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The long ride to unity and healing

**Bishop Rob Hardwick
stops in the diocese
as part of his cross-
Canada cycling trek**

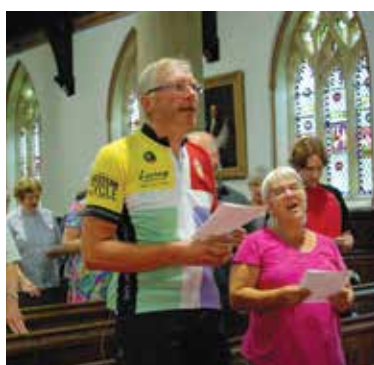
BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

For every one of the 5,600 kilometres Bishop Rob Hardwick peddled from Victoria to Fredericton, he was praying.

"I have been laying a foundation of prayer every moment I'm on the bike," the bishop of Qu'Appelle in southern Saskatchewan told about 90 people at Christ Church Cathedral on July 15.

The bishop began a cross-country trek on his bicycle May 19 near Victoria, B.C. and hopes to finish it Aug. 1 in St. John's, N.L. The kilometrage by then will have reached 7,188. The 62-year-old chose to do the trek

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MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Bishop Rob Hardwick and his wife, Lorraine, during the service at Christ Church Cathedral on July 15.

'SING UNTO GOD WITH JUBILANCE!'



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

The Rev. Albert Snelgrove and Merrik Tower lead Diocesan Choir School members into St. Paul's Anglican Church in Rothesay for an evening performance July 12. Read about this year's choir school on pages 12-13.

6 ordained to priesthood, diaconate

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Diocese of Fredericton gained four new priests and two new deacons at an ordination service at Christ Church Cathedral on June 24.

Bishop David Edwards presided over the ordination to the priesthood of James Appleton, James Crighton, John Galbraith and Dwight Stuart; as well as to the diaconate of Cole Hartin and Robert Montgomery.

It was standing room only at the cathedral, with a large

contingent of clergy and families of the ordinands.

The Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna preached on building the kingdom of heaven. He began by recounting an experience he had years ago as a PWRDF representative on a trip to Central America. He and his group met with both government leaders and the countries' poorest. In a shantytown, his group gathered with 30 or 40 of the poorest for worship.

"I noticed a woman who was full of what I call capital J joy as

she worshipped," he said. "After worship I went to her, and in my best pigeon Spanish, said, 'I don't understand. Life is so difficult here. There is so much poverty and injustice and yet you are filled with such joy.' She looked me in the eye and said, 'don't you know that it is difficult to build the kingdom of God?'"

"As she said this, she had the most radiant smile and her eyes were dancing with joy," he said. "I look forward to meeting this woman in heaven. Her joy was the catalyst that eventually

led me to this cathedral to be priested. I will always be thankful to God for her."

One of life's blessings, said Bruce, is that we all have a hand in building the kingdom of God. What does that look like? It's through loving God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and loving our neighbour as ourselves.

"And what does loving our neighbours as ourselves look like? Have a look at the New

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DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS



Clockwise from top left: Bishop David Edwards, centre, noted the 15th anniversary of retired Archbishop Claude Miller's consecration; Back row: Claude Miller, David Edwards, Leo Martin. Front row: John Galbraith, Rob Montgomery, Jim Appleton, Jim Crighton, Cole Hartin, Dwight Stuart; Bruce McKenna was the preacher for the service; The procession into Christ Church Cathedral.



6 ordained in June service

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Brunswick Anglican. It is full of stories about how we Anglicans are loving neighbours as ourselves."

He cited stories about the bowling tournament to help feed hungry kids; the support of refugees; and Camp Medley, Camp Brookwood and St. Michael's Youth Conference, where children from all backgrounds see and feel, some for the first time, the love of God in action.

"Being co-creators of the radical kingdom of God means we love God and love neighbours as ourselves because, as John reminds us, God loved us first," he said.

"That's why Cole, Dwight, Jim, Jim, John and Rob are here today. God's love has called them to a particular ministry in the kingdom."

Bruce told the crowd that if most clergy were honest, they'd say that when things get busy, one of the first things to go is quiet time with God. With it, we are fed; without it, we struggle. And from struggle comes worry.

Even though John reminds us to keep the commandments and abide in his love, we worry.

"That's probably why Jesus says to me and to us, 'can any one of you, by worrying, add a

single hour to your life? See the flowers in the roadside ditch today — not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like that."

Can there be joy in the midst of the cross, he asked? Yes, in the resurrection of Jesus and in our own.

"This was part of the joy set before Jesus," he said. "He could see our resurrection, when every tear will be wiped from our eyes, when there will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain... This is our joy when we will be with God.

"I believe this was part of the joy in the woman I met in Mexico, a deep-down joy in the midst of all that she was living."

He ended his sermon with these words: "In a few minutes, the bishop will lay his hands on you — interesting turn of phrase, that — and he will pray 'send down your holy Spirit upon your servant' and he will name you. All the clergy and lay people will be praying that for you too: 'send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant'.

"If you will, the Holy Spirit is that burning coal in the Isaiah reading, holy fire, pentecostal fire that has and will prepare you for your ministry to co-create the kingdom of God in his world

and within you, in your heart.

"As you seek the kingdom of God first, look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of your faith, always following him."

Each ordinand was given a bible to mark the occasion. Each was presented and "dressed" by family, friends, priests and archdeacons. After the consecration, each participated in Holy Eucharist, led by the bishop.

The day also marked a further special occasion, which Bishop David noted. It was the 15th anniversary of Archbishop Claude Miller's consecration as bishop. Both he and retired bishop George Lemmon were in attendance.


After the service, a large crowd gathered at Cathedral Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Bishop David presented certificates of ordination and licences to the six newly ordained: the Rev. Rob Montgomery to the Parish of Rothesay; the Rev. Cole Hartin to the Parish of Portland; the Rev. Dwight Stuart to the Parish of Fundy & the Lakes;

The Rev. John Galbraith to the Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis; the Rev. James Crighton to the Parish of St. Andrews and the Rev. James Appleton to the Parish of Fredericton Junction.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Looking at churches from afar

I write this article sitting in a Premier Inn Hotel in Hartlepool, England. As you might guess, I am on vacation.

Just before beginning to write I decided to look at the Diocesan Facebook page and was extremely impressed with all that is going on during our supposedly "quiet period."

Events range from the visit of Bishop Rob Hardwick, as he cycles across the country, to a bible study in Bay du Vin looking at BELLS. Well done to everyone involved in summer ministry from camps to food trucks.

During my visit to the UK, I have worshipped in three very different settings. The first was my home church in Madeley; secondly, Holy Trinity in Dewsbury; and yesterday in Durham Cathedral. The only consistent elements in the services were that they were Holy Communion and the use of the buildings indicated important messages about the Christian faith.

Each building is dearly loved by the people who worship there every Sunday, but they have also adapted their space to meet the needs they perceive around them.

I will begin with St. Michael's, Madeley. It is the one I know best, as it is where my Christian faith was nurtured. It was built in the late 18th century, designed by the renowned engineer Thomas Telford. It is unusual in that it is octagonal. At some point a chan-



cel was added and sticks out from one of the eight sides.

The building has undergone several total internal renovations, two in my life time. When I was a young child, the pews were very dark and the chancel was cut off from the rest of the building by a memorial rood screen.

It was decided to lighten the place up by putting in lighter pews and moving the screen to the back.

Today there is no fixed seating, the floors have been levelled and re-laid in a beautiful honey colour. The communion table has been moved to the front of the chancel.

The congregation had no kitchen or washrooms after the hall had to close in the 1980s, these have now been added and the rood screen is hung on the back wall.

The intention of the renovation was two-fold. The first was to provide a vibrant flexible setting for worship. Secondly, they are able

to host large community events in the space.

The next Sunday I had my first visit to Holy Trinity in Dewsbury. Built in the 19th century to meet the expanding population of a growing industrial town, it was somewhat familiar. It is a slightly larger version of our cathedral, even down to the colour of the columns supporting the roof.

Unlike St. Michael's, there is a beautiful hall in part of the graveyard, which is widely used by the community. The nave of the church has been made totally flexible. The congregation gathers there both before and after the service, with a dedicated space for the production of refreshments. Once again it is able to host civic events.

The final port of call was Durham Cathedral. It is over 1,000 years old and was built in parts. It has also had many functions over the years. There is a timelessness about the place.

It was originally built to house the bones of the great Celtic saint, Cuthbert. Pilgrims still come to pray at his shrine every day. There have been many new additions to the building over the years, more recently in the form of works of art.

A recent Church of England report observed that cathedral congregations are growing significantly across the country. No one is sure why this might be, but I suggest that part of the reason is because there has been a greater concentration on hospitality, mak-

ing them more welcoming, but also more informative about their history and the Christian message.

My thoughts about all this were sparked by a visit to some friends, David and Adri Grindley. David is an architect and runs a practice with several members of his family. Although they design many things, one of their specialties over the years has been the planning of new churches and the renovation of older ones.

David and Adri are both active Christians. Currently they are involved in what is known as a church reboot. That means a group of about 30 congregation members moved from their former church to one which needed help to grow.

The consequence of this is that when David works on church design, he asks fundamental questions about the messages the buildings give. Do they enhance the Gospel or detract from it? Do they enable worship or distract from it? Are they places of light and beauty or darkness and decay?

As I sat in three very different worship spaces, these were the questions running in my mind.

David Edwards is
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

With appreciation, Chris Hayes

As stewardship officer for the Diocese of Fredericton, I felt compelled to write this on the Sunday night my wife and I returned from Diocesan Choir School this year. It came fairly easily as Chris means so much to Choir School.

At the Awards Dinner Saturday evening after all the years of attendance had been announced, Chris came back to the front and said, 'Oh, just one more thing' and then stunned the attendees by announcing that he was resigning as administrative director (AD) of Choir School. There was a collective gasp as he said this — Chris has been the

AD for 18 years.

Choir School has been running since 1957 and is thought to be the longest continual annual choir school in Canada and is looking forward to many.

Over the years Choir School has evolved, in the early years it was a week long journey for both junior and adult choristers but due to various reasons is now a week-long experience for the junior choristers and a very hectic three days for adult choristers.

Chris has been there as AD for the past 18 years and some choristers — definitely all the juniors — have known no other.

Chris has given so much of his talent and time to Choir School, as has his family. His wife, Christine, has been very involved over his tenure in so many ways. Their children Laura, Stephen, Sarah and Patrick have shared their parent's time with Choir School and we thank the four of them for that.

As I have written and spoken before, stewardship is about so much more than money. Rather it is giving all you can, with all you have, all the time to the furtherance of God's message of love and redemption, and Chris and his family exemplify this.

Chris has brought in some

wonderful adult clinicians who have given adult chorister tools to take back to their own choirs. While I have no personal experience as a junior chorister, I know from speaking to those from my own parish that they look forward to returning to learn and renew friendships. This is further testament to the work Chris has done.

Chris, all of us at Choir School, both past and present, will miss you and hold you and your family in our hearts and prayers.

Mike Briggs is the diocesan stewardship officer. He lives in Moncton.

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DIOCESAN CLERGY
CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 9
PARISH OF
GRAND MANAN

SEPTEMBER 16
* PARISH OF
KINGSTON;
CELEBRATION OF
NEW MINISTRY OF
JULIAN PILLAY
(ST. STEPHEN)

SEPTEMBER 22
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 23
* PARISH OF
WOODSTOCK,
(ORDINATION);
ST. MARK'S,
KINGS LANDING;
PARISH OF STANLEY

SEPTEMBER 30
* PARISHES OF
WATERFORD AND
ST. MARK

OCTOBER 2
BISHOP'S COUNSEL

* CONFIRMATION

PRE-SYNOD
TOWN HALLS:

SEPT. 15 - MIRAMICHI

SEPT. 15 - BATHURST

SEPT. 18 - SUSSEX

SEPT. 19 - EDMUNDSTON

SEPT. 20 - WOODSTOCK

SEPT. 24 - MONCTON

SEPT. 25 - SAINT JOHN

SEPT. 27 - FREDERICTON

OCT. 3 - ST. STEPHEN

The purpose of the town hall meetings is to provide a forum, prior to Diocesan Synod, for people to share questions and concerns regarding proposed changes to the General Synod marriage canon. The primary focus will be on asking how we walk together as a diocese regardless of individual viewpoints and any approved changes nationally. These will be open to all Anglicans, regardless of parish, diocesan or Synod roles, and everyone may choose which ever meeting is most convenient to attend.

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LIVING THE MISSION

Bishop came close to quitting in Ontario

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in 62 days, though he made it in 61 days on July 31.

The service at the cathedral was one of several in New Brunswick during his ride through the diocese. He was greeted and fed in Edmundston July 13.

The next day, after a prayer breakfast, he rode to Hartland, where Archdeacon Rod Black took him home to Richmond Corner for a meet-and-greet that evening. After leaving Fredericton July 17, he peddled to Petitcodiac for another potluck and service, and then it was on to Oxford, Cape Breton and Newfoundland & Labrador.

Bishop Rob developed a prayer diary for the trip. For each day there is a diocese; a church; a mission, saint or issue; and in particular, those suffering in some way: the homeless, those being treated in children's hospitals, prisoners, failed marriages, the hungry, those who've suffered miscarriages, and so on, to pray for, and countless people across Canada have joined him in the prayers.

"It's not just about cycling," he said. "It's a physical, spiritual and mental challenge, personally. It's for unity and healing for our nation."

Canada, he said, has not always been such a welcoming country, citing treatment of First Nations people, Acadians, Dukhobors, Chinese, Japanese, Germans and others. But the journey is largely focused on reconciliation with First Nations.

He is the head of the diocese with the longest running residential school in the country. On May 19, he was welcomed onto the territorial land of the Songheese First Nation on Vancouver Island to begin his trek.

"It was amazing to be welcomed by the Songheese people," he said. "They had the most residential school residents. It set the stage for the pilgrimage."

It's been 25 years since Primate Michael Peers made the historic apology for the Anglican role in residential schools, and 10 years since the federal government did the same.

"But it's time to put mean-

ingful action to those words so greater unity can begin," he said. "I can see across Canada a great desire to journey this way, but there is some hesitancy. How do we start? It starts one-on-one by saying hi."

Some time ago, Bishop Rob developed an initiative called Living The Mission, of which the bike journey is one part.

The goal is to raise \$2 million, which will help fund indigenous ministries within the Anglican Church of Canada, a medical centre in Burundi, Habitat for Humanity in Regina and evangelism and mission work in his diocese.

He challenged the 1,550 identifiable givers in his diocese to give 43 cents a day — the average daily wage in Burundi — for five years.

That 43 cents a day will add up to \$1.2 million.

"When we all share an equal load, amazing things happen," he said.

An offering was collected for his mission during the cathedral service, and many other parishes and dioceses, including this one, have contributed along the way.

The bishop outlined highlights of his journey so far. His average speed was 24.2 km/h,

though his top speed was 76 km/h on a downhill run. He has kept track of the elevations he's climbed, totalling 3.3 Mount Everests so far.

He had an antelope run beside him on the prairie, and every day, at least one eagle has been in the sky as he's peddled.

Lorraine, his wife, who follows in a van, saw him stopped, with his face to the sky near Edmundston.

Thinking he was in prayer and that perhaps the bike had broken, she stopped to find him gazing at 15 eagles above him.

"It's wonderful how fascinating the wildlife has been on this journey," he said. "I think the Lord has been sending me wildlife."

He also spoke of the thrill of cycling, which he describes as a passion that has helped him lose 94 pounds. In a car, he said, you don't hear, see or smell the beauty God has created for us: "You can't smell the sage grass, the blossoms, the crops in a field, the freshness after a rain."

He described a day climbing 72 km up the Vermillion Passage where his greatest fear of the trip was realized.

He saw a vehicle stop across

the road, and assuming they might need help, he rode across. He didn't have time to say a word before the driver pointed to a bush and said one word: bear.

The bishop took off peddling, but only about 50 metres later turned around to find the vehicle had completely disappeared. He described himself as a former police officer from the UK, a rational man, but he's convinced God sent him a protective angel that day.

"How many angels do we miss on a busy day because we simply aren't attentive — to God, to each other, to the things God would want to show us?" he asked.

"If you take nothing else away from this today, take this — be attentive to the moment as we make this journey together."

A bear was not the only thing that might have halted the journey. The Hardwicks learned their home flooded after a pipe burst. They discussed turning back.

Then in Northern Ontario, Lorraine lost control of their vehicle and travel trailer.

"Both the car and the RV trailer were totalled, but not Lorraine," he said, adding she had one bruise.

Again they discussed giving up. "It was tempting then," he said. "We came very close to ending the ride and going back, but then we thought, 'First Nations suffer setbacks, over and over.' It's really important to continue this journey."

After the cathedral's service of Evening Prayer, a barbecue was held outside, with many sponsors helping out: JOY FM radio, Victory Meat Market, Sobeys, Atlantic Superstore, Costco, and Esso on Smythe Street.

Among the attendees was the Rev. Murray Wright and his family, of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. They met up with the bishop in Ontario, and again at the cathedral. They are visiting family in Saint John while in New Brunswick.

Murray noted that Bishop Rob has made pilgrimages through their diocese on his bicycle at least a couple of times.

"He's using his bike as means to spread the gospel," he said.

You can read about Bishop Rob's amazing conversion and calling in the *Saskatchewan Anglican*, page 7 of the April 2013 edition: < <https://www.quappelle.anglican.ca/documents/saskatchewan-anglican> >



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

Clockwise from top left: Claire McKnight and Rachel Schmidt were on ice cream duty during the barbecue after the service; Bishop Rob Hardwick chats with Dorothy and Ray Dixon, while in the background, the bishop's wife, Lorraine, talks with the Rev. Murray Wright who was visiting from the Diocese of Qu'Appelle; the food and the diners were plentiful; A member of the JOY FM team makes an announcement during the barbecue.



CLERGY OBITUARIES

The Rev. Canon Elaine Lucas



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

The Rev. Canon Elaine Lucas at the 2016 Retired Clergy Tea at Bishop's Court.

The death of the Rev. Canon Marjorie Elaine Bulmer Lucas occurred on Monday, July 16 at Pine Grove Nursing Home, Fredericton.

Before moving to Pine Grove, she was a resident of Farraline Place. Born

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. We give thanks for their faithful life and witness.

in Sackville, N.B. on Aug. 23, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Roland F. Bulmer (1963) and Ruth E. R. (Carter) Bulmer (1932).

Elaine graduated from Mount Allison University (BA) and Wycliffe College (M.Div.) at the University of Toronto.

As a lay person she worked for the Woman's Auxiliary (now ACW) of the Anglican Church of Canada in the Dioceses of Caledonia (northern BC) and Toronto.

After a business career in Sackville, Quebec City, Toronto and London, Ont., Elaine entered ordained ministry, being made a deacon (May 1996) and ordered a priest (November 1996).

She served at Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church, London for two years before returning to her home province.

In 1999 she was appointed pastoral assistant at Christ Church Cathedral, retiring in 2003, and was made an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral the same year.

Her funeral was held from Christ Church Cathedral.

The sudden passing of the Rev. Canon Bill MacMullin occurred Aug. 4. Born on Sept. 2, 1945 in Fredericton, he was the son of the late Roland and Irene (Jamieson) MacMullin.

Bill attended Magaguadavic Elementary School and Harvey Regional High School, as well as the University of New Brunswick (BA) and Wycliffe College in Toronto (M.Div.).

He was ordained a deacon in May of 1975 and a priest in November 1975.

He began his ministry in Western Newfoundland, then returned to New Brunswick.

He served in the Parishes of Campbellton and Carleton (in Saint John) in the 1980s and 90s, arriving at the Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis in 1995. It was from there he retired in 2015.

Bill was the diocesan representative for the Canadian Bible Society and was very active in promoting the organization.

His funeral was held from St. John the Evangelist Church Aug. 9.

The Rev. Canon Bill MacMullin



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

The Rev. Canon Bill MacMullin at his Canadian Bible Society display during Diocesan Synod in November, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; two daughters, Sarah and Jennifer; one son, David; and one grandson, Arthur.

Companion Diocese Committee sets new direction

The new chair, Robert Griffin, opened the Companion Diocese Committee meeting in prayer June 19 in Saint John.

After discussing activities of the committee in the past, the committee set out a future direction for the diocese in the coming year.

The Diocese of Fredericton is working with the Diocese of Ho, in eastern Ghana. The committee agreed the Diocese of Fredericton should do a major project for Bishop Matthias' Diocese.

A motion was made to send a small team to Ghana to do a needs assessment, to determine what the Diocese of Ho most requires.

Robert Griffin worked with the Diocese of Conakry, in Guinea, to build a 12-room hos-

pital in the Boffa region.

He, with one or two others, will visit Bishop Matthias in Ho, hopefully in the fall, to better understand their needs.

The committee is looking for other members to better represent the diocese on the committee.

If interested, let the diocesan nominating committee know you would like to further God's work in the mission field. You may also contact Robert Griffin, rgriffin@nbnet.nb.ca, or Bishop David, through the Bishop's office (459-1801).

The committee is looking for one or two to join Robert to go to Ghana — it will be the opportunity of a life time, and Robert says, "It will change your life forever."



CAROL GLENCROSS PHOTO

BARBECUE GET-TOGETHER

Clericus members in the Archdeaconry of Moncton enjoyed a pre-summer barbecue at the home of Canon Bruce and Carol Glencross in Clairville, Kent County on June 19. Clergy welcomed the newest member, the Rev. Rob Salloum. Front row: Norm Dupuis, Chris Ketch and Chris Hayes. Back row: Chris VanBuskirk, Barbara Haire, Brent Ham, Bruce Glencross, David Alston, Ranall Ingalls and Rob Salloum.

Anglican Diocese of Fredericton: Sharing hope and help in our communities and beyond

DIOCESAN NEWS

Maugerville church copes with flooding aftermath

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Probably the best word to describe the situation at Christ Church in Maugerville, just downriver from Fredericton, is uncertain.

The record-setting flood of April-May 2018 inundated the small church on Route 105 at the Burton Bridge. The furnace and the organ were hit.

"We had everything piled up on tables," said interim priest-in-charge Canon Walter Williams in mid-May. "The fire chief called on Monday and said, 'If you want to move anything, do it now.'"

It was easy to see the high-water mark — on the trees, on the side of the building and on the altar inside. Everything inside and out — the grass, the large monument on the lawn, the pews — was coated in a layer of silt the receding waters left behind.

The small ramp at the main door was unstable. There were

wet carpets outside the doors of the church and wet patches throughout the nave and sanctuary. The floor boards were lifting and wavy. No one could touch a thing without wearing gloves.

That didn't stop parishioner Pam Hoben, who was busy with the carpet removal. Her recent restoration of the altar might have saved it. The altar had a high water mark, but it still looked solid.

Walter has seen floods in several parishes — Zealand, Woodstock — and now Maugerville. While he wasn't here for the last flood of 2008, his parishioners remembered.

"In 1973 it was higher, and that's why they raised it and put a footing course under it," he said. "They thought that would protect it."

Then after the 2008 flood, they elevated the organ, but the water still reached the bottom four inches.

"In 2008, the last time, the water just got to the top of the

foundation, if it even got that high," said Walter. "This time it was much worse."

Ten years ago, there wasn't so much damage as there was dirt.

"They had a cleaning crew come in and the province paid," said Walter. "The water came and went in 48 hours. We were 12 days under water this time."

By mid-summer, the engineers were expected to be on-scene to determine the viability of the building. The insurance company says the church is covered, but the deductible is \$25,000. The question of what to do is still unanswered.

The Parish of Oromocto and Maugerville is thought to be the oldest Anglican establishment in the province, dating back to just after the arrival of the Loyalists in 1783. Three buildings have stood on the site, with this one in place since Bishop John Medley consecrated it Jan. 8, 1857.



The Rev. Canon Walter Williams exits Christ Church in Maugerville. The church has been unusable since May when flood waters inundated it. The high water mark is easily seen on the siding of the church. Below, water was still visible days after the river receded.



Diocesan staff hired

Meet Heather Harris-Jones, synod treasurer

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

As Christians, hopefully we've all heard that still, small voice of the Holy Spirit directing us. For Heather Harris-Jones, that voice was directing her to apply for a job.

The job was treasurer of the Diocesan Synod.

"I was looking for something that was more purposeful that also had an environment that was more supportive," she said, adding that she was working too much overtime and felt discontented.

"As all these other things were going through my head, I saw the ad posted. Then I saw it posted again. I was being given a message.

"I was out walking and said, 'this is it.'"

So she applied, got an interview and an offer. She began work May 14. What's

impressed her so far are the people.

"Everyone has been encouraging, very genuine and supportive," she said. "What I see are like-minded values."

Heather is a practicing Roman Catholic originally from Dalhousie. She's been living in Fredericton since 1989. She studied accounting in Moncton earlier and redoubled her efforts to earn CMA (Certified Management Accountant) and CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) designations at UNB once she moved here.

Heather's been an entrepreneur, running chalet rentals near Crabbe Mountain when her children were younger and then running her own management and controller consulting business. She has also worked for the provincial Department of Transportation & Infrastructure and Enbridge Gas in accounting positions.

Heather and her husband, Brian, have three grown children: Jason, 27; Derek, 24; and Hannah, 21. Jason and Derek are both welding inspectors while Hannah is studying to be a dietician at UPEI.

Outside of work, Heather loves to garden, walk, exercise

and go camping. She also loves music, has sung in many choirs and is a long-time flute player.

At work, Heather is taking one day at a time.

"Any transition has a learning curve, but each day, it's coming," she said. "I love learning, and this job has the potential to have a more positive impact, a more purposeful impact that gives back to the community."

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Meet Josh McDorman, financial & administrative assistant

Josh McDorman is home again and loving it. After working in the U.S., he returned home to Fredericton in 2017. The 32-year-old member of Christ Church (Parish Church) has accepted a one-year position at the Diocese of Fredericton as financial and administrative assistant, replacing Nicole Chouinard, who is on maternity leave.

Josh left New Brunswick after graduating from Fredericton High School in 2004. A year at the University of Ottawa in computer engineering revealed that was not the path for him.



Heather Harris-Jones

Eventually he moved to Omaha, Nebraska, working primarily in project management.

After nine years in the U.S., he has reconnected with his family and his church.

He began keeping the books at Christ Church (Parish Church) and decided to apply for the posting, he said. That led to an interview and an offer.

"So far, I'm very impressed with the people and the goals, and the way work is conducted," he said of working at the diocesan office.

"I'm pleased on a moral level. I'm pleased with how the mission and values of the Anglican Church are still upheld



Josh McDorman

here."

Returning to Fredericton has been a pleasure.

"I've really enjoyed the nature aspect of Fredericton — the openness and the trails. I love walking the trails. That's not something available in the urban metropolis of the U.S."

Josh is single, with two Nebraskan cats named Maxim and Lily, who have adapted well to their new home. He has two nephews, ages 10 and 15, and he is enjoying being part of their lives.

"I have lots of family here; my sister and mother live here," he said.

For now, work, reading, taking care of his cats, enjoying the trails and hanging out with his family are keeping him busy.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Highlights from Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council met at Camp Brookwood in the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen on Saturday, May 26, while Bishop David Edwards was on his pilgrimage.

He celebrated the opening Eucharist. In his meditation, the Bishop reflected on the Trinity using a Russian icon by Andrey Rublev and the reading from John 3:1-17.

The bishop introduced the newly hired synod treasurer, Heather Harris-Jones.

MOTION PASSED: That effective immediately, Diocesan Council appoint Ms. Heather Harris-Jones to the office of Treasurer of the Synod.

The bishop informed council that the youth delegate and alternate were not able to attend Provincial Synod.

MOTION PASSED: That Mr. Colton Scott be appointed as the Diocese of Fredericton Youth Delegate to Provincial Synod 2018.

Camp Brookwood: Mary-Lee Phillips welcomed Diocesan Council to Camp Brookwood and provided an update on the camp.

Last year Camp Brookwood had a successful summer, with 59 campers sponsored. The camp hosted Inner City Youth Ministry children for two weeks.

The camp has \$17,000 in the bank and is in a good financial situation for this year. There is enough funds to hire the camp director early and pay the camp counsellors during training week.

The plan for this year is to host five weeks of regular camp and a one-week session for ICYM. The staff is hoping for a full camp this year. Numbers are up and there are already 35 registered campers.

The major work for this year is levelling the camps, placing them on secure foundations, and building decks; building a new storage building; and installing a new liner for the pool.

Minor work for the year includes new bunks for the cabins, new walls in the kitchen, and a new food preparation counter surface.

The camp did not struggle

finding chaplains this year; all the weeks were covered. The new director started on May 7 and the first priority was developing the job description.

The camp is very grateful for continued diocesan support, and Mary-Lee noted that there are still opportunities for parishes or deaneries to support Camp Brookwood.

Archdeacon Cathy Laskey led a prayer for Camp Brookwood, particularly for campers-to-be, leaders, parents and guardians, that God's word would be known to them and to everyone associated with the camp.

Video presentation: Cathy Laskey offered a video presentation prepared by Shawn Branch on "The Season of International Discipleship," from the Anglican Consultative Council.

After the video, council broke into smaller groups and Cathy asked that they work on responses to three questions:

1. What does discipleship look like in your parish?
2. How would discipleship be taking place in your parish?
3. What would it look like for our diocese to be intentionally committed to discipleship?

Atlantic School of Theology: Council was provided with a copy of the Draft Covenant between the Atlantic School of Theology and the Founding Parties for review. The Diocese of Fredericton, along with the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, comprise the Anglican Founding Party. The covenant is up for renewal with new terms for calculating financial contributions from each founder. Council members did not recommend any changes to the draft.

Constitutions & Canons: Chancellor David Bell reviewed the mission governance regulation. The New Anglican Church Act allows the Diocese to create missions, so a regulation is required to establish governance.

The Chancellor recommended a new regulation for parish-like missions that Diocesan Council could apply to



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Clockwise from top: Diocesan Council members gathered at Camp Brookwood for their May meeting; Tireless Camp Brookwood volunteers: Rodney Smith, Stewart Dunster, MaryLee Phillips, Barb Smith and Ken Tompkins; William Ross and Lionel Hayter enjoy lunch; Worship during the council meeting.

a mission, if appropriate. The regulation reflects the experience of the Westside Anglican Mission.

MOTION PASSED: That Diocesan Council adopt the proposed Regulation 6-2 Governance of Missions.

Nominating Committee: Cathy Laskey explained to Council that the Archives Committee needs more members.

MOTION PASSED: That Darryl Butler be appointed to the Archives Committee.

Safe Church Update: Cathy Laskey reported on behalf of Ben Bourque that 366 people are now trained in Safe Church, which is double the number noted in the report for the meeting.

Bishop's Performance Review: Cathy Laskey led the

discussion on the bishop's performance review. This year the review consisted of a complete 360-degree review, with participation by the Primate. The council reviewed the report and discussed the contents with the bishop.

Amendment of Canon Four – Diocesan Governance: David Bell noted that this item was the Canon Four amendment on Diocesan Governance tabled at the last meeting after members voted for more time to consider it in more detail and for the Chancellor to have an opportunity to consider the discussion and prepare a response.

MOTION PASSED: That Diocesan Council bring Motion 11 of the March 17, 2018 meeting back from the table for discussion.

Update on Parish of Shediach

(Land Sale and Lease Agreements): David Bell explained the history of glebe land grants and legalities surrounding land transactions, as per the Anglican Church Act. In particular, section 7.5: "A parish corporation shall not lease, sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of real estate without the approval of the bishop and of the synod."

MOTION PASSED: That the draft letter included in the meeting package addendum, as amended, be sent to the Parish Corporation of the Parish of Shediach by Registered Mail with a signature required upon receipt.

The next Diocesan Council meeting is Saturday, Sept. 22 at a location to be announced. The Diocesan Council Retreat takes place at Villa Madonna in late November.

Minutes prepared by the Rev. David Peer.

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage highlighted rural challenges, kindness of parishioners

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The consecration of a church and two confirmation services were some of the highlights of the fourth annual Bishop's Pilgrimage. It took place in the Archdeaconry of Woodstock May 23-June 5.

The consecration of St. John, in the Parish of Richmond, took place June 1. It was the bishop's first consecration of a church building.

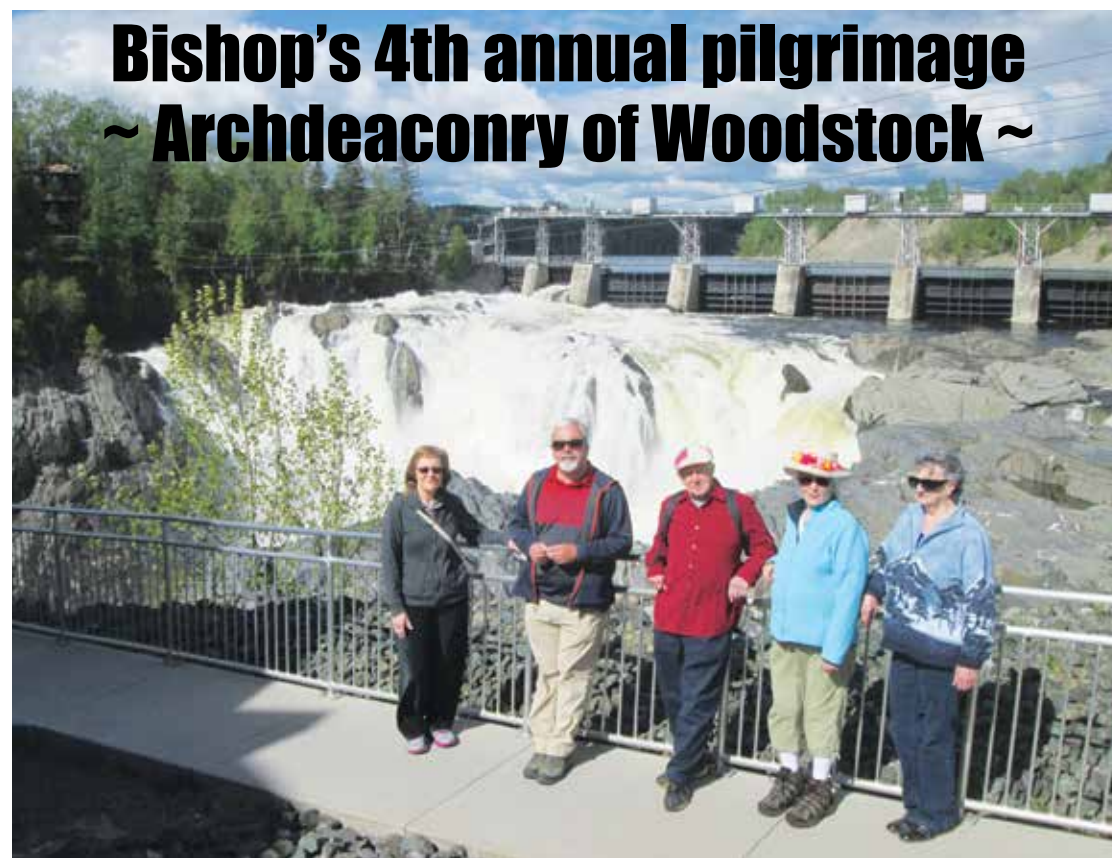
The bishop also held two confirmation services — at Holy Trinity, Hartland and St. Luke's, Woodstock. This is also the first time a Diocesan Council meeting was held during the pilgrimage, in this case, at Camp Brookwood May 26.

The momentum has built each year, with many parishioners attending the daily services and many accompanying Bishop David Edwards and route planner Trevor Fotheringham on the walk.

"We only walked six kilometres on our own this year," said the bishop, adding the two walked 184 km in the two weeks.

The pilgrimage began with Evening Prayer at St. Luke's in Woodstock, and a walk to Hartland the next day. The pilgrims continued northward over the next few days, reaching Edmundston on day 5. Then it was a push southward, always with the St. John River not far away.

On May 31 and June 1, the temperature reached into the



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30s, with an added humidex, making the trek difficult.

"On those two hottest days, it was quite a challenge," said the bishop.

"We had some nice parishioners — trail angels who provided air conditioning and cold drinks," said Trevor.

Otherwise, the weather was almost perfect, with only one day of rain and some persistent drizzle on the final day.

Trevor enjoyed this year's route because so much of it was on trails instead of roads.

"It's very scenic walking, especially along the St. John River," he said. "And as usual, people in the parishes were very welcoming. There was such generosity in providing us with everything."

The bishop was also appreciative of the hospitality.

"The churches were all engaged and we were treated

extremely well," he said, adding that despite taking more than 300,000 steps during the two weeks, he didn't lose any weight.

"Some places gave us pot lucks, and we had a roast beef dinner," he said. "We were very well fed!"

Half way through the pilgrimage, the bishop suffered a sore foot. A call for prayer went out and the bishop was able to carry on. But the outpouring of support and concern certainly left an impression.

"People were very concerned about my well-being," he said. "I was given a hotel room by the owner of the hotel when I hurt my foot. I was supposed to sleep on an air mattress in a church that night. I want to thank everyone for praying for the pilgrimage and for my foot."

Carving played a role in this

pilgrimage, with parishioner Ernest Clark gifting the bishop with "a very beautiful carving of fiddleheads."

And the Parish of Richmond had a walking stick carved for each of its three churches, each with the words "Bishop's Pilgrimage 2018." They will remain as a reminder of the event.

Other highlights were visits to a potato washing and packing line and the McCain Foods world data centre.

"There were individuals along the way who weren't connected to the walk and I had a chance to talk to them," said the bishop.

One of the things the bishop continues to ponder even two weeks later is the emptying out of the rural areas that were once thriving communities.

"It gave me insight into the rural needs that I wouldn't

have gotten otherwise," he said. "I've gained a greater understanding of the archdeaconry."

He mused about this rural challenge in his blog, saying of Canterbury: "As with many of our rural communities, much of what was here has gone, along with the people."

"At the centre of the village there used to be two places which provided accommodation for travellers, a railway station and at least four stores. Today the only thing remaining is a store/garage/café, which sells everything from milk to plumbing supplies."

On the final day of the pilgrimage, Bishop David, Trevor and pilgrim Jean Whitman of the Parish of Woodstock walked from St. Clements in Dumfries to Kings Landing Historical Settlement. With help from Patricia Graham, supervisor of exhibits at Kings Landing (and parishioner in the Parish of Canterbury, Benton and Kirkland), they were able to visit St. Marks Chapel of Ease in the historic village and say mid-day prayers.

Patricia offered some history on the chapel: St. Mark's is a very early Medley church and was once part of the Silverwood parish.

Jean was a pilgrim for the first two days of the walk, and was able to rejoin them on the last day.

"I just wanted to end it since I started it," she said. "I've enjoyed it. It's been a great journey and I've met a lot of people too."

Next year's pilgrimage will take place in two archdeaconries: Saint John and Kingston & the Kennebecasis.

To read the bishop's pilgrimage blog, visit this site: <http://anglican.nb.ca/wp/pilgrimage/>



TOP: Taking in the sights at Grand Falls.

LEFT: A good crowd turned out for a walk around the city from St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Edmundston.

ABOVE: A gathering at Trinity Church in the Parish of Andover.

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE



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5. Faithful pilgrims accompanied the bishop in Woodstock, led by the Rev. Shirley Noseworthy.
6. The N.B. trail system was a pleasant aspect of the pilgrimage. Here nine pilgrims joined the bishop near Hartland on the trail system.
7. A fun time-out for the bishop and his route planner, Trevor Fotheringham.
8. There's always time for a chat and a quick visit along the route.
9. The bishop rests on the steps of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Florenceville-Bristol.



1. Pilgrims at the longest covered bridge in the world in Hartland, N.B.
- 2 & 3. Bishop David Edwards takes an air-conditioned break at the home of Bonnie Sparks and Scott Goodine on June 1. On a very hot day, the pilgrims were delighted to stop here half way between St. Mark's in Jackson Falls and St. John's in Richmond Corner. To encourage the pilgrims, Bonnie put up signs along the road and on her mailbox promising cooled, damp cloths, orange slices, cookies, iced water, and lemonade on that very hot day.
4. Bishop David leads mid-day prayer at St. Marks Chapel of Ease at Kings Landing on the last day of the pilgrimage.



NEW CLERGY

St. Stephen welcomes the Pillay family

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Julian Christopher Pillay has a yard he can play in. His friends come over and play basketball and soccer outside, without fear of harm. And for the first time in his life, he walks to school.

Those are just some of the changes in the life of this 12-year-old boy and his parents, Julian and Michelle. The Rev. Julian is priest and rector in the Parish of St. Stephen. They arrived from South Africa in late April.

"We come from a very beautiful country," said Michelle. "But the thing that always restricted us was crime. Julian Christopher was not allowed outside alone, not even in our own yard."

Now, living in downtown St. Stephen, the family walks and enjoys the outdoors.

"I haven't walked in years," said Michelle. "Now I'm walking."

How the Pillays ended up in St. Stephen still seems to mystify them. They had no plans to come to Canada — it wasn't even on their radar. Then God intervened.

Julian grew up in church and had served, first as curate, and then as rector, at Emmanuel Church, Phoenix, Province of Kwa Zulu-Natal, near Durban, for 17 years.

"I've basically been in the parish my whole life," said Julian. "We wanted to explore a new country and see how church is done in another place."

"Many times we spoke about it," said Michelle. "We prayed about it a lot and asked God to direct us. We thought it would be nice to have a change."

Julian began looking online and found an Anglican website with a link to New Brunswick. So he asked a South African friend living in the Yukon what he knew about the Diocese of Fredericton.

"I think he knew Bishop David [Edwards]," he said. "The next thing, I sent Bishop David an email and we started chatting. We weren't thinking Canada specifically. Our only knowledge of Canada was Justin Bieber and Celine Dion!"

Chatting with the bishop led to an interview with the parish, and the Pillays arrived in the early hours of April 21, exhausted from flying from Durban to Johannesburg to Doha, Qatar (on the Arabian Peninsula) to Montreal, to Saint John.

Several people from the parish,

the bishop and Archdeacon John Matheson were at the airport, despite the flight arriving after midnight. Then it was on to St. Stephen and their rectory for an arrival at 2 a.m.

Michelle appreciates the special touches in her new home. She found a room in the house specifically painted in her favourite colour, purple, "and the parish heard Christopher likes soccer, and there was a soccer ball on his bed."

"We have to acknowledge the hard work of the parish in everything that's been done to make us feel welcome," said Julian.

"It was Joan Williams, fellow warden, who headed up that effort," said Derwin Gowan, parish warden. "They had the place pretty clean. The night we brought them here, you could still smell the cleaning products."

Since arriving, Julian Christopher has settled in at St. Stephen Middle School. He's given up cricket for basketball and performed in the year-end talent show (he plays drums and keyboard). He has a bicycle for the first time in his life. He begins Grade 7 in September. He's now living the typical life of a Canadian boy.

His parents are also settling in. They marvel at the lack of traffic jams, the quiet neighbourhood and the openness with which they've been welcomed.

"When we're out walking people ask us 'how are you making out?'" said Michelle.

"And it's not just church people," said Julian. "People are very warm and friendly."

The parish held a community pot luck for the family in May where they met, not only parishioners, but many others as well.

"The invitation was made out to the entire town," said Julian.

Michelle and Julian are finding the food interesting, not for the taste differences so much as the prices. Meat is much cheaper here, and the quantity of food served in restaurants is gigantic compared to home.

And Michelle discovered a restaurant practice that makes her very happy — free refills on coffee, unlike most restaurants in South Africa.

Right now Julian is driving on an international licence, but soon both will have to take a test to be able to drive in New Brunswick. And they'll need to buy a car. In the meantime, parish people have been generous in getting them around.

So far in the parish, Julian has



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

The Rev. Julian and Michelle Pillay were looking for a new place to do ministry, and found it in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, though they weren't even considering Canada until Julian was led to contact Bishop David Edwards. Julian's Celebration of New Ministry Service will take place Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. at Christ Church in St. Stephen.

noted several differences from life in South Africa.

"People are more independent here," he said. "They can get around and do more. I've found people are very involved in charities and community things. Everybody belongs to a community organization. The investment in other people is big."

Julian is already full of ideas for renewing the parish. He wants to build a strategy for drawing in families and children. In South Africa, he was deeply involved in a Christian charity called Shepherd's Heart — intervening in the lives of young people through everything from mentoring, teaching skills, playing sports, organizing events and feeding them. A typical movie night would draw 200-300 kids. He'd like to put that experience to work here.

But he's thinking in another direction as well. He met David Ganong, chair of the board of Ganong Brothers, at a funeral

and the two had a chat. The company employs a lot of temporary foreign workers, many from Eastern Europe, and Julian sees a potential ministry there.

"They're coming to a new country, and we know exactly what that's like," he said, adding they might need drives, meals, hospitality and friendship — all things a parish can provide.

They're happy with how things are progressing in the parish. The Wednesday morning service has exploded from seven to 21 people. Julian has visited the hospital and nursing homes. And he is seeing a lot of potential in his congregations.

"There's a wealth of experience in the congregation and I'd like to tap into that," he said.

"I think we can build up a nice little team. I like working as a team. It allows us to do more and accomplish more."

Derwin is encouraged by the new energy he's seeing in the parish. After the parish picnic

in late June, Julian called for volunteers to help build up the Sunday School and Derwin found himself involved.

"We haven't had a real Sunday School in awhile," he said. "Right now we have more volunteers than we do young people."

But he's confident, using a recent presentation by Kara Thompson Mejia as his example of faith. She said when she and her husband, Nelson, decided to build a church in Coxon Hole, Honduras to seat 200, they had about a dozen people attending church in a field. Now they get about 120 at a service.

"We feel like we're back in business again. We talked at our [recent] meeting about having a Christmas pageant again," he said. "We're pretty hopeful."

"You could call it a leap of faith on our part. After the interview, I said, 'if you're willing to take us on, we're willing to take you on.' All sides have an interest in making this work."

RETIRE D CLERGY TEA

ANNUAL RETIRE D CLERGY *Tea*



Row 1: Bishop David Edwards and retired Bishop Bill Hockin.

Row 2: Wally Corey, Jackie Spencer, Tom Smith.

Row 3: Joan Pain, Judy Gregg, Bob Smith, Isabelle Hockin.

Row 4: Carol Glencross, Lynne Corey, Pat Crowther, Art Gregg.



BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Some came from across the city, others came from across the province, but about 30 retired clergy and spouses gathered for the annual retired clergy tea at Bishop's Court in downtown Fredericton May 16.

The best guess is this year's was the 18th annual event. Retired Bishop Bill Hockin began the gathering, he believes, in 2000 or 2001.

"The first time, Canon Basil Buckland came and stood there in the entryway and welcomed everyone," said Bill. "I think he

was lonely and just so happy to see everyone."

These days, Bill and his wife, Isabelle, rarely miss a year.

"I just love seeing my fellow retired clergy," he said. "They're wonderful people. We look forward to it."

The afternoon is filled with hugs, conversations, food and the tradition of dry and sweet sherry served by the bishop.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Bob Smith came up from Saint John and spent time reminiscing with retired Bishop George Lemmon.

"We were ordained together," said George.

The Rev. Gordon and Bell Thompson drove from Grand Bay-Westfield. This is only their second time attending.

"Last year was the first time and we really enjoyed it," he said. "We spent the winter in Florida so we were away from everyone."

The Rev. Bruce and Carol Glencross travelled from Kent County, where Bruce is honorary assistant in Brown's Yard in the Parish of Kent. Bruce spent most of his years serving in the Diocese of Quebec, so the retired clergy tea is a good way to meet fellow clergy in the diocese in which he now lives.

"It's important to get together with other clergy," said Carol. "It's a real privilege to have time with them."

After the recent Clergy Spouses' Retreat, Carol realized how important it is to spend time together — both for clergy and for spouses — because this is not your typical career, she said.

Jackie Spencer and Pat Crowther spent much of the time deep in conversation — two old friends, who, years ago, lived in the neighbouring parishes of Canterbury and Richmond Corner while their husbands served.

"We've come every year since they've had this," said Pat. "We come from Salmon Beach, near Bathurst, and wouldn't miss it. We've got to know so many, and it's always so lovely and friendly and relaxed."

"We come to see everybody, of course," said Jackie. "We know most of the people here."

She does confess, however, to a bit of a surprise.

"It's amazing, but the retiring clergy look younger every year!"

The Diocese of Fredericton continues Bill Hockin's tradition, with the staff pitching in to plan, prepare and clean up.



1. Spencer Belyea directs the choristers during the Thursday evening, July 12 performance.
2. Kevin Parks directs during rehearsal on July 12
3. Merrik Tower stands ready with the banner to lead the procession.
4. Olivia Lipton; 5. Merrik Tower; 6. Erin Nordstrom
7. Joel Robertson on clarinet and Chris Hayes on saxophone during rehearsal.
8. Joel Robertson, James Snelgrove and Spencer Belyea sing during rehearsal.

A visit to Diocesan Choir School

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

During the week of Diocesan Choir School each July, Thursday is a busy day. The group has a long, onsite rehearsal, it's T-shirt reveal day, and it's also a performance day. The New Brunswick Anglican dropped by on Thursday, July 12, to visit.

The walk from Rothesay Netherwood School to St. Paul's Anglican Church completed, 24 choristers mingled as their leaders sorted out the seating arrangements. They and their adult leaders all had to fit in the choir stalls, each in their group of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Once that was sorted out, the rehearsal began.

Even though the pieces were halted many times to clarify points and make small changes, this group was making beautiful music. And in about three hours, the church would be full of people, all wanting to hear those voices.

The Thursday night performance with

the children is really a warm-up for the finale on Sunday, held at Trinity Anglican in uptown Saint John. By then, the adult choristers will have joined them, growing the choir to about 80.

Despite busy schedules and the many distractions that occupy the lives of children these days, Diocesan Choir School is in its 61st year. Many of the same children and adults return, and many child choristers become adult choristers as the years go on. Relationships made at choir school tend to last, renewed each summer for one week.

One of the most amazing aspects of choir school is that complex musical pieces are learned, improved upon and sung wonderfully after just a few days. The choristers say it's because of the patient, gifted leadership. The leadership say it's the willingness and interest of the kids.

This particular Thursday was a special one for adult clinician, music educator and composer David Buley. He and his

wife, Jan, entered and won last year's choir school hymn writing contest, and during the rehearsal, he was eager to hear "Sing Unto God With Gratitude" to the tune of *Glistening Graces*.

"I hadn't heard it sung before," he said. "It was wonderful."

While it's been difficult to increase numbers these past few years, the Rev. Chris Hayes, choir school administrative director, was pleased to welcome eight new kids this year, describing it as "a very hopeful number."

"One-third of the choir is new," he said. "Singing four-part harmony is different for most. It's outside their comfort zone. But their attentiveness is both gratifying and encouraging."

"One thing that impresses, shocks and elates me is the music directors do not pick entry-level music. It's the music directors' ability to teach and the kids' ability to learn. It's those raw gifts within them."

"The choir school mission is to en-

hance the gift of sacred choral singing in the Anglican tradition. You see it in those few days — the gifts are there," he said.

This year's music directors were Spencer Belyea and Kevin Parks, accompanied by Nhat-Viet "Toto" Phi and Hannah Duffett.

The Thursday evening pizza supper in

the hall was more than just about eating. This time slot is also the annual unveiling of the choir school T-shirt, a most anticipated event having everything to do with its colour. During the meal, a rogue group stood and announced the colour this year was brown.

That led to cheers and groans, and then the realization that this group was

"When the music ends, hold the moment. The music doesn't start at the first note and end with the last note. Take a moment to appreciate what's just happened. Watch the director for cues. Don't shuffle your feet, don't turn the page. Don't sit down. Don't look around. Just hold the moment." Music director Kevin Parks

not authorized to reveal such an important secret. Accusations of "fake news" were heard.

"The best kept secret in all of Christendom is the colour of the choir school T-shirt," said Chris. "Only three people know."

A few minutes later, the true colour was revealed — hot pink. The newly handed out T-shirts always become the uniform for the Thursday evening concert.

Olivia Lipton, 17, is in her seventh year at choir school and her second as a counsellor. She is from Riverview.

"I have a lot of fun and it's a really big part of my childhood," she said. "It's like a big family and I love it."

Merrik Tower, 13, especially loves the vibe at choir school.

"No one has a mean streak at all," he said. "People are nice. You make friends. Honestly, it's a great time. I enjoy the whole experience."

This is his second year and Merrik, who lives in Sackville, plans to return

next July.

Erin Nordstrom, 13 is from the Parish of Portland. This is her third year and she counts it as great experience.

"I have a passion for music," she said. "I don't find it hard. I absolutely enjoy the music they choose and the way of conducting."

At the evening concert, Cindy Derksen, an adult chorister from the Parish of Richmond Corner, couldn't wait to begin the adult part of choir school the next day.

"I'm in my eighth year," she said. "I always feel like I'm out of my league, but I look forward to it and I love it."

"When we filed into Trinity Church that first year, there were about 100 in the choir. The first hymn was something like Praise My Soul and I couldn't even sing. I was too overcome. It was like, 'we did this!'"

The Trinity finale concert on Sunday featured David Buley's hymn, which he conducted. It was the wrap-up for the 2018 Diocesan Choir School.

Next year will be a bit different, as Chris announced his retirement after 15 years in the position of administrative director.

"It's a decision I've struggled with, but one that God ultimately showed me was the right one, as I believe [my] parish will be more active and in need of more of my energy in the future," he said.

This year choristers and leaders attended from Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario and New Brunswick.

Diocesan Choir School has many generous supporters: the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, ACW (diocesan and parish chapters), Wiggins Home, Crake Foundation, Segelberg Foundation, Jean Taylor Fund, New Brunswick Children's Foundation, Hall Bursary Fund, St. Paul's Rothesay New Endowment Fund, parishes and churches represented by the choristers and staff, and the Fulford Trust of the Anglican Foundation.

INNER CITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Lunch Connection feeds the neighbourhood

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

"Would you like a sandwich? It's ham and cheese today," says Erin Hodge.

Twice a week, Inner City Youth Ministry's Lunch Connection – Summer Edition, with Erin and several helpers, sets up a couple of tent shelters on a rectangle of asphalt in the lower south end of Saint John. Add some lawn chairs and you've got a lunch gathering happening every Tuesday and Friday.

Dozens of people come and go. Kids play with bubbles, books and sidewalk chalk. Many are here with their grandparents.

Some people get a sandwich, granola bar, fruit and a drink and leave immediately. Others stay and have lunch with their neighbours, happy to have a social time.

Today's sandwiches are garnished with lettuce grown in raised boxes on the edge of the asphalt, tended by a helpful neighbour named Karen. All 64 sandwiches will likely be gone soon. Word has gotten around.

This is a mission feeding a neighbourhood.

"Last summer we averaged about 45 sandwiches each day," says Erin, who runs ICYM. "This year we're sitting at 70. We see the same faces often."

"We get all ages, as you can see. We get a lot of seniors, neighbours. We've got a good mix. It's great to have an intergenerational thing going on."

There is more than lunch going on, though. This is also where community resources can be found — a community health nurse, for one. The Chandras — Revs. Jasmine and Terence — also make connections here as part of their Central Saint John Community Ministry.

"It's basically a connection point in the neighbourhood," says Erin.

It takes a long list of partners to pull this off, and Inner City Youth Ministry has a lot of them — PULSE (People United in the Lower South End), Waterloo Village Neighbourhood Association and Horizon Health. The Port of Saint John contributes. The Saint John Public Library sends a couple of staff and a wagon full of books and activities for the kids. Others are simply engaged volunteers, both from nearby churches and within the neighbourhood.

This summer, ICYM, run with funding from the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, the Parishes of St. John (Trinity) and St. Mark (Stone) and other generous donors, is picking up where it left off last summer with an expanded program.

Not only are they providing lunch again this year, they're also handing out backpacks to kids aged 3-8 each Friday. The backpacks contain a recipe and all the food required to make it; a story book; snacks for kids; and community



Clockwise from top left: YMCA's Early Learning Centre staff Elise Jarvis and Alice McGovern, with Ivy, Faith, Avah and Chanel and their backpacks. Karen Sinton tends the lettuce in her neighbourhood. Kaylon, 7, enjoys a snack and some playtime. Erin Hodge checks a recipe before adding it to a backpack. ICYM's location in the lower south end. Many people in the neighbourhood enjoy lunch twice a week in this spot.



resources.

The backpack program is funded by a grant from the Saint John Community Foundation. The kids return the backpacks on Tuesdays and pick them up, refilled, again on Fridays. The program began the first Tuesday after school was out, and will end the last Friday before school begins.

All this effort stems from ICYM's regular Lunch Connection program. During the school year, ICYM provides lunch to three schools a week. One of those schools, St. John the Baptist-King Edward, is across the street from the asphalt plot, and volunteers, led by Erin, use the school's community kitchen to make the sandwiches.

But the entire program has more than food in mind. It's a huge effort to help families engage together. The recipes in the backpack are basic and require little more than a pot and a knife. The recipes are kid-friendly with illustrated instructions.

"It's done in a way so kids can cook as well," says Erin. "And we encourage people to add ingredients on their own, like salsa."

So far they've done tuna casserole, corn chowder, salmon fried rice and

ranch pasta corn salad.

"Any time the kids bring their backpack back on time, or if they send a photo of the food they made, they get their name in a draw," says Erin, adding that one family went camping with their backpack and shared photos, not only of the trip, but of the meal they made.

Erin prepares the menus with simplicity in mind. She does a lot of planning, ordering and shopping. When that's complete, Erin, Penny from Waterloo Village Neighbourhood Association and Heather from Horizon Health pack them for distribution. It's been a busy summer for this little team.

"The program takes up a lot of time," she says. "It's the most work-intensive program besides camp."

(ICYM takes children from Saint John to Camp Brookwood each summer.)

The children's books are another treasure in the backpacks. They, too, have been chosen carefully, most with a food theme and at a reading level that children and parents can enjoy.

The books are to keep, and come with a laminated activity sheet that poses questions and suggests activities

after reading the story. It's another way to keep families engaged.

"It encourages reading together," says Erin.

"It's almost like Christmas when the kids get their backpacks — to see what they can make. They're saying 'we get our backpacks today,'" says Barb Perry, a neighbourhood volunteer who often brings children to the Lunch Connection.

There are 39 kids registered for the backpack program, 14 of whom attend the YMCA's Early Learning Centre across the street.

At the end of the summer, the backpacks will go home for the last time, filled with whatever families need — food, snacks or even school supplies.

The backpack program has been a popular success, but Erin is unsure about its future.

"Next year, we won't be able to apply for the same grant, so sustainability is a question," she says.

By 12:30, the 64 sandwiches are gone, so the plan is to make 72 sandwiches the following Tuesday — with lettuce grown onsite, of course. The need is great, but thankfully, there are many hands ready to meet that need.

CLERGY SPOUSES' RETREAT



MICHELLE PILLAY PHOTOS

LEFT: Most of the participants were available for the final group photo.
ABOVE: Participants' art on display.

Introduction to water colours at Clergy Spouses' Retreat

BY NOELINE ALSTON

About 35 clergy spouses braved river flooding to meet at Villa Madonna Retreat Centre in Rothesay for the annual retreat May 8-10.

As a relatively new clergy spouse of two years' experience versus the decades of most other participants, I benefited from listening to my more experienced and sage counterparts.

Music framed our time together, Charlene Routledge and her guitar leading us in an array of hymns she had gleaned especially for the retreat, and ably assisted by Valda McMullen, also with her guitar.

Bishop David Edwards opened the retreat with Eucharist in the chapel at 4 p.m., setting the tone for the following

two days, along with the first session conducted by our feature presenter, watercolour artist Ann Balch, assisted by husband Stan Balch. That evening was then capped by a party, with wine, cheese, and fine deli meats generously provided and served by Bishop David and Janet Edwards.

Ann, a parishioner at St. George's Anglican Church, Moncton, and well-known in the New Brunswick artistic community, was scheduled for four sessions over the two days to introduce us to watercolour painting. However, four became five when Ann volunteered her free time on Wednesday afternoon for those who wished to carry on painting.

Such was the persuasiveness of her enthusiastic and personal interest in each of our efforts. Even I, an inept

painter who had planned to rest and walk that afternoon, found myself turning up to persevere with trying to transform my sunset into something looking more like a sunset than a volcanic eruption. Not only that, but, for those who wished, after our Wednesday evening painting session, Ann and Stan framed their efforts over Wednesday night for display.

With participants' work on display the next morning, Ann introduced her final session, a talk and slide show on Christian art. Practical suggestions for painters included starting small, painting moments shown by God, and always keeping a small sketchbook handy.

She then presented a slide show of Christian art and artists (including one

of the clergy spouses in attendance, Ruth Coleman). Among other work, we saw slides of Michael Khoury's Agnus Dei, comprising impressions of the stained glass in Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton; and, much farther afield, paintings in Jerusalem's Museum of Psalms.

Finally, Ann encouraged us to search the internet to view the many other artists exploring their faith through their work.

The Clergy Spouses Retreat is made possible through funding from Bishop David Edwards, the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton and the Anglican Foundation.

Noeline Alston is married to the Rev. David Alston and worships at St. Philip's, Moncton.



LAYREADER TRAINING

BELOW: On Saturday June 2, 12 layreaders from around the Diocese spent the day with Rev. Thomas Nesbitt at St. Andrew's church hall in Miramichi. Rev. Nesbitt provided a wonderful overview of spiritual disciplines & practices as part of the Layreader Training Program.

ABOVE: On May 12, 46 layreaders from around the Diocese spent the day with Bishop David Edwards at Stone Church, Saint John, where he presented Leadership Foundations. It was challenging and invigorating — the doves kept the eagles and peacocks focused while the owls remained ever steady! Doves, eagles, peacocks and owls are types of personalities.



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COMMENTARY

A view of Saint John “from away”

BY COLE HARTIN

As my family and I eagerly await our impending move to Saint John, ready to begin the next stage of our life and ministry in the city, I thought it might be edifying (or at least fun) to offer something of our picture of the city “from away,” before we begin the slow process of acculturation in “the greatest little city in the east.”

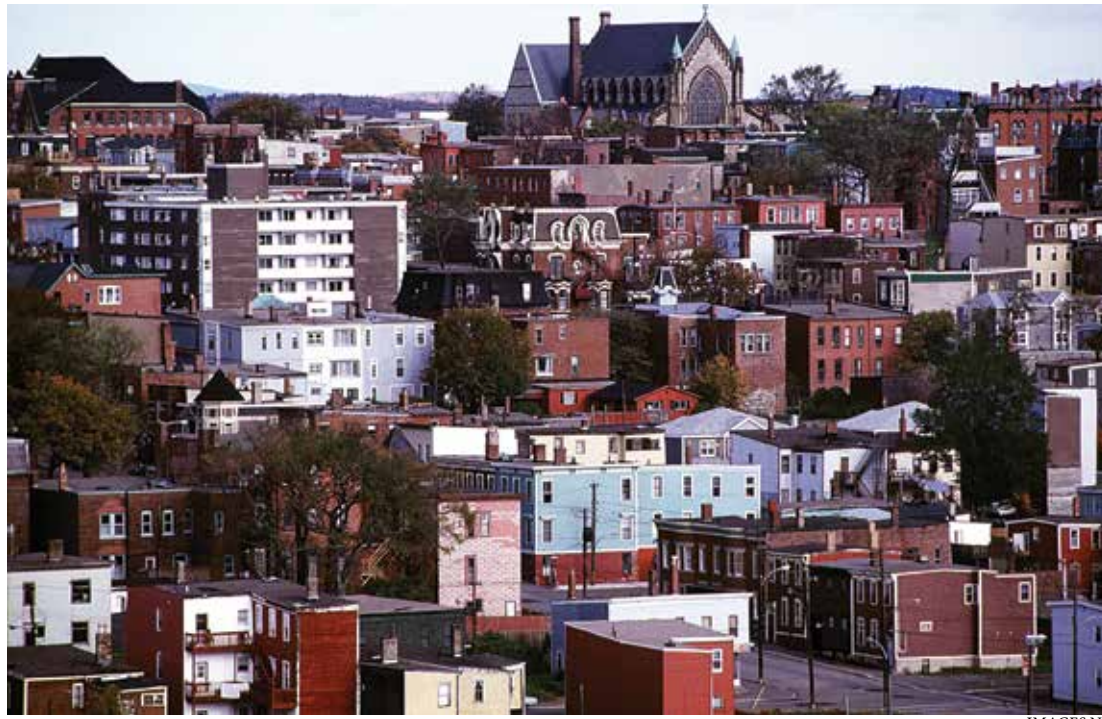
It can be powerful to have an outsider’s perspective on something that is so familiar, so here is my take on Saint John:

Driving through the city, both my wife and I could not help but be struck by the beauty of the place: rugged rocks, steep hills, trees all around and – best of all – no matter where you are, you are surrounded by water, whether it is pulsing ocean waves or roughly flowing rivers.

Despite some inclement weather, Saint John is situated in a gorgeous landscape. But the beauty doesn’t stop here.

After a drive through the city, my neck was sore from the many jerks back and forth as I craned to see elaborate architecture everywhere; the city’s appeal extends to the deep history and sense of place that’s everywhere evident.

And perhaps most striking, this beauty and history weren’t



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The Rev. Cole Hartin is happy to be able to say hello to people without them looking at him with suspicion. Such is life in Saint John, he is finding.

the possession of a rich few in gated neighbourhoods.

It was easy to see folks across social bounds enjoying beautiful homes (even if a few needed a fresh coat of paint) and a sense of pride in their great past.

There was some grit to the city, too, though; surely this is a good thing. Saint John has that post-industrial feel that juxtaposes intriguingly with its natural beauty; smoke stacks and factories share a skyline with beautiful church steeples

and historic uptown brick buildings — all surrounded by hill country.

This mixture of old and new, corporate over-extension and quiet preservation of Victorian charm, reminds me of a nice pair of leather shoes.

The wearing effect of time brings out a patina, that, far from an imperfection, only adds allure to the already fine craftsmanship. Saint John has this same allure.

Coming from Toronto, I noticed these things. I am happy

to trade cramped subway rides and hundreds of places to pay \$5 for a coffee for the weathered character of the Port City (though, there are a few places I can still pay \$5 for a coffee).

Oh, I haven’t even mentioned the people yet. I will have to acclimate myself to saying “hello” to passersby once again.

Everyone seems genuinely friendly, less spooked by a wave from a stranger.

The last time I said “hi” to a fellow commuter in Toronto,

they looked at me aghast and carried on, not wanting to encourage my enthusiasm with eye contact. (What was I thinking, anyways?)

I noticed that conversation takes a different course in Saint John, where I heard more about moose crossings and infestation of deer than I did complaints about unaffordable housing and random acts of violence.

All of this is to say my family and I are looking forward to moving to Saint John; it’s where we want to be.

And we are excited about the church in the city, in a broad sense yes, but about our Anglican branch specifically.

We are looking forward to serving the city’s poor, perhaps overshadowed by those in bigger cities that can draw more media presence.

And we are excited to reach out to the creative class — young folks who are seeing beauty in the old and bringing fresh, innovative ideas uptown.

Certainly not least, we are excited about serving Anglicans — families and singles — who have been faithfully serving our Lord in Saint John for generations.

We’ll see you soon.

Cole Hartin was ordained a deacon in June, and is the assistant curate in the Parish of Portland.



CONFIRMATIONS



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ABOVE: Sunday, June 24, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Florenceville (Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen), four children were confirmed. It was also Harold Boomer’s last day with us as a postulant from the Parish of Woodstock. The confirmands’ names are Charlie McLean, Caylen McLean, Kami McLean and Alana Trevors. The photo also shows Bishop David Edwards, the Rev. Bob LeBlanc (kneeling) and Harold at extreme left. ABOVE RIGHT: On Sunday, April 29, Bishop David Edwards confirmed seven new members at St. John’s Anglican Church in the Parish of Oromocto and Manguerville. From left: Kade Kirkbride, Kael Kirkbride, Ellen Reid, François Vautour, Judy Lynn Sorrie, Shane Jarrett and Megan Lee Goodine.

YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL

ONE conference sees kids choose Christ

BY JASON SMITH

On May 11 and 12, more than 50 Anglicans from four parishes joined 2,300 other youth and leaders at the first annual ONE conference in Moncton.

ONE is an inter-denominational youth conference for youth and leaders to get together and worship, unite and live under ONE God.

The ONE conference was a combination of two previous youth conferences, one from the Baptist Conference called Springforth and the Wesleyan Rally in the Valley. Both served youth and leaders for decades and often the same youth attended both.

The leaders of the two groups decided to join forces for “a regional event that inspires and equips students to unite as one body, under one God, for one mission.” And ONE was born!

The conference was held at the Moncton Coliseum. It was amazing to see 2,300 youth and leaders gather together. Friday night included the band Mosaic MSC, Harris the III (illusionist) and first keynote speaker Clayton King, an evangelist from South Carolina.

Clayton was an amazing speaker and showed us how we can have a relationship with God. At the end, he had everyone close their eyes and he prayed and invited anyone who hadn't accepted Jesus before that night to stand up and accept him, and over 1,000 youth did. It was an amazing experience.

St. George's Anglican was a big help. They allowed the Anglican groups to spend the night on their church floor and provided us with a great breakfast.

It was a short sleep as Saturday was a fun-filled, packed day that included keynotes Danielle Strickland from the Salvation Army, talking about how the Holy Spirit fills you and how you can be used by God; and Jason Ballard from Youth Alpha discussing how you can serve in your schools and communities.

Workshops for high school students and their leaders took place at Crandall University while middle schoolers and their leaders stayed at the Coli-



seum. Saturday afternoon was open free time which included a large Activity Zone with bouncy castles of all shapes and sizes, bungee jump, rock climbing, archery tag, laser tag, and so much more.

Some groups signed up for one of the trampoline parks in Moncton. It was great for both youth and leaders.

During lunch, John Galbraith and the YIG team organized a barbecue in the parking lot. A big thanks goes to John. This was a great plan — as you can imagine 2,300 others trying to find lunch at the same time.

If I could sum up the ONE conference in one word it would be inspiring. I led the Nerepis and St. John parish who took 18 youth and leaders and it was amazing seeing the youth engage and immerse themselves in the conference.

We had a mix of middle and high school students, and the conversations that arose from the conference were meaningful and worthwhile.

The majority of the Nerepis and St. John youth enjoyed Clayton King's keynote the best. He had some very well-illustrated, memorable stories.

One of the coolest aspects of the conference was that each participant received a Fitbit-type wristband that lit up in multiple colors during the gatherings. It was often synced to the music or one's movement during the large group gatherings.

Overall, the conference was amazing and organizers have decided to continue with ONE 2019! I hope more parishes participate.

Even though it is a youth event, the leaders take part and get something out of it as well. You will be hearing about ONE 2019 from the YIG team in the coming months.

Jason Smith is the chair of YIG — the Youth & Intergenerational Ministries team.



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TOP: Listening to the speakers at the ONE conference.

MIDDLE: Part of the Activity Zone with lots of fun for everyone.

ABOVE: The group from The Rez church in Grand Bay-Westfield (Parish of Nerepis and St. John) at ONE.

RIGHT: One of the light watches each participant received. This one is on Jason Smith's wrist.



PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Provincial Synod meets in Halifax

The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada met at the University of King's College in Halifax from June 8-10.

The Synod brings together the bishops, lay, clergy and youth delegates from the seven dioceses in Eastern Canada (from St. John's to Montreal).

They met with the theme "Leadership for Mission." Over the two days of meetings, there were four presentations on Leadership in God's Mission: Archbishop Cutler (Metropolitan of the Province of Canada), Archbishop Fred Hiltz (Primate ACoC), the Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully (Director of Faith, Worship and Ministry ACoC), and Mr. Zack Ingles (Fresh Expressions Canada).

Each presentation was followed by an opportunity for members of the Synod to engage in conversation about the topic.

The Synod received reports from each of the dioceses about what they are doing or planning to do to prepare leaders in God's mission.

There was also a presentation and discussion about the proposed change to General Synod Canon 21 (on marriage).

In 2016, the General Synod gave

first passage to an amendment to the Canon, in order to permit the marriage of same sex couples in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The amendment will return to General Synod for the required second debate in 2019.

In the meantime it was referred to each Provincial and Diocesan Synod "for consideration."

The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesan and the Rev. Paul Jennings spoke of their participation in the work of the Commission on the Marriage Canon and some of the details of the Commission's report.

Two members of the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island were elected to the Provincial Executive. Rev. Trevor Lightfoot is now the Prolocutor for the Province and Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury is the Clerical Secretary.

In the final session of the Synod, two resolutions were passed which reflected the role of the Province in leadership for mission.

The first removed the obligation for the Synod to meet in every third year.

The Synod would meet if called upon to do so by a certain number of



PAUL SHERWOOD PHOTO

Installation of incoming Provincial Synod members for the Province of Canada. From left: treasurer Peter Irish (Diocese of Fredericton); deputy prolocutor Margaret Jenniex; prolocutor Reverend Trevor Lightfoot; clerical secretary Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury; lay secretary Susan Winn; and Metropolitan Ron Cutler. A prolocutor is a chairman of some ecclesiastical assemblies in Anglicanism.

bishops and delegates. (This is a constitutional change and will need to be passed again in order to take effect).

The second resolution stipulates that the Synod would meet by electronic means unless an "in person" meeting is requested by one third of the elected members of the Synod. In approving the three-year budget, the ministry line was removed.

This recognizes that ministry and mission are best undertaken at the local (diocesan and parish) or national level.

The decision reduces the diocesan apportionment to the Province, leaving more money with the dioceses.

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

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

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Submitted by Archbishop Ron Cutler



LINDA SMITH PHOTO

HAPPENINGS IN WOODSTOCK



ABOVE: A confirmation service for Dalton Griffith was held June 3 at St. Luke's, Woodstock, followed by a potluck lunch. The day's events also included a walk from St. Luke's to Christ Church as part of Bishop David Edwards' annual pilgrimage.

LEFT: St. Luke's Sunday school closing, in the Parish of Woodstock, took place June 3. The children made kites and flew them on the lawn outside the church.

PARISH OF BRIGHT



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PARISH EVENTS IN BRIGHT

Archdeacon John Sharpe says a prayer on Fathers' Day over the special Fathers' Day table at All Saints' Church, Keswick Ridge, Parish of Bright. On both Fathers' and Mothers' Day, members bring pictures of their fathers and mothers to church for the service.

All Saints' Women of Worship (WOW) chose to visit Minister's Island in St. Andrews for their final meeting before taking a summer break. What a beautiful day, and people were impressed with all the recent improvements. The staff were very well informed and made a wonderful day even more enjoyable.



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In partnership with the Fredericton Community Kitchens, the WOW group from All Saints Church, Parish of Bright, bagged non-perishable food items in donation bags at the Nashwaaksis Atlantic SuperStore for their customers to purchase at the checkout and put in the Fredericton Community Kitchen donation box. The task was previously done by the staff, so our helping has freed them up for some of their many daily tasks. Many hands make light work and a joyful heart! From left: Violet McLaughlin, Sharon McKeen, Lois Poore, Linda Reid, Crystal Gilmore, Helen Travers, and Mavis Jones.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Meet your Diocesan Council members

DC members were asked to answer the following questions: What is your background and/ or career, and how has that prepared you for your work on DC? Why did you decide to become involved with DC? Who is Jesus to you? What is your hope for the diocese?

The Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid

My background was working for Red Cross - training and teaching, emergency response, team work. As to how it helps with DC, I am not sure as I am still discerning my role on DC.

I am not one who enjoys attending meetings so being on DC was not my first choice. Our deanery had not elected someone by the time we went to this past Diocesan Synod.

As we were sitting there, I

felt within that I was to put my name forward as a possibility. I knew this was not my own thought.

I had a parishioner pray as well to see if this was God's direction. I then submitted my name. I am grateful to be on this team as there is much I can learn and it helps to see the bigger picture of the actions of the Diocese.

I serve in the Parish of St George.

Jesus is my life; the best we could ever have! I continuously seek Jesus in all I do, wanting Him to be the centre, although I fall short. My passion is for all to come to know Him and draw closer to who He really is. Without Him, we have nothing!

My hope for the Diocese is to be a true light of the love of Christ — to lay down our wants and ways and to seek His; learning how to better

share His love with one another; help the hurting by being with them, rather than trying to get them to come to us.

There are a lot of hurting people all around us. In many ways this already happens, but there is so much more room to grow.

The Rev. Canon David Barrett

I served two terms on Diocesan Council a number of years ago. When I became an archdeacon I once again served on council for 10 years.

I am now in my second term as clergy rep for the Archdeaconry of Saint John. I have served in parish ministry for over 30 years and have served on many diocesan committees over the years and on a number of other boards as well.

I enjoy being involved in the life of the diocese and feel



DAVID PEER PHOTO

The Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid and the Rev. Canon David Barrett at a recent Diocesan Council meeting held at Camp Brookwood.

my years of experience have given me something to offer. I worship in the Parish of Portland (St. Luke's Church) where I am part-time interim priest-in-charge. It is a joy to serve there.

Jesus is my Lord and Saviour. As a sinner in constant need of forgiveness, I desperately need a Saviour who can forgive my sins.

My hope is that we can see some real growth in our diocese. Through the generosity of Dorothy Wilkes, we have

been given the opportunity to have new ministry initiatives through which we can reach more people.

We live in a society that largely sees no need for God. The Church is more and more doing social work, helping the needy in many different ways.

Yet we all know that money is scarce, and I hope that people will become more generous in their giving — we need more resources to do the work God has called us to do.

From TEC to OPEC — Encountering Christ has no age limits

BY MARIE NAGEL

The Teens Encounter Christ weekend happens each year on the long weekend in May at Camp Medley.

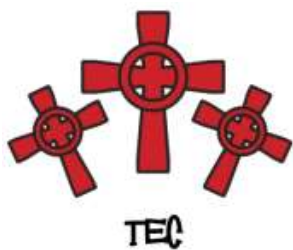
So what exactly is the Teens Encounter Christ weekend all about? At first glance one would believe it is a place for young people age 15-21 (candidates) to come together — away from all the daily distractions — to explore what Jesus is all about.

It's an opportunity to walk through the Easter story, experiencing each part and how that applies to them today. It's a time set apart to explore the Holy Spirit. It's an opportunity to ask questions, search and discover their faith.

There are guest speakers who speak on designated topics with passion, laughter, some tears, but mostly in a way that is powerful and meaningful to everyone because it's their story of encountering Jesus.

It's a way to share life in hard places and recognize what Jesus has done for them, to bring them to this place and time.

Most of these speakers are



Teens Encounter Christ

former TEC candidates. They choose to come back each year and work for the weekend, wanting new candidates to experience three days which have the potential to change their lives.

Yet TEC is more than what we can read about in a brochure or article in the paper. TEC is made up of eight teams who work together with the candidates and in the background to ensure there are opportunities to encounter Christ.

The Kitchen team is tasked with planning, preparing, cooking and serving three meals a day — not once but twice! Once to the candidates and once to the backup teams.

There is also a special three course meal prepared for one of the dinners — reminding us of how much God loves us and our opportunity to serve others in that love.

The Shop team is tasked with setting up Camp Medley's common areas for conference and meals — every part of setting up, cleaning up, keeping clean and tearing down during the weekend is carried out by this team.

The Wheat team is tasked with decorating, organizing and distributing gifts throughout the weekend. The gifts are in the form of notes, tokens and treats.

Team members draw names prior to the weekend to be a Guardian Angel to another team member or candidate. Of course there are lots of encouraging, funny, silly and thoughtful ways to show someone they are thought of and cared for.

The Music team is tasked with leading everyone in praise and worship — gladly giving over to strained voices and sore fingers after three intense days of pouring out in praise.

The Conference team spends the most time with the new candidates. They sit with them through sessions, getting to know each person, facilitating conversations while drawing even the quietest individual into discussions about life and Jesus while making friendships that are meaning-

ful.

The Core team is tasked with the responsibility for the overall running of the weekend. There are two youth on this team who act as master of ceremonies during sessions. Their job is to excitedly engage everyone in what is happening and keep the schedule rolling in a timely matter.

The Spiritual team is mostly made up of clergy. They minister to the spiritual needs of everyone during the weekend, along with teaching time on scripture, the Holy Spirit, healing and reconciliation. They are in charge of chapel time and the Lord's supper for everyone.

The Intercessor team is tasked with prayer leading up to the TEC weekend and all throughout the three days. Prayer requests are made from the conference room and the intercessors pray over those requests. They are available for individual prayer throughout the weekend.

This is only a snapshot of a TEC weekend. What's harder to put into writing are the feelings. TEC during these three days has changed lives for candidates and for individuals on teams.

This weekend becomes a place where it's cool to stop living in the outside world of expectations and pressures, taking the time to just stop and look inside, perhaps seeing for the first time the person Jesus loves.

Most often individuals begin to discover the person God designed them to be. It is the beginning of something new and exciting. It can be the start of a faith journey towards a life of discovery, learning and growing in Christ and with others.

Many people have been involved with the TEC movement since its beginning 25 plus years ago. Why do they keep coming back? Because they know — they have experienced — the difference this weekend makes in the lives of young people.

They often refer to themselves as "OPEC" — old people encountering Christ. Encountering Christ is for anyone, any time, any place when we leave space for those encounters. You only have to say 'yes' to that call.

Marie Nagel worships at the Church of the Resurrection, Grand Bay-Westfield, and has been involved with TEC for five years.

CLERGY COLLEGE



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

CLERGY COLLEGE

Clergy College, held in Fredericton at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex, is an annual professional development opportunity for clergy. Here are some of the participants in a class given by Pastor L.D. Buckingham. Front row, from left: Kevin McAllister, L.D. Buckingham, Bob LeBlanc, Tom Stradwick. Back row: David Alston, Debbie Edmondson, Harold Boomer, Thomas Nisbett, Mary Anne Langmaid, Bonnie LeBlanc, Rod Black, Pat Drummond, Michael O'Hara.

250 years, 250 reasons to celebrate in Westmorland

On Sept. 28-30, the 250th anniversary of continuous Anglican ministry in the Counties of Westmorland, New Brunswick and Cumberland, Nova Scotia will be celebrated.

In 1768, Rev. John Eagleson was appointed to this ministry by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

His work over 32 years led to the establishment of three parishes in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia — the parishes of Westmorland, Amherst and Sackville.

Over the following 250 years, clergy and lay people have continued to sustain and build ministry in this area.

Parishioners are their heirs and they will be remembering and dedicating themselves to continue their work.

The anniversary weekend will begin with a special worship service on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church at Mount Whatley.

It will continue through Sat-

urday with historical displays, a picnic, a tour of Fort Beauséjour and a time of sharing history.

Each parish will be taking part in a special way.

The weekend will end on Sunday night with a special closing worship and dedication.

All are welcome to join in this significant time of celebrating and remembering.

For more information call Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand, priest-in-charge at the Parish of Westmorland, at 506-878-0452 or by email at lidvald@hotmail.com.

Nov. 8-10 — Vital Church Maritimes Conference in Truro, N.S.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: The Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT



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BOWLING SUCCESS!

On June 27 at All Saints Church, fellow Anglicans in Fredericton and Oromocto met to celebrate the successful bowling tournament with Bishop David Edwards and executives of the Fredericton Community Kitchens' Student Hunger Program.

We prayed together, we worshiped together, we were fed spiritually through the word and Sacrament and recognized the generosity of others that made possible the cheque presentation of \$11,188.36. The Student Hunger Program, run in 18 area schools, uplifts and supports hungry school children with lunches who would otherwise go without.

Child poverty in our province is very real and affects one in five children, which was why the tournament was expanded to include the Anglican Archdeacons of Kingston & the Kennebecasis and Moncton, which collectively raised \$25,000 to combat child hunger.

Throughout the five months of planning this year's tournament, we discovered that the need is very real and is not about to go away anytime soon, which is why we are planning on hosting a third annual bowling tournament slated for the spring of 2019. If your church would like to be part of this much-needed mission, contact the Rev. Kevin McAllister.

From left: Bishop David Edwards, Alan Atkins (board member, FCC Student Hunger Program), Stephen Hartley (vice president, FCC), Shawni Beaulieu (board member, FCC Student Hunger Program), Therese Murray (executive director, FCC) and the Rev. Kevin McAllister.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Elspeth Drinkell and her husband, David, entertain at the annual Farraline Place spring tea with stories and songs of their native UK. Each spring the ACW home for seniors in downtown Fredericton holds the event, and residents always look forward to it.

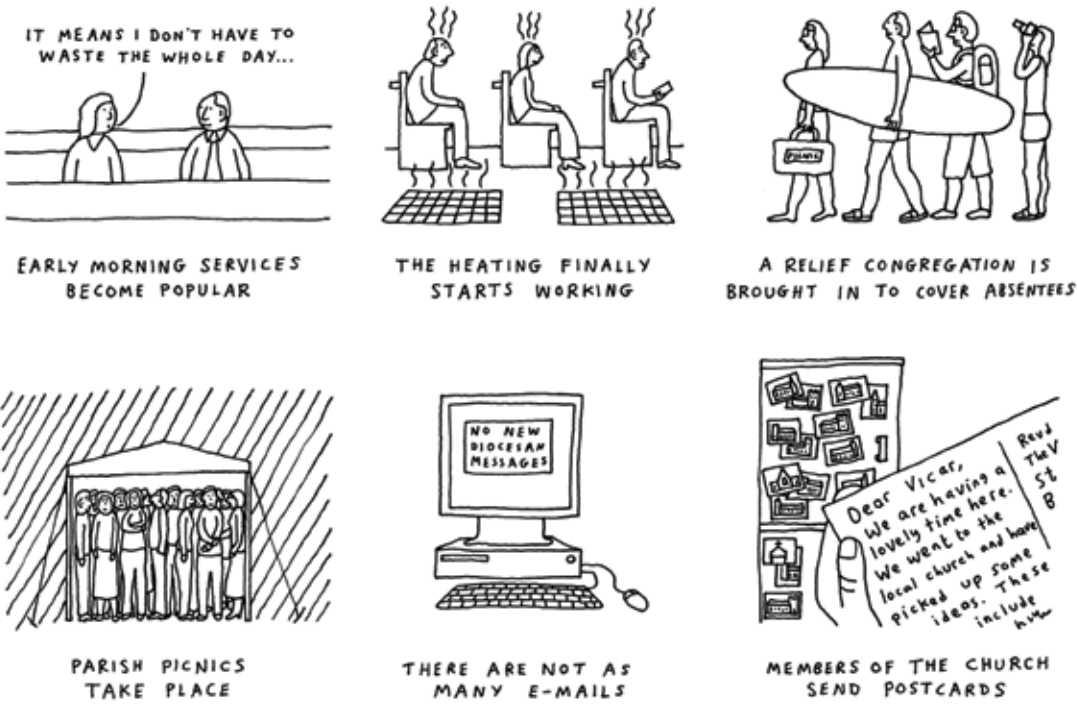


MARK RICKARD PHOTO

On July 1, Bishop David Edwards visited St. Peter's Church in Wickham to celebrate Canada Day. A barbecue after the service was popular. Here Pam McKay, Norma McCarthy and Gary McKay take care of the cooking.

Got a BELLS story to share? Send it in: gmcknight@diofton.ca

THE SUMMER



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Congregation enjoys Sistema Orchestra

BY LORRAINE STILES

On Wednesday evening, June 13, we at Trinity Church in Perth-Andover enjoyed a recital by the Sistema Orchestra (partial). We heard the following pieces:

- Suite no.1 in G major (J.S Bach)
- Variation on a Korean Folk Song
- Liebesled (Kreisler)
- Anda comigo ver os aviões (Os Azeitonas)
- Perfect/Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Ed Sheeran/Bach)
- Trio (Pleyel)
- Star Wars (John Williams)
- Mexican Overture (Medley of Mexican Folk songs)
- Violin Double Concerto in A minor (Antonio Vivaldi)

The centre's director, David Halpine, has been working with the young people for a number of years. They have played at our church twice now and we hope to have them again.

The cello players were Aaron Halpine and Tavin Pentz. Helper was Kelsey Cummings. On violin: Koda Wolfe, Tamara Wolfe, Rayah Pentz, Darian Bear, Jacob Halpine, Ethan Halpine, Hilary Bailey and Adara Hanley. Teaching Artists: Alexandra Pires Duro and Jaeyoung Chong.

If you would like information about Sistema NB, including its history, visit: <http://sistemanb.ca/mission-vision>

MUSIC COLUMN

New music for our diocese

When people are asked to think of fresh new Christian music, many immediately think of pop, rock, or perhaps praise & worship, or country-styled albums by current recording artists.

Sadly, choral, hymn, and liturgical composers are often forgotten. Yet, just like with all styles of music, there is new music coming out all the time across these genres, with both solid efforts and... uhhh... well... less solid efforts.

I am excited to talk this month about a hymn; not a full album, but a single hymn that was composed just this past year, and has a strong connection to our diocese.

It is lively, with a great modern text reflecting today's world, and can be sung in all kinds of settings, by all kinds of groups. Dear readers, here is "Sing Unto God!"

Last year, our Diocesan Choir School put on a hymn writing competition, which



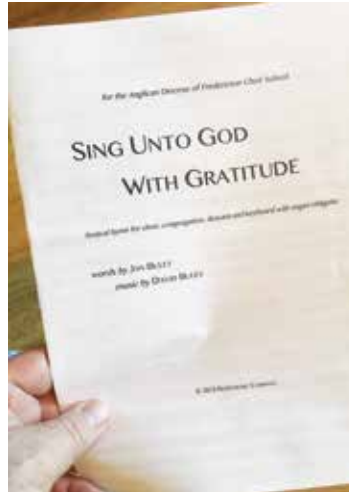
was open to anyone across Canada. This was part of Choir School's 60th anniversary celebrations.

The winning entry was offered by David and Jan Buley. David wrote the music; his wife, Jan, wrote the text.

"Sing Unto God" is about thankfulness, celebration, mindfulness, and care for the created world in which we live.

It is an energetic piece that can be sung by a small group with a piano, or huge choir and organ. There is an optional descant for sopranos if you're in a big choir.

The first verse of the hymn, "Sing unto God with gratitude / Sing with your soul and mind



/ Sing in the world with hopeful heart; with love for humankind" calls the singer (and the listener, too!) to invest your whole being into these words being sung.

After all, the whole world is caught up in this act, for the chorus calls the physical world to join in the praise of God: "O mountain, forest, ocean, tree, and river running wild / Come make with us a joyful noise, each woman, man, and child."



David Buley

Everything and everyone is a part of this!

David Buley has an extensive career in music, having worked for a long time with choirs of all makes and ages, and in teaching music.

He is currently the associate professor of music education at Memorial University in Newfoundland, and continues to work with choral sings and writers.

He has been the adult clini-

cian at choir school for the past two years. His wife, Jan, works with people and words — a teacher, poet, lyricist, and more!

Regardless of what your current music style is in your own church, this hymn could become a part of your regular worship. As part of the hymn competition, the winning hymn is allowed to be used anywhere in our diocese.

The sheet music, either for piano and singers, or for choir and organ, is available on upon request from choir school by either messaging the choir school's Facebook page ("Choir School 2018") or by contacting me (chris.hayes at anglican.nb.ca, or on Facebook).

"Sing unto God with jubilation!"

The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician as well as a priest serving in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock.

TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW



Heather Harris-Jones, synod treasurer

Favourite book of the Bible - John

Birthplace - Dalhousie, NB

What you love most about God - The serenity He provides

Favourite place on Earth - P.E.I. in the summer

Farthest you've been from home - England

Favourite meal or dessert - Cherry cheesecake

Biggest fear - My children's health and safety being compromised

Hidden talent - You tell me!

Favourite movie or book - *Oliver Twist*

Your hobby - Gardening

Three things always in your fridge - Milk, cheese and homemade jam

Favourite sports team - St. Louis Blues hockey team

Episcopal Announcements



The Rev. Sandy MacPherson will be made a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, effective Aug. 31, and is appointed arch-deacon of Chatham, effective Sept. 1, for a three-year term. The service of installation and collation will be scheduled for the fall.

The Rev. Canon Ed Coleman will serve as interim priest at the Parish of St. James the Apostle in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland effective Aug. 12 to Dec. 31, 2018.

Joshua McDorman has been appointed to a one-year term as financial and administrative assistant, replacing Nicole Chouinard, who is on maternity leave. We are pleased to welcome Joshua to our team.

A Celebration of New Ministry

for **the Rev. Julian Pillay**, to formally induct him into the parish of St. Stephen, will be held Sunday, Sept. 16 at Christ Church at 5 p.m.

The Rev. Joyce Perry resigned from active ministry with the Parish of Fredericton, as of June 30.

Jonathan Hallowell, of the Parish of Renforth; and **Robert Griffin**, of the Parish of Grand Manan, have been accepted as postulants in the diocese.

The Rev. James Appleton was appointed incumbent (priest-in-charge) in the Parish of Fredericton Junction, effective June 24.

The Rev. Cole Hartin was appointed deacon in the Parish of Portland, effective June 24.

The Rev. Robert Montgomery was appointed deacon in the Parish of Rothesay, effective June 24, and part-time chaplain of Rothesay Netherwood School for the next academic year.

The Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls resigned as rector of the Parishes of Sackville and Dorchester, effective July 31, in order to take up a new post as chaplain at University of King's College, Halifax.

The Rev. Rick Robinson will resign as rector of the Parish of St. Margaret's, effective October 31, in order to retire.

The Ven. Brent Ham was appointed acting incumbent in the Parish of Shediac, from June 1 to August 31 while the rector is on sabbatical.

The Rev. Jonathan Springthorpe was appointed interim incumbent to the Westside Anglican Mission, from June 1 to December 31.

Bishop David Edwards consecrated the **Church of St. John**, Richmond Corner in the Parish of Richmond on June 1.

SAVE THE DATES!

ATTENTION ALL ANGLICANS!

MARK THE DATE:
Nov. 3 — the 137th Diocesan Synod

This fall, prior to Diocesan Synod and Greater Chapter meetings, Bishop David Edwards will host a number of ‘town hall’ meetings around the diocese. The purpose is to provide a forum for people to share questions and concerns regarding proposed changes to the General Synod marriage canon.

The primary focus will be on asking how we walk together as a diocese regardless of individual viewpoints and any approved changes nationally.

These will be open to all Anglicans, regardless of parish, diocesan or synod roles, and everyone may choose whichever meeting is most convenient to attend.

Town hall schedule:

- Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. - St. Andrew (Newcastle), Miramichi
- Saturday, Sept. 15, 2 p.m. - St. George, Bathurst
- Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Trinity, Sussex
- Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Edmundston
- Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., St. Luke, Woodstock
- Monday, Sept. 24, evening, Moncton area
- Tuesday, Sept. 25, evening, Saint John area
- Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m., Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Christ Church, St. Stephen

~ Save the date ~

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MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

The Public Archives of New Brunswick celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with an exhibit featuring 15 items from each of the 15 NB counties. One historical item in the exhibit is an Anglican baptismal record from 1817 in Sussex, Kings County. The Anglican Diocese of Fredericton has a close relationship with PANB, entrusting it with historic diocesan documents and photos. The exhibit runs until October and is free. PANB is on the campus of the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Here Joanna Aiton Kerr, manager of services and private sector records, points out the Kings County section of the exhibit. The other photo shows the Anglican baptismal record.