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God is good!  
All the time!  
All the time!  
God is good!

*Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ... Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."*

(Luke 17:15-19)

**I**N OUR PARISH church this Thanksgiving Sunday, we will hear this passage from the gospel of Luke read. As we think of thanksgiving and the fall season in general, we have to wonder how many times we fail to turn back and to give thanks to God for the blessings of our lives and the life of the faith communities within the Territory of the People. How often we dwell on only the negative which prevents us from seeing the real blessings around us. When we allow the negative to prevail in our lives it becomes difficult to be positive and optimistic about anything. This gloom makes it so hard for



Bishop Barbara Andrews

us to give thanks. Thanksgiving comes with a reminder to us to once again cultivate a spirit of gratitude and wonder.

The recent meeting of General Synod in Toronto this past July, caused some of us to be discouraged and concerned for our church. And yet, so much good work was done at this General Synod that is not getting the press time it deserves. We have focused our attention only on the outcome of the vote of the Marriage Canon and failed to see the real blessings

## 'Attitude of gratitude' ... a message of thanksgiving

that resulted on this debate and the other excellent presentations highlighting the direction of the Anglican Church's mission and ministry to the world.

This reminds me of a story I was reading the other day of a United Methodist Bishop who always greeted people with "God is good" and the people would respond "all the time." Sometimes, even in the middle of a meeting he would just break in and say "God is good," to which people would reply, "All the time." Then he would switch it and say, "All the time," and they would reply, "God is good!" It had become a chant at that UM Conference.

The Bishop said that was, that no matter how cynical the people became over church politics, they would be encouraged to look

beyond to God the giver of all good gifts, the giver of life itself. He would say it because he hoped it would be taken to heart, and create an "attitude of gratitude" within each one. He kept saying it so that it would become the bedrock of their decision making ministry, reassuring them that no matter how difficult the task before them, no matter how bleak the future may appear, no matter how evil humankind has become, God was and is and will always be very good and "Worthy to be praised."

The Gospel says, "And one of them when he saw that he was healed praised God with a loud voice."

May it ever be so with us.  
Happy Thanksgivings,

+Barbara

## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

You will be aware that I was away at General Synod and if you have been following the meeting by social media/email news releases or live streaming, you will know that it was a difficult, tension filled and yet surprising wonderful week.

For those hearing news of General Synod for the first time: on Monday evening after a long day of deep and for the most part respectful listening, the motions

## Bishop Barbara's statement on General Synod

to change the Marriage Canon of our church came before the assembly. More than 60 people spoke for and against the motions, amendments were passed and a final motion came before us and we voted by clickers. Following the tally, Archbishop Hiltz declared that the motion had failed the necessary 2/3 majority

in the House of Clergy by one vote. To change our canons a 2/3 majority must be achieved in each of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity. There was great shock and sadness amongst many and we wondered about the mission and ministry of our Church. For others there was relief as they felt the need to follow their under-

standing of scripture and tradition within our Church. We sat together in silence, and then together we ended the evening in prayer.

Early on Monday a motion was passed to have a record of the vote made available to the delegates. On Tuesday afternoon we received the records and discovered that at least three delegates,

our delegate The Rev. Danny Whitehead, a priest and lay person from Quebec whose votes had not been recorded. Along with these unrecorded votes, the vote of the General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson had been registered as a non-voting member and was not counted in the House of Clergy. ♦ See THE TERRITORY on Page 2



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# The Territory of the People welcomes all

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In stunned silence we heard the Chancellor explain what had happened and Archbishop Hiltz declare the motion to change the Marriage Canon carried in all Houses. They was no sense of joy in the room; we were all aware of how others were now hurting.

We went immediately into worship to conclude the work of Synod, sadly without many for whom this was a painful turn of events. I was heartbroken to see members of our Anglican family walk out of General Synod and not feel that we could come together around the table in a final act of worship.

The question for us now is, how we will walk together as the family of God in the Central Interior as we prepare for these changes in the life of the national church? On Tuesday morning of General Synod we were invited to talk about next steps in our territorial groups and our team of delegates offered many excellent insights that will serve us well now that we have a different outcome.

I am suggesting that we begin this time of discernment:  
♦ By first making ourselves familiar with the new Marriage Canon and the report of the Marriage Canon Commission, This Holy

Estate and engaging in the conversation that our Primate Fred invites us into.

♦ By seeking the counsel of our Pastoral Elders,  
♦ By setting up a Bishop's Task Force to help us to discern how we wish to respond,  
♦ By praying hard together that we come to the Assembly in May 2017 with some clarity on this change of the Marriage Canon.

In the mean time, we will all need to be mindful of how we care for one another in the midst of the hurt that many are experiencing. I would encourage us to do what we do best — have respectful conversation with one another, always remembering that we have people of different opinions in our midst along with members of the LGBTQ2S+ and their families within our communities.

Within the Territory of the People we continue to welcome all. Within our welcome we will offer God's love and support to all and we will offer each of God's sacraments to all who seek them.

Let me end by telling you of our amazing team of delegates and supports from the Territory who attended General Synod on our behalf and give thanks for the wonderful leadership for us:

♦ Melissa Green, who served as the Chair of the General Synod Agenda Committee and ensured that our agenda ran smoothly.  
♦ Cathy Wozlowski, who was elected to the Anglican Journal Committee.  
♦ Dale Drozda, who was elected as the Youth delegate on the Council of General Synod from the Province of BC and Yukon.  
♦ The Rev Len Fraser and the Rev Danny Whitehead both worked hard to serve us within the discussion at General Synod.  
♦ Pastoral Elder Amy Charlie, a guest of the Anglican Indigenous Council sat with us and gave us wise input on the various items before General Synod.  
♦ Dean Ken Gray gave leadership in the presentation on church investments with ecological justice implications.  
♦ Barry Baskin, a member of St Paul's, gave us support from the Observers gallery.

There is so much good news coming out of the Synod that needs to be shared and celebrated:

♦ The new task force on environmental and justice concerns,  
♦ The messages of hope that we heard from our Ecumenical partners, the Diocese of Cuba and the

Diocese of Brazil,  
♦ The messages of support and friendships expressed by Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and the good news that the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Josiah Idowu-Fearon brought to us,  
♦ The good news shared by the Anglican Foundation, PWRDF, and Council of the North  
♦ And the sharing of a new mission statement and dream of the Indigenous Council,

All our work was surrounded by excellent and inspiring worship and music. All in all, there is much for us to celebrate as we return home and look to discerning our way forward on the many changes that now face us with our Anglican Church.

I am asking in each parish this Sunday, that the Primate's statement will be read and you may share the contents of this message from me. Please continue to pray for Archbishop Fred Hiltz as he gives leadership to our church in the coming days and thank God for his patience and faithful service to us.

Please be in touch with me at [apcibishop@shaw.ca](mailto:apcibishop@shaw.ca) if you have questions or concerns.

Blessings,

+Barbara



LEAP participants this year included three young people from the Territory. Bottom row, second from the left, is Emily from the Cathedral. Kayla, also from the Cathedral, is second from the right on the bottom row and Chantel from Shulus is next to her.

## Thank you for a great opportunity!

Three young people from APCI attend the Leadership Experience and Adventure Program (LEAP) at Sorrento Centre this summer. Below, Kayla shares her experience.

**THANK YOU APCI FOR HELPING** make it a possibility for me to go to LEAP this year.

It was so much fun and I made a lot of friends that will hopefully last the rest of my life.

During the two weeks we learned a lot about taking care of children and youth, different types of leadership styles, dimensions of leadership, communication skills while dealing with scenarios, conflict resolution, team-building games and games suitable for each age group. I feel these skills will be really useful in life, not just while working with children and youth but for everyday stuff as well. The camping trip we went on was really fun as well.

During the day when we had free time we would spend hours in the lake playing on a raft that would tip really easy. And the food at Sorrento Centre was really good as always!

During the two weeks we also had the chance to try out all the different jobs there, such as kitchen, housekeeping, farm and ground, maintenance and children & youth. I personally like children and youth the best, especially 0-4 programming.

At the beginning, I'm pretty sure the leaders had planned for us to do a bunch of icebreaker games but by day 2, all of us had already gotten so close that I think they had to rethink the schedule. I'm excited for the BCYAYM fall conference this year because that means I get to see most of them again.

Cam and Dakota were amazing leaders. They were super easy to talk to, got engaged with the group by participating in the games, did a really good job explaining what we were learning and helped us when we needed it.

I'm hoping to become a volunteer at Sorrento Centre next year and am grateful for the support of the Cathedral and APCI to make it possible for me to attend this leadership program.

Submitted by Kayla, LEAP participant

# Reflections >>> GENERAL SYNOD 2016

By Cathy Wozlowski  
General Synod Delegate, The Link Managing Editor

**I HAVE TO SAY I** was excited to go to General Synod. This was my second time attending but like anyone who has attended more than once, the first one seems overwhelming and it takes the second for it to all make sense.

The energy was high and because I knew some people from other committees I have been involved with, it felt comfortable and a bit like old-home week. A great big thank you to the welcoming people at the airport. I didn't realize just how big the airport was, and without their help, I would have been totally lost. The accommodations and venue for the event were great, as well as the catering staff who took very good care of those with special diets.

Two new things used at the Synod this year were the use of assigned iPads and an app that accessed all the information we needed. The iPad cut way down on paper (saving many trees!) and the app kept us informed as the information was regularly updated. We also were able to design our own schedule, and were given the floor plans of the areas used for events and a contact list of people attending. This came in handy when a group photo with other attending diocesan editors was being arranged. There was also a help station set up for any tech questions or tech issues delegates encountered. I'm sure this may be the way of tomorrow for future synods.

In the hallways, various organizations had set up booths — the PWRDF, two Christian book stores, others selling clergy apparel and books and The Anglican Foundation, to name a few.

Worship through the event was very uplifting. I particularly loved our rendition of the Lord's Prayer when we were asked to say it in a soft voice in whatever language we chose. To hear the prayer spoken in different languages gave me a feeling that we are truly all God's family.

There was much work to cover, but the one big item, changing the marriage canon, was looming

and I could sense it weighed heavily on many, if not all, people's minds. There was passionate discussion on the topic as delegates, both for and against, spoke on the upcoming resolution.

We were divided into groups, with a moderator for each of the discussions. From a personal perspective, I was angry to hear some delegates say they felt things were one sided and that our Primate was swaying opinions in one direction. My impression was that he could not have been more fair, accommodating or sensitive. I cannot say enough about what a great spiritual leader we have in our Primate.

On Monday, the elections, as well as the voting on the various resolutions took place. Near the end of the day's session, the big vote was to take place. Time was given for people to have three minutes to speak on why they were for or against the marriage canon resolution. Each spoke passionately.

A two-thirds majority from each of the three houses — Clergy, Laity and Bishops — had to be in favour for the motion to pass. When the votes were tallied, the motion was defeated by one vote needed in the house of clergy. The room fell silent after the announcement. We knew hurt feelings would abound no matter how the vote ended. Business continued and the day ended with evening worship.

On Tuesday, the last day, business was wrapping up and we were about to prepare for the closing of Synod and closing worship, when it was noticed by at least three delegates that their votes had not been recorded and one was registered in the wrong house. This put a total spin on the mood of the room. With the corrections made, the outcome of the marriage motion was changed to carried. Again the mood of the room fell silent. Synod was then declared closed and ended with worship.

Long days, a roller-coaster ride of emotions, making new friends, rekindling old ones, General Synod was and always will be, an important part of the learning experiences on my journey.



&gt;&gt;&gt; ABORIGINAL SUNDAY

# Feeding spirit & soul

**S**T. MICHAEL AND All Angels celebrated Aboriginal Sunday in fine style. Father Frank was the celebrant with a sermon by Loren Aldren. Our Peoples' Warden Marie Hay, and Zonia Wood led the opening procession and the closing recessional with their hand drums.

Father Frank wore his buckskin stole, a gift from the people of the Lytton Parish, the stole represents the Power of the cross, the centrality of the Eucharist in feeding the spirit and soul of humankind and the salmon in feeding our physical needs. Father Frank adopted the symbol of the cross and Eagles to decorate his personal hand-made drum.

The celebration was topped off by a gift of enough bannock, prepared by our parish's aboriginal elder Liz Laderoute,

to feed everyone in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a memorial day.

## ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Prince George

Submitted by Father Frank+  
St. Michael and All Angels, Prince George



Father Frank and Zonia Wood at the St. Michael and All Angels' celebration of Aboriginal Sunday. The parish is hosting the Provincial Aboriginal Council on Sept. 11.

## Website for Territory welcomes your input

**GREETINGS FRIENDS FROM YOUR WEBSITE** development team — Dean Ken Gray, Cathy Wozlowski and David Durksen.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website which became effective September 1.

Take a few minutes to check it out at [territoryofthepeople.ca](http://territoryofthepeople.ca) and click on the tabs to discover:

- ◆ Some forthcoming events
- ◆ Information about three parishes (this section will grow as you submit information and pictures to us)
- ◆ Pictures and information about our history and our pastoral elders
- ◆ Information for folks who are new to Anglican Christianity.

There are a few things to note about the new website:

- ◆ It is a work in progress. Proportionally, we are only using about half of its recourses and capabilities.

In six months' time, things will look quite different.

- ◆ We will not always get things right; corrections are welcome and necessary. Email us with changes or additions, please.

◆ The website management team has the final say on site content. Anything with an Anglican, Territorial, Ministry-related will be posted, though is subject to editing.

We do need from each parish as soon as possible please:

- ◆ 3 to 5 images, including a building photo, a picture of the lay or ordained leadership and a landscape photo of your community. Please submit your best quality images; note that images may be cropped to fit necessary site specifications.
- ◆ 100 to 150 words telling folks what you want the visitor to know about your ministry. This may be

history, it may be local programming, it may speak to vision and congregational purpose and style.

◆ Any posters or documents you want to share broadly throughout the territory. This might be a parish history, an initiative (ie: mental-health outreach) which is described in a PDF document.

◆ Any links to local websites or other links you think should be shared with others in our territory.

Beyond the parish itself, we welcome your news stories about events, persons and personalities, or events of interest to others in our territory.

Finally, our aim is to provide a web experience of use to newcomers, seekers, those who have been around for a long and cradle Anglicans. In this and so many ways, we enter new territory, together.

## ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Quesnel

### Thanks for generous gifts of multi-taskers

**HERE AT ST. JOHN'S, WE** have been blessed with a warm, dry winter, an early spring and a perfect summer with heat and rain when needed. The gardens and harvests are both beautiful and bountiful. Many thanks to our volunteers who have kept the flower beds weed-free and the lawns trim and lush.

Our priest, Len, was away for most of July and August attending meetings, studying and enjoying his annual holiday. We were very well served by Bonny, Janet, Rosina, Shirley and Carol, our Lay Ministers, who planned and conducted services in Len's absence. We certainly appreciate their commitment and inspiration!

As we are not a large congregation, we depend on those generous souls who multi-task. Our secretary, Honey Affleck, wears many hats – both literally and metaphorically. She conducts office business which includes setting up the service for our electronic system and is also a wonder at keeping our hall rented.

Matthew Allan keeps our church and hall in good order, tends the grounds and runs the Power Point system every Sunday.

Rachel Sales is blessed with a beautiful voice and is our cantor. She is also the person who coordinates food events for the ACW and fundraising events.

Ron Wilkins greets us most Sundays with a warm smile and is always there when needed, whether it's cleaning up after dinners or moving and sorting garage sale items.

There are many other members of our congregation who step in willingly whenever needed. You know who you are and you always have our thanks.

We had two major events in June – the Garage Sale and the Lobster Dinner. Both were well attended and profitable. In September, we will host a Welcome Back barbeque on Sept. 18, followed by the Harvest Dinner the following Sunday. This will be in the evening and is not confined to members of the congregation as we welcome friends and neighbours to the feast.

At the end of October, in my position as ACW president, I will be attending the annual ACW Conference in Langley. Much closer to home than last year when it was held in St. John's, Newfoundland Labrador! Once again, I'll be a guest of the Diocese of New Westminster. Thank you to the ACW presidents who responded to the request for input as to your concerns that I can raise on your behalf at the conference.

As an acknowledgement of our new status as the Territory of the People, I will be bringing as gifts, 35 mug mats with a pattern representing a dream catcher. Thanks to Shirlee Browett of Kamloops for the suggestion!

Blessings and a fruitful fall to you all.

Submitted by Eileen Chan  
St. John The Divine, Quesnel

## Boxes of giveaway books available for parish libraries

*"I have been walking in the woods, and have lain down on the ground to rest. It is the middle of October, and around me, all through the woods, The leaves are quietly sifting down. The newly fallen leaves make a dry, Comfortable bed, and I lie easy, coming to rest within myself as I seem to do nowadays only when I am in the woods... We must recover the sense of the majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence."*

Wendell Berry from Autumn  
— a spiritual biography of the season

**AS WE SIT TO WRITE**, it's amazing to realize that we are beginning our seventh season as coordinators of the Resource Centre. Where has the time gone? We have felt so blessed and supported in this creative ministry of trying to get the right resources – whatever that may be – to the

### RESOURCE CENTRE

@ St. Paul's Cathedral

right people in APCI for the right place in their spiritual journey.

We have also been very appreciative to work with the dedicated contact people in each parish who are our lifeline of communication. We thank you all. That being said, please remember that this is your Resource Centre and we are here to fulfil your needs.

It is expected by now that everyone who wants, Diaries, McCauslands Order of Divine Service and Anglican Church Directories has put their orders in to us and we are working on it. We have also ordered calendars for each parish as requested.



As our space for resources is limited here, we continue to cull to allow us to keep current with new books. Unfortunately it also means that we can no longer

accept large donations of books for the library. We still do have a lot of "giveaway books," so if you are having a gathering or would like some of these for your parish libraries, please let us know.

We have heard from quite a few of our contact people regarding an Autumn book box exchange, so if you would like a box now please let us know. If you are having any programs, projects, or book studies on themes during the fall, we could perhaps send extra material to you on the topic.

As with other years, the Resource Centre will be open on Fridays but the hours will now change to 10 am to 2 pm. If, at any time other than these regular office hours you wish to contact us, please don't hesitate to give us a call at home (778-471-4451).

Submitted by Gordon and Mary Dove  
Resource Centre Coordinators



# Celebrating 90 Years

OCCASION MARKED BY DECADES OF COSTUMES & GREAT MERRIMENT

**T**HE EARLY CELEBRATION of St. Peter's 90th anniversary was a great success. We celebrated in style, showcasing nine decades of music and fashion. Our congregation were such good sports — donning hats, wigs, various types of costumes etc. to depict the various decades. The finishing touch was Jan, David and Hilary portraying the Queen, her guard and prince as a toast to her 60 years on the throne. It all was so much fun and provided much merriment.

Former clergy came to help us celebrate: Rev. Ray Bray, Rev. David Holmes, who gave the homily on Sunday, and Rev. Noel and Jeanan Goater. We were also honoured that Bishop Barbara took time out of her busy schedule to be there both days, as well as Rev. Isobel Healey Morrow and the Dean of the Cathedral, Ken Grey.

Members of the Bostock family, whose grandfather built the church, Rae, Roger and Elaine Parkes, whose parents and aunt had gone to St. Peter's many years ago and former members of St. Peter's filled the ranks.

The service on Sunday saw Rev. Goater place a plague on the pulpit with the phrase "Sir, we would see Jesus" John 12:21 engraved on it, in memory of the late Bishop Jim Cruikshank. Both had attended Emmanuel College as students and were faced with that phrase when it was their turn to preach.

The other joyous event was to have Bishop Barbara declare our dear Archdeacon Don Wootten a canon of APCI — a well deserved recognition of his years of dedicated service to our Lord and to the parish of St. Peter's.

As an added feature to all of this, I had the good fortune to be put in touch with a historian

## ST. PETER'S

### Monte Creek

from Prince George — Trelle Morrow. He has used his engineering abilities in the construction of various churches in the Prince George area and also writes some histories for a few, one being in the Woodpecker area. He is working on a documentation of reaction ferries and wanted any information I may have on the Monte Creek ferry.

When he heard we were celebrating St. Peter's 90th., he expressed an interest in writing up a documentation. He worked so quickly and has produced a lovely 30-page booklet, free of charge, and has suggested we may want to use it as a fundraiser for the church.

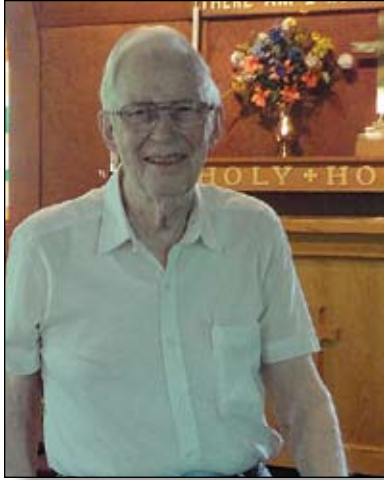
We are taking orders and will definitely get copies made for the Anglican Archives and for our own records. It was a pleasure to work with Trelle. He is a very interesting gentleman and puts his heart into his various historical projects.

Just before the anniversary celebration, a new, bigger hot water tank was installed. The one it replaces was the original, so over 20 years old, and small. We were always running out of hot water when it came time to do dishes after a large "do."

We will be having our semi-annual bonfire and weiner roast in October. We look forward to the various activities in your parishes.

We at St. Peter's hope you have all had a happy, healthy and blessed summer.

Submitted by Phil Churchill  
St. Peter's, Monte Creek



Top left: Trelle Morrow who created a documentation of St. Peter's.

# Rev. Dan Hines to host Circles of Trust Day Oct. 29 at St. Alban

**GREETINGS FROM ST ALBAN'S.** It's hard to believe we're nearly at the end of summer but mornings stay dark later and evenings arrive earlier.

From what I hear, life continues on with the various church ministries carrying on in the community. Bible Study at Extended Care, Prayer Team Ministry, Plum Village Group and Soup's On are a few of the activities that enrich the volunteers and the participants who are involved in the gatherings.

I say "from what I hear, because

I've spent since the middle of May in Barkerville, looking after St Saviour's Church and ministering here. It's been a unique and wonderful experience, made all the richer by the visitors from home who've come up to walk through the history of B.C., found only in the Barkerville village. If you've always meant to see Barkerville, I encourage you to put it on your bucket list because it is a treasure every British Columbian should see. And the activities available and the variety of tours exploring the gold rush and its sig-

nificance to BC really bring to life our rich history.

My role has been at St Saviour's Anglican Church doing Morning, Mid-Day and Evening Prayers during the weekdays and on Sunday, two Eucharist Services with Reserved Sacrament. The closest I come to having a regular congregation is on Sunday morning 8:30 am when staff attend the service. It has been valuable having a regular group in the midst of the many other services where people in attendance are mostly guests on site.

It certainly is an interesting experience to speak about the readings in the Daily Office Lectionary without knowing anything about the people in the pews. I am always amazed when someone says afterwards that something in the reflection is "exactly what I needed to hear." The Spirit moves in mysterious ways.

The other activity that is enriching on many levels is hosting the cemetery tour each day. We have some very interesting and prominent people buried in the Old Cemetery and often the guests in attendance

have information about ancestors buried there that adds to the tour. And there have been people who have found graves of long-lost relatives and that has been gratifying.

Soon my time here is complete and it leaves a bittersweet feeling in my heart. It will be great to get back to Ashcroft and resume life with Jim, the grandchildren and the folk at St Alban's. And it is difficult leaving behind all the wonderful staff I've met and worked with at Barkerville. Many of them have worked here for many years and



# Shared service at historical chapel



**GREETINGS FROM ST. TIMOTHY'S, 100 Mile House.** We hope you all had a really good summer. As usual some people from here were away so not too much happened through July and August.

The Free Store run by Sylvia and Erik at St. Tim's every third Friday of the month did continue throughout the summer with a good turnout. Thanks to both of them and Jenny who managed the August store while Erik and Sylvia were away. The larger Free Store at the United Church will be held on October 15th, and the smaller ones at our church will continue over the winter.

Keith's bike ride from Saskatoon to Thunder Bay went without mishap or Keith getting off track on some dusty back road. He got to wander through an interesting Orthodox Church and he was greeted by a terrific flood when he arrived in Thunder Bay. He said there were some unexpected hills and lots of birdlife.

In August, St. Peter's, Williams Lake, joined us for a service in the lovely little chapel at the 108 heritage site. The stoles worn by Keith, Kris and Thelma all came from Guatemala. It was a good service despite the Velcro-like sounds every time anyone took a step. Keith said he would give a prize for the best quip about our soles/souls getting stuck. As you may have guessed, for some reason the chapel floor was very sticky.

After the service Eric and Keith cooked hamburgers and hot dogs to go with the salads and goodies brought by congregants. There was a good turnout, the rain held off, and it was fairly warm. It was a good time of worship, visiting and catching up on news.

Stemete7uw'i Gathering Place has been busy and they have

started Wednesday evening knitting classes. They also presented the movie Highway of Tears during the summer.

Our annual Christmas bazaar will be held sometime in November; the exact date hadn't been decided at the time I was writing this. There will be the usual bake table, crafts, attic treasures and, likely, books.

I leave you with something to

## ST. TIMOTHY'S

100 Mile House

think about, "It is easier to leave angry words unspoken than to mend a heart those words have broken."

Submitted by Jayney Baker  
St. Timothy's, 100 Mile House



In August, St. Peter's, Williams Lake, joined us for a service in the lovely little chapel at the 108 Mile heritage site, pictured above. The service was followed by a barbecue. The stoles worn by Keith, Kris and Thelma, pictured at bottom, outside the 108 Mile chapel, came from Guatemala.



At top: Members of the congregation and friends, appear in historical costume for the 90th anniversary.

Above left, the clergy participating in the 90th anniversary Sunday service.

Above centre: Wardens Hilary Flatt and Tivola Howe cut the anniversary cake.

Above right: Jan Davies commands in her role as The Queen.

Bottom left: Bishop Barbara and Rev. Noel Goater.

Bottom centre: Bishop Barbara and her new canon Archdeacon Don Wootten. At left, they stand with other attendees.

## Rev. Dan Hines' Ashcroft

## ST. ALBAN'S Ashcroft

they have been generous with orienting me to all-things-Barkerville. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to minister in the Barkerville Cathedral and for the wonderful people who bring this place to life.

When I return home there is Jo Ann's Ordination Service in Lillooet and the Creating Safe Communities Workshop there, too, that we will attend shortly after arrival.

And here is something to mark on your calendar — Rev. Dan Hines will be hosting a Circles of Trust Day on October 29, at St Alban's.

Lunch will be provided and the day will be a great opportunity for some quiet time for inner work. You can let Dan know if you plan to attend — he will give you the details of the day and it will help him in his planning, too.

Before we know it, Advent will be here again — blessings to all as we prepare for the awareness of The Christ in our hearts.

Submitted Martina Duncan  
St. Alban's, Ashcroft





# Summer ends, the busyness of fall begins



Above: Nancy Kurjata, Ann Westaway, Carol Helgason and Mary Applegate with some of the hanging baskets that were delivered in early June.

At left: We said farewell to Maureen Quinn and her daughter Renae, who moved to Kamloops. People's Warden Val Cardwell and Rector's Warden Susan Scott presented Maureen with a picture of Grace Church.

At left, bottom: The Baptism of Rylan Compo on May 22.

Below: The Baptism of Liam Cochrane, with parents William and Shannon on July 31.



We bid a fond farewell to Laura Dey. Rector's Warden Susan Scott presented Laura with a picture of Grace Church.



## GRACE CHURCH Prince George

**A**S USUAL, SUMMER has been a busy and interesting season at Grace Church.

In early June, our pre-ordered hanging baskets were delivered. Ann Westaway was in charge of this major fundraiser, and the baskets were as beautiful as ever.

The following week we had our garage sale. The event was well attended and a substantial amount of money was raised to support our parish programs.

We were sorry to have to say good-bye to Laura and Martin Dey and to Maureen and Sean Quinn and their daughter, Renae. Both Laura and Maureen were members of our Parish Council and they will be deeply missed. We wish them well and hope they will visit when they are in our area again.

It was with joy that we welcomed Rylan Compo and Liam Cochrane into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Our church garden continues to thrive, thanks to Susannah Pow, who has inspired a group of garden enthusiasts who show up weekly for weeding and fellowship. In a few weeks we will gather to clean out the garden, plant bulbs, and prepare the beds for winter.

At this time of writing, we continue to enjoy a relaxing summer before the busyness of fall begins.

Submitted by Barb Ellison  
Grace Church, Prince George



# Bishop's tea, a sweet success

**JULY 22ND BROUGHT WITH IT** a lovely and much anticipated event — the Third Annual Bishop's High Tea held at the historic St. Andrew's on the Square Church in downtown Kamloops.

Ladies and gentlemen in their best summer attire enjoyed a good old-fashioned high tea, complete with scones, dainties, fruit, and lots of tea, coffee, and ice water.

The men of St. George's were our waiters, resplendent in violet coloured waistcoats and bow ties. Our beloved Bishop Barbara was the guest

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of honour, and we were also delighted to welcome our new Dean, the Very Reverend Ken Gray and his wife Kathie.

A competition for the best hat was held, with Bishop Barbara graciously donating prizes and judging the best hats.

There was an incredible array of lovely hats and fascinators, and it was indeed a most difficult task to judge who had the best hat! It was

suggested that next year a separate category for fascinators should be offered.

A silent auction of art work and collectibles was also offered, and the bidding was brisk, as attendees were intent on acquiring new decor for their homes or early Christmas gifts for friends or loved ones.

A special thank you to Carol Foster and her team of helpers who made this event so enjoyable! We look forward to next year's High Tea with the Bishop in great anticipation.

Submitted by Rev. Isobel Healy-Morrow  
St. Georges, Kamloops



Rev. Isobel Healy-Morrow, Bishop Barbara, Carol Foster and Cathy Gray at the Bishop's High Tea.



# Science + religion = harmony

**MANY WONDERFUL THINGS HAVE BEEN** happening at St. Michael's in Merritt. We have now completely moved our church into the hall. Naturally, that required some work.

In the spring, a large four-foot decorative steel cross was created by Al Mackay-Smith and greets people as they enter the hall. A large brass cross is planned for the interior of the hall. In August all of the interior walls were fixed and painted.

Next we plan to do some repairs to the flooring and turn the rear entrance into the main entrance. A pathway accessible for all people is planned for sometime in the fall. This was initiated so services no longer face the kitchen and bathrooms.

Meanwhile, while all this was going we were in negotiations with the Canadian Mental Health

Association who would like to purchase the old church and do extensive and needed renovations thereby turning the historic church once again into a useful facility for the community.

The plan is for a permanent mental-health outlet serving Merritt and area. CMHA has had an architect, engineer and contractors on site and by the time you read this we should know their decision.

Of course, all this is not merely being done to just please ourselves. We hope to turn the already-busy hall into a place where people can truly experience and explore their spirituality.

Starting on Sept. 26, we will offer the community an inspirational and groundbreaking seven-week course entitled *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*. The partici-

## ST. MICHAEL'S

Merritt

pant-friendly course celebrates the communion of science and faith and explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring more than a dozen leading evolutionary theologians and progressive thinkers, the program includes video presentations, reading material and lively discussions.

The program aims at building bridges among thoughtful people of faith and those claiming no faith. It does so by bringing science and religion into a harmonious and fascinating relationship.

Here's a comment from a former participant:  
"This series helped change the



An evening of conversation at Peter and Nancy's home in Merritt.

direction of my spirituality. I will forever be grateful for the talks that took me to a much bigger view of God. Listening to these theologians and thinkers, while doing supplementary reading, going through the discussions, gave me the confidence to go with my heart on this part of my journey, and I'm doing it with joy!"  
— Sheila Conner

After the course, we will be heading closer to Christmas and again this year we offer the popular Lessons and Carols (All your favourites) in mid-December. Last year we had a tremendous turnout, many from our area and Kamloops.

Submitted by The Rev. Peter van der Leelie  
St. Michael's Anglican Church, Merritt

# Parish to welcome refugee family

**OUR WIND-UP MESSY** Church, in June, saw many enjoying a wonderful evening. You will see the results of the planting we did at that time in the community garden. We are grateful to all those who set up barbecues, barbecued, manned the kitchen, brought extra food, made awesome pinwheel cookies, planned and implemented the program and provided a wonderful, successful evening for 40 people. We are especially grateful to Jennifer Johnson who made up summer boxes for the families that attended and for families unable to attend. The garden produce will go to Salvation Army and other needy people in our community.

In May, Equip Cariboo was attended by the Rev. Keith and Kris Dobyns as well as Bill Watt and Brian LaPointe.

We are grateful for all those who look after the wonderful flower beds, lawn, Memorial Garden and box #9 in the Community Memorial Garden at St. Peter's.

St. Peter's is looking forward to a refugee family coming to Williams Lake. We are expecting a mother and her daughter with two girls and another mother with two children 11 and 1. They are from the Ivory Coast in Liberia. Rev. Keith and Kris Dobyns along with some of our parishioners, are looking forward to welcoming them in their new community. More about our newest neighbours later.

This summer has seen some courageous travelers on a bicycle. Rev. Keith Dobyns traveled to Saskatchewan last year. This year, immediately after the Clergy Conference, he started in the latter place and pedaled all the way to

## ST. PETER'S

Williams Lake

Thunder Bay.

One of our Lay Ministers — Clive Granger, started in Williams Lake on his bicycle going all the way across Canada to Halifax with his brother and his son Brody. After many adventures they met Clive's oldest son Bryce and his new little son Henry (Clive and Cheryl's first grandson) at Point Pleasant Park in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The caption on the picture states they are "saying Hi, Bye, shaving and shedding weight." Many people thought they were crazy while others said they were amazing.

Another highlight for this year—we look forward to becoming the Territory of the People, a special place for all of us, as we move forward in our journey, hand in hand with Christ, in love and peace.

Submitted by Jeanie Vant  
St. Peter's Williams Lake



Above: Here we are having fun out on our plot at the Community Garden.  
At right: A photo of the Memory Garden.  
Below: Messy Church on June 2.





# Discover new ways to deepen your relationship with God

**PERHAPS YOU HAVE CREATED** AN inventory of your belongings for insurance purposes. But have you ever thought of taking an inventory of your prayer life? Last Advent, a small midweek study group at St. Peter's Anglican in Williams Lake did just that and even more.

We used pamphlets provided by the Anglican Fellowship of prayer as a means of deepening our spiritual walk through Advent. We began with "A Prayer Inventory." This pamphlet has helpful questions to identify the different ways each of us encounters God

in prayer. We looked at how we incorporated prayer into our lives, the place of prayer in our lives, the methods of prayer that we used, and our 'theology of prayer.' After we took the inventory we reflected on what each of us had learned and what we wanted from our prayer life in the future. Then we each committed to some change.

We are all so different. No one way of communicating with God through prayer works for all. This pamphlet helped us examine our current prayer lives and look for new ways to deepen our relation-

ship with God.

"When we respond to God by loving life as a precious gift and looking beyond ourselves to those in need, we are beginning to pray." That is the opening quote from the AFP pamphlet *Beginning to Pray*. We spent a couple weeks exploring this information after we completed the spiritual inventory. It sparked conversation that broadened our understanding of prayer. We learned that prayer can be so much more than words. We were reminded again that God is with us always, no matter what it is we are going through. And that

God never deserts us.

The Anglican Fellowship of prayer has many resources for parishes and individuals. The new website for AFP is <http://anglicanprayer.org/>. Most print resources can be ordered for a minimal cost. Many can be downloaded and printed out for free. (<http://anglicanprayer.org/index.php/resources/>)

In the past year, videos have been added to the site. "Touching the Heart" is a video series that comes with a Leader's Guide and a workbook. "Praying Congregations" is another 5 session video

series. You can also search for "Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)" on facebook to find almost daily prayers.

Mary and Gordon Dove are the APCI representatives for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and can provide help in obtaining materials. Many parishes already have a parish representative for AFP. We hope that you are encouraged to explore these resources in your parishes.

Submitted by The Rev. Kristen Dobyms

St. Peter's and St. Luke's Williams Lake/Alexis Creek and St. Timothy's 100 Mile House.

## ST. PAUL'S

Kamloops

By Dale Drozda

Summer Intern Archive Clerk

**O**VER THE SUMMER I had the pleasure of working as the archive clerk for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, formerly known as the Diocese of Cariboo, and transitioning into the Territory of the People. I made it a priority to learn more about the current and past mindsets of the Territory and the wider Anglican Church of Canada so that I could sort the materials I collect in a meaningful way.

I was very lucky to engage with so many wonderful people from the Territory and the national church. During the beginning of my work term, I was fortunate enough to go to General Synod as a youth delegate. Prior to that I had been diving deep into the Cleopas Church, Kamloops files. Cleopas's history exemplified that such a loving community had to grow and adapt to changes, which for them meant shutting down, even though the community still remains connected. General Synod taught me about how the Church is changing and about the larger struggles we have to face and how we collaborate to do so.

The leaders of the Church spend an astonishing amount of time listening to different perspectives and then taking a course of action, this can seem inefficient for some, although it is quite the opposite. While sorting files, I read excerpts to understand how best to sort them. During each encounter of listening and observing members of the church, I learnt it is more important for the information going into the archive to speak for itself, rather than me speaking for it. This meant compromising my plans in order to accommodate what was really going on in the files. I could pre-plan how I would like to organize a certain set of files, but if I find the contents would not suit the plan that I prescribed for it, I would have to adjust to accommodate.

General Synod was a lesson in listening and then acting for all of the delegates in attendance. There were trying moments

# PRESERVING THE PAST

## as we negotiate the future



Archive clerk Dale Drozda

where certain people felt ignored, and moments where the room was positively glowing because we had accomplished something, because we had listened to one another. Whether I am cooperating with archival material or another person, I feel my time in this position taught me how to best engage in setting a course of action.

The most difficult part of listening and then acting is that sometimes there cannot be a compromise. In regards to the Marriage Canon, the answer was yes, no or abstain. A person could not pick maybe, so they had to make a choice or abstain.

The outcome had implications for people who felt strongly either way. I am very happy with the way the vote turned out and I hope we can continue the conversation in a way that keeps moving us forward in the course of action.

The history of the Territory is one where important many decisions have been made through committees and Synods. There will always be an area in need of improvement or a conflict to resolve, and the way we can respectfully discuss these matters is a blessing. We have our past and we are making our future, it is amazing to get a glimpse into what has happened and experience decisions for the future being made.

**WHETHER IT WAS LOOKING THROUGH** past files or experiencing a parish I had never been to before, there was a warmth to all of my encounters that made me feel safe and like I belonged. The parishes of the Territory are wonderful at sustaining a long-term community however, there does seem to be something holding back its growth.

It has become increasingly difficult to draw and retain people into the wide open doors of such a vibrant community! There is always plenty of speculation as to why this is the case, so I will attempt to speculate from a young adult's perspective as to what the case might be.

I have been a part of many communities, some more successful than others. All of the communities experience unavoidable lulls in membership, however, the ability to re-engage its members or engage new member has made all the difference. I am the vice president of a growing pride club, a member-at-large of a small elected committee with a goal of hosting short-term large, impactful events, a former youth staff member of Sorrento Centre for three years and a member of the St. Paul's Youth Leadership Team.

Instead of speculating in the sense of, "Follow these easy steps and people will be running into the pews!" I will recall instances where clubs or communities have succeeded and then draw conclusions that may be useful to try for parishes.

The most successful instance of building community was an experience I had leading a very small group at Sorrento Centre. The group consisted of two introverted 16 year olds that we were at risk of losing because the program did not engage them properly so they were considering leaving the

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program and spending time elsewhere.

I took on the task, along with a very capable partner, to figure out what they would like to do, and to make it happen. We started with simple questions and introductions. Questions such as, "What is your favourite band? Mine is..." and "What was your favourite subject in school? Mine was..." These questions made it clear that neither member enjoyed sports, they loved art, and they did not want to play games with the younger group. The solution was to create an art project!

We dreamt big and ended up painting a mural on a rather bare wall, in addition the group ended up parodying multiple songs and performing them in front of the entire community at Sorrento Centre. The lesson that sticks out here for me is, to engage a new person, whether introverted or extroverted, one should ask non-invasive questions to gauge interest. Do not ask anything you would not want to answer yourself. This will set the base for a respectful relationship

between you and the member. Creating new relationships should be a rewarding and fulfilling experience for everyone involved.

The next successful experience in building community is related to the equity committee I sit on. Although we only host short term events, we do everything with great intention that is rooted in the fact that we know if we follow the steps, we will most likely achieve success. One of my favorite things we do is face-to-face marketing. I am not suggesting going door-to-door to promote Sunday services, but I am suggesting we seek to do more personal marketing rather than using social and print media to promote all of our events. I use the rule of thumb, if I think someone would like to be involved in something I am a part of, I invite them. People can sometimes get tense about church events, but as anyone who attends events in the Territory knows, we like to have fun. Say a coworker once expressed their love of pancakes to you and Shrove Tuesday is drawing near, invite them! If they express concern about the "churchliness" of the event, just be completely honest about the order of the event. If the person is interested, they will come and it could be fun to experience a friend or coworker in a different setting!

The Territory of the People is a community full of amazing individuals and we should not sell ourselves short. It is important to continue learning, especially when it comes to how to share our community with others. We do an great job of providing services and space for others to host their events, but we need to learn how to better welcome others into the space while we occupy it.

— Dale Drozda