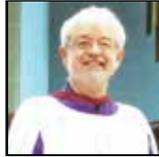




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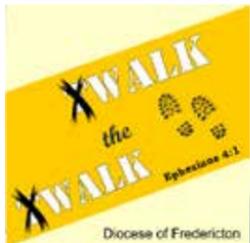
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SERVING THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

Safe Harbour House to reopen March 1

Province commits to \$225K a year in operational funding

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

About 40 people, all of them with big smiles, joined Saint John Harbour MLA and cabinet minister Ed Doherty at Safe Harbour House Nov. 23 to celebrate its future.

Mr. Doherty made the official announcement that the Province of New Brunswick will commit \$225,000 a year to help operate Safe Harbour House, thus ensuring a future for the centre for homeless and at-risk youth.

Partners For Youth Inc., which will operate the facility, will have to raise another \$100,000 a year. The 10-bed facility will reopen March 1.

John Sharpe, CEO of Partners For Youth Inc. hosted the event, which saw at least two MLAs, one Saint John city councillor, several Department of Social Development staff, Bishop David Edwards, several Anglican priests and other supporters present.

"Last January the community, youth at risk and indeed many people across the province were heartbroken at the news that Safe Harbour had to close its doors," said Mr. Sharpe.

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CELEBRATING IN ROATÁN

Think your church pews are uncomfortable? The people of Emmanuel Episcopalian Church in Roatán, Honduras are happy to finally have plastic chairs — plus a roof, windows and doors. Their chairs were stolen, but they've managed to recover them, bit by bit. Several parishioners from our diocese have been part of the building efforts of Emmanuel church in the last few years. Read about the celebrations and activities in the new church, and catch up with Kara and Nelson Mejia on page 7.

Surgery results disappointing, but hope prevails

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Colin Ranson's second laser brain surgery was not the success his doctors or his parents had hoped.

Colin, 3, his brother and sister, and his parents, Kimberly and the Rev. Paul Ranson, flew to Texas Children's Hospital in November for the surgery to obliterate what remained of a tumor.

On Nov. 18, parishioners in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton were on the edge of their

seats as news came in via Facebook of the lengthy process. By the end of the evening, the news from his parents was not what many were expecting.

"Our neurosurgeon did not achieve all that he hoped he would. The system he uses is programmed to turn off the second that heat reaches a healthy section of the brain," said his parents' post on the Caring For Colin-Canada Facebook page.

"This happened many times as they attempted to direct the

laser's heat towards the remaining HH (Hypothalamic Harmatoma). Sadly, the heat disbursement was not on our side today and it was too risky to push the boundaries any further, so very little of the HH was able to be ablated."

By Sunday, two days after the surgery, Colin had experienced three seizures. Then he went nine days without another one. That in itself is an improvement, said his grandmother, Ruby Ranson, adding that things like

fatigue, hunger and sugar tend to trigger the seizures.

This was the second time in 2016 that the family made the trek to Houston for Colin's treatment that would have freed him from the gelastic seizures caused by the Hypothalamic Harmatoma. He experienced multiple seizures each day. His condition is rare and he is one of fewer than 500 in the world with it.

The first surgery in March

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DIOCESAN NEWS

New name, new logo for facility

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The house opened in March 2015, but closed almost a year ago due to financial pressures, including a lien on the building by the construction company.

What the facility needed was a promise of long-term financial help from the province, and a large chunk of money to pay the lien.

"In order to secure the long-term viability of the program, we really needed a partner who would freely give over a half-million dollars with no strings attached to eliminate the debt," said Mr. Sharpe.

"Further, we then felt it was better for whoever that donor was to own the building and then lease it to us for a tidy sum of \$1 per year – quite a deal for the right investor!"

That investor turned out to be the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, which has had a vested interest in the property because it is the site of the former St. James Anglican Church.

"For a decade the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton has been linked to this project and for hundreds of years it's been linked to this site. So it should

really be no surprise that they came forward to help solve this crisis."

An unexpected bequest of \$50,000 a year from the estate of George Bartlett, uncle of Dorothy Wilkes, who herself bequeathed \$5.5 million to the diocese last year, led to the decision to pay the lien.

His estate paid an annual income to Dorothy, his only living heir, but when she died in 2015, his will stipulated that money would be given annually to two worthy charities — a cathedral in Hawaii, where he lived, and the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, where he was from.

"It's a great day to be here," said Bishop David. "As a community of Christians, extending the Kingdom of God is important to us. That includes things like justice. This is a justice issue."

He told the story of his time as rector at Stone church a few blocks away, and the day two young men sitting in the church courtyard asked him where they could sleep that night. He'd already talked to the Salvation Army that morning and knew their facility was full.

So the answer was, there was no place for these young men to

go and be cared for. It was a conversation that remained on his mind and in his heart all these years later.

"On behalf of the Government of New Brunswick, thank you, Bishop Edwards," said Mr. Doherty. "Thank you for taking care of Safe Harbour and for taking care of so many people in our community."

Kit Hickey, a long-time member of the Safe Harbour board of directors, thanked the diocese and Partners For Youth Inc. for the work that led to the day's announcement.

"In the community of Saint John, the outpouring of support told us our commitment to Safe Harbour could not waiver," she said.

Susan King, a social worker with Partners For Youth Inc. will be the director of Safe Harbour House. She has more than a decade of experience working with homeless and at-risk adults.

"I will be on-site every day and I'm excited to do so," she said, adding the promotion of lifeskills, education and employment will be major themes at the house.

Partners For Youth Inc. has a summer camp near Canterbury,



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Bishop David Edwards, MLA and cabinet minister Ed Doherty, Safe Harbour board treasurer Kit Hickey, and CEO of Partners For Youth John Sharpe are all smiles after the government announcement of ongoing annual funding for operations at Safe Harbour House. The announcement took place Nov. 23.

and Ms. King is hopeful it can be used for house residents on occasion.

"Anything to normalize life for kids," she said. "Anything we can do."

Mr. Sharpe announced it has more than \$107,000 in promised funding from several sources over the next few years, including a commitment from the Sisters of Charity for \$5,000.

Not only does the facility have a new and improved future, but it also has a new name and logo. The facility will be known as Safe Harbour House.

"If you entered through the front door, you may have noticed the reimagined logo," said Mr. Sharpe, referring to the sign outside. "Safe Harbour House is the eastern point on the compass and for good reason. East is where the sun rises and it is the source of light and inspiration.

"East tells us that's it's time to get up, shake off our inertia and begin our day. The meaning of looking east was often associated with new beginnings, new growth and looking to the future — all elements we will strive to achieve right here."

See more photos from the Safe Harbour House announcement on page 12

'Wait and see' approach taken by doctor

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significantly improved Colin's life, although the neurosurgeon was not able to blast the entire tumor. The November visit, after seizures returned, was to eliminate the rest of the tumor, but due to its location too close to healthy tissue, that proved impossible.

Colin and his parents visited the neurosurgeon, Dr. Curry, a week after the surgery to hear the official results.

"His recommendation is to wait and see. We are going to send him monthly updates via email," said his parents' post.

"If his seizures return and we need to take action again, it will

likely be via gamma knife (targeted radiation). This method has low risk and low success on HHs, but the new research suggests it may be enough to target the small remaining pieces after an ablation."

The two surgeries were preceded by a massive and highly successful fundraising campaign in the diocese that saw about \$170,000 raised to help with the cost of surgery, accommodations, flights, meals and time off work. New Brunswick medicare paid some of the surgery costs both times. The fundraising money left over after the first surgery helped to pay costs associated with the second one.

Both parents ask for contin-



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Colin Ranson, 3, in Texas in late November.

ued prayers for Colin, that the Great Physician will be at work in their son.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

2017: Put your hand in God's

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.
Minnie Louise Haskins

The stanza above is from a poem called "God Knows" written in 1908. It became very popular in the UK and beyond when King George VI used it in his 1939 broadcast to the British Empire. It was the first year of the Second World War and the future looked far from certain.

Although 1939 was a particularly desperate time, the truths which lie behind this poem are always applicable. As we enter 2017 we cannot be sure what the future holds for us as individuals or communities. It is the hope of everyone that we will be able to "tread safely into the unknown." In order to do this we need to put our hand into the hand of God. In this poem Haskins makes it clear that we have to step into the darkness, the unknown, without knowing what the future holds. Reading scripture and the stories of many Christians, we discover the importance of the step of faith. When the Jews came to the edge of the River Jordan after travelling through the wilderness for 40 years, those carrying the Ark of the Covenant had to step into the water before it



rolled backwards to let them pass into the Promised Land. Ananias had to go to the house on Straight Street to help the blinded Saul after his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. He put himself into the hands of the one who was going to kill him to follow God's direction. Then of course there is Jesus himself, who submitted to the cross despite the uncertainty

— reflected in the words "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me"? There will be many times this year when we have to put our hand in the hand of God to walk into the darkness of uncertainty. It would be better to take that course from the beginning rather than reaching out in an emergency. As we stand at the gate of the year, let's put our hand into the hand of God for that "will be safer than a known way."



David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- JANUARY 1
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
(11:45 SERVICE, 1 P.M. RECEPTION)
 - JANUARY 8
PARISH OF BRIGHT - 150TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE (3 P.M.)
 - JANUARY 15
PARISH OF LANCASTER *
 - JANUARY 24
BISHOP'S COUNSEL - FREDERICTON
 - FEBRUARY 2
THRESHOLD MINISTRIES' 88TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE
 - FEBRUARY 5
INSTALLATION OF CANONS AND COLLATION OF ARCHDEACON, CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, 4 P.M.
 - FEBRUARY 13-17
NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON EMERGING LOCAL INITIATIVES IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL FORMATION
 - FEBRUARY 19
PARISH OF PORTLAND *
- * CONFIRMATION

Stewardship and Five Marks of Mission

COMMENTARY BY MICHAEL BRIGGS

As Bishop David said in his charge to Synod in both 2015 and 2016, we need to keep Jesus as the centre of everything we do and continue to pray. Have you thought about how the Five Marks of Mission fit in with stewardship? When you look at the Five Marks, they all take Jesus and his message as the centre and one or more of talent, time and treasure. We need to pray as we strive to follow these marks. This column may make some of you uneasy as it may involve change — and change is usually uncomfortable. Nevertheless change is what Jesus taught and lived by example as did the disciples. **Mark 1:** To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. This is not just for the clergy. We should all be proclaiming the good news. Some will do this by reading the lessons on Sunday and others by example in how they live

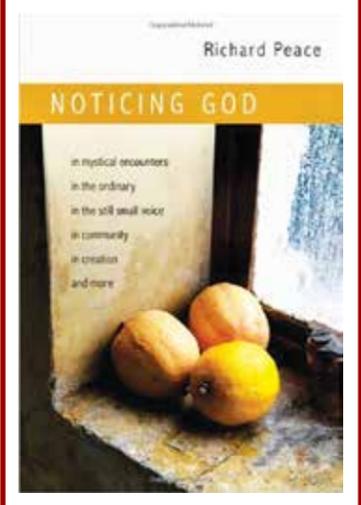
in accordance with the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. Leading by example is one of the best ways of showing the Good News. In either case it takes talent and time. **Mark 2:** To teach, baptize and nurture new believers. Teach and nurture can relate to Sunday School, which requires teachers and helpers who give willingly of their talents and time. Remember, it is not just the time spent with the children on a Sunday morning. There is also time needed to prepare the lesson, assemble any crafts needed, prepare for any music needed and so on. Another aspect of teaching and nurturing is a weekly bible study or book club. In these examples it is not just new believers but everyone who is being nurtured and taught as they move forward along their Christian journey. These may be led by a priest, deacon or layreader — or really any Christian. **Mark 3:** To respond to human need by loving service.

This can be done in many ways: donating cash or goods to a food bank, serving at a school breakfast program, volunteering at a food bank or soup kitchen. I am sure you can think of many more programs where we help the less fortunate. It is following the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 25: 35-36. **Mark 4:** To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation. Good stewardship means we look to ensure that all people have access to a peaceful society with no prejudice. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee in South Africa after the end of apartheid and the recent committee report for Aboriginal people are examples of society striving to bring about reconciliation. We cannot change what has happened, but we can look back and see the errors and take steps to ensure they are not repeated. This means donating our time, talent and treasure to help those

who have been affected by past wrongs — again good stewardship. **Mark 5:** To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. The second most wasteful structures in Canada are church buildings. Our buildings have a bigger negative impact on the environment than any others, other than our personal residences. As good stewards of the planet that God gave us, we need to be more efficient in the use of our buildings. In some cases it may be possible to retrofit a church. In others it may mean closing energy inefficient buildings. In all of the above Marks, I challenge each reader and parish to think about how you can use the gifts God has given you to make a change and follow the Marks of Mission. Start thinking about society as a whole, not just your parish. **Michael Briggs is the diocesan stewardship officer.**

REMINDER

The recommended Lenten study book this year is *Noticing God* by Richard Peace. Contact the bishop's office for ordering options. 459-1801, ext. 223 or cjacobs@diofton.ca



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DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Highlights from Diocesan Council

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Diocesan Council, held Dec. 2, took place at Stone Church in the Parish of St. Mark in Saint John. The original meeting date was Dec. 1 but was postponed due to road conditions.

The meeting began with the rector, the Rev. Dr. John Paul Westin, giving an overview of the past year at the church: the demolition of the aging hall, the renovations in the church and the resulting multi-purpose space.

“Intimate’ is the term I keep hearing,” said John Paul. “It’s a more intimate space.”

The church’s many ministries are now carried out in six rooms built beneath the large balcony while worship takes place in the main centre area of the church. Flexible seating allows for events like Diocesan Council to be held there.

On either side of the massive stained glass window, the walls are treated with special paint so there is no need for a screen for their projectors. The church has a smaller carbon and literal footprint, with only one building to maintain, heat and insure.

Following Holy Eucharist, the council spent time on spiritual reflection. Bishop David Edwards spoke on the parable of the sower from Matthew 13.

“One concept comes along three times in that passage,” he said. “The concept of repentance.”

In Greek, it literally means to turn around in a different direction from where we were going, he said.

“The kingdom to come will be 180 degrees different from the present age,” he said. “We are to be a turning people, rather than continuing in the way of the present age. And the turnaround has to be powered by the Holy Spirit.”

He said the changes to Stone Church were Spirit-inspired. For years, he, as rector of Stone, watched the hall decay, but it was after two weeks of prayer and fasting by the congregation in early 2015 that the answer came to them — let the hall go. Bishop David encouraged council to look at how we can be a turning people.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Diocesan treasurer Irene Adams reported that parishes had been informed regarding their responsibilities when there

is a change of use of in rectories and other church buildings with regard to property taxes.

• Irene outlined a narrative budget for the diocese, which focuses on the mission and ministry the budget supports.

“It’s a way of looking at the budget in a different way,” she said. “When you look only at the numbers, you don’t see what they represent.”

She presented the 2017 diocesan shared ministry budget, which council approved. It has a projected deficit of \$130,588. It compares favourably with last year’s budget, which has a projected deficit of \$191,334.

• Council approved the 2017 shared ministry contributions as recommended by the Finance Committee.

• Kathy Asch of the Human Resources Committee presented a motion, which was passed, to reflect a 2 per cent cost-of-living increase, effective Jan. 1, to the diocesan scale of minimum stipends, which governs clergy remuneration.

• Council approved the appointments of Don Adams and the Rev. Neil Osiowy to the Stewardship team.

• The Spiritual Development team reported that the bishop had approved the book *Noticing God*, by Richard Peace, for the upcoming Lenten study. Peace is also the author of *Meditative Prayer*, the book used during the previous Lent.

• Diocesan ACW president Rosemarie Kingston reported on the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of the ACW, with a gathering in June in Ancaster, Ontario, outside Hamilton. All ACW members and Anglican women are invited to attend.

• The Rev. Bob LeBlanc reported on Camp Brookwood’s 50th anniversary fundraising efforts. They aim to raise \$15,600 to allow children to attend camp at half price this summer.

“They’ve raised \$10,680 so far with a few more fundraising events to go,” he said. “And they really appreciate the offering taken at Synod.”

This offering totalled \$1,730 for the camp.

• Diocesan vice-chair Sandra Craft gave an update on the Diocesan Synod Planning Committee wrap-up meeting.

“It was very positive. With [chancellor] David Bell going to all the Greater Chapter [meetings], people were very, very



TOP: The sanctuary at Stone Church has flexible seating which allows for a variety of events, including a meeting of Diocesan Council on Dec. 2.

RIGHT: Small group discussion, with Canon Keith Osborne, Coralie Losier, the Ven. Cathy Laskey and Kathy Asch.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Marilyn Conley and Ruby Ranson volunteered in the kitchen for the Diocesan Council lunch, and their cooking was met with rave reviews from members.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

appreciative of that.”

She noted the increased number of youths in attendance, and thanked Intergenerational ministries director Colin McDonald for his work in encouraging their presence at the gathering.

Sandra commented that it was important that the business of synod include prayer and reflection to set the proper tone for the business of synod.

“We should never forget that our primary focus is on prayer, which has been reinforced in the Bishop’s Charge,” she said.

• Bishop David reported on the concept he presented recently to the Christ Church Cathedral congregation. He and a small working group developed a proposal whereby properties owned by both the diocese and the cathedral could be repurposed to make our

heritage buildings more sustainable, help us reach out to the community, and at the same time, supplement annual income and contribute to the long-term goals of the church.

The vision includes selling the hall and the deanery (Odell House), and refurbishing both Bishop’s Court and the synod office. Between and connected to those two buildings, a multi-storey building would be built to house street level institutional space, meeting rooms and a multi-purpose area. The upper stories would be income-generating residential housing.

The proposed project would

be tendered to interested developers and the construction cost would be theirs. Therefore, the capital outlay for both the diocese and the cathedral would be minimal.

“We met with the senior planners and counsellors from the municipality,” said the bishop. “That was a good first step. They were extremely grateful we came to talk to them.”

The probable next step is an engineering study. The time frame for completion is within the next five years, he said.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Fredericton area.

Preaching conference has a deep impact

To celebrate its centenary in 1991, St. Clement's Church in Toronto established the College for Excellence in Preaching. The purpose was to provide "Canadian clergy the opportunity to study with well-known homilists in order to gain master skills in the art of preaching," says its website.

The College normally operates every other year, and this year, was held at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, Ont. the week of Nov. 7. Thirty priests from across Canada, including six from the Diocese of Fredericton, attended the college. This is what our priests had to say:

The Rev. Kevin Borthwick, Parish of Shediac

The St. Clement's College of Preaching provided an opportunity to come together with colleagues from various parts of the country and theological perspectives to study the Scriptures, reflect, and exchange insights so that we might better support one another in the ministry of preaching.

Our leader, Anna Carter Florence, spoke as a preacher among preachers, helping us to tackle difficult passages of Scripture so that it might become God's Word spoken to us today.

Set in the context of a residential retreat, we had time to pray, worship, work together, as well as share meals, socialize, and develop friendships and a sense of unity in Christ which transcends any differences we might have from our various dioceses and parishes.

Those who attended the College of Preaching were very grateful to the Parish of St. Clement's, Toronto, for their generous hospitality and facilitating this tremendous gift to the clergy and the life of the Church. **The Ven. Cathy Laskey, executive archdeacon to the bishop**

This was one of the best conferences I have participated in. It was very well organized, the speaker was excellent, and what was learned was very practical and easy to apply. Having an opportunity to preach to a group of colleagues and receive feedback was invaluable.

It was also so wonderful to

have a meal with some of the people of St. Clement's Parish, some of whom were on the original committee in 1991 who came up with the idea to create a fund to enable such a preaching college.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to participate and focus upon my ministry of preaching. I continue to be amazed that a parish would choose a project totally outside of themselves to celebrate their anniversary. It is a way of being thankful for good preaching in their own context, and to support and enable the wider church to receive such a blessing as well.

They certainly have a real desire to support and care for clergy who share in the important task of sharing the Gospel in this way.

The Rev. David Turner, Parish of Hampton

Just a week or so before leaving for this conference, I was convicted by the realization that, in my preparation to preach, I had become far too focused on just trying to come up with something to say, rather than genuinely listening to God for what he wanted his people to hear.

I wasn't entirely sure, however, how to go about genuinely listening to God in my sermon prep. Thankfully, this is exactly what the conference was focused on — breaking free from the habit of just coming up with something to say and instead doing the work of hearing from God in the scriptures and sharing what we have heard and seen and come to know about God with his people when we preach.

In addition to reminding us and/or helping us realize for the very first time what preaching really is all about, the Rev. Anna Carter Florence led participants step-by-step through some very powerful approaches to listening for God in the Sunday readings.

We tackled some very difficult passages (including the Massacre of the Innocents in Matthew and the story of Amnon and Tamar in 2 Samuel).

What I came to see was that what makes these passages, and others like them, so difficult is also what makes them so powerful. They speak to the realities



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Diocese of Fredericton attendees to the College of Excellence in Preaching included David Turner, Rod Black, Michael Caines, Chris Hayes, Cathy Laskey and Kevin Borthwick.

of life as it is and as it has been experienced by many of the people to whom we are called to minister through our preaching.

And in spite of the pain and disappointment reflected in these passages, they are very much part of the story of God and God's people, which means the same is true of our own disappointments and pain.

This conference did not give us any secret formulas for becoming the world's best preachers, or for perfectly balancing the work of sermon prep along with everything else parish ministry demands of us, nor were such things ever on offer.

What I did gain, however, was a valuable reminder of the importance of faithful preaching, the potential it has to help people experience gospel-centered transformation in their lives, and that it is more than worth the effort it takes to genuinely seek God's word for his people every time we prepare to preach.

The Rev. Chris Hayes, Parish of Salisbury and Havelock

I found the experience of attending St. Clement's Preaching Conference to be one of the best things I've attended in my time in the Church.

Not only is Anna Carter Florence a knowledgeable and gifted preacher and teacher herself, she also connected with us all as collective followers of Jesus.

The concept of preacher sermons that speak of what we've seen, learned, and experienced as truth in the texts of the Scriptures was invigorating to me, as was the idea of many "scripts" running in the background of the minds of the readers and hearers of these texts, then and

now.

The highlight for me was the people, fellow clergy from the Dioceses of Toronto, Ottawa, and New Westminster, and sharing our experiences of parish life, of preaching highs (and sometimes lows!), and of staying focused on the tasks at hand in the midst of a busy life.

Weeks later, there are still many memories from that week that seem fresh, and conversations begun with new friends there continue today through social media platforms.

The way in which I prepare sermons has expanded, in that I seem to see and hear more in the words of the Scriptures, and feel as though there is more to share than ever.

I wasn't merely excited coming home from the conference, and inspired doesn't seem like a big enough word. Perhaps I came home feeling like my whole mind, heart, and soul are all wide open now!

The Rev. Rod Black, Suburban Moncton Parishes

Dr. Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, was the presenter. Her teaching focused on preaching as testimony — testimony that revealed, from the text, truths about myself, and about who God is, and about how I might proclaim what I have witnessed to the community.

The workshop exposed me to some of the tools that teach me how to step into the text and plant my feet, living in the midst of it until I find the moment where it gets to me, the moment that speaks truth to me, truth about me and about God, truth

that I need to proclaim.

This workshop made me realize that in my sermon preparation, I have much more potential. I now have new tools that allow me to better engage what the readings are telling me personally, and why the members of the congregations, under my care, need to hear it, so that I may proclaim the Good News, which I have received from the Spirit, so that with the encouragement I have received, I may also encourage them in the faith, and in their walk, with Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Michael Caines, Parish of the Nerepis and St. John

It was, overall, incredible! It was designed for people like me — in ministry a few years and hitting a preaching rut.

One concept was when you unpack a passage to preach on, look at the verbs. Some people look at the nouns, but Jesus came to share verbs. You learn a different level of what's going on when looking at the verbs in scripture.

Then we went through the logical process of walking through, from looking at a passage to being fed. What's the gift in the sermon this Sunday? It went from 'a truth to share,' to 'this is going to make your life better.' There is a new kind of urgency, because what I'm going to share is going to make your life better.

On the persecution of Christians, we got into small groups and had to decide what persecuted country we would live in. Being a Christian is a life or death decision for some. It was important for me spiritually. It was a quite a fresh jolt for me. Really powerful.

MABEL C DEAN BURSARY

Mabel C. Dean Memorial bursary calls for applications

BY FR. DAVID DEAN

We are pleased to announce the 2016 Mabel C. Dean Memorial Bursary has been awarded to Ms. Laura Hayes, daughter of the Rev. Chris and Christine Hayes of Petitcodiac.

In the Spring of 1987 Fr. David and Bonnie Dean approached the Diocese to establish a trust fund in memory of David's mother. As this is a memorial trust it would be appropriate to know more about Mabel Dean.

Mabel Currie was born in 1902 and became a life-long Anglican. Raised at Carter's Point on the Kingston Peninsula, she was always interested in education.

Once she had completed all the grades available at a little country school in Bayswater, she obtained a local license from the local superintendent of schools and began teaching.

Eventually she attended teachers college which was known as Provincial Normal School in downtown Fredericton.

While there she met her hus-



Mabel C. Dean

band to be, Arthur Dean.

She moved to Saint John and taught at the old Fairville Consolidated School on what is now

the west side of the city until she married.

In the 1920s it was socially frowned upon for married

women to continue in the teaching profession. Mabel continued her interest in teaching in many ways.

As a child I recall her teaching English to immigrants at Saint John Vocational School and doing some private tutoring.

She was very active in the church and the community and, of course, that included teaching Sunday School.

She was involved in many organizations, but near and dear to her heart was the WA (Women's Auxiliary) which was the forerunner to the present day ACW.

She served as diocesan recording secretary during the 1950s and as president of a group at Trinity Church in Saint John until her passing in January 1960.

Mabel was always encouraging young people to attend college, and one of her dreams was to someday be able to financially assist some of them.

It was with this in mind that the Mabel C. Dean Memorial Trust was established Jan. 12, 1988 and has awarded at least one bursary each year since.

There has been a notable drop

in applications for the bursary over the years. In year one there were nine applications and this past year only three.

There may be several reasons for this — mainly that until recently, most of our clergy families have been older, but it should be noted that there is no age limit to apply so that even an older student who may be returning to post-secondary study after years of working could be eligible.

All applications go before the committee made up of Bishop Edwards, members of the Dean family and the Ven. Cathy Laskey.

When the trust was established in 1988, Bishop Harold Nutter became aware of other funds the diocese holds for the education of children of clergy.

Since then the bishops have often used the unsuccessful applications for this bursary as a means of distributing these funds.

We remind all interested that the deadline for applications for the 2017 Mabel Dean Bursary is March 31. Apply online: anglican.nb.ca/admin

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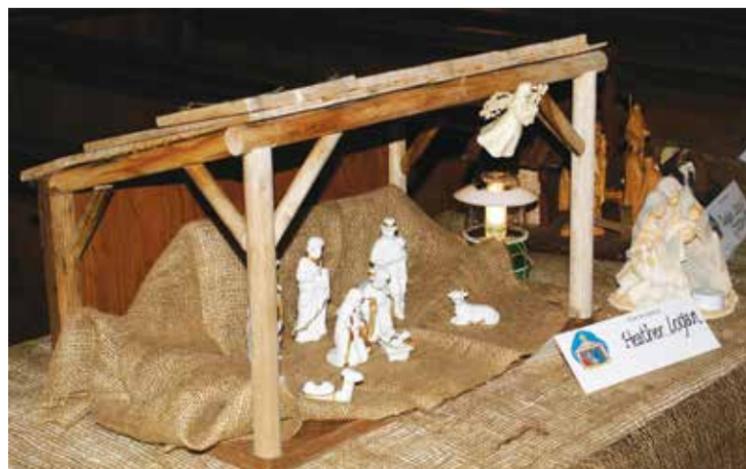
Growing interest in crèche display in Stanley

BY BETTY MACGILLIVRAY

Do you wonder how many homes give the holy family an important place in their Christmas?

How many do more than perhaps attend a Christmas service? How do we expect that Christmas will continue to be more than an elaborate gift-giving opportunity if the focus of Christmas is lost?

Do parents, grandparents and family members not hope to continue the traditions that they,



A variety of different crèches made up the display at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Stanley for the annual event. The display has grown from 70 the first year to 200.

themselves grew up with?

Five years ago the Parish of Stanley gave this some thought and decided to try and spark interest in the true meaning of Christmas by using our own Christmas memories.

We gathered our crèches and holy family figures and put

them on public display in St. Thomas church.

The effect was so positive, we had many ask if they could lend us their figures if we did it again.

The interest has grown from a display of 70 the first year to more than 200 this year. The nativity is still central to many,

some collecting them as souvenirs. This year we had a crèche from Bethlehem.

The comments we hear show that Christmas memories, for many, do include the holy family. Many have taken their crèches and nativity figures out for the first time in years.

They are again using them, and showing interest in the meaning of Christmas.

This is an ecumenical project in our community. We have had visitors from other communities express interest in having their own "Visit the Crèche" display.



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MISSIONS

Projects continue in Roatán, Honduras

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We are nearing the end of 2016, and something that we can say is that the power of the Holy Spirit is always with us.

Looking forward to the next year, our plans are to focus on finishing our church building, and to continue empowering the congregation as the Lord has commanded us.

At the end of August we celebrated our third anniversary since we moved to this property to hold the first service under a tree. We invited a few people from another deanery to preach, two clergy and two lay people.

The teaching was on the theme "Destined to Win."

We had a wonderful time together and the congregation was blessed by them spiritually and experienced inner healing. It was great to have their ministry.

Every year on Sept. 10 we celebrate Children's Day in Honduras. This is a big celebration in every city, town, organization, school and especially church.

At Emmanuel in Coxen Hole and St. Peter by the Sea in Brick Bay, the children enjoyed breaking the popular piñata, ate a delicious lunch followed by cake and candies, so the kids in our churches really enjoyed the day.

On Sept. 20 we held a marriage conference to support our families, especially the couples in our church. We invited some married couples from another church to come too. We talked about the Five Languages of Love in marriage.

It was really enjoyable and helpful for our couples, especially as we know that many of them are just living together, and we expect to celebrate a wedding very soon.

On the last Sunday of September we celebrated Bible Day in Honduras. In Roatán we participated in a parade for an hour and then participated in a united worship in an open field.

It is interesting that in 1549 Bishop Thomas Cranmer (Reformer) had the idea of celebrating World Bible Day the second Sunday in December and this was being done in Latin America in September by the year 1569.

Then another Anglican bishop, Stephen Langton, divided the Bible into chapters to facilitate our Bible reading.

We finished the installation of the doors at Emmanuel Church,



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Sept. 10 is Children's Day in Honduras, and wonderful celebrations were held at both the Roatán churches, including breaking the piñata, lunch, cake and candies.

thanks to New Song Church in Port Perry, Ontario, which donated the money to complete them.

Our church building has been improving little by little this year, but we know that the most important thing is to grow spiritually and in number.

This month we will start installing windows on one side of the church and on the other side we will install rebar to close the building completely.

The reason is that just recently thieves came into our church building and stole our chairs.

At the end of October we had our Clergy Conference on the North Coast of Honduras.

Bishop Lloyd Allen invited a group of people from the USA, who taught about the Holy Spirit, how to be baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Spirit, the fruits of the Spirit, and how we can continue to practice using our gifts and teach our congregation to use them effectively.

Please continue to pray for:

1. Continued financial support for the next years as we continue to serve the Lord on Roatán, Honduras.

2. Our congregations: St. Peter by the Sea in Brick Bay and Emmanuel in Coxen Hole.

3. Short-term mission teams from different parishes who plan to come to Roatán in the near future from Ontario and New Brunswick or any other provinces in Canada.

4. The ongoing construction in Coxen Hole – half of the windows to be installed; and for the remaining stages: walls to be stuccoed, cement concrete for the floor and ceramic tiles.

5. Gerardo and Cindy, our youth leaders, that God can continue to use them to guide the young people.

5. Spiritual and practical outreach in the local communities.

6. Nelson, who was asked by the Bishop to be part of a team helping those entering into the ordination process.

7. Nelson, who was asked by the

Cursillo Committee to be the spiritual director for the next Cursillo weekend (Jan. 18-22).

8. Our family, especially for Stephen and Kelly as they continue at school. Pray for another good year for them.

9. The Episcopal Church in Honduras, for the process toward self-sufficiency by the end of 2019.

10. Provision to finish the windows, to stucco the walls and to do the floor.

11. The next project — building multiuse rooms and apartments for teams, and to rent occasionally.

Thank you very much for your prayers and continued support that enable us to continue in this ministry. May God continue to richly bless you.

Nelson and Kara Mejia are Anglican priests of the Episcopal Church of Roatán, Honduras. Kara grew up in New Brunswick and is the daughter of the Rev. Gordon and Bell Thompson. View the Mejias' blog at this address: nelsonandkara.wordpress.com. You can support the mission of the Mejias by visiting anglican.nb.ca/giving.



CATHEDRAL NEWS

Cathedral welcomes new director of music

BY MARILYN LEWELL

The choir and congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, were delighted to welcome David Drinkell as their new organist/choir director and his wife, Elspeth.

The Cathedral has always had a tradition of high standards in music, and it appears that it will continue.

David comes with a long history of accomplishments and experience. He was born in Colchester, Essex in England and had his first paid job as a church organist at 12 years of age! He was paid five shillings per week!

Since then, he has earned his BA, FRCO, ADCM, ARCM and has been organist and choir master at many cathedrals in England, Ireland and for the last 10 years, at St. John's, Newfoundland.

"A Cathedral is a Cathedral," says David, and it must be a

leader in the diocese.

However, that does not mean it must be too serious. "Life is too short to be serious," he has been quoted as saying.

Indeed, his choir rehearsals are peppered with anecdotes and funny stories about the composers and the music, keeping the choristers amused.

"When you play a noisy beast like a church organ, you have to have a sense of humour."

David's experience is extensive.

Education: Colchester Royal Grammar School, Bristol University, Homerton College, Cambridge, England.

Church posts: Easthorpe Church, Essex 1968-70; St. Leonard at the Hythe, Colchester, 1970-75, 78-79; Henbury Parish church, Bristol, 1976-78; St. Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney 1979-88; St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, Northern

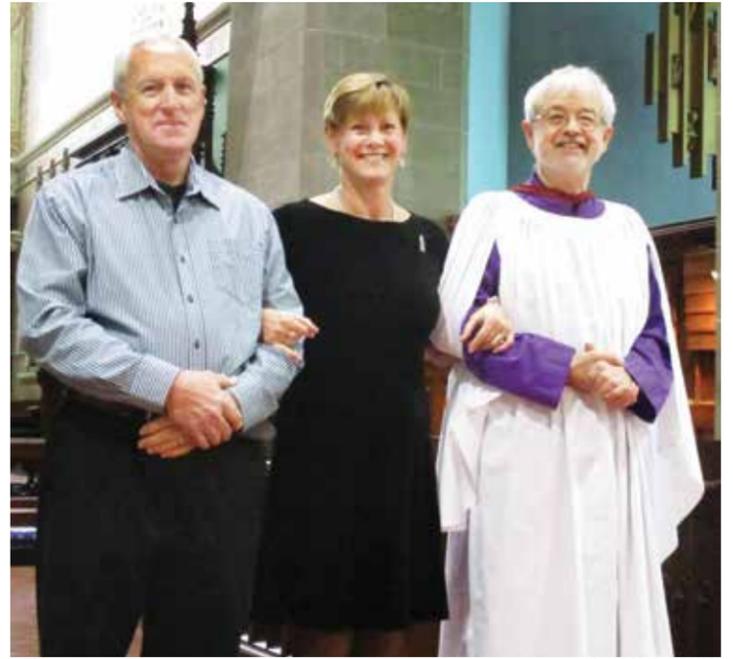
Ireland 1988-2002; St. John's Cathedral, Newfoundland 2003-2016.

David is known for his frequent organ recitals. In Ireland, he played a different program in all 31 cathedrals, within one week! In St. John's, the locals were treated to weekly recitals, totaling 200 consecutive performances.

Fredericton audiences were pleased to learn that David has continue that tradition at Christ Church Cathedral, beginning with an Advent series in December. He is also hoping there will be enough interest among youngsters to form a children's choir.

His interests are varied and include choral and organ music, food, wine and restaurants and architecture, especially of old churches. He is extremely knowledgeable about many church organs.

Accompanying him is his talented wife, Elspeth, who



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

New staff members Lou McKnight, sexton; Kathleen Snow, parish nurse; and David Drinkell, director of music, were commissioned during the Sunday service at Christ Church Cathedral Nov. 20.

is from the Orkney Isles in Scotland. She has already shown her versatility as a singer, helping in the soprano, alto and tenor sections of the choir, as needed — but not all at the same time! She is looking for work as an administrator/secretary in Fredericton.

Since the post at the Cathedral is only part-time, David is also checking out the need for accompanist, adjudicator positions in the Fredericton area.

We are hoping that David and Elspeth will enjoy being part of the Cathedral family for a long time.



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PARISH NURSING CELEBRATED

Parish nurses from the Maritimes met at St. Martin's in the Woods Anglican Church in Shediac Cape Nov. 19 for a service of recognition and commissioning. Five parish nurse graduates were recognized, including one from the Diocese of Fredericton, Cleo Cyr. Also attending from the diocese were retired parish nurse Isabel Cutler, who retired from Christ Church Cathedral last year; Kathleen Snow, her replacement, Betty Steeves, Parish of Shediac; and associate members of the New Brunswick Parish Nursing Ministries Michele LeBlanc and Faith Cormier. Graduate Denise LeBlanc Kwaw is a former resident of our diocese, but has since moved to Alberta. The Ven. Cathy Laskey attended on behalf of the bishop. In the photo are Cleo Cyr (front row, red blazer); Betty Steeves (back row, black and pink top); Kathleen Snow (black dress, centre right); Isabel Cutler (next to Kathleen); Faith Cormier (behind Kathleen and Isabel); and Michele LeBlanc (far right, in plaid).

HISTORY



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St. Paul's Anglican Church in Zealand.

St. Paul's, Zealand celebrates 150 years

You have to wonder if the original members of St. Paul's Anglican Church would be surprised that the church they helped found would be still preaching the gospel and serving the community of the Keswick area 150 years later?

After all, the world we live in has changed many times since the church was constructed in 1867.

The roots of the church go back to the 1840s when a previous church was constructed on a nearby site.

When that church became unusable, the members and others took a leap of faith and the present St. Paul's church was constructed.

At that time, Canada as a nation barely existed. A trip to Fredericton from the rural areas would have been a rare event.

One clergyman of the time travelling from Fredericton to Zealand commented that he undertook the trip with the "hope, rather than the confidence, that his horse would survive the journey."

However, despite all these changes, we believe the early builders wouldn't be surprised at all that the church continues to this day.

After all, they constructed a simple but beautiful building that would pass the test of time.

They built for the future, not just for their own times.

The church was built in the Gothic revival style like many churches in the area.

This was probably due to the influence of Bishop Medley, the first Bishop of Fredericton, who consecrated the newly constructed church in

January 1868.

Of note is the beautiful stained glass window over the altar which was constructed in a very unique style.

As well there is a lovely stained glass window in the rear of the nave that was brought from St. Peter's church in Brewers Mills when it was deconsecrated.

The two lights in St. Paul's church are unique and were reportedly brought from a ship.

The key in the rear of the church is the key to the original Anglican area church (St. Mary's) located at Mouth of Keswick and presented to St. Paul's by the longest surviving rector of the Parish, the Rev. Duncan MacQueen.

Reverend MacQueen served the parish from 1927 to 1960.

Over the last few years the congregation of St. Paul's has dealt with a flood and then a devastating oil spill.

The church building and hall could have been lost if not for the support of many churches in the community and throughout the diocese, volunteer relief workers and community members of all faiths.

We give special thanks at this time for their help and support!

There will be a service of thanksgiving to mark the 150th anniversary at the church (1407 Route 104, Zealand) on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 3 p.m.

The service will be led by Bishop David Edwards and Archdeacon John Sharpe, the pastor of the Parish.

You are invited to come and renew old acquaintances and to make new friends!

Archdeaconry of Moncton Advent service well received

In mid December 2011 the Archdeaconry of Moncton held its first service of Lessons and Carols with the offering divided between two well know Moncton charities, Headstart and Harvest House.

The initial idea came from the laity, and after review by clergy, it was left to the laity to organize the service and plan the lessons and music.

The initial service was well attended and received a lot of positive comment.

It has taken place each year

since, other than 2013 when snowstorms caused a cancellation.

The offering continues to support Headstart and Harvest House, and last year some was also donated to the Caring for Colin fund.

The service now takes place on the first Sunday in Advent and the readings, congregational hymns and choral anthems are more Advent-themed as parishes typically have their own Christmas Carol service.

This year 25 choristers from seven parishes formed the choir and practiced on three Saturdays mornings to learn the anthems.

A number of the choristers also attend the annual Diocesan Choir School and look forward to singing at the service.

Bishop David has attended the last three services and reads the last lesson. More than 140 attended and over \$400 was collected.



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Since 2011, the laity have organized an archdeaconry-wide service of Lessons and Carols in Moncton. This year about 140 people attended, including Bishop David Edwards.

St. Luke's ACW celebrates 60 years

On Nov. 24, St. Luke's ACW (Anglican Church Women) met in Woodstock to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their first meeting on Nov. 22, 1956.

The celebration began with the service of Holy Communion led by their rector, Rev. Shirley Noseworthy.

Twenty ladies from St. Luke's attended plus the diocesan ACW president, Rosemarie Kingston.

The group moved to the Dibblee house for a luncheon.

Thanks to the kindness of Kathy Asch and Nancy McLellan, daughters of the late Sheila Dibblee, the event held in the same home as the original meeting in 1956.

After a wonderful lunch prepared by Lorna Williams, the ladies had a time of celebration and remembrance.

President Jill Craig read

letters of congratulations from Connie Haddad, deanery president, and from Bishop David Edwards.

Rosalie Brown read a congratulatory letter she received from Edith Nutter, one of the original 1956 members.

The ladies enjoyed a time of comradeship as they celebrated this milestone. The members look forward to many more years as an ACW group.



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Members of St Luke's ACW in Woodstock celebrated 60 years with a service and luncheon. The group's first meeting was Nov. 22, 1956.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



ABOVE: An error occurred in the naming of the New Dawn Players in the story *Miming a Message: New Dawn Players add depth and meaning to the Feast at Cana* (December edition of the NB Anglican). Here are the correct names from left to right: Rick Larder (script and narration), Stephane Bastarache (groom), Jane Keddy (bride), Laura Dickson (rowdy wedding guest), Maggie Cleland (servant), Faith Wright (rowdy wedding guest) and Shelley Maguire (Mary, mother of Jesus).



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

TOP LEFT: Archdeacon Richard Steeves retired from his second term as archdeacon for the Archdeaconry of Chatham at the end of October. He was ordained in 1998 and served in Petitcodiac, Restigouche, Plaster Rock and Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke. He retired from Parish ministry in 2014. Richard continues serving the Miramichi Seniors' Home as chaplain, which includes music therapy in the dementia wing. He enjoys playing mandolin and singing, and making wooden toys. He is married to the Rev. Rose Steeves. Here he is seen at left with the Rev. Thomas Nisbett and Bishop David Edwards, on the occasion of Thomas's Celebration of New Ministry on Oct. 29.

ABOVE: Camp Medley director Maren McLean Persaud was a visitor to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas for a camping conference called Side by Side. It was co-hosted by the Presbyterian Church Camping and Conference Association and the United Church of Christ outdoor ministries association. The conference happened to take place during the week of the American election and Maren took this photo of conference attendees glued to the television for results on the night of Nov. 8. She was one of eight Canadians attending the event.



Pumpkin carving day at the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis in Apohaqui has become very popular in recent years. This time, on Oct. 30, children used the parish rectory as their home base to do the carving, then carved their way into the hearts of parishioners as they excitedly entered the Sunday morning service. Each child proudly showed off his or her carved creation to the Rev. Dan McMullen (seen here in the back row) and the rest of the congregation.

Episcopal announcements

• **The Rev. Francene Bedell, the Rev. Gregory McMullin, the Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove and the Rev. Allen Tapley** have been appointed Canons of Christ Church Cathedral.

Further, the Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove is appointed Archdeacon of Fredericton effective January 2, 2017 for a three year term.

A service of installation of canons and collation of an archdeacon will be held Sunday, February 5 at 4 p.m., at Christ Church Cathedral in

Fredericton.

• **Harold Boomer** of the Parish of Woodstock has been accepted as a postulant in the diocese.

• A Celebration of New Ministry was held on Dec. 15 for **The Rev. Daniel McMullen**,

missioner / deacon in the Kennebecasis Valley and in the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis, at the Church of the Ascension, Apohaqui.

• **The Rev. Steven Scribner**, formerly of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, has been appointed interim priest-in-

charge of the Parish of Saint John (Trinity Church) on a half-time basis, effective Dec. 1, to Dec. 31, 2017.

• **The Ven. Stuart Allan's** appointment as interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Millidgeville has been extended to Aug. 31, 2017.

MUSIC & MORE

Wolves at the Gate nail it with new album

We shall start 2017 off with a bang! I managed to find something that is not a four-piece Christian group singing pop tunes!



Here is Wolves at the Gate, with their new album, Types and Shadows. It is not for the faint of heart. It is hard rock bordering on metal, with lots of drums, screamed vocals, and heavy guitars.

full breadth of their instruments to present a wonderfully varied palette of sounds.

But at the same time, it is sensitive, and makes great use of changed instrumentation to keep the listener captivated by the word painting that takes places between the music and lyrics. Curious? Read on...

The first track, "Asleep" will leave you anything but. It hits hard and fast.

I refuse to call Wolves at the Gate your typical hard-core rock band. At the risk of demeaning other acts, this group has an incredible sense of understanding the emotions their sung texts can bring out, and how that might be portrayed sonically.

The song tells of an imagined conversation between God and a person struggling with doubt. Some of the lyrics are difficult to catch, especially the screamed ones, and this is where we are thankful for online lyrics!

darkness and light. "Stay with me, flickering flame; I know Your name / every night I'll watch and wait as my candle's burning out..." is but one of many examples of seeking light in the midst of closing darkness.

They are not just "all-guitars, all the time," but use the

Here, as in other places on the album, the scream of text is not just for effect; it is a very poignant and impassioned point in the song.

With the song opening with a simple piano under the vocals, and high reverb, the atmosphere initially is one of ethereal longing... which is soon invaded by guitars and drums. This goes back and forth, making for a strong track.

"Flickering Flame" seems to speak the main theme of the album, the difference between

Some of the tracks, as in

most albums, are somewhat generic, and therefore easily forgotten. "Weary" and "Anathema" are examples of such songs. However, the remaining 11 tracks each have something peculiarly interested and attention-grabbing about them.

... I do the things that I hate / tear down this structure 'til nothing is left, God deliver me from this body of death / Oh wretched man, wretched man that I am / lowly man, who can save such a wretch that I am..."

Does this not mean it is a strong album? Indeed. By way of another example, "Fountain" features lyrics taken directly from the hymn "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" (William Cowper, 1771).

I had to listen to it twice in a row, as I knew the first time I had missed a lot.

This song is a darker interpretation of the hymn, and musically broader in scope and timbre, not being constricted to the congregation hymn format.

Other great tracks include "Chasing the Wind," "Hindsight" and "War in the Time of Peace."

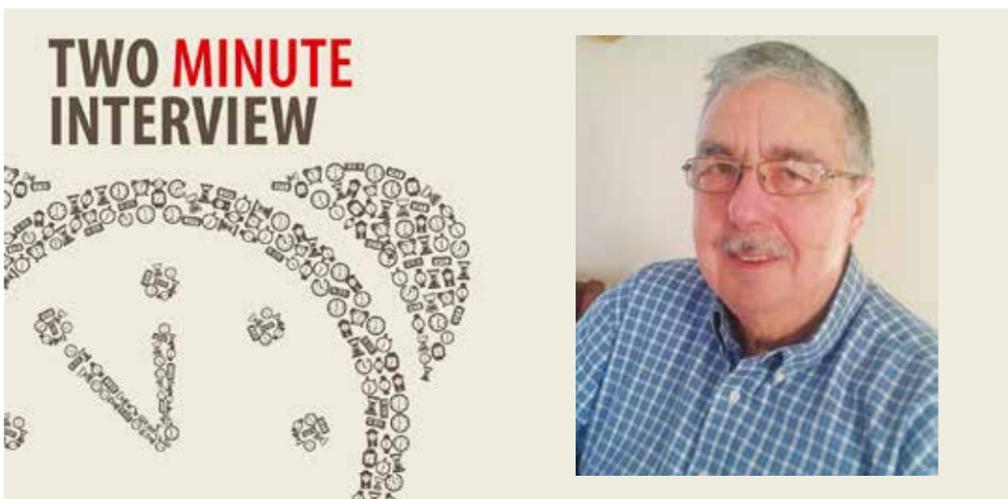
If you hear any songs at all on this album, you must hear "Lowly." It surprises the listener musically, and really shows off the high production value on the album overall.

I've focused a lot on the music, and not the band itself, but that is because the music is so very strong in so many ways.

Here is the singer in darkness, seeking the light; "Captured alive in this sinful estate

If you like hard rock performed by very talented musicians that comes with a punch, a message, and a few surprises, then stop what you're doing and get this album!

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



Newly retired archdeacon of Chatham, Richard Steeves

Favourite book of the Bible – James, a good guide for Christian living

Birthplace - North Sydney, Nova Scotia

What you love most about God – He first loved me.

Favourite place on Earth - Prince Edward Island

Farthest you've been from home - Florida

Favourite meal or dessert - Pizza

Biggest fear – Heights

Hidden talent – If I tell you, it will no longer be hidden

Favourite movie or book – Most mystery books

Your hobby – Music; it is my passion

Three things always in your fridge – Olives, cheese, milk



EUGENE PRICE PHOTO

FROM PARISH TO DIOCESAN LAYREADER

Mary Lou Price has been a parish layreader for 16 years, but on Oct. 30, she was licenced as a diocesan layreader and presented with her scarf. Here Archdeacon John Sharpe congratulates Mary Lou at All Saints' Church in Keswick Ridge (Parish of Bright).

CELEBRATING SAFE HARBOUR HOUSE



Bishop David Edwards
 Anglican Diocese of Fredericton
 115 Church Street
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November 24, 2016

Dear Bishop Edwards and Members of the Diocese,
 On behalf of Partners for Youth Inc. I would like to express our deepest thanks for your generosity and deep concern for youth at risk in greater Saint John. Your investment in Safe Harbour House and your partnership with us to address youth homelessness in the region is to be commended. For over a century the space on which Safe Harbour House sits was a beehive of activity for the Anglican community. It was a place of safety for many and place of refuge in the community for some of the most vulnerable. Through our partnership this spirit of generosity will continue for years to come.

Your major financial gift set the foundation for the overall agreements which allow our organization to develop and provide the needed interventions and services to at risk youth in the region. The return on your investment may not be traditional in the sense of financial gain but it will be significant in terms of personal and spiritual gain by young people.

Thank you again and we look forward to continuing to work together on this project.

Sincerely,

 John Sharpe, CEO



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The photo above and at lower right show the heartfelt graffiti left on the interior windows of Safe Harbour House by residents before it closed a year ago. "I love Safe Harbour 'cause it gives us hope."

TOP LEFT: Bishop David Edwards speaking during the announcement Nov. 23.

TOP RIGHT: Archdeacons Stuart Allan and Rob Marsh, and the Rev. Albert Snelgrove were on hand for the official announcement Nov. 23.

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