourhood to spend time there. Several signs posted near the front of the church welcome people to enjoy the bright blue picnic tables situated under a canopy of mature trees. There are plans to create a wheelchair

accessible space too.

"It's incredible to see how many people use the picnic tables," said Rev. Kyle. "During the summer, I often make my way to see who is visiting and strike up a conversation. I've had some profound moments which have transformed me as well as the person eating their lunch."

The Little Free Library is installed next to the tables. Christ Church joined this worldwide movement and is a chartered member. "It became a pet project of mine and our Spiritual Development group," explained Rev. Kyle. "It's designed so people in the community can come and take a book and share a book. We had someone build it and donate their time and materials."

Several parishioners are keen readers. "We have a monthly book club called, Rector's Readers," he said. "We plan to have the books we read monthly available to the library, and also other materials: Bibles, prayer books, etc. We also will make



it a space where we advertise
Rev. Lisa G. Vaughn, Diocesan
Parish Vitality Coordinator

our upcoming events and liturgies."

There's another type of buzz going on at Christ Church as the parish partners with the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning, a not-for-profit organization that works with youth. This new program being offered by *BEEA Honey with Heart* and in conjunction with Family SOS, educates young people ages 12-17, about how to care for bees. The hives are securely located in the cemetery area. Long-time

parishioner, Kim Drisdelle is the program facilitator.

"Youth are often looking for additional resources that they can't find at school or at home," explained Rev. Kyle. "We currently offer our kitchen free of charge to the MacPhee Centre so they can teach classes about safe cooking. We also supply a monthly supper for the youth too."

Community garden boxes situated on another corner of the downtown property have the church's Garden Committee growing organic produce for the Thursday morning food bank.

The rector said their missional work reflects Christ's approach. "We strive to be an example of who Jesus is," said Rev. Kyle. "One might refer to it as a 'prophetic stance.' In our space, we merely try to be inviting, not forcing what we believe, but rather saying, 'Here we are, in downtown Dartmouth. We are trying to be our authentic selves; so check us out, let's grab a coffee and connect!'"

"Soak Your Soles" Mission startup aided by Growth For Ministry Fund



Photo: "Soak Your Soles" mission in action with hand and foot pampering.

Last year the Pastoral Ministries committee and volunteers from St. Timothy's in Hatchet Lake had an idea. What if we reached out to the broader community to channel God's love through the touch of hands and feet, listening and having conversations in an effort to identify community needs and asking how we, as a Christian Community, can help with those needs? We believed that God would be present in subtle ways, through our caring and pampering

of feet and hands, through our conversations, through messages we shared and through our actions. There would be no action asked of the receiver, just simply to come and be served.

So, with some trepidations, we piloted a "Soak Your Soles" mission in our church hall, advertising in our community and offering hand and foot pampering in a spa like environment, with refreshments and soothing topical music. Our spiritual library was available for

browsing and free for the taking. We had 29 people come to our session, some who had never been inside our church before. Girlfriends met up and spent the afternoon there together. We were thrilled to have a newcomer Syrian Muslim girl volunteer with us and she was able to speak Arabic to a newly arrived Syrian Christian woman who had limited English skills and who came for pampering.

With this success, we applied for and received \$1,500.00 from the Growth for Ministry Fund at the Diocese of NS and PEI to help us purchase supplies and take the "show on the road". Since then we have had successful missions at Adsum Court in Dartmouth (they invited us back for a second time!), Adsum Centre (women who have undergone domestic trauma) in Timberlea, Marguerite House (women with addictions) in Timberlea, and Open Door (unplanned pregnancies and exploited youth) in Halifax. We have had men, women and children receive our pampering. We continue to look for community groups that may be interested in and benefit from our services.

The services we offer include foot soaks with Dead Sea

coconut bath salts, foot scrub (with essential oils, Epsom salts and oil), foot massage with lotion and nail colour if desired. Some people do not like to have their feet touched so we offer the same service for hands.

We believe that we are bringing our mission outside of our church walls to the wider public, identifying groups or communities who are open to our presence, touching the lives of those who may need special care, and encouragement to rest in God's love and grace. Touch often breaks down barriers that allow for higher level discussions. Each person will feel respected and will leave knowing they are loved by God and by us. Each person is given a beautiful poem "The Butterfly" with a personal message written on the back. One woman who cried through most of her pampering but left smiling, recounted how she put the poem by her bed, and read it daily first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

Our goal is that this service would be offered in other communities by other parishes. The Parish of Tangier on the Eastern Shore, took up the call and after observing and participating in our session,

ran their own with great success, with plans to repeat it in the spring. We are always in need of volunteers so if this is something that piques your interest, please contact the organizers (email address below), parish priest Rev Bonnie Skerritt, or Deacon Rev Cheryl Rafuse.

The washing of feet has much significance in our Christian world. Jesus said "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me" (John 13:8). He is offering forgiveness of our sins and a chance for a fresh start. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that He continues to offer His love and forgiveness to all of us. After Jesus washed the disciple's feet on the night before his Crucifixion, He told them "I have given you an example, that you do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

We are called to continue to serve each other in humility and love. This mission allows us to do this, both literally and figuratively, and we give great thanks to the Growth in Ministry Fund for their support, with special thanks to Rev Cate Ratcliffe for her counsel and guidance..

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A requiem for trees, to speak truth to power

By CATHY LEE CUNNINGHAM,
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Rev. Cathy Lee
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Greetings and peace to you, in the name of Jesus, as we recover from the massively devastating impact of hurricane Dorian — from the Bahamas, to Newfoundland and beyond — as we look forward to the upcoming federal election in light of it.

Speaking for creation

Many years ago, in 1997, a woman stood up to speak against the cutting down of a healthy, young tree at Convoy Estates in Halifax. Her name was Donna. Several residents of the complex wanted it cut down, because it was growing taller and beginning to “block the view” of Halifax Harbour.

Donna spoke of the energy, life and being of trees. Of how their energy has been measured by scientists as “speech” to one another, and how, when one falls, there is a kind of collective scream in the forest, followed by all the energy of the surrounding trees going to help the fallen one.

She spoke of how the trees provide shelter for the birds who sing for us, music to our ears when the wind blows through their leaves. Of the multitude of ways they bring joy and beauty into our lives and protect us from the wind. And — most importantly — of how trees are a gift of God and belong to God, that we are called to protect their life and beauty, not cut them down because they block a view.

The members of the General Meeting agreed with her.

Over twenty years later, many residents at Convoy still recall the words she spoke, how she changed their minds and their vote to save that tree.

It grew into such a majestic tree that people on walks would stop with their kids and pets to sit in the grass at it’s base. It housed many birds, and in the morning light there

was no more beautiful a sight to be seen.

Until Dorian — The hurricane that blew that beautiful tree down (thankfully, without injury to any person or property).

Riding Out Dorian in Halifax

Like many of you, I hunkered down with family — and chips — beside the radio, finally landing on 97.5 News, the only station giving real-time updates on the hurricane.

For nearly 24 hours, caller after caller spoke of their rising concerns about climate change, especially in light of Dorian’s near-total destruction of the Bahamas, wondering if the increased frequency and ferocity of hurricanes reaching us this far north is the result of climate change.

Nearly every caller felt that we need to act now, to use this experience as a catalyst for increased conversation and collective action to get government at all levels to create new climate legislation, before it’s too late.

Climate indeed on the minds of Canadian voters

According to a July 15th, 2019 AbacusData.ca poll of the Canadian electorate, the top three federal election issues are: cost of living; health care and climate change.

Further to a September 6th poll, conducted by Abacus Data and Clean Energy Canada, Bruce Anderson — Chairman of Abacus data — wrote:

“Hurricane Dorian, the 4th Category 5 hurricane in the last two years, was not really on the horizon when this survey was completed. But Canadians were already broadly convinced that storms, floods, worrying warming in the North, fatal heatwaves in Europe and devastating fires in the Amazon are all part of a broad phenomenon that society should be doing more to arrest. There may be an active debate about carbon pricing but there is a sweeping consensus that climate action should be a priority (for government legislation), as signs of Earth’s duress dominate the news.”

According to UN Secretary-General António Guterres:

“Natural disasters displace three times as many people as conflicts, forcing millions to leave their homes and seek safety elsewhere. The salinization of water and crops is endangering food security, and the impact on public health is escalating. The growing tensions over resources and mass movements of people are affecting every country on every continent.... Nature does not negotiate.... It is not just remote islands whose future is in jeopardy. What is happening there is a sign of what is in store for all humankind. Urgent climate action is a global imperative. It is possible to achieve our goals, but we need decisions, political will and transformational policies to allow us to still live in peace with our own climate.”

In that speech, Guterres emphasized four key measures that we can pressure governments to prioritize in order to reach carbon neutrality by 2050: tax pollution, not people; stop subsidizing fossil fuels; stop building new coal plants



Photo: Cathy Lee stands in front of tree fallen at Convoy Estates, North End Halifax after Hurricane Dorian..

by 2020; focus on a green economy, not a grey economy.

Our time to speak, where to learn more — and how to take action — before you vote in October

As it was for Donna at that Convoy Estates General Meeting so long ago, when she spoke for the tree, so now is out time to speak for Mother Earth, to use the power of our own love and voice to protect and save her from falling.

Citizens for Public Justice Advocacy Toolkit

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Kairos

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/event/webinar-talking-about-anti-immigrant-racism-during-the-federal-elections-for-climate-justice-canvassers-communicators-activists>

350.org

<https://350.org/resources>

The Leap Manifesto

<https://leapmanifesto.org/en/the-leap-manifesto>

The Climate Reality Project Canada

<https://www.climatereality.ca>

Book and Film

An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power, by Al Gore

<https://aninconvenientsequel.com>

See you back here in the October Issue, with a special article on the power of gratitude to transform our lives. By the way, Donna was my mother.

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Teach us to pray:

Companionable silence

“The desert is beautiful,” the little prince said. And that was true. I have always loved the desert. One sits down on a desert sand dune, sees nothing, hears nothing. Yet through the silence something throbs, and gleams... “What makes the desert beautiful,” said the little prince, “is that somewhere it hides a well...”

The Little Prince — Antoine de Saint-Exupery



Rev. Frances Drolet-Smith

I was asked to lead a retreat in late August at St. John’s Convent in Toronto. I have led retreats and quiet days before and I always find the preparation for them exhilarating as I try to discern through prayer and reading what it is that people most want – and perhaps, need – to hear. But this retreat had a very different format from any I had prepared before. Known as “The Long Retreat”, it is an annual 8-day silent retreat which the Sisters of St. John the Divine (SSJD) offer to the Sisters and Oblates of their community and also to members of other monastic communities. Along with Morning and Evening Prayer and Compline, and the mid-day Eucharist, there is one address each day, given at 9:30 am for 20 – 30 minutes. The rest of the time is for the retreatants own silent time, though they may request spiritual direction from the

retreat leader. Aside from the retreat leader and the Sisters who are not in retreat, those who attend are immersed in silence throughout the 8-day cycle.

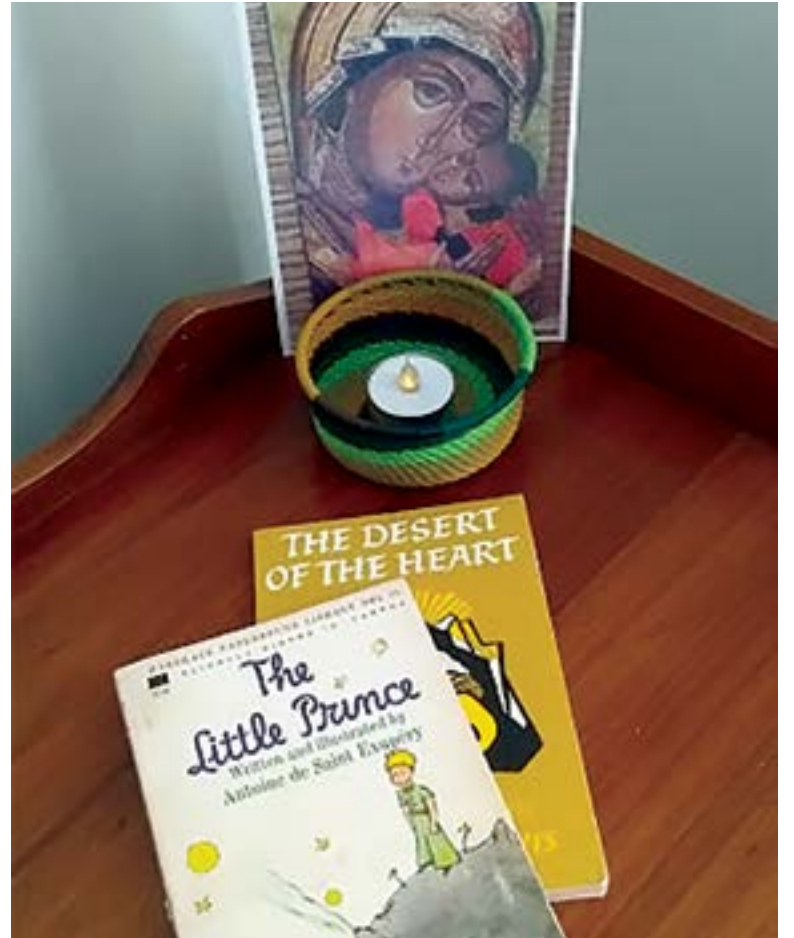
Silence has always played a vital and pivotal roll in the life of monastics. It is received as a gift which enables a person to give their full attention to God, heart and mind. Meals, not only during the Retreat, are eaten in silence, giving those who dine time to eat mindfully. A lot of energy is expended in “chatting” and the noise of a dining room full of chatters can be quite disorienting, especially if one has come away for a while to collect their thoughts and to pray. The same is true for all of us, whether we be monastic or not. Silence enables us to draw closer to God – and to one another in the solidarity

of deep listening for what God is asking of us.

For St. Benedict, the silence is not just silence for silence sake, but rather silence for the sake of something. Cultivating an inner stillness and silence is a way to God and to experience union with God. Constant talking, as are constant movement and busyness, can be an avoidance technique, a great way to keep from attending to the very things that need our deeper attention.

In our culture, silence and stillness have been equated with wasting time, doing nothing, being lazy. We’ve become used to having some kind of stimulation going on around us always: tv, radio, computer. Benedict advises “Listen, with the ear of your heart . . .” Background noise can impede this. If we really want to “hear” what God may be saying to us, then it is crucial for us to practice the art of listening. This kind of deep listening requires prayer, reflection on the Scripture, and perhaps hardest of all, be willing to “let go”.

I have a friend who is very uncomfortable with silence. For her, silence leads to troubling thoughts or memories. I can commiserate because I’ve certainly experienced worry in silence



– all the “what ifs?” and “should haves” come to the fore. But there is a way to quell that “monkey chatter”, as meditator Dom John Main calls it. Sometimes it’s necessary to stare down the chatter and with practice, in time it is possible. Then the silence becomes like a welcome friend, companionable.

In the story of “The Little

Prince”, the prince discovers that even in a arid void, there is a well-spring from which to draw. Having the courage (and sometimes it does take courage) to embrace silence, we may well find the Living Water we seek to quench our thirst.

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Diocesan Representative, the
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Psalm 25:4

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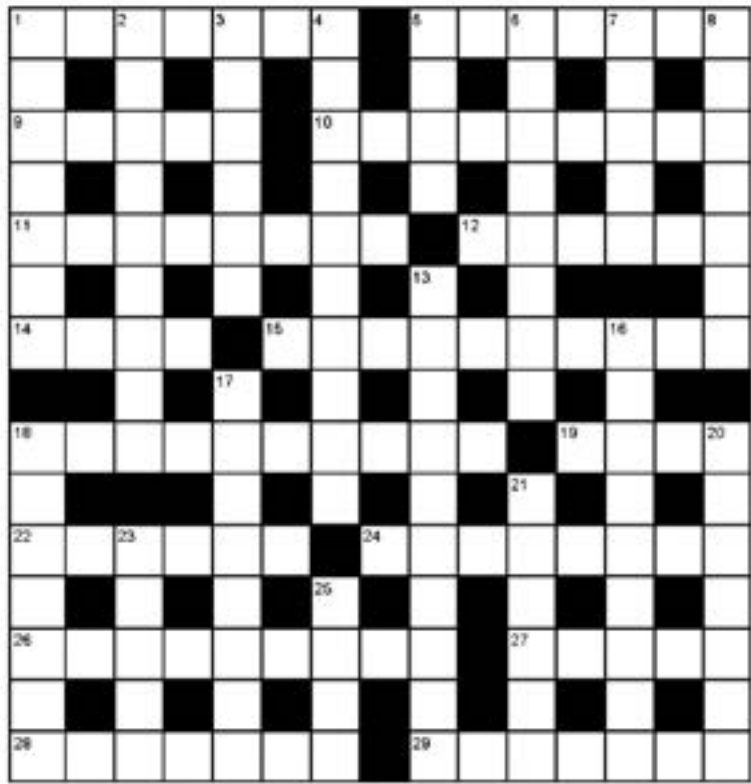
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Bible Crossword

by Maureen Yeats



OCTOBER Puzzle



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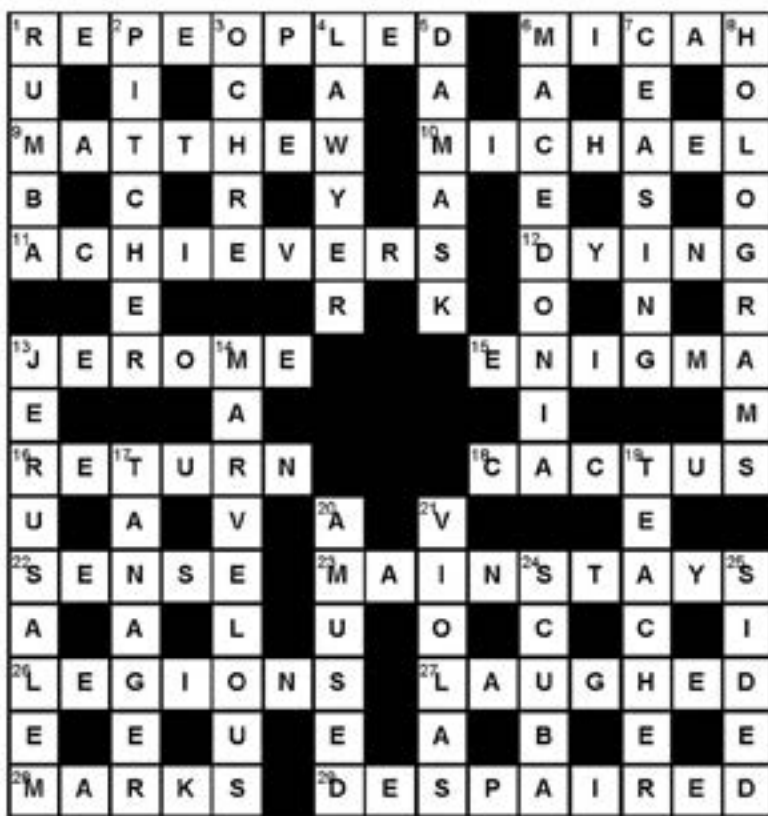
ACROSS:

- 1- Biblical letter (7)
- 5- Retreated (7)
- 9- Place where one can rent a room by the night (5)
- 10- Town where Jesus lived as an adult (Matt. 4:13) (9)
- 11- Common, very hard mineral (8)
- 12- Term used in England for a priest assistant to a rector (6)
- 14- "Thomas answered him 'My _____ and my God.' " (John 20:28) master (4)
- 15- Founders of a tribe or nation (10)
- 18- Oldest man in the Bible (Gen 5:27) (10)
- 19- Person credited as the author of Acts (4)
- 22- Town associated with St. Francis (6)
- 24- Person skilled in languages (8)
- 26- Extremely pure (9)
- 27- Not reactive (5)
- 28- To give a claim to (7)
- 29- East Indian food, analogous to egg rolls (7)

DOWN:

- 1- Pertaining to morals (7)
- 2- Explain (9)
- 3- Ability (6)
- 4- "You have _____ the wicked." (Ezek. 13:22) inspired (10)
- 5- "See how the fields are _____ for harvesting." (John 4:35) mature (4)
- 6- Round (8)
- 7- Story involving conflict or contrast (5)
- 8- Maidens (7)
- 13- People who enlist employees into joining a union (10)
- 16- People who carry processional crosses (9)
- 17- Outwit (8)
- 18- "The _____ you give will be the _____ you get back." (Luke 6:38) amount (7)
- 20- Pieces of landed property (7)
- 21- Selfishness (6)
- 23- "The Lord says to my Lord, _____ my right hand." (Ps.110:1) be seated (3,2)
- 25- Author of an epistle (4)

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Photos from left: VCM speakers Steve McMullin Zack Ingles and Anne Williams.

This November's Vital Church Maritimes 2019 conference presenters emphasize engaging with neighbourhood and using natural gifts.

This year's break-out session speakers include Zack Ingles who will share about music leadership, fostering a "worship culture" in your parish, music team/choir

dynamics, contemporary music resources and refreshing old hymns. His presentation is called, (Re)Discovering the Pastoral Power of Music.

Dr. Stephen McMullin, Academic Dean and professor of evangelism and mission at Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, joins VCM 2019 to speak about Mission

Opportunities in the Changing Canadian Culture.

Artist in Residence at St. Paul's Grand Parade (Halifax), Nathan Little shares his background in evangelism and discipleship with a focus on community building and the intersection of faith and art.

Other presenters include

Anne Williams who will describe how her country parish started gathering community around sewing machines, and Rev. Simon Davies, rector of Holy Trinity, Bridgewater, who runs a relaxed worship experience called Café Church.

Our plenary speaker is Rev. Canon Dr. Duke Vipperman, from Fergus, Ontario. An Anglican priest for more than 34 years, Duke is a missional coach, pioneer minister and consultant for church turnarounds. Keynote talks are: Jesus' WAY of Mission & The Box; The WAY we Walk: Getting Out & Loving Our Neighbour; The WAY: We Eat; and The WAY: We Talk.

Vital Church Maritimes 2019 conference takes place at the Truro Holiday Inn, NS, from November 21 to November 23. EARLY BIRD RATES for hotel rooms and conference fee are in effect until midnight October 21. Student, youth and one-day rates are also available. Registration closes November 8. Conference fees include all meals, presentations and materials. (Accommodation is extra.) Funding support is accessible for lay people and clergy in our Diocese.

VISIT: www.nspeidiocese.ca or contact the Parish Vitality Coordinator (902-420-0717; lvaughn@nspeidiocese.ca).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allie Colp is on maternity leave as of September 1st. Jennifer Schwartz will coordinate communication for Youth and Family Ministry in Allie's absence.

Rev. Douglas Beck appointed interim incumbent of the Parish of St. John's North Sydney, September 1st, 2019.

Rev. Dr. John Roddam resigned as rector of the Parish of Kentville November 30th, 2019. At this time John will enter into retirement.

Congratulations to Rev. Bert Chestnut who accepted an appointment as the interim Dean of the Diocese of Yukon.

Rev. Frances Drolet-Smith appointed Vocations Coordinator, ¾ time, November 1st, 2019.



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“Come and see...”



Photo: Nazareth Village in Israel recreating a scene from the time of Jesus.

By REV. DAVENA DAVIS

One of my favourite things to do in the summer is to visit an outdoor museum—like Upper Canada Village in eastern Ontario or our own Maritime sites like Sherbrooke Village or Memory Lane Heritage Village or the Lucy Maud Montgomery Birthplace in Prince Edward Island. It's pleasant to stroll along the little streets with houses, gardens, barns, churches, etc. dating to a past century. You see how our forefathers and foremothers lived and worked. Usually when you go into these little open air museums you find people dressed in the costume of the day doing work that our pioneer ancestors had to do to make life liveable. You might find women cooking, washing, weaving, and spinning; men shoeing horses, working the fields, making barrels or doing cabinetmaking. There are many such sites all over the world. If you're interested, just google appropriate words.

But I'd like to tell you about a visit I paid to Nazareth Village in Israel, opened to the public in 2000. Yes, “come and see”

as Philip told Nathanael (John 1:46). You remember the story. It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry according to John's Gospel, and Jesus invited Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip and Nathanael to join him. Nathanael said, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). Nazareth Village is a reconstruction of a village and working farm just a 10 minute walk from the centre of Nazareth. It is on a hillside that was included in the grounds of the Nazareth Hospital established in 1906 by the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society. Fortunately, even after the hospital was enlarged, the area remained untouched. It was just a rocky hillside. In the 1960s archaeological surveys and excavations were begun and the remains of a vineyard, watch towers, terraces, and a spring fed irrigation system and stone quarries were discovered. Through the intervening years Nazareth Village was reconstructed on this rocky hillside using when possible original building methods.

We visited Nazareth Village on a hot sunny day in May. After purchasing tickets and obtaining a guide (guides are available in several languages), we began our exploration of this first century village. At the four corners of the “village” are remains of watchtowers. Watch towers were fairly common in the area and were used to guard crops and sometimes store produce.

Do you remember the Parable of the Tower Builder (Luke 14:28-30)? We don't know if Jesus set his parables in Nazareth, but one would imagine that he did—some anyway. This is where he grew up. He would have been familiar with the layout and the scenery. And that's the idea behind this village reconstruction: that readers of the Gospels will be able to situate themselves in the parables and gospel narrative by walking along the rocky paths, seeing the stone houses and terraced fields.

The farm originally on this site has been restored with olive trees, terraces, an ancient wine press, an irrigation

system and a stone quarry. The stone quarry was the very stone quarry which the original Nazareth residents used to build their terraces and buildings. Terraced farming was an ancient practice in the Middle East and in this area the soil was rich for growing. Some of the olive trees—a few over 100 years old—were donated and transplanted by concerned conservationists.

As you walk along the paths, you will find replicas of stone houses built using the same methods as Joseph the carpenter (artisan) would have used. An attempt was made to build the houses realistically using archaeological research. Houses in agricultural communities were built around a central open courtyard with rooms attached for entertaining, sleeping, storage and a growing family if necessary. In the open courtyard one would find a water cistern and an oven and it is there that cooking, cleaning, weaving, etc. would be done.

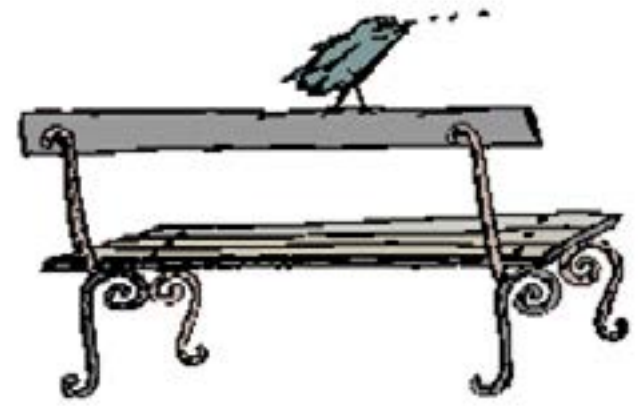
There is a synagogue which is modeled after a synagogue found in Masada. It is perhaps smaller than the one needed for the congregation at Nazareth but it provides visitors an example of a first century synagogue. Very plain inside. Do you remember Luke's account of Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth? (Luke

4:16-30). Now one can see how easily the townspeople could have led Jesus to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

We were introduced to “villagers” dressed in first century clothing using tools typical of the period. The shepherd apologized that there were no more goats in the village—they kept running away. He had several sheep in a pen to show us. A little shaggier than those in our pictures of Jesus with sheep and lambs gathered around him. Reality.

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Hurricane Dorian shows its destructive power in St. John's, Wolfville cemetery

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One large branch still in a precarious position



Oak tree from back.



Oak tree and gravestone



Damage to gravestones.

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