



Serving the Anglican Church in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



Photo above: Rev Michael Caines (Diocese of Fredericton), Rev Kristen MacKenzie, Rev. Nicole Uzans, Rev Lisa Vaughn, Rev Brianna Andrews, Rev Marian Lucas-Jeffries, Archdeacon John Clarke

These Anglicans can talk!

Keeping Anglicans Talking is a new way of drawing out and drawing on the wealth of wisdom that Anglicans possess in short, compelling talks. Anglicans who have

made a difference speak to and with the church about matters at the heart of Anglican identity. On October 7th at St George's Round Church in

Halifax, these eight speakers (Bishop David Edwards from the Diocese of Fredericton is missing from the photo) came forward to share their stories. Their talks ranged

from "My last day at church" by Archdeacon Clarke to "More passes. less dribbling" by Bishop Edwards. Their full video stories will be available later in November but you

can see a preview right now on our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/diotimes

Introducing our new diocesan Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

It takes a greenhouse to nurture the souls of young people—a greenhouse formed by adults who want to know God. A young person's faith is best tended by a variety of relationships within a Christian community.

—Mark Yaconelli

(in her own words)

I grew a garden this summer for the first time. I didn't build a greenhouse, but I planted seeds in the earth and watered them and cared for them and watched them grow and bloom into beautiful and delicious things. There is something so magical, so incredibly awesome about seeing a seed burst forth from the ground and grow



Allie Colp

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

into something amazing. So many kinds of ministry, but

especially youth and family ministry, are like that too. When seeds are watered and cared for, incredible and holy things can happen.

It's such a gift to be part of those greenhouses. I love that in Mark Yaconelli's quote it's described as being "formed by adults who want to know God." Not adults who know exactly who God is and where to find God and exactly how God fits neatly into their lives, but adults who are seeking God along with the young people and families whose souls are being nurtured. Adults who understand that they can learn and grow alongside and by ministered to by the young people and families with whom they

minister.

I'm so excited and honoured to be the new Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator in this diocese. When I was younger, so many adults, in this diocese and beyond, built greenhouses that nurtured me in ways that have forever shaped who I am. In things like Diocesan Youth Conferences, Teens Encounter Christ, and Ask & Imagine, I had strong, supportive, and creative leaders who went on to mentor me as I became a leader, and I'm delighted to be able to help make sure that families and young people today have similar opportunities.

No one adult- no matter how

great they are - can nurture people on their own. We need to come together with others, not only for support, but to create that "variety of relationships within a Christian community" that will help young people to grow closer to God and explore who they are and who they want to be. I look forward to finding out more about what greenhouses have been built and that are being built throughout this diocese. I look forward to supporting those greenhouses and being part of them. And I look forward to learning and growing together with everyone in this diocese.

COLUMNIST

The search begins

WE HAVE BEGUN the whole search process here by the Bog. Our Archdeacon has assured us that we will have both his support and our Bishop's support in this journey. Some folks have been speculating that we will be without any full time ministry for a very long time. They say that big fancy city parishes are empty almost a year after their last rector left and we country people tend to think little of our own worth when it comes to the true value of our gifts. Billie would be the first to tell us to think positive and the Archdeacon is saying the same thing.

We had a meeting last week with folks from Halifax who had us looking at the strengths and weaknesses we can see in the parish. I'm afraid we told 'the powers that be' we had very few weaknesses except for the march of time and the ageing of our congregation. We have a strong faith and a warm caring community here by the Bog. I think this might have surprised our visitors. We then went on to describe our



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

strengths. We have a faithful Sunday attendance record, we have a good music program, we have a well maintained rectory, we have a caregiver for our property that will be here for whoever arrives to care for our spiritual needs. Things we do NOT have are a young congregation (although there are two families with children who call themselves Anglicans) and the energy to do some of the fund raising activities that were once a part

of our parish life. We now are looking to professionals to do major church repairs where in times past a work party on a Saturday morning could complete most needed jobs.

We are just one hour from the city and the health care that we need in times of trial which is a good selling point and we are blessed to have two retired priests living amongst us who are happy to lend a hand if and when needed.

And so, we wait and pray that we will be bombarded with applications for the post of Rector of St. Bart's. In the mean time Benny Smith has stayed on in the rectory to keep an eye on the property for us. He will keep the home fires burning so to speak throughout the winter months. We can rely on our two retired clergy to share the work load of Sunday services and, thanks to the drop in the value of the Canadian dollar and the high health insurance costs, at least one of them is planning to stay here over the winter. Benny has said he will make sure that

the snow will be removed from their driveways as they venture out to take services.

I think I have shared something about these two gifted "gentlemen of the cloth" in past postings. One, my Orin calls "high and mighty Jim" and the other "give 'em hell Larry." Jim comes from a very high church background and can be a bit sanctimonious, but he does add colour to the sacraments. Larry is cut from evangelistic cloth with long, very long sermons and no frills as he presides at the altar. Both are much loved here and we thank them in advance for sharing their retirement time with us. Jim assures us that he has a well stocked sermon barrel he can call on and Larry says he loves the challenge of working on a Sunday sermon and my Orin says "God help us!"

I echo Orin's feelings "God help us" as we wait to see who is called to serve here at St. Bart's By the Bog.

I'll keep you posted, Aunt Madge



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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Entrepreneurs or disciples?



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

In the past couple of years I have been in several meetings where people have talked about the necessity for the church to become more 'entrepreneurial'. I confess that the first time that I heard this language used to describe ministry - I cringed. Perhaps because I have frequently had to defend a point of view that the church is not a business, I found the use of what I thought to be a business term out of place. If entrepreneurs were all about making money then surely the term had little connection to Jesus and the kingdom he proclaimed. However as I started to see this expression in more and more articles, I looked a bit deeper into the meaning of the word. The term is borrowed from French and commonly is seen as applying to a person who is an innovator; someone with leadership and management skills and team building abilities; someone who is a risk taker in the name of an idea and spends time as well as capital on an uncertain venture. Entrepreneurship comprises both enterprising individuals and entrepreneurial opportunities. Being in the right place at the right time with the right idea. This is what some people would call a 'self-starter'. Well if businesses can take a page from churches by taking their employees on retreats and creating vision statements, perhaps churches can use a business term like 'entrepreneurship' when it comes to the gospel.

**“We must
be open
to where
God will
lead**

The book of Acts is full of entrepreneurs; but of course they didn't use that term. If there had been a job description for Jesus' disciples it would probably have included the same attributes; innovative, creative, passionate, focused, an ability to build a team, a leader, a risk taker in the name of the kingdom of God. Not that the disciples displayed many of these attributes before they had encountered Jesus. It was only after they were formed by their time with him and empowered by the same Spirit that was in him. The word that is used in the book of Acts is 'boldness'. In Acts 4, Peter and John are arrested for preaching and for healing in the name

of Jesus. They were brought before the council, where Peter 'boldly' proclaimed the nature of his faith and his belief in the resurrection of Jesus. Even though warned not to use the name of Jesus, he 'boldly' said that he had no choice. When they were released from custody, Peter and John gathered with the other believers who celebrated their release but also prayed that they may all have 'boldness' to proclaim the gospel. That prayer was

answered when they experienced the power of God's Spirit. (Acts 4:31) This boldness not only applied to their preaching but also to the radical ways that they shared their possessions with one another so that no one would be in need. (Acts 4:32-35)

It seems to me that a lot of my time as a bishop is spent responding to requests for permission. Requests to try something new, in worship or in formation or in structure. The Anglican church in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was established by acts in both provincial legislatures, ordered by canons and guidelines and is governed by councils at congregation, parish, region, diocesan, provincial and national levels. It leaves little space for entrepreneurship or boldness. When the church exhibits all the characteristics of an institution, instead of a world-changing movement, then the only thing we feel we need to do is follow the tried and true rules. While Jesus said he did not come to 'destroy the law' he certainly 'fulfilled the law' in a way outside of most people's expectation of the faith community. (He also didn't ask permission). I am not inviting the clergy and congregations of the diocese to a free for all nor issuing an invitation to chaos (although the book of Genesis tells us that the beauty and order of creation in all its diversity came out of chaos!); however I am inviting all of us to pray for boldness in proclaiming and living out Jesus' call to God's kingdom. Of course if we really pray in this way, we must be open to where God will lead, and be prepared to follow, even if it is in unfamiliar ways.

This is nothing new. A long time ago when I was preparing for Confirmation, I first encountered the Rule of Life in the catechism:

Every Christian man or woman should from time to time frame for him/herself a Rule of Life in accordance with the precepts of the gospel and the faith and order of the church; wherein he/she may consider the following: ... The boldness of his/her spoken witness to his/her faith in Christ.

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+ Ron

Our words and actions speak more than 1,000 sermons

November each year marks the end of the Liturgical Cycle. The L-O-N-G Season of Pentecost ends with the Festival of Christ The King. The New Church Year begins with "Advent/Coming" - the four Sundays before Christmas prepares us as we welcome Jesus in His Nativity.

The last Sunday in Pentecost affirms Jesus gracious rule in our lives and over His Church. 1 Peter 3:15a exhorts believers "to set apart Jesus as Lord in your hearts!" This is immediately followed by Peter's counsel (1 Peter 3:15b) "have a reason for the hope that is within you but share with gentleness and respect." When Jesus is truly Lord of our lives, He transforms everything within and around us! People notice and even ask



Rev. Dr. John Roddam

what's going on?

A few years ago, I ran into a buddy from High School years. As we caught up a bit, my friend suddenly stated, "John, you've changed!" I looked at him rather quizzically and he added, "You seem so peaceful!" My first thought was, I didn't

realize I was such a mess in High School! However, I responded, "When I went to university, I had a spiritual conversion experience and met Jesus. I have found Him to be truly the Prince of Peace." That's all I said... no sermon! My friend retorted, "I'd like to speak with you further about that sometime..."

People notice our lives lived out before them. Our words and actions speak more than 1,000 sermons. As we deepen in a personal relationship with Jesus, He guides and empowers us to live a life that glorifies the Father and blesses others! The fruit of the Holy Spirit begins to manifest in our lives. These are the characteristics of Jesus - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Gal 5: 22-23)

AS Wilson penned this wonderful poem ("Indwelt") that speaks of this dynamic in a believer's life:

Not by the words we say,
Not merely by our deeds
confessed,
But in a most unconscious
way
Is Christ expressed.

To me, 'twas not the truth
you taught,
To you so clear, to me so
dim,
But when you came to me,
you brought
A sense of Him.

And from your eyes He
beckons me,
And from your heart His
love is shed,
'Til I lose sight of you, And
see
The Christ instead.

Sadly, in many parts of North American Mainline Churches, Jesus is simply spoken of as an example for life. However, at the core of the Christian Life is a living relationship with Jesus. We must turn around and welcome Jesus into our lives!

One friend said, "The Gospel is free. Our forgiveness and new life was bought for us on the cross! However, once we turn to Jesus, it costs us everything!" This is what it means for Jesus to reign in our lives - to be our Lord!

It is a call to complete surrender to His will and purposes. As the scripture states, "You are not your own. You were bought with a price!" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Mission Possible: Diocesan stories of people responding to God's call

Pugwash's germination in meditation

By Rev. Lisa G. Vaughn

It started with a seed-like question, "Can we start a meditation group here?"

Rev. Nicole Uzans was approached more than a year ago by parishioner Judy Benjamin, and asked if they could plant a new ministry in their five-point parish of Northumberland. Uzans said, "Well, I have a meditation timer on my cell phone, let's try it." The idea has since grown into a budding vine of life in the village of Pugwash.

After a field trip to an existing meditation group at St. John's Truro and gleaning the lessons learned there, the new rector, Ms. Benjamin and several others sprouted their own. What started out as a five-week trial has turned into a regular gathering on the first and third Thursdays of the month at St. George's Church, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The format is simple and effective. First is a check-in on how the participants are doing that day. Then a theme talk led by Uzans, followed by a time of silent prayer and sharing at the end. The brief presentation may be a Sunday



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Rev. Lisa G. Vaughn

lectionary reading, something from the World Community of Christian Meditation, or a quote from a well-known church leader like Rowan Williams or Rob Bell.

Average attendance is about eight per week and since its inception more than 25 different people have come. Some participants are committed church-goers from local congregations, but several are brand new to formal Christian community. Uzans says, "The meditation

group provides an entry point for those who are returning to the church after having been away for years." She explains that the nature of the gathering is such that people can step in or step out of it easily.

Relationships with God and one another are being nurtured as Uzans says the gathering is getting a reputation for being a "safe place, where there are understanding ears." It also offers a practice of prayer where people can hold things intentionally before God. She said, "The core group has been walking with each other through some pretty serious stuff."

The meditation group at St. George's is generating some buzz around Pugwash as participants gather in a local coffee shop afterwards. Residents are curious and ask questions about their involvement in contemplative prayer.

The latest growth development is the hosting of a full-day meditation immersion with Rev. Frances Drolet Smith, the Diocesan Representative for Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.



Back row: Parish Warden Leon Levy, Parishioner Lawrence McQueen
Front row: Archdeacon Marilyn Newport and Rev. Gary Barr

Port Dufferin celebrates new ministry

The Anglican Parish of Port Dufferin recently held a celebration of New Ministry at St. James Anglican Church, Port Dufferin. Mrs. Shirley Sharpe, Parish Financial Warden and Mr. Leon Levy,

Parish Property Warden welcomed Rev. Gary Barr to our parish. Following the service, a gathering of the community luncheon was held at the Balcom Centre.



Photo: Assembled layreaders with workshop leaders Revs Tom Henderson and Mel Malton

Layreaders gather for pastoral workshop

Lay Readers from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island plus the Warden of Lay Reader's Tom Henderson and the Rev'd Mel Malton assembled for a workshop on Pastoral Visiting.

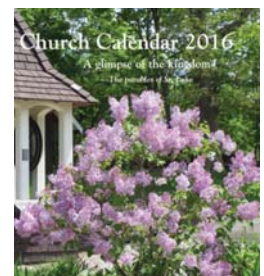
(held at Bethany Centre, Antigonish September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2015)

Photo by Dennis Eisan

LOOKIN' FOR A DATE?

A good place to start to look is on a 2016 Canadian Church Calendar. The Nova Scotia Board of the Anglican Church Women has recently received a supply of these calendars. Along with having colourful pictures, the calendars also indicate "liturgical colors" for the various church seasons. For groups wishing to sell the 2016 Church Calendars as a fund raising project in their parish, now is the time to place an order. For more information

please contact the ACW Calendar Chairperson, Anna Langille, at 902-406-8981 (o), 902-479-2778 (h) or write to Anna at the ACW Room - 1340 Martello Street, Halifax, NS B3H 2Z1. Weather and good health permitting, Anna expects to be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11-3. To pick up orders at other times, there will be a key for the ACW Room with Janice Roby at the Synod Office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian Spence appointed rector of the Parishes of Parrsboro, Port Greville and Springhill effective January 15th, 2016.

Capt. Rev. Leonard Bednar appointed rector of the parish of Trinity in Halifax effective October 6th, 2015.

Nicholas Hatt to be ordained a deacon on Wednesday October 28th, 7pm. at the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

At the ordination liturgy, Ms. Allie Colp and the Rev. Lisa Vaughn will be welcomed in their new diocesan ministries and Rev. Katherine

Bourbonniere installed as Archdeacon of Dartmouth.

Rev. Marian Lucas Jefferies will retire from the Parish of Blandford effective December 31st, 2015.

Ecumenical production of Everyman

By PAULINE LIENGME

St Paul's Anglican Church in Antigonish, part of the Parish of Three Harbours, was the venue for three performances of the 15th Century morality play Everyman, which was directed by Pauline Liengme. The cast was drawn from the whole community and included members from the Anglican, United, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal and Lutheran churches, as well as agnostics and atheists! "This play, although it is over 500 years old, is as relevant today as it was then, and speaks to everyone," said Liengme. "Our interpretation of it was exciting, full of drama and things to make you think," she continued, "and I was very fortunate to find 16 actors (both new and experienced) from all of the faith groups in Antigonish, to help me bring this to the community." The story line is simple: Everyman is called to die and does not want to go, particularly alone! Death tells Everyman that if someone can be found as a



Photo: All cast members from the Everyman production in Antigonish.

companion for the journey, it will make dying easier. Everyman calls friends, family and possessions, but they are not interested in the deal. The only one that will go is weak Good Deeds who has not been very evident in the life that Everyman has led. The performance showed how Everyman comes to terms with Death and what message this has for us today.

The work had live music from a trio of formed by the spouse

of the Rector of St Paul's, who found some very appropriate music which worked to add emphasis in certain parts of the play. The created the atmosphere that was needed.

The original costumes are designed to be simple medieval and became part of an art exhibition, called Antigonight, after the shows. They were crisp and colourful and truly enhanced the performances.



Photo: Senior warden, Scott MacQuarrie meets his Secret Prayer Pal Dodie Hawco.

Secret Prayer Pals revealed

by Elaine Young
Spiritual Development Committee,
Parish of the Resurrection-Church
of Christ the King, Sydney with St.
Bartholomew, Louisbourg

has been happening in the Parish for the last ten years. Approximately 50 or more "Pals" have been praying for someone who was paired with them at the beginning of their year; each person knowing that someone was praying for them on a daily basis but not knowing 'who'?? After the dinner, a joyous evening followed with fun and games and the 'reveal' taking place. Each participant bought a gift for their Prayer Pal, so each person present receives a gift, thus ending another successful year of great Ministry.

The suspense has ended.... the secret has been revealed! Last night, September 20th, this event took place at St. Bart's in Louisbourg where a pot luck dinner was held and the Secret Prayer Pal (SPP) group met in great numbers to celebrate a year end event to "reveal": to identify the person that has been praying for them for the past year. This SPP Ministry

Friends of the Bishop Annual Dinner in Dartmouth

The Friends of the Bishop held their 6th Annual Dinner on September 21, at the Brightwood Golf and Club Country Club in Dartmouth, NS.

The meeting was organized by Chair Steve Beeler, Treasurer Bob Howell and Bruce Moxley.

The presentation of the 2015 G. D. "Pete" Stanfield Bursary was presented by AST President Neale Bennet to AST student Michelle Bull.

After the treasurer's report was read, Bruce Moxley presented a cheque to Bishop Ron Cutler.

The Funds raised by Friends of the Bishop help clergy families with:

- exceptional health care needs (not covered by MSI or medical insurance)
- extra personal care or family support in cases of crisis such as illness, death or marital breakdown
- vocational development
- acknowledging outstanding accomplishments

The Bishop's Discretionary Fund is more necessary today than ever.

The G.D. 'Pete' Stanfield Bursary Fund support Anglican students at AST. The Fund was created in



Photo above: AST student Michelle Bull receives the 'Pete' Stanfield bursary cheque from AST President Neale Bennet.

Photo right: Rev Neale Bennet updates the Friends of the Bishop on developments at AST during his after-dinner presentation.

1994 to recognize the death of one of the founders of The Bishop's Men (now Friends of the Bishop), Mr. G.D. Pete Stanfield. The Fund provides an annual award, in excess of \$1000, to an Anglican student in full-time studies at AST for full time ordained or lay ministry in the Diocese of N.S. & P.E.I.

The after-dinner guest

speaker was Rev Neale Bennet who spoke at length about the Atlantic School of Theology and changes happening to shape faithful and effective leaders and understanding among communities of faith.

The meeting continued with a discussion surrounding the need to expand the membership base throughout the diocese.



Diocese holds private refugee sponsorship workshop

The Cathedral Church of All Saints was buzzing with conversations. Dozens of interested parties came to learn more about how to sponsor refugees. Presenter Marie Kettle (Private Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator for Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI) outlined the changing rules, overabundance of paperwork and a hefty financial obligation that individuals and parishes must face. And she emphasized the time-lag between starting the process and finally seeing a refugee arriving in Canada. She talked about the entire procedure during the two hour meeting; lots of questions from the floor were a good indicator of the intense interest by parishes to get involved.

Marie summarized some the roles for groups as offering :

- financial support
- airport reception
- housing
- clothing
- food
- transportation
- day-to-day support
- orientation to neighbour and local services
- connecting the refugee(s) to essential programs (SIN, MSI, child tax benefits)

Some of her slides and sources for getting additional information are shown below.

For more information: anglicanrefugeesns@gmail.com

Photo right: Marie Kettle explaining the myriad of details with sponsoring refugees to Canada.



How do you sponsor someone?

1. Form a group with a minimum of 5 people
2. Plan how you will fundraise
3. Contact a Sponsorship Agreement Holder
4. Meet the criteria set out by the Sponsorship Agreement Holder
5. Identify a refugee(s) to sponsor (often with the help of a SAH)
6. Complete a sponsorship application
7. Continue to fundraise and prepare for arrival
8. Upon arrival, assist refugee(s) to settle during their first year in Canada

How much does it cost to sponsor a refugee? Sponsorship Cost Table

| Family Size | 12 Months of Income Support | Start Up Costs | Total |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 1 | 9,800 | 2,800 | 12,600 |
| 2 | 16,800 | 4,400 | 21,200 |
| 3 | 17,700 | 5,300 | 23,000 |
| 4 | 20,000 | 7,000 | 27,000 |
| 5 | 22,500 | 7,200 | 29,700 |
| 6 | 24,500 | 8,000 | 32,500 |
| Add'l Member | 1,500 | 1,000 | 2,500 |

A Refugee is defined as:

"A person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion; is outside the country of his nationality; and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it."

1951 Geneva Convention



How long does it take?

In-Canada Processing:

- Syrian applications are prioritized at the CIC office in Winnipeg, once approved they are sent overseas

Overseas Processing:

- BVOR refugees may come 2-4 months after application is submitted to CIC (as the refugees are 'travel ready')
- Applications for Family-linked refugees depend on the processing times at each visa post
 - For example, Beirut, Lebanon currently takes 11 months before a refugee is called for an interview

Saving lives and improving education

BY PLACIDE CHIASSON, CHAIR

Lifewater Canada



In September 2003, a group of individuals united to organize an ecumenical project called "Water of Life". Its mission: The caring community working together to raise funds to dig wells to give life and hope. Since then, schools, churches, businesses, organizations and individuals have supported the project.

We support Lifewater Canada, a Christian non-profit organization of volunteers bound together by a common desire to provide people adequate supplies of safe water. Lifewater.ca is a group of volunteers that trains, equips and support the rural poor in Haiti and Africa to drill wells, build washrooms and provide life-saving hygiene workshops. Their work saves the lives of children and dramatically improves educational opportunities for young girls.

The Water of Life Project has financed 28 wells, repaired

pumps and provided health clinics since its beginning. The cost of a well is between \$3000 and \$3500 depending in which country the work is done.

And here is a thank-you from one Nigerian Chief who describes the importance the community places on their two new wells: "This act of kindness greatly reduces the need for our children and women to walk every time to the river for water. There are approximately 1,800 people who will benefit from this great service. May God bless you and provide for other villages this remarkable gift. It is our collective pledge as a community to take care of these wells so that they will serve us for a long time to come."

It must be noted that less than 5% of the funds donated

to this cause is used for administrative purposes.

The Water of Life Project will send all donations to Lifewater Canada no later than the end of June.

You may get further information about the Water of Life Project at placide@ns.sympatico.ca. You can make a donation by contacting St. John's Anglican Church at 23 Church St., Truro, N.S. B2N 3Z5. Cheques should be made to Water of Life Project and for tax receipt, make the donation to Lifewater Canada. You may also donate through Canada Helps using this URL: www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/. When you have completed your donation you can immediately print your tax receipt. Your donation will go directly to Lifewater Canada for our project.

Supporting refugees where they are

By Sue Moxley

THE LATEST NEWS coverage of the Syrian refugees has made us all more aware of the plight of refugees. We see the pictures and hear the stories of people on the move, forced to leave home and seek safety in other countries. Most of us are now aware that the number of refugees worldwide is estimated to be nearly 17 million by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR).

We see repeatedly the photos of those on the move and we want to help. The first thing that comes to mind is to help them get a home, maybe to sponsor a refugee. BUT, those already in Europe can never come to Canada as refugees – our law prohibits that. So we try to learn about the procedures for sponsoring a refugee. It takes time and money and meanwhile there are millions of refugees who are not on the move, who are stuck in refugee camps and will remain there for their whole life. Can we help them to have a better life even if they can't get to Canada?

We CAN help – through PWRDF.



In 2015, PWRDF has already sent \$125,000 through the Action of Churches Together (ACT) and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, for refugee assistance programs in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, \$20,000 through ACT for relief work in Greece, Hungary and Serbia, as well as \$31,000 through Refuge Egypt work in Cairo.

Some 1.2 million Syrian

refugees currently live in Lebanon, making up 20% of the population of the country at the moment. The influx of so many people into the country has led to social, political and economic problems. The health care and educational systems are seriously strained by 20% more people who need to access them. ACT members (like PWRDF) provide shelter, health care and education

helping to alleviate these problems.

PWRDF is currently supporting food aid to Syrian refugees in southern Lebanon and Beirut, as well as internally displaced people within Syria through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Families are provided with food vouchers for a year, as well as additional nutritional training for mothers of

children under three to help prevent childhood illnesses ensure healthy growth of their children. PWRDF has contributed \$60,000 through the Foodgrains Bank, which is being matched 4:1 by the government of Canada, bringing the total value of the work to \$300,000. This work will reach 7,200 refugee families.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) announced that it would match, dollar for dollar, donations from individual Canadians to eligible registered Canadian charities—including PWRDF—for relief efforts for those affected by the Syrian emergency into the government's Syria Emergency Relief Fund. The government will match all donations received between September 12, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

Some refugees are on the move but others, through no fault of their own, will spend their entire life in a refugee camp. These children, women and men still deserve drinkable water, food, education and health care. Through PWRDF, we can help to provide that!



Animals and owners get blessed in Lunenburg

St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, NS held a service of blessing of the animals on Sunday, Oct 4th. In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. Parishioners and community members brought their animals

to the service for a blessing by Rev Michael Mitchell. The service offered the Prayer of St. Basil for both animals and their owners:

O God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things, for our brothers and sisters, the

inarticulate beasts, to whom you gave the earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that at times, we have exercised the high dominion of humanity with ruthless cruelty so that the voice of the earth, which should have

gone up to you in song has become a groan of anguish and a cry of torment. May we realize that animals live not for us alone, but for themselves and for you, and that they too love the sweetness of life. Amen.

Photo: Rev Michael Mitchell, animals, parishioners and community members at the Blessing of Animals Service.

Do you consider the people sitting in your church pew your friends?

By FAYE LeBLANC

Maybe they are people you see every Sunday and shake hands with during the passing of the peace. But for many, the friendship ends there. That's not the case for the Friends of St. Margaret; our mandate is to care for the parishioners of St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church like they are indeed friends. Something I like to call "in-reach".

Our Caring Card Ministry makes sure that everyone receives a card during special times of their lives; birthdays, milestone anniversaries, condolences, and just "pick-me-up cards". It's kind of an old-fashioned ministry. It's not an email, or a shout out on Twitter - it's a physical card delivered with a stamp or in

person by our faithful Joanna. She often finds time to squeeze in a cup of tea too - which is always welcomed.

For those who are not able to come to church - for whatever reason - our Friendship Mission embraces them with special gifts at Christmas and Easter. No one is forgotten.

"A friend loves at all times" What better verse than Proverbs 17:17 to describe the Friends of St. Margaret's PeaceTree Outreach program. This loving outreach program reaches out to the families of the incarcerated at the East Coast Forensic Hospital and offers them peace during the Christmas Season. We are more than proud to be entering our 7th PeaceTree Outreach Season this Christmas, showing unconditional love to those

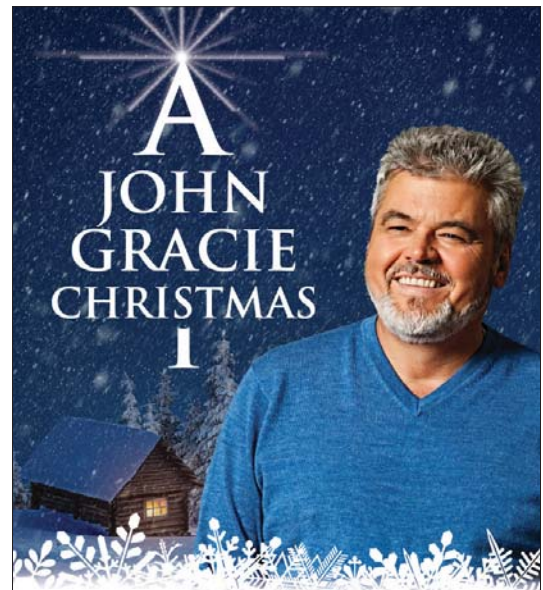
who need it the most.

The Friends of St. Margaret is a small group of dedicated parishioners caring for our community - but we do not act alone. We wouldn't be who we are today without the love and support of our dearest friends: our congregation of St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Halifax.

Take the friendship challenge!

The Friends of St. Margaret doesn't own the term "friends". We would like to challenge each one of you to create your own "friends" group within your church community. You'll be surprised to find some new friends - maybe even in your own pew!

(And, if you need any advice, or support - we are always here to help!)



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'Little women', big music

THE BELOVED STORY of the March family is working its way out of the 1860's on to the stage at St. Nicholas Church this fall. The cast of ten has been working with the clever and dynamic script arising from Louisa May Alcott's novel "Little Women". Written by Allan Knee with music by Jason Howland and lyrics by Mindi Dickstein, the adaptation brings the story of four daughters and a single mom alive!

Though set far in the past, the tale is no less relevant to-day. "It is a wonderful portrayal of a family's ability to rise above the odds" said Co-director Colleen Tizzard, "And our gifted cast makes the story 'pop'".

"This play's music is thoughtfully arranged. It is a beautiful score, full of harmonies, made more so by the talented vocals provided by the cast," said Musical Director and Co-director Kevin MacLreith.

"This play is not to miss," said Producer, Rick Ratcliffe, "It is not just for the ladies; everyone will enjoy the full range of

entertainment. You will laugh, you will cry, but most of all, you will enjoy!" he said.

St. Nicholas Church, Upper Tantallon, is sponsoring the production as licensed by arrangement with Music Theatre International of New York. This is the third year that St. Nicholas has hosted theatrical productions. "It's becoming quite the tradition here at St. Nicholas," said Parish Priest, Rev. Tammy Hodge. "It has definitely opened our eyes to the many uses possible for our worship space. The imaginative ways we are using this space has made new opportunities for us to extend our mission into the broader community", she continued.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$15 on line at stnicholasanglican.ca or by telephone at 902-826-1156. The show runs Nov 20-22 with show times 7:30pm on Fri the 20th and Sat the 21st with a matinee performance at 2pm on Sunday the 22nd.

Looking for a pulpit?

St Antonios Orthodox Church on the corner of Windsor St and Chebucto Road in Halifax has a pulpit available for a new home.

This is the pulpit formerly used in the St Matthias Anglican church but is not longer necessary for their worship service. Please contact the parish office for further details: 2455 Windsor St, Halifax, NS B3K 5B9 (902) 422-5056



Where's my stuff?

Dear reader, THE Diocesan Times has the challenge of providing news from around the diocese as well as news from world events.

Regrettably, due to limited space, some parish news was not able to be included in this edition. However it is included in the online PDF edition and on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/diotimes

Paul Sherwood, Editor
The Diocesan Times



Organ for Sale

Since Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Stewiacke was deconsecrated, they find themselves with an organ for sale.

It is a Yamaha Clavinova CLP-240/230, purchased approximately 6-7 years ago for a price of \$3500. All books pertaining to this instrument are available and the parish is asking

\$1500-\$1700. Mingo Music in Truro (where it was purchased) assessed this as a fair price. The contact person for questions or purchase can be reached at 902-758-2000. Nora Moxsom Parish Warden, Parish of Stewiacke & Shubenacadie



Canada Briefs

News from dioceses across Canada

Rebuilt after blaze, historic N.B. church opens its doors

Less than a year after being ravaged by fire, Edmundston, N.B.'s oldest church, reopened with a dedication service on August 30.

Within two weeks in fall 2014, the church of St. John the Baptist and its nearby church hall were severely damaged by fire. Both were victims of arson, committed possibly by the same person. The 140-year-old church's roof and interior were destroyed, and virtually nothing from the inside could be salvaged.

"We lost everything in the fire—all our records, our vestments and holy vessels," said the church's deacon, the Rev. Fran Bedell.

Its foundation and walls, however, still stood.

"The walls survived," the diocesan bishop of Fredericton, David Edwards, told the congregation during the dedication. "This was God's grace, his intention to say, 'God's word is to be proclaimed in this place!'"

The same church building is also home to St. Paul's United Church. Over the following year, St. Paul's leadership committee met in the basement of a parishioner, planning the new church. They decided that the new building would keep the 19th-century appearance of its predecessor, and that as much of the reconstruction work as possible would be done by local people.

The rebuilt church occupies the same space as the old building, using the same walls and foundation. Its interior has been substantially redone, with a new meeting room behind the altar and seats instead of pews.

The New Brunswick Anglican

In Ontario's 'Chemical Valley,' hundreds march against pollution

An estimated 500 people, including representatives from Anglican, United Church, Mennonite and Roman Catholic congregations, took part in a march to raise awareness of environmental issues near Sarnia, Ont., Sept 5.

Dubbed the "Toxic Tour" by its organizers, the protest involved a walk through Canada's "Chemical Valley"—which is home to 40% of Ontario's petrochemical industry. Chemical Valley also abuts Aamjiwnaang First Nation Reserve, and the Toxic Tour was spearheaded by youth of the reserve.

According to one organizer, Lindsay Beze Gray, residents of the reserve consider chemical spills and warning sirens part of everyday life: children have been sent home from daycares with rashes and burning eyes, and people frequently die from rare forms of cancer.

"We have a very big crisis. We have a very big change to make," Aamjiwnaang resident Kelly Kiyoshk told participants. "I don't know what's going to happen [to] these kids if we don't."

"We not only have to learn to stand up, we have to learn to be kind to each other, to share with each other. That's what the Creator gave us."

Activists are also planning tests of the soil and water in the area and working to oppose plans by energy company Enbridge Inc. to carry diluted bitumen from the tar sands through its Line 9, which runs through the area.

Last February, a group from the reserve launched a lawsuit against Shell Canada over a 2013 chemical spill involving toxins the reserve alleged made local children sick and potentially caused other long-term health problems.

The Anglican

Diocese of Montreal consecrates first female bishop

Mary Irwin-Gibson was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Montreal at a ceremony on September 29, becoming the first woman to hold the position.

Elected to the position last June, Irwin-Gibson had spent about a month before the consecration preparing for her new role, working as "commissary," or representative, of the former bishop, Barry Clarke, who retired in late August. The work involved, among other things, preparing for the consecration and for the diocesan synod slated for October 16-17, and going over the diocese's finances and property.

Irwin-Gibson, 59, was born in Sarnia, Ont., and grew up in a family of six children. Her family moved to the Montreal area when she was three, and she attended mostly French-language classes at a school affiliated with the United Church of Canada. She considered a career in social work, but decided she wanted to help people worship God. She was ordained as a deacon in 1981 and a priest in 1982—the third woman to be ordained in the diocese. After serving three years in the parish of Vaudreuil, she moved on to the parish of Dunham-Frelighsburg, where she served seven years. She was then priest at Holy Trinity in Ste Agathe for 18 years before moving on to Kingston, Ont., where she served as dean of St. George's Cathedral.

She also received a master's degree in business administration from the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2005.

Anglican Montreal

Thousands attend fundraiser for Nepean food bank

Nearly 3,500 people took part in the inaugural "West End Food Truck Rally" in Nepean, Ont., this summer, to raise awareness and money for a local food bank.

The rally, which featured food from 10 local food trucks, was in support of Family Service Association of Churches (FAMSAC), an emergency food assistance program that services West Nepean. Participating food trucks donated 15% of the proceeds of their sales from the rally to FAMSAC.

"I wanted to help a local food bank, since it's easy to forget that not everyone has the luxury to go to bed on a full stomach each night," said Sifa Kalinda, a food truck owner.

Participants were also encouraged to bring one non-perishable food item to donate to FAMSAC. By the end of the day, event volunteers had collected and delivered about 4,000 food items to FAMSAC, and organizers passed on to the food bank nearly \$6,000 in donations given by the food truck owners, a local community association and members of the public.

FAMSAC, which originated in 1969, now supports up to 80 families per month. Since a flood earlier this year at its permanent location at St. Martin de Porres, a Nepean Catholic church, FAMSAC has been renting storage space at a nearby strip mall. To stay in this temporary space, the food bank has had to divert almost its entire monthly operating budget from food purchases to rent payments.

Crosstalk

Diocese of B.C. among new owners of Vancouver Island retreat centre

A financially troubled Vancouver Island spiritual retreat centre will continue operating, thanks to a deal struck over the summer involving the

Anglican synod of the diocese of British Columbia.

On July 15, the Bethlehem Retreat Centre, previously operated by the Benedictine Sisters of Nanaimo, was handed over to the Friends of the Bethlehem Retreat Centre Society. The society is leasing the centre from a newly-formed corporation, which is 25% owned by the diocese.

The Benedictine Sisters founded the centre in the 1980s, but had put it up for sale for \$2.18 million in 2014, most of the sisters having retired by that time.

Under its agreement with the corporation, the not-for-profit society is undertaking a long-term lease of the centre and continuing the legacy of its original owners. The society's plans for the centre include increasing its annual occupancy by marketing it to faith groups and ecumenical users.

The facility can host gatherings of various sizes and has room for up to 65 overnight guests. It features a chapel, main building with dining and meeting rooms, a library, offices and residences. Its buildings are spread over a 2.4-ha wooded site on the shores of Vancouver Island's Westwood Lake, and the site connects with 6.4 km of hiking and bicycling trails.

The Diocesan Post

St. John's-area parish starts community garden

A community garden in Mount Pearl, Nfld., was blessed by Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Bishop Geoffrey Peddle at a special ceremony August 16.

The garden was established by Mount Pearl's parish of the Good Shepherd and sits behind the church. It includes 14 garden plots, some of which are raised to make them more accessible. Two of the plots will be used to grow vegetables for the church's weekly café ministry; another is reserved for children, since one of the goals of the garden is for it to involve people of all ages working and growing together. One plot is for parish or community groups, and the others are available to local families or individuals to use on a first-come, first-served basis. There is currently a waiting list to use these plots.

The garden was launched with financial help in the form of a grant from Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development. The City of Mount Pearl also supplied the services of its "Green Team" staff at the beginning of the project.

The garden sits next to the church's Labyrinth Park, an area intended for meditation and prayer. Both garden and park abut the Mount Pearl walking trail system.

Anglican Life

Diocese of Edmonton, Canadian Blood Services launch blood drive

The diocese of Edmonton and Canadian Blood Services have launched a partnership encouraging Anglicans in central Alberta to donate blood.

Under the program "Partners for Life," the diocese has pledged to donate 100 units of blood by the end of 2015. Bishop Jane Alexander has challenged members to take part both through donating blood and prayer.

Blood and blood products are used not only in major surgeries but also in other medical procedures, cancer treatments and the management of disease. Donors can give blood as often as every 56 days—the time the body needs to replace its red blood cells. The body replaces its plasma and platelets much more quickly.

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November Clues

ACROSS:

- 1 – Established procedures (7)
- 5 – Appetizers (7)
- 9 – "...as you sing psalms and hymns and ____ songs" sacred (Eph.5:19) (9)
- 10 – Ruth's mother-in-law (Ruth 1) (5)
- 11 – "...everyone who lives on milk, being still an ____" baby (Heb. 5:13) (6)
- 12 – "...the ____ itself shall be set free" that which has been made (Rom.8:21) (8)
- 14 – "They went to a place called ____" garden east of Jerusalem (Mark 14:32) (10)
- 16 – "...a Pharisee invited (Jesus) to ____ with him" eat a meal (Luke 11:37) (4)
- 18 – "____ one another's burdens" carry (Gal.6:2) (4)
- 19 – Deeply agitated (10)
- 22 – Location (8)
- 23 – A disciple (6)
- 26 – "The king also made a great ____ throne" elephant tusk material (1 Kings 10:18) (5)
- 27 – To decorate with ornamental needlework (9)
- 28 – "When the ____ passes, the wicked are no more" storm (Prov.10:25) (7)
- 29 – Epistles (7)

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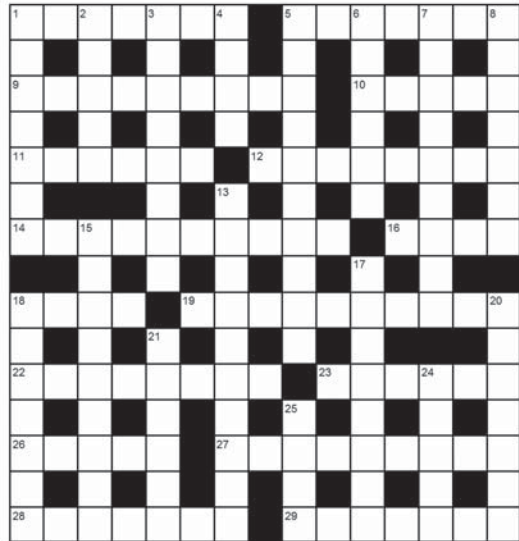
- 1 – "...the unclean spirit wanders...looking for a ____ place" inactive (Luke 11:24) (7)
- 2 – "...the day of the Lord will come like a ____" robber (2 Peter 3:10) (5)
- 3 – Old name for a psychiatrist (8)
- 4 – Original name of the Apostle Paul (Acts 13:9) (4)
- 5 – Modern way to purify water (10)
- 6 – Skim milk is also called this (6)
- 7 – Likely to turn out well (9)
- 8 – Physics, Chemistry, etc. (7)
- 13 – Infinite in power (10)
- 15 – "He will ____ the body of our humiliation" change in character (Phil. 3:21) (9)
- 17 – Garment for a wet day (8)
- 18 – Member of a certain Christian denomination (7)
- 20 – In the direction of (7)
- 21 – Another name for acetylene (6)
- 24 – Raised narrow strip (5)
- 25 – Cain's brother (Gen.4) (4)

Bible Crossword

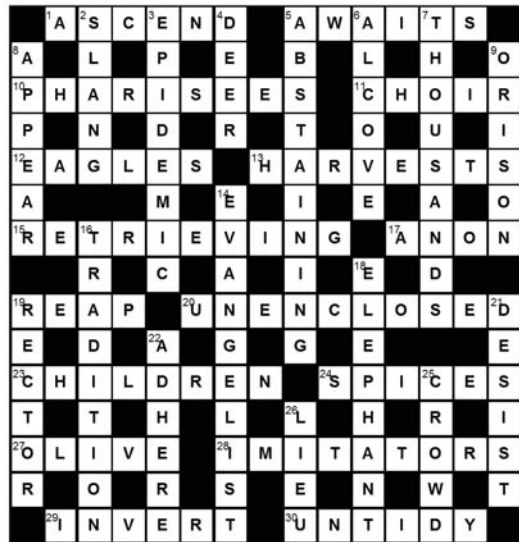
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November Puzzle



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Whoever receives one such child in my name

The following sermon was preached at St. Andrew's Locks Rd on the occasion of the celebration of new ministry of Fr. Robert Richmond. The gospel reading was Mark 9:30-37.

By REV. RAY CARTER

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

May the words of my lips and the meditations of all our hearts be now and always acceptable in your sight O God our strength and our redeemer.

To say that I was surprised to get a call from Robert a few weeks ago and be asked to preach here today would be an understatement. I was gob smacked!

You see, I am not known to be a very good preacher. And I am certainly not a theologian. So I was somewhat mystified to be asked to preach here at a celebration of new ministry.

Over the next few days I thought a lot about the request, and then I think I figured it out. You see, I am not a priest. I am a Deacon. I do not intend to become a priest, because my call is a call to service. And when I was ordained, I was charged by the Bishop to be a bridge between the church and the world. I am to bring the church to the world, and the world to the church. And since Robert knows this, I believe that is why he asked me here today.



REV. RAY CARTER

He know that if I am given the opportunity I will do just that.

Today we celebrate new beginnings. The parish celebrates and welcomes their new Pastor, Your new Pastor celebrates a new beginning with a new faith community. You will go through a period of getting to know each other, and will settle into a pattern of worship. And you will continue in various forms of ministry and outreach to the community. I am quite certain you are currently doing outreach from your parish in one way or another, because that is what parishes are called to do.

But since you are celebrating a new beginning here today, why not take a hard look at the outreach you are doing, and maybe add some new outreach ministry.

Today's Gospel reading is quite clear. Jesus takes a child, puts him in the midst of the Apostles, takes the child into

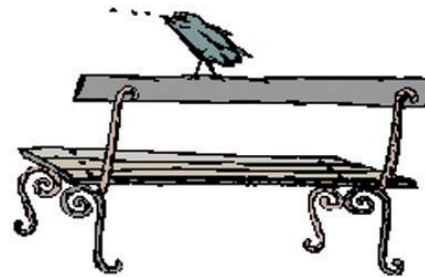
his arms and says "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me: and whoever receives me, receives not me but Him who sent me." This is quite straight forward: to demonstrate to his Apostles the self denial and humility needed in their ministry, he takes a child into his arms and explains the meaning of this gesture: if we receive for Christ's sake those who have little importance in the world's eyes, it as if we are embracing Christ Himself and the Father who sent Him. The little child Jesus embraces represents every child in the world, and everyone who is needy, helpless, poor or sick.

I am sure everyone here saw a photograph of one such child recently. The lifeless body of Alan Kurdi laying in the surf after drowning while attempting to escape the Syrian war. Young Alan was one of four million people fleeing war torn Syria, and one of twenty million people who are classified as refugees in the world today Twenty million people!

You may ask, is my country doing enough to help these people? Is my community doing enough? Am I doing enough.

The primates World Relief and Development fund is directing funds to the Syrian refugees, and the Federal government is doing some fund matching. The Diocesan Refugee Task Force is available to facilitate sessions to give parishes who are interested in sponsoring a family the information they need to proceed.

Sadly, the Federal Government website that lists



The view from the Deacon's Bench

available families is in much the same state it has been in for the last several years-seven families, none Syrian, were listed on the joint sponsorship list a few weeks ago. The full sponsorship list has no Syrians on it.

This leaves private sponsorship. The Syrian community in the HRM is being asked to provide names of loved ones and relatives so that private sponsorships can be undertaken. In the mean time, refugees from other parts of the world are available. I recently heard of an Ethiopian refugee who has been in a camp for nearly twenty years. On top of all of this, under current government practices it will take at least eighteen to twenty-four months to do the needed paperwork to get a family on an airplane. This is very disheartening, but it is never too late to start to consider sponsoring a refugee family.

Can you imagine if the Egyptian government was as slow as the Canadian

government what would have happened to Jesus and his parents when they fled to Egypt to escape Herod's slaughter of the innocents? Yes Jesus himself was a refugee. And I am absolutely certain that if He was here today and seeking asylum there is not a person in this church who would deny Him. Oh, but what was that He said? "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me?"

We are called as followers of Jesus Christ himself to minister to the poor, the sick, the needy and the helpless. It is not an option of our faith, it is an instruction from Jesus himself.

Yes, we are celebrating new beginnings here today. New priest, new community, and maybe some new ministries. As we celebrate the newlet's not forget the words of Christ two thousand years ago as found in today's gospel reading and let's not forget our duty as a country, a community, and as individuals.

Mission to Seafarers planning 2015 Shoebox Campaign

The Mission to Seafarers in Halifax is once again planning their Christmas Shoebox Campaign. During the Christmas period in 2014 the Mission gave out 1800 boxes. These boxes are usually the only gift a seafarer receives if his contract entails being onboard over the Christmas period and for seafarers that are actually at sea on Christmas day it is a special treat to receive a gift when they come into the port of Halifax in early January. Year after year Maggie sees the uplifting effect the gifts have when visiting ships, again, especially if the ships has been at sea over

Christmas. Even in this technological age many ships are without internet for the crew so holidays are a very poignant time, none more so than Christmas.

The parishioners of the various churches of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have been particularly generous for more than 20 years now and the Mission is hoping to see that generous spirit in action again. The boxes contain: a hat, gloves, scarf, socks, toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, hard candy and a small memento. They should not be sealed but the shoebox volunteers

are happy to see boxes with lid and bottoms wrapped separately and secured with a rubber band or string. The Mission is also glad to accept individual items to augment and make additional boxes.

The Mission would like to thank everyone in advance for their generosity of spirit during a season that is so taxing on resources.



Photo: Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont and friends deliver Christmas Shoeboxes to seafarers in Halifax last year.



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The University of King's College Chapel Choir, Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir, and the choir of the Cathedral Church of All Saints will celebrate the Octave of All Saints with a week of music-laden services in Halifax's stunning All Saints Cathedral. Beginning on All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en), the eight-day *Octave of All Saints* honours all the saints, known and unknown. The festival includes All Souls Day on November 2, commemorating the faithful departed. It will culminate on Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. with the annual For All The Saints concert performed by the King's Chapel Choir, directed by five-time Grammy winner Paul Halley.

Halley has recently been appointed the Director of Music of All Saints Cathedral, a position he holds in addition to his Director of Music position at the University of King's College. The Cathedral has long been an important venue for the King's Chapel Choir and the home of the choir's annual *King's at the Cathedral* concert series, which begins with the annual For All The Saints concert each year. Halley hopes to build further the musical collaboration between the College and the Cathedral, and he and his son Nick Halley, director of Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir, felt that the Octave of All Saints was a wonderful opportunity for a week of liturgy and music celebrating the lives of those who have gone before and connecting the present with past and

future, in the acoustically-rich cathedral built in honour of all saints.

The finale concert, *For All The Saints*, will be the University of King's College Chapel Choir's seventh annual concert celebrating All Saints and All Souls. Featured pieces in the past have been Rachmaninov's *All Night Vigil* (1915) and Requiem Mass settings by Duruflé (1947), Fauré (1890), Schnittke (1975), Victoria (1603), and de la Rue (c. 1500). Halley and the King's choristers continue to present mass settings that are otherwise rarely, if ever, heard performed live in Nova Scotia: this year's selection is the 20th-century *Mass for Double Choir* by Swiss composer Frank Martin.

Upon completing the final movement – the Agnus Dei – in 1926, Martin put the Mass in a drawer, intending never to perform or publish it. As he later explained, “I considered it as being a matter between God and myself. I felt then that an expression of religious feeling should remain secret and removed from public opinion.” Four decades after its completion, Martin was convinced by friends to release the Mass for performance and publication. It is now widely considered one of the finest pieces of modern times, a work of true beauty and impeccable craft, and a deeply moving expression of faith in a secularized age.

For All The Saints will also include works by Byrd, Schütz, and Harris, and glorious hymns accompanied by the Cathedral's great pipe organ and the Maritime Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$15-\$100, available in advance at www.ukings.ca/concerts and the King's Co-op Bookstore (902-422-1270 ext. 261), and also available at the door.

In the week leading up to the finale concert, the All Saints Octave celebrations will begin on Sunday, November 1 with the 10:30 a.m. morning communion service in the Cathedral sung by the Cathedral Choir, featuring music by Harris, Darke, and J.S. Bach. On Monday, November 2, the University of King's College Chapel Choir and King's Chaplain, Canon Dr Gary Thorne, will offer a Solemn Eucharist in the Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. with a reading of the names of the departed from both congregations and featuring the well-known Requiem Mass setting by Gabriel Fauré. On Tuesday, November 3, Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir will sing a Choral Evensong in the Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. with a Service of Investiture, in which new choristers will be formally invested into the choir, followed by a reception. The music will include pieces by Loosemore, Walmisley, Wesley, and Dupré. On Wednesday, November 4 at noon in the Cathedral, there will be a free, half-hour organ recital by King's College Organ Scholar and Director of Music at Christ Church Dartmouth, Nicolas Veltmeyer, featuring Nimrod from the Enigma Variations by Elgar, as well as works by Howells, Preston, and Bach's famous Toccata & Fugue in D Minor. On Wednesday, November 4 at 5:00 p.m., the University of King's College Chapel Choir will sing Choral Evensong in the Cathedral with music by Willan, Vecchi, Mendelssohn, Schütz, and J.S. Bach. On Thursday, November 5 at 5:00 p.m., Choral Solemn Eucharist will be celebrated in the University of King's College Chapel at 6350 Coburg Road, with music by Victoria, Harris, and J.S. Bach, and on Saturday, November 7, the King's Chapel Choir will present the finale performance, *For All The Saints*, at 7:30 p.m. in All Saints Cathedral.

COMING UP in the KING'S AT THE CATHEDRAL 2015-16 SEASON:

December 11 – 13, 2015: A King's Christmas with guest narrator R. Bruce Connelly, in Antigonish, Lunenburg and Halifax. Back for its eighth year, this feast of seasonal song and story is performed in a tour of Nova Scotian communities and has become an annual tradition for many. This year's narrator is a veteran stage actor in New York who is known also on TV as Barkley, Jim Henson's Muppet dog in *Sesame Street*. Connelly has been honoured 15 times at the Daytime Emmy Awards.

April 16 – 17, 2016: Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610, a revolutionary and now iconic work, featuring the King's choristers alongside 15 instrumentalists on period instruments and a cast of early music soloists from across North America. Performances in Lunenburg and Halifax.

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About the Chapel Choir: The University of King's College Chapel Choir is gaining a reputation under director Paul Halley as one of Canada's leading vocal ensembles and its performances have been broadcast nationally on CBC Radio 2. The choir comprises 24 choristers from the King's College and Dalhousie University communities in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The choir's primary function is to sing at the weekly services in the King's College Chapel, as well as other major services throughout the academic year. The choir is well-known for its annual *King's at the Cathedral* concert series and also includes touring and recording among its activities. The choir's CD, *Let Us Keep the Feast: Music for the Church Year*, was released in December 2013 to launch the university's 225th anniversary year and received the Outstanding Choral Recording Award from Choral Canada.

About the University of King's College: Established in 1789, King's College is Canada's oldest chartered university. It celebrates its 225th anniversary in 2014. A small and extraordinarily lively academic community located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, King's is known nationally and internationally for its highly acclaimed interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and journalism. www.ukings.ca

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