



Photo: Michael Zastre

Bishop George Hills (aka present incumbent, Rev. Dan Fournier) along with a numbers of parishioners dressed in their 'Sunday best' enjoyed the Descendants' Tea at St. Luke's anniversary.

St. Luke's celebrates 155

By Barb Prescott

What a weekend we had at St. Luke's celebrating our 155th Anniversary on September 19 and 20! As the date of our Anniversary Weekend approached, we wondered if we would find enough volunteers to help at all the events: the Family Fun Day on Saturday morning, the Descendants' Tea on Saturday afternoon, the Homecoming Service on Sunday morning, the Anything Goes Concert on Sunday afternoon, and the Evensong Service on Sunday evening. But sure enough, with God's power working in us we were able to do more than we could ask or imagine!

The community was invited to all the events and they responded positively by attending and taking part. Close to 200 people (non parishioners) from the community came to the Family Fun Day games, activities and free lunch. An additional 60 people attended including parishioners who were helping and others from groups with connections to St. Luke's such as St. Luke's Players, Lakehill Preschool, South Island Centre, Shelbourne Community Kitchen, Vintage Car Club and students from Lambrick Park School.

The Descendants' Tea, a new event for St. Luke's, was well received. About 70 descendants of people buried in the graveyard

attended, including a number of the Irvine family in whose home the first members of the congregation of St. Luke met. After opening remarks and a blessing, tea was served along with sandwiches and sweets. The afternoon included a fashion show, featuring clothing worn to church from 1860 to 1960. All who attended enjoyed it.

At our Sunday morning Homecoming Service, we asked, "What is your St. Luke's connection?" During the Prayers of the People, we gave thanks and recognized the links many people have to St. Luke's. At the end of the service, we invited people to stand who had connections to St. Luke's such as those who had been baptized, attended Sunday School, or married at St. Luke's. The service seemed to resonant with parishioners and others in the community more than the 'Back to Church' services we have held in the past.

The Anything Goes! Concert on Sunday afternoon was a musical treat for the concertgoers. Performers included Rachel Mitten, Erika Pryer, Stephanie Sartore, Dorothy Cook, Lyn Oldale, Daniel Fournier, Bre Levere, Susanne Reul-Zastre, the Sequoia Vocal Ensemble and the Camosack Double Reed Woodwind Quartet. The weekend ended with a special Evensong service, which highlighted

the connections between St. Luke's and St. Michaels University School.

This Anniversary Weekend celebration continued the long tradition of concerts and fellowship at St. Luke's. An article in *The Victoria Daily Colonist* (July 23, 1891, p. 5) described a concert and social event more than 100 years ago: "The concert and raspberry social, last evening at Cedar Hill Church, was the success of the season. Four busloads from the city helped to make up a good-sized audience. The talent was all local, with Mrs. Kyle, Misses Brown and Tolmie being particularly appreciated in their character songs. So was the cream and raspberries. Long live Cloverdale farm and the good things it produces, for the entertainment of the townspeople and benefit of Cedar Hill Church."

We received many positive comments about the events of the weekend with many of our guests attending several events. One guest from Vancouver attended everything. Another visitor, who has many members of his family buried in St. Luke's graveyard, came from Seattle to attend the Descendants' Tea, the Homecoming Service (he was

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Lest we forget



As we pause on November 11 to remember those who have served their country, let us continue to pray for the peace of the world.

WAR CEMETERY

I looked for my father in a field but found only his name out in public

I disliked his being shared by beetles, swallows and the glazed view of tourists

wanted to erase his name from eyes wrapped around the letters carrying them all over the world like ashes on the wind

from 'A Summer Father' published by Frontenac House, 2006

Joanna M. Weston



.....All Saints and All Souls

to church and those who welcome them when they walk through the doors, and those who serve coffee and goodies at all sort of events from weddings to funerals and every Sunday morning. They are in many ways a part of that great cloud of witnesses - those who serve Christ and his church in our day and age. For their faithful witness and work, I say thank you to you on behalf of a very grateful Diocese.

We move into a season of remembrance as the church. We begin with All Saints and All Souls. These are days that are important to me for it is a

time for me to remember those who I have worked with in the church and give thanks for their life and witness to the Christian Gospel. These are the ordinary folk who served quietly behind the scenes. They are that great cloud of witnesses.

These are times to remember Mr. and Mrs. Paul who live down the road or Mr. and Mrs. John who work quietly for the church and have done for many years. Their names are many and they are part of that great cloud. It is these ordinary Christians whose faces will never show up on stained glass window

but, who through Christ in their lives, are doing wonderful and miraculous things.

I believe this is an important time for us as the church and really, in many ways, defines who in essence we are as the Body of Christ, regardless of the rank we have in life, regardless of the honours we have received through status, race or schooling. All rank is gone in the great leveling out of all as one in Christ. When we join this great cloud we do so on an equal footing for we all belong to Christ and our identity comes from our relationship to him.

We are a people of remembrance for we gather each Sunday and hear the words: "Do this in remembrance of me". For all those who have lived, worked, ministered and been faithful servants in remembrance of Jesus and all who continue to do so we, with grateful hearts, remember them during this season.

*Rest Eternal Grant unto them, O, Lord
And let light eternal shine upon them.
May they rest in peace,
and rise with Christ in Glory.*

Bishop Logan

Alive

*for Joseph,
who survived Auschwitz*

You came out of there alive
Beaten, battered, bruised
soul-scathed it's true
stripped of everything
a man should have
to live in dignity
but
alive

What gave you
number A18260
the power to survive
where thousands perished?
Was it your intrinsic love
of living
that helped you triumph
over torture
Or that your lean,
wiry body
learned to bend
instead of break?
Or was it faith
learned at your
lost mother's knee
which gave you strength
to stand where others fell
and brought you
to the other side of Hell?

But now I remember
you said it was your poetry
that sustained you
reinforced your will to live
The need to write,
speak out, be heard
kept you alive
proving indeed
the pen is mightier
than the sword

Sheila Martindale

Personnel Notes

Appointments:

Michael Murgatroyd as the Diocesan Treasurer effective September 26.

Gail Gauthier, CPA, CGA as Diocesan Finance Officer effective October 19.

The Rev. Rob Szo as Regional Dean of Haro, effective October 1.

At the recent meeting of the Provincial Synod

The Rev. Clara Plamondon (Incumbent of St. John the Baptist, Duncan) was elected Secretary to Provincial Synod;

Sally Orr was elected as a member of the Provincial Synod Executive;

Bishop Logan was appointed Advisory Committee on Pos-

tulants for Ordination (ACPO) Bishop."

Resignations:

The Rev. Suzanne Crerar, Deacon at St. Andrew's Parish, Sidney, effective September 30.

The Rev. Betty McLeod Miller as Deacon to the Bishop, effective September 1.

The interim ministry of **the Rev. Brian Wood** at St. Christopher and St. Aidan, Lake Cowichan, ended September 27.

Deaths:

Doug White son of Carol and Boyd Shaw (diocesan EfM Co-ordinator) died September 5 as the fishing boat he was working on capsized and went

down off the Northwest Coast of Vancouver Island.

The Rev. Dr. John Sandys-Wunsch, retired clergy, died on September 29.

The Rev. Dick Hunt, retired clergy (living in Maple Ridge, BC) died on October 5.

Our condolences are extended to their families and friends.

The Diocesan Prayer Cycle

Your prayers are asked weekly for
Bishop Logan McMenamie
and the following parishes:

November 1, All Saints Day
All Saints by-the-Sea
St. Mark

St. Mary, Salt Spring Island
The Rev. Richard Stetson, Incumbent

November 8, Pentecost 24
Trinity Church,
Port Alberni
The Rev. Canon Peter Parker, Priest-in-charge

November 15, Pentecost 25
St. Martin of Tours
Gabriola Island
November 22, The Reign of Christ
St. George the Martyr
Cadboro Bay

The Rev. Canon Richard LeSueur, Incumbent
The Rev. Austin Spry, Priest Associate

November 29, Advent 1
Church of the Advent
Colwood

The Rev. Canon Ken Gray, Incumbent

December 6, Advent 2
St. John the Baptist
Duncan

The Rev. Clara Plamondon, Incumbent

The Bishop's Calendar

During the next few weeks Bishop Logan will be taking part in the following events:

November

- 1 **St. Peter, Pender Island - Anniversary Celebration**
- 5 **St. Christopher, Saturna Island - Parish Visit**
- 5 **Archdeacons' Meeting**
- 5 **Regional Deans' Meeting**
- 8 **St. Peter, Campbell River - Confirmation Service**
- 10 **Educational Trusts Board**
- 19 **Diocesan Finance Committee**
- 25 **Provincial House of Bishops**
- 26 **Diocesan Council**
- 27 **VST Board Meeting**
- 29 **St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt - Parish Visit**



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New Narthex for St. George's

Richard LeSueur

The Narthex addition at St. George's, Cadboro Bay began with an all-encompassing vision fifteen years ago. It was a plan that called for an enormous two story facility of program spaces, administrative offices, a hall and kitchen, a new addition to the north side of the church, and the redevelopment of the old parish hall into two floors of new residential apartments. Commitment was high, energy grew, architectural concepts were rendered into a three-dimensional model, funds were given, but in the end the vision was not for that moment. What followed were in fact smaller steps that aimed to resolve the most pressing needs; a new furnace was installed, lighting improved, the reordering of the worship space and the shift from pews to an arch of chairs needed to be lived into and made beautiful. It took time - God's time.

If there was a lesson to be observed it might be that a great vision is immediately recognizable. In St. George's experience, the new vision ignited imagination, the possible was grasped and momentum grew. But even as inspiring as any vision may be, the reality can take much longer to enact. For St. George's, the dream of a new program space would change and evolve numerous times over the subsequent years as the community worked to discern the actual shape of the future that God was stirring them to make real.

Three and a half years ago it began again. There is no need to describe all the challenges that followed; multiple decisions and adaptations, unforeseen setbacks and nothing short of a lot of hard work. Two fund raising

campaigns were necessary, but grace abounded.

On Sunday, September 13 an enormous celebration took place as the new Narthex was opened with Bishop Logan McMenamie. A time capsule was set into a stone wall followed by a dedication stone cut from a portion of the original cornerstone laid in 1941.



Photo: Ron Fuller

Judy Trueman placing the time capsule

The vision to "Extend The Welcome" has yielded the addition of a spacious room attached to the worship area which can serve for multiple community and congregational events, such as music performances, meetings, classes, lectures and receptions. The narthex introduces a large outdoor patio under a shady tree, and inside, a kitchenette, new washrooms and other amenities to convey an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion.

The threshold to a church today somehow needs to be softened, widened, opened and made homey and familiar to accommodate the transition into sacred space.

Having worked through this project, I would offer the following observations for a building project of any scale:

Trust the congregation to dis-



Exterior of the new narthex at St. George's Church

Photo: Richard LeSueur

cern the best solution.

Set aside the necessary funds at the outset to conduct a thorough exploratory phase in which initial notions are examined by professionals who can contribute professional wisdom at a formative stage.

The role of a building committee is to equip the congregation with the necessary information to make the decisions that are theirs to make. A building committee listens to the community, prepares a range of options, consults experts, gathers accurate information and feeds that back to the congregation in a loop of revision and refinement. The committee serves the congregational process.

It is repeated consultation that builds genuine interest, ownership, funding, excitement and celebration. There can never be too much communication.

Thank people constantly. Recognize every gift. Be ready to work hard. It's worth all the effort.

The Christian community may not be defined by its buildings, but the care of our facilities gives tangible witness to the vitality of the community and its ministry.



Bishop Logan blessing the new stone

Photo: Shanti Persaud

"Living Well at the End of Life" Forum

On Saturday, November 7, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, the Parish of St. Matthias will host the second of four free informational forums. [Their overall theme is: Living Well at the End of Life.]

This forum addresses Advance Care Planning in British Columbia, including Advance Directives (which allows you to provide written instructions about what health care you do or do not want in the future) and Representation Agreements (a way for you to give legal authority on health care and personal care to someone you trust).

The speaker is Ms Dawn Dom-

pierre who has been practicing as a Registered Nurse (RN) since 1995. Her past experiences include working in residential care, surgical care nursing and rehab in Montreal, followed by a ten-year career as a hemodialysis RN in Ottawa. In 2009 she and her family moved to Victoria working as the Renal Program end of life coordinator and also as an Advance Care Planning RN for Seniors Health. Currently she is working for the Seniors Outpatient Clinic at the Peninsula Health Unit.

There will be a question period following the presentation. We want to encourage discussion and

understanding of the many issues around end of life planning.

Two more forums will follow in the New Year. Topics will include: faith practices surrounding death, burial and mourning; and family matters in death and grief.

All are welcome, particularly our neighbors in the Fairfield area and others in the larger community beyond. St. Matthias Church is located at the corner of Richardson and Richmond in Victoria.

For more information please visit www.stmatthiasvictoria.ca/, or www.fb.com/stmatthiasvictoria or call 250-598-2833.



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SOLEMN HIGH MASS
Sunday, November 1, 11:00 am service

IN REMEMBRANCE
With CapriCCio Vocal Ensemble
Wednesday, November 11, 2:00 pm

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
Thursday, November 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

"IN CONVERSATION" POTLUCK SUPPER
Friday, November 20, 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION
Saturday, November 21, 11 am - 3:00 pm
at Christ Church Cathedral School, 912 Vancouver St.

MUSICAL OPEN HOUSE FOR ST. CECILIA'S DAY
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Closing with Choral Evensong at 3:30 pm

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Reflections

The Well

In a corner of the farmhouse kitchen, covered by round wooden covers made by my Uncle, there were two white metal buckets always kept scrupulously clean. They were the source of drinking water for the family. Each morning, sometimes again at a later hour in the day, someone took these two buckets and went to the well.

In the summertime, when it was necessary that all possible adult hands are put to bringing in the precious hay, I am given this duty.

The well is about half a mile away, a distance easily done with two empty buckets but very different on the return journey! Down the farmyard I go, on to the narrow country road that serves the various farms along it, until I come to a lane that leads to the well. Because the trees arch thickly

over the lane it can be deeply shadowed, particularly on a dull day. This, coupled with the silence that falls once I leave the main road, as well as the knowledge that the area of the well itself will be even more shadowed, makes me aware of my solitariness and brings on a mild sense of fear.

At the end of the lane a very narrow earthen path branches off down a short slope. I am entering a long grotto like area. Down to my right a stream flows. It emerges from a large pool behind me, fed in its turn by a waterfall whose source is high up the valley. The grotto is resounding to a symphony of sounds, the splash of the small waterfall as it enters the pool, the chuckling of the stream as it gushes over the stones that litter the grotto's floor.

Then I come to the

well. It is separate from the pool and the stream. Centuries, even millennia ago it would have nestled naturally in the earth. By now the local farmers, I assume my uncle among them, have lined it with concrete and placed a sheltering cover over it some feet above the surface. Because of this cover the water is utterly still and clear.

During the many times I came to this well, sometimes both morning and evening, I would find myself being spoken to in a way hard to explain but rich to recall. I would put the buckets aside and crouch down, searching the dark depths for – for what? As Thomas Hardy once wrote “A boy's will is the wind's will and the thoughts of youth are long long thoughts.”

To the extent that I can now shape those thoughts I think I was searching

for a world beyond the well, beneath it perhaps yet beyond in a different world. I would imagine beings emerging from the water, rising from the underworld into this door between the worlds provided by this grotto. The interesting thing I now recall is that I did not feel fearful, rather filled with a kind of quiet wonder. Then I would return to reality, dip the buckets one by one in the shimmering water, draw them from the well and begin my slow progress up the earthen path and homeward.

Many years later, in a world newly fascinated by ancient Celtic history, I would read of the mythic past of Ireland, how the people of the goddess Dana fled into the underworld before powerful invaders, asking only to emerge once in the cycle of the sun when autumn



Herbert O'Driscoll

darkness was falling on the world, their access to the world being the wells, the orifices of the goddess. Later still the new religion of Christianity would name this season as All Hallows Eve or Halloween, when the spirits of the dead are remembered.

Carl Jung tells us that great eternal archetypes remain in the human mind, far beyond and below our comfortable rational minds. I suspect that such was the source of a boy's wonderings as he crouched in a grotto echoing with the voices of a once divine nature.

To the editor

Did we miss?

(October issue)

I appreciate the obvious diligent attention by Sandra Ryan, as to who was and wasn't present at the various activities around Walking With Our Sisters.

The church bell of St Peter's, Comox had rung over three successive weeks in June as part of the national memorial to missing indigenous women.

In response to a request, both the St Peter's ACW and the parish of St Peter's made monetary donations towards the costs related to the WWOS exhibit. We chose not to bring explicit attention to either of these endeavours.

Canon Jim Lyster
Rector,
St Peter's, Comox



Thanksgiving?

Warm thanks for arranging the front page of the October Post as you did and allowing us to share in the Rev. Scott McLeod's passionate, heartfelt article on refugees.

I believe it is the same Spirit which inspires Scott that also guides us to work with people of whatever colour or creed both at home AND overseas.

My mother liked to quote a poem that others may remember: “Do the thing that's nearest/ though 'tis hard at whiles/ Helping, when you meet them/ Lame dogs over stiles.”

In the 1930s, during the Depression and terrible drought on the western plains of Canada when there was no money, hundreds and hundreds of men moved back and forth across the country on the railways searching for work. I can see them in my mind's eye now, crowded atop freight cars and standing in clusters along the main

street of our small town of High River, Alberta.

Our house had a cross chalked outside it on the sidewalk. That meant the men could always count on being fed. We eight children of our widowed mother were well taught to share what we had, to do it cheerfully without moaning, and not to look for gratitude for doing it. Occasionally, kids would rub out the cross, but it would reappear later that day, or soon after.

Being present and active in refugee assistance, if you are able to, can be wonderful. True! For those, like me, who are no longer able to be physically active, we can still share.

I recommend putting a cross, either literally or figuratively, on your wallet, your cheque book and your credit card, and don't let it be rubbed out over time.

The late Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Wm. Temple wrote, “The principle of sacrifice is that we choose to do or to suffer that which, apart

from love, we would not choose to do or to suffer.”

Remember, we can share with the afflicted and needy both at home

and elsewhere, however little that may seem for each. Together, thankfully, we can do a great deal.

Nancy Cartwright



St. Barnabas Anglican Church
...everything will live where the river flows...

125 year Celebration
November 14, 2015



We will gather to celebrate our 125th year with dinner and live music at **6pm.**

Earlier that day we'll look to the future with an afternoon of visioning from **1-4pm.**

All are welcome!

RSVP to admin@stbarnabaschurch.ca
or by calling 250 595 4324 by November 9
Suggested Donation for the dinner is \$25.00

www.stbarnabaschurch.ca

Healing the Soul of the Nation

Bishop Logan McMenamie

(This article was first published in the Times Colonist in July. While the federal election is over, the issue is still vital. We are publishing it with a few minor changes to references to the election that will have happened by the time you are reading it in this issue of **the Post**. Ed Lewis, Editor)

"This should be not an election issue, but the election issue," says Rex Murphy

What was Rex speaking about? He was speaking about the journey of healing and reconciliation with First Nation Peoples. Why am I speaking about something political in an article for spirituality? Well, I believe this to be a spiritual issue. We are speaking about healing and reconciliation for people and that is about spirituality. We are speaking about healing from the abuses of residential schools. The healing from abuses which were sexual, emotional, physical, psychological, spiritual and cultural. The abuse suffered by First Peoples at the hands of government and churches is a spiritual issue for us as Canadians and all people of faith.

I was recently at the symbolic demolition of St. Michael's Residential School in Alert Bay. For me, it was a powerful experience. I was given the honour of speak-

ing at the event and was proud to be able to offer an apology for our involvement as the church in residential schools. We failed the creator, we failed First Nations People and we failed ourselves. We do not offer this apology because it lets us off and we can go on with life as usual, we offer this apology as the first step of the next steps that are before us - the next steps of the journey of truth telling, healing and reconciliation. Apology is never the end to a journey but must be seen as the first step towards healing.

We are committed to learning from the ways of First Nations People. We are committed to learn from their traditions, their culture, and their language because in all of these we discover the creator. First Peoples have the skill and gifts, the traditions, the culture and the language to bring healing to themselves, their families and to this nation.

What would healing and reconciliation look like for our nation? How do we set aside time to seek forgiveness and lament as settlers? I believe that the soul of our nation needs to experience healing from our involvement in residential schools. As residential schools have had a generational effect on First Nations People and their families, we must realize that our involvement as a nation has had a generational effect

on us as well. We have not come through this experience as passive observers, but as a nation that has been deeply affected by this experience and is in need of healing and reconciliation. Chief Dan George named this need for lament as Canada celebrated its 100th. Anniversary: "Today, when you celebrate your hundred years, oh Canada, I am sad for all the Indian people throughout the land."

As we look at this need for healing could we set aside a day of the year for national lament? A day when we remember our part and ask the creator to heal and restore us? In the wonderful mosaic of faith traditions of our country can this be a multi-faith event drawing on the rich traditions of Canada's multi-culturalism?

A lament for our nation might look something like this: *I gave you relatives and family and they looked to you as brothers and sisters and you turned on them with abuse and your calculated neglect caused many deaths. I made them as a people rich in faith and culture and you made treaties with them and they put their trust in your words, but you tried to create them in your own image and destroyed their culture, language and image.*

This is the essential spiritual issue for us and the soul of our nation.

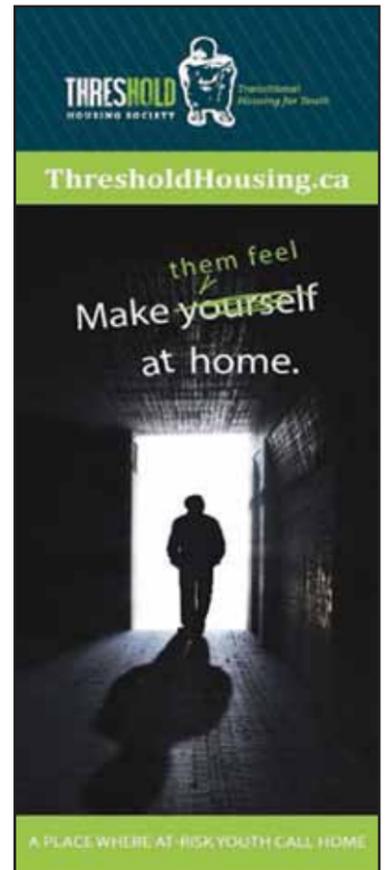
Not Every Youth is Going Home for Christmas

Mark Muldoon

There is no more poignant time in the year when both home and family express their richest meaning than at Christmas time. We all have memories of Christmases where the anticipation of the day energized us, where the preparations for its celebrations filled us with a generous and jubilant heart, where we wished the warm atmosphere of the season would last forever.

In the last fiscal year, the Threshold Housing Society received 136 referrals for the 27-30 beds or units it had available to house youth at-risk of becoming homeless. Some at-risk youth have felt that special Christmas warmth somewhere in their troubled past, many have not.

This year Threshold would like to supply all of our youth with a backpack filled with age-appropriate but practical items that youth often neglect to buy or do have any the money to buy—plus some fun things like movie passes and gift certificates. The items to be included are such things as hygiene products, clothing, and bus tickets. The average backpack is estimated to cost between \$120 and \$150.



You can make this gift come true for youth in two ways.

First is simply by making a financial donation. This can be done easily by using your credit card and donate on-line at www.thresholdhousing.ca or mailing

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Congregation Emanu-el Synagogue

assists Aboriginal Neighbours' fund-raising project for revitalizing Indigenous living languages

The Aboriginal Neighbours Committee

Victoria's newest theatre company, Bema Productions, will present *The Grandkid*, a 90-minute, fast-paced and engaging comedy about a grandfather and granddaughter who have a great deal to learn about each other, and much to teach each other. *The Grandkid* was written by John Lazarus.

Julius Rothstein and his granddaughter Abby have loved each other from opposite ends of Canada since Abby was born. But now, accepted as a freshman student at the university where Julius teaches, headstrong Abby is moving in with him to be close to school and to keep her newly widowed grandfather company. The two must negotiate a new relationship as housemates and friends, which means dealing with issues of youth and age, work and play, activism and apathy, homework and heart attacks, and those three tricky topics: sex, politics and religion. Will they make it through the first term?

A special fund-raising per-

formance of *The Grandkid* will take place November 8 at St. Luke Anglican Parish Hall at 2.00 pm. Tickets are \$20.

Proceeds from this performance will support the Revitalizing Indigenous Living Languages: A Gift to Future Generations Project. This meaningful project is a partnership between Aboriginal Neighbours and the First Peoples' Cultural Council and will have far reaching effects.

Aboriginal Neighbours has undertaken this project in response to the Call to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to provide funding to Aboriginal people for community-controlled culture and language revitalization projects.

The project will assure the activities of one Mentor-Apprentice Team for three years. In this team, elders/fluent speakers will gain opportunities to speak their language to younger language learners while passing along their cultural knowledge of the community and land in

which they live.

The new language learners will in turn become the teachers of the next generation as well as fill leadership roles as they grow in knowledge, expertise and confidence from this experience. The elders will hopefully find healing and a sense of wholeness as they speak their language with a positive recognition for their knowledge and ability, values that were taken from them in Residential Schools.

A Mentor-Apprentice program not only brings the language back to use, but heals and reconnects the intergenerational relationships within a community that were broken over the past 150 years. The need for Mentor-Apprentice programs is urgent as many Elders and fluent language speakers are passing on. Your support is urgently needed.

For more information see <http://www.fpcc.ca/files/PDF/Language/FPCC-LanguageReport-141016-WEB.pdf> and <https://www.knowledge.ca/program/our-first-voices>.

Approval given for Diocesan

Ed Lewis

At the seventh sitting of the 96th Synod held at Trinity Ecumenical Centre, Nanaimo on September 12, approval was given to the Vision Fulfillment Journey Team to continue with its work.

When Synod met in October 2014, a Diocesan Vision was approved with the theme: Renewed Hearts, Renewed Spirits and Renewed People. Synod also approved the setting up of an Implementation Team to follow through with the work of moving the Vision forward.

Between the sittings of Synod, the Team reviewed the work that had been done and prepared the way for the Vision to be implemented over the next three years.

After registration, Synod was opened with a special welcome from First Nations representatives. Morning prayers were held and following that Bishop Logan called Synod to order. After house-keeping items, regrets, reports of the Credentials Committee and the Register were given, Bishop Logan introduced new clergy who have taken positions in the Diocese since the last sitting, as well as introducing Synod guests and granting courtesies of the House to a number of people, Synod began the main business of the day.

Bishop Logan introduced the work before Synod, after which members of the Vision Fulfillment Journey Team (as the Implementation Team has been renamed) presented their report explaining the work that they had done and how they fore-saw the process going forward. The Priorities and foundations that had been presented back in October 2014 were now reorganized into ten priorities for the Diocese to commit to over the next three years. The priorities are: 1) Worship Resources, 2) Lay Ministry/Leadership Formation, 3) Current and Emerging Ministries, 4) Youth, Young Adults and Families, 5) Remote and Shared Ministries, 6) Engaging God's World, 7) Reconciliation and Beyond, 8) Effective Communication, 9) Asset Management, and 10) Financial Resources.

The Rev. Eric Partridge and Ms Vicki Huxtable, co-chairs of the Team presented the motion

That in keeping with the Diocesan Vision approved by Synod on October 26, 2014, and in order to focus the decisions and actions of the Diocese in moving toward fulfilling that vision, the Diocese commit itself to the following ten priorities over the next three years, as further described and detailed in the presentation and background documentation presented to Synod on September 12, 2015.

The members of Synod discussed the motion in



Trinity Ecumenical Centre, Nanaimo



Flowers for the Head Table



The registration line is ready



Refreshments are ready



Techs make sure the live streaming for the internet is working



Synod receives a First Nation's welcome to their lands



Dean Ansley Tucker leads the opening worship



Bishop Logan welcomes members and declares Synod open



Co-chair of the Implementation Team begins the presentation of the team's report to Synod



Other members of the Team continue with the presentation



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an Vision to move forward

their table groups before plenary discussion took place and the vote was held. It was passed unanimously.

Following lunch two other enabling motions were put forward and following table discussions and plenary debate they also were passed. The motions were:

Mr. Ian Alexander moved and the Rev. Dawna Wall seconded *That in order to help fulfill its priorities for the next three years, and in the spirit of the previous commitments to "New Wine" and "New Initiatives," the Diocese devote a total of \$1.5M over the next three years to support programs and projects flowing from the Diocesan Vision, the distribution of such funds to be generally consistent with the illustrative short-term investment strategy presented to Synod on September 12, 2015. And that regular reports on the uses and results of this spending be provided to Synod and the Diocese as a whole.*

The Ven. Brian Evans moved and Mr. David Buckman seconded *That in order to make possible the ongoing funding of the implementation of the Diocesan Vision beyond the next three years, the Diocese undertake a feasibility/resource capacity study to determine the readiness of the Diocese to*

embark on a Diocese-wide financial campaign, and how best to design and conduct it, including an overall financial target and proposed distribution of funds. And that a report on this study, and recommendations flowing from it, be brought before a session of Synod to be held in early 2016.

At the conclusion of the passing of the motions, the visitors to Synod were given opportunity to reflect on the work of Synod and the decisions that were made. Bishop Logan then gave his final thoughts on the decisions and encouraged members to continue to work at Re-charging themselves and the Diocese.

Synod concluded with the Eucharist at which two hymns written for the Synod were sung. Also special for the service were the gifts of bread baked by the people of Hope Lutheran Church, Nanaimo and presented by their Pastor Terry Richardson, and the Island Blackberry wine made especially for use at St. Paul's, Nanaimo and presented by their delegates to Synod. (See the sidebar, Gifts for Synod on page 8.)

The full report of the Vision Fulfillment Journey Team can be found on the Diocesan Web site at https://bc.anglican.ca/sites/bc.anglican.ca/files/synod_package.pdf.



Archdeacon Brian Evans introduces the second and third motions.



Closing reflections were given by members of the First Nations



Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully from Church House, Toronto



Bishop Greg Mohr of the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



Synod guests take part in the table discussions of the motions



Lively debate followed the presentation of each of the three motions



It was a great day to enjoy lunch in the sunny outdoors as well as have a relaxed moment with Bishop Logan



Bishop Logan presiding at the closing Eucharist

Gifts for Synod

A banner, food and hymns were the special gifts presented to Synod.

Jane Fowler presented the banner.

Pastor Terry Richardson presented the Eucharistic bread baked by the people of Hope Lutheran Church, Nanaimo.

Canon Herbert O'Driscoll was the author of the hymn "We are Settlers and First Nations," and the Rev. Shelagh Huston wrote the hymn "Na-a'tsa'maht."

Members of the parishes of St. Paul, Nanaimo and St. St. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville provided the goodies for the refreshment breaks.

We are Settlers and First Nations
sharing islands in the sea,
with a vision for the future
and the people we can be.
We are Settlers and First Nations
sharing lonely city streets,
where we seldom share a greeting
and where no one ever meets.

We are Settlers and First Nations
in a world we can destroy,
or we walk and work together
for a world we can enjoy.
We are Settlers and First Nations
sharing long remembered pain,
seeking reconciliation
to unite us once again.

We are Settlers and First Nations
on a quest that must not end,
while God calls us to be neighbours
we must seek to meet as friends.
That as Settlers and First Nations
on our journey round the Sun,
we are children of One Spirit.
We are human. We are one.

H. O'Driscoll



A banner for the Journey Renewed Hearts, Spirits and People

This banner represents our Diocesan Vision for the future.

The dragonfly symbolizes change; change in perspective, emotional maturity, power and poise. The iridescent beauty brings grace and a will to look deeper.

The three dragonflies convey the Trinity while **the cross** in the clouds reminds us of the risen Christ and his love and sacrifice for us leading us ever onwards.

The sea, sand and sky embody our diocese.

Are we these lumps of rock and pebbles and shells, hard, enclosed in armour and sharp or are we, the people of God, beautiful, smooth and of all colours shapes and sizes? Are we ready to be transformed, challenged, moulded and changed?

Jane Fowler

Na-a'tsa'maht

Na-a'tsa'maht, together,
Na-a'tsa'maht, as one,
Na-a'tsa'maht, in unity,
Together in community,
Together we are one.

This is our home,
We hold it dear,
Creator's gift,
We'll serve our world
To keep our future clear.

We lift our hearts to
You, dear Lord,
We lift our hearts
In love to you,
Creator, Spirit, Word.

Shelagh Huston



Pastor Terry Richardson presenting the bread



Parishioners of St. Paul's presenting the wine

A FLY ON THE WALL at Diocesan Council

Judy Trueman

As has become our custom at monthly Diocesan Council meetings, we began our September meeting with a short Bible Study. Members of council lead the study each month in turn. This month, Tony Davis pointed us toward the familiar Acts 2:42-47 scripture where we see the young church living out the gospel and the Lord adding to their numbers daily. This passage also raised the question around ways we can block inquirers or newcomers from feeling welcome at our home or holy tables. We discussed the necessity of being open to partner with the Holy Spirit, and moving forward as a Diocese.

It is the custom each month

for someone from the host parish to speak to Council about their parish before we continue with our meeting. This month, instead of a spoken report, we were taken by our host on a walk-about of St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan (Cobble Hill), enjoying both a time in the church sanctuary and a time in the outdoor quiet, pastoral setting. During our short tour, we heard some of the history of the parish.

The Council spent some time reflecting back on the September 12 Synod Day, considering the questions: What are we taking away from that day? and What are we leaving behind?

There was much agreement that we are taking away a new

support for the Diocesan Vision, a commitment for First Nations reconciliation, a sense of direction and hope, and new direction as we seek a new way of proceeding. There was a sense of thanksgiving for the enthusiastic support the members of Synod demonstrated for the Diocesan Vision and for each other. As for leaving behind, there was a hope that any baggage or doubt about whether God's Spirit is guiding us would be discarded, and any discontent or divisiveness would be a thing of the past.

We were delighted to receive the news from the newly-affirmed Diocesan Officer, Stephen Martin, that the Diocese now has both a new Treasurer (Michael Murgatroyd) and a

new Financial Officer (Gail Gauthier). We look forward to the ministries of both of these important staff members, and to their attendance at future Diocesan Council meetings.

Three guests joined us for parts of our meeting. First, the Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll showed us a video about Sorrento Centre, and spoke of the work being achieved there and the capital campaign that is underway. The subject of the Sorrento Campaign will be placed on the agenda of the Finance Committee meeting in October, and further thoughts and recommendations brought back to future Diocesan Council Meetings.

The Rev. Ken Gray and Sister Brenda (SSJD) spoke of

Creation Matters and Relationships Matter respectively, two subjects arising out of our Diocesan Vision. Their brief remarks served to make us more aware of the depth of material and importance in our Vision, and gave us much to ponder.

Again, it should be mentioned that the above are reflections only about some of the happenings at our September Diocesan Council meeting. Full minutes of all Council meetings can always be found on the Diocesan website.

Judy Trueman is the Diocesan Lay Secretary and a parishioner at St. George's, Cadboro Bay.

Meet Stephen Martin Diocesan Executive Officer

Ed Lewis

After a vacancy in the office of Diocesan Executive Officer for almost three years, Bishop Logan McMenamie appointed Stephen Martin to that position on June 24. Diocesan Council ratified the appointment at its June meeting.

The following is an interview Mr. Martin had recently with the *Diocesan Post*.

The Post: Tell us who Stephen Martin is, and your background before you became involved in church administration.

Martin: I was born in Toronto and grew up there. My post high school education includes a BA (Honours) in 1978 from Queen's University, Kingston and my CA in 1980.

I was married to Penny in 1980 and we have three adult sons. After my father passed away in 1993 we felt Toronto was not the place to bring up teenaged boys and so we moved here to Victoria. My father and my aunt were born and raised here in Victoria, so Victoria was not a place that was new to me; over the years I had frequently visited with my aunt so Victoria was comfortable to me.

I brought my wife out here and she said, "Oh this is a nice place, I could live here." So it was on to the next step – getting a job. Penny was not working at the time – she was taking care of the children at home. I was running a consulting practice for a number of emerging companies in Toronto so it was easy enough for me to stay in touch, do some stuff and go back periodically until I



Stephen Martin - Diocesan Executive Officer

Photo: Ed Lewis

weaned it off completely. After I came out here I was basically the chief financial officer for emerging technical and medical companies and that grew into a 10-year run where I was the chief executive officer of a company called CardioComm Solutions.

In the volunteer part of life, I was the chair of St. Michael's University School for ten years, 1998 -2008. It was a period where we raised over \$25 million, built four new buildings, and completely revamped the governance model for the school. It was an interesting time to be there; I was Chair and working with the Head of school. It was a rewarding experience. Our three sons graduated from there and I stayed on after they finished. It wasn't just taking care of my sons but it was about the governance of the school. I didn't attend there as a student but my father was 'head boy' there in 1926.

It was about that time in 2009 that I became a little more involved with the church. We had been attending St. Matthias

Parish and when the split occurred I volunteered to be the treasurer and help with the survival of the parish. So that's when I jumped in with both feet at St. Matthias. It was about the same time that Bishop James said, "We need an accounting designation on the Diocesan Finance Committee, would you be interested?" So I came on the Committee in January 2010 and became Diocesan Treasurer in 2011.

The Post: What are your duties as the Diocesan Executive Officer? What is expected of you?

Martin: The Diocesan Canons describe the job of the Executive Officer. There are the traditional roles such as being in charge of the various things that come up through your office: the financial matters come up through you, program comes up through you, the running of this office, and human resources work is done through you; so there is a lot of responsibility that flows up through this office.

In my conversations with the search committee and the bishop I was quite clear that I believe that this office is here to serve the Diocese and the Parishes. We are here to enable and allow ministry to happen at the grass roots. We are not 'us and them,' it is not about a head office treating parishes as subsidiaries, but we are here to serve.

When somebody has an issue they can call anyone here and our job is to get the information that that person requires, to help that person solve whatever issues there may be, to equip that person, be it a rector, warden or a person in the congregation trying to volunteer in a certain way. All of the programs come through this office in consultation, but we are a parish driven organization so we are here to support the parishes; we are a front-line ministry. Our Anglican structure and the strength of the Anglicans on these islands are at the parish level. We are here to enable and to support the parishes.

With the three year vacancy in the office and the change of three bishops (Bishop Cowan, Archbishop Lawrence and now Bishop McMenamie) there have been a number of items that have fallen through the cracks or left undone; it is my job to see that those things are taken care of and brought up to date such as the website issue, personnel matters, and a number of technology issues that need to be attended to.

My job is to be able to react to situations that arise and to be an advisor to the Bishop. It is my job to take care and to fill holes when the bishop is away, keeping the business of the office going forward – but not as the bishop's commissary. As the first layperson in this position in the Diocese, I think I bring some unique qualities to this position that a cleric may not have. Interestingly I

feel this is, for me, a vocation and not a job. I want to see the vision go forward, and I want to support Bishop Logan. I love the Church and I want to see the Church grow.

The Post: What do you see as things that need to be done in the future and your role in this?

Martin: There are a number of exciting things coming forward. As you know Murray Crowther retired at the end of August so we have had no financial officer since that time. With my experience as treasurer, I have been working in that role with the staff until October 19 when Gail Gauthier joins the staff as financial officer.

That will be the beginning of setting up a Management Team at the Diocesan Office to serve our parishes. We have also posted for a Communications Officer; that will be the second piece to fall into place. The Ministry and Mission Officer, as outlined in the Vision statement, will be the next person to be hired and in house by the first quarter of 2016.

What that will allow this office to do is to tackle and address the issues that came up in the vision when shortcomings happen, and as far as the exciting new work that we want to do progresses. Being that we are there to support people with issues such as the refugee work, we look forward to finding some money to help the refugee committee in moving things forward.

Having the Management Team in place will have a very powerful effect in delivering what has been requested through the vision process. The current staff are doing good work and with the new members added we will be able to do so much more.

The Post: We wish you well in your new position.

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God's Fall Fair

Our valley echoes with the glory of God's Fall Fair
He set those colours out.
He raised the wind to shout.
His voice is there amid the many reds and golds
that clash against the somber firs.
His everlasting truth unfolds
as all His colours call out loud and clear
that Fall is here
that winter's rest is near
that season follows season year by year.

Lift up your eyes to see
Let all your voices join in harmony.
Then pause to listen as He promises rebirth.
Rejoice as the wind tears loose the tattered outworn leaves
then scatters them to feed the hungry earth.

Vera Jensen

Bishop Logan speaks about the refugee crisis

On September 9, Bishop Logan sent the following letter to all parishes of the Diocese.

Dear Friends

I write to you regarding the very serious refugee situation that has developed in Europe. It is very sad for us all to see the suffering that is taking place. I am encouraged by the response from the world community and hope that our Government will revise its Refugee Program to accept more families.

Working with refugees is not new to us in the Diocese. Our Diocese is a Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holder. In the past 30 years this has been a diocesan ministry and we as a Diocese have a long and very successful history regarding the support and resettling of refugees in our country.

For the past four years we have been working in particular at resettling refugees from Syria. The parishes of our Diocese have over the years supported many newcomers to Canada through prayer, money, and gifts of household appliances, transportation, and time.

It is a history we can be proud to speak about. We as a Diocese have supported newcomers from Vietnam, Bosnia, Mozambique, El Salvador, Sudan, Syria and many other countries. As you know my own family has been involved in this work. I came to Canada as an economic migrant. Our daughter Emawaysh is originally from Ethiopia and came as a refugee to Canada.

We will continue to be committed to this work and speak about its importance in our Diocese and in Canada as a whole. We are a nation of immigrants and we should never forget the welcome we received in this country.

If your parish wishes to learn more about the diocesan refugee program and become involved please contact The Rev. Canon Bruce Bryant-Scott (at refugeecommittee@bc.anglican.ca) Incumbent of the Parish of St. Matthias, in Victoria.

Please raise the questions of how we as Canadians are responding and will continue to respond to the ongoing crisis and plight of refugees, with the elected officials in your ridings.

Yours in Christ's Love

Logan

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Bishop, Diocese of British Columbia



Syrian (and Sahel) Refugee Crisis and Climate Change

In recent months, we have heard much discussion of the Syrian refugee crisis, so much so that it became an election issue here in Canada just prior to the election. One factor in this crisis that received little or no attention is climate change. While climate is not the sole cause of the refugee situation, it has indeed played a significant role.

As the global climate warms, the major deserts (over the sub-tropics) are intensifying and expanding north and south, particularly the Sahara-Arabian deserts. Extreme drought in Syria for the past 10 years has been a direct consequence of this northward desert expansion, repeating what has been occurring in the Sahel region of Africa to the south for at least the last 20 years. The result in both cases has been increased competition for decreased arable land and water, so that many Syrian farmers, fishermen and herders were forced to migrate to larger cities such as Damascus and Aleppo. Syria regressed from being a net food exporter a decade ago into a food importer, the economy destabilized, and social and political unrest quickly followed. A similar situation has existed in Sahel countries for at least two decades, and has been a root cause of civil wars in Sahel countries such as the Sudan and Mali.

Both regions have had millions of refugees flooding into neighbouring countries, most of which are ill-equipped to feed even their own citizens. The Zaatari camp pictured below has more than 80,000 refugees, and is only one of several in Jordan. As of September, there were over four million Syrian refugees registered in Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt. The simplistic view that Syria should take back their own people and look after them is ludicrous, given that the country's drier climate no longer provides the necessary food and water, even if the country became politically stable, which seems unlikely in the near future. Furthermore, North America, Europe, and Asia have at least some moral/ethical obligation to help these people, since those mid-latitude countries are largely responsible for the warming climate due to our voracious appetite for fossil fuels.



Photos: Submitted

Zaatari camp in Jordan, sheltering more than 80,000 Syrian refugees.

The situation in refugee camps south of the Sahel may be even more acute, since these have existed more than a decade longer, and the host countries are generally even poorer than those of the middle east. Food, clothing, and medical aid to date for all of these refugees has come primarily from charitable NGOs such as PWRDF. These agencies are finding it increasingly difficult to provide such support, hence the frantic means used by refugees from both regions to find refuge in Europe and other countries. The Syrians collecting at the Turkish border in the second photo reflect their desperate situation. PWRDF has provided more than \$200,000 in support to Syrian refugees to date through the ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



Desperate Syrian refugees fleeing for their lives plead with Turkish soldiers to let them pass through to Europe.

We encourage all Anglicans to consider making a special donation to the Syrian Refugee Crisis before the end of December, since the federal government has pledged to match these donations. Go even further, and encourage your parish to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. Ask your parish for more information, or see details at <http://pwrdf.org/>.

Geoff Strong is the Diocesan Representative for PWRDF on Vancouver Island. If you wish more information or to have Geoff give a presentation at your parish, please contact him at geoff.strong@shaw.ca or 250-710-8011.

Holy Trinity Church Sooke



Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction

November 7

Royal Canadian Legion Sooke

Doors: 5.30 pm Dinner: 6.00 pm
Cost: \$20.00

Tickets: South Shore Gallery (250) 642-2058
Shoppers Drug Mart (250) 642-5229
Holy Trinity Church (250) 642-3172

FLAT

Flat is my city, the city where I was born,
pulverized by the indiscriminate bombs
of indistinguishable foes and friends.
Flat is the faith I am required to have to
stay.
Flat is the face of the man from whom
I seek exit papers for myself
and my family.
Flat is his rejection.
Flat is the land we rattle across to reach
the sea.
Flat is the palm of the hand of the man
on which I heap my paltry wealth.
Flat is the ocean on which we embark.
Flat is our fear of it.
Mountainous are the waves.
Flat is the terror of the lurch and the fall
and the churn and the search.
Flat are the bodies floating face down in
the silent water.
Crumpled is the body of my son on the
shore.
Flat is my grief.
Grievous is my guilt.
Flat is my world.

John Smith



Holly Bazaar

Saturday, November 14

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lunch served

11.00 am - 1.30 pm

\$8.00 per person



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There's a Woman in the Pulpit

..... A reflection on the book by Gillian Hoyer

What does a prayer for a lost plunger have in common with stories about frozen communion elements, ER visits, bedbugs in church, and finding one's identity as a woman in the predominantly male world of church leadership? These are just some of the tales contained within the recently published *There's a Woman in the Pulpit: Christian Clergywomen Share Their Hard Days, Holy Moments & The Healing Power of Humor*.

This volume of laugh-out-loud funny and heart-wrenchingly honest stories is the product of a decade of supportive friendships and ministry that has come out of the RevGalBlogPals (revgalblogpals.org) online community: Women in church

leadership across North America and the world who have come together to share with each other, care for each other, pray for one another, support each other in ministry, and laugh with each other.

I found this online group several months after moving 4200 km across Canada from Vancouver Island to attend seminary at Huron University College and I was immediately welcomed into the community. Well, I hung around the edges at first. Online as in life, I am more likely to sit and observe than jump right into the fray and comment on everything.

Then, about a year ago, something happened that made it impossible for me to sit and watch quietly anymore: they began to call for people

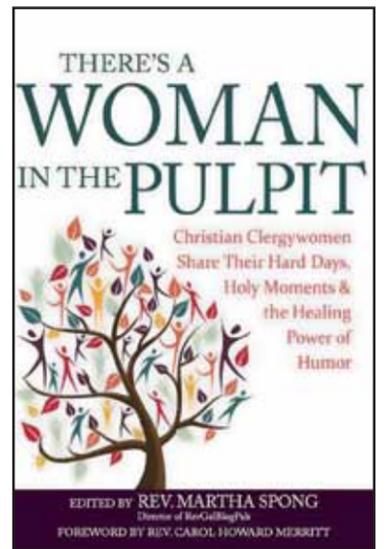
to contribute stories and reflections for a book about and for women in ministry.

The one thing that I love almost as much as reading is writing. When I saw the RevGals blog post about creating a book, I knew I had to be involved.

So I sent an inquiry and, now, a year later, I have the book in my hands and see my name in print. My story, called "Only Four Letters," is not from my time working inside the church walls but one from my time working outside the church walls in my community. As someone who has worked, worshipped, and lived in the downtown core of a city with a significant population of people who are street-involved and constantly hungry, I reflect on

home and homelessness: What does homelessness have to do with heaven? What, for that matter, does having a safe, dry, comfortable home have to do with heaven?

Ultimately, my story, as with many of the stories within *There's a Woman in the Pulpit*, is about belonging. We all belong to this community of people seeking to love and serve God and our communities. These stories are a reflection of our best days and our worst days, our touching moments and our moments of laughter and tears. They are stories of the women who have gone before me to make a place for women in church leadership and they are stories for the women and men who will come after me.



Biased as I may be, *There's a Woman in the Pulpit* reflects something of the story of everyone in the church and is for everyone to read - and laugh and cry along with. It is available in Canada through Amazon.ca.

Gillian Hoyer is a postulant of this diocese and will soon be completing her studies at Huron University College, London, Ontario.

'Youth' from page 5

a donation to 900 Vancouver Street, Victoria, BC, V8V 3V7. Threshold would prefer to use your donations to fill the backpacks themselves to ensure fair distribution and meeting the needs of the youth.

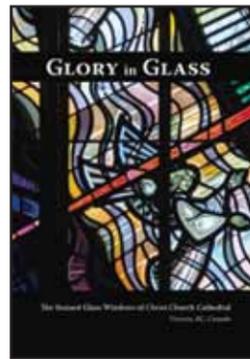
Another way to donate is through your time and energy. It is estimated this project will take about 4 to 6 volunteers to organize the process of asking retailers for donations, purchasing items, collecting the items, and putting the packs together. If you feel this is something you would like to contribute too, please call Threshold's office (250-383-8830) for more information.

Youth are so appreciative of this type of gesture. One of the most important things they appreciate is the acknowledgement that they are persons and worthwhile. A backpack reaches over the loneliness and isolation and acts as a bridge for this acknowledgement. While no gift is perfect and no gift can say all we would like to say in offering it, a gift given in the spirit of generosity, joy and love will always be received with some level of hope, because the intention behind it can never be truly spurned. We hope that a backpack filled with well-intended gifts will make our youth feel included, safe and connected. In short, in our community, we wish the youth to feel there is indeed "room at the inn" for them.

Glory in Glass

...A New Cathedral Booklet reviewed by David Barlow

Christ Church Cathedral is pleased to announce the release of a new publication celebrating the Cathedral's diverse collection of stained glass windows.



Glory in Glass: The Stained Glass Windows of Christ Church Cathedral is a high quality, full colour, 60 page booklet that documents these luminous works of art that are an important part of the Cathedral's history.

In addition to being a photographic catalogue, it expounds on the windows' designs, offers brief historical accounts, identifies artists and

those persons memorialized, and serves as a worthy accompaniment to self-guided tours.

With forwards by both the Bishop and Dean, this colourful and informative booklet does well-deserved justice to the Cathedral's collection of traditional and contemporary ecclesiastic stained glass windows. It underscores their value as historic documents and as architectural art worthy of appreciation and preservation for the enjoyment

and inspiration of future generations.

Glory in Glass is published privately as a gift to the Parish of Christ Church Cathedral. The contributors are pleased to offer it in conjunction with and in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the designation, in 1865, of Christ Church, Victoria, as the Cathedral of the Diocese of British Columbia.

It will be available for purchase at both the Synod and Cathedral Offices. Cost is

\$20 per copy with all proceeds being donated to the Cathedral's 150th Anniversary Fund.

"St. Luke" from page 1

baptized at St. Luke's), and to visit with his cousin who lives in the area.

As we celebrated our Anniversary Weekend, we came to appreciate even more the deep roots St. Luke's has in the Cedar Hill community. We feel blessed and thankful for the legacy God has poured through St. Luke's into the community over the years and we pray this will continue as we look towards the future. As we prayed at our Homecoming Service, we ask God to "give us the grace to write new chapters in our unfolding story, and to be changed by the Spirit as we travel on in hope."

Barb Prescott is Deputy Rector's Warden at St. Luke's Parish, Cedar Hill.

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS AT SAINT BARNABAS

ADVENT SPIRAL
Saturday, Nov. 28th: 5 and 6:30 pm sessions for families and 8 pm for adults. A meditative labyrinth: this event begins with a short story, followed by a walk in the dark along a spiral of evergreen boughs. Recommended for children 3 years and over but all are welcome. Pre-registration is required at 250-595-4324

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROL SERVICE
Sunday, Nov. 29th at 7:30 pm. A special service of peace and sacred music, followed by seasonal refreshments in the hall. This is one of our most popular services and space is limited. Come early and bring a friend!

PROPHETIC SPEECH: AN ADVENT PROGRAM
Tuesdays, Dec. 1st, 8th and 15th, 7 pm at St. Barnabas Church.

ADVENT QUIET DAY
Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9-5 pm.
For more information and to register please contact St. Barnabas.

STAR SUNDAY
Sunday, Dec. 6th from 3-5 pm. Come make your own presents: woodworking, silk painting, soap dipping, wreath making, enchanted garden, waffles and hot apple cider...FREE (by donation).

December 24, 3:30 pm	Family Christmas Eve with Carols
10:30 pm	Carols sung by St. Barnabas Chorister
11:00 pm	Solemn High Mass for Christmas
December 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Living well at the end of life



Please join us for the second of a series of free talks.

This talk will address Advance Care Planning: your wishes and instructions for future health care treatment.

Other topics in the series include:

- End of life and palliative care
- Advance care planning
- Faith practices surrounding death, burial and mourning
- Family matters in death and grief

Saturday, November 7, 2015
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November 20-22, 2015
Begins Friday mid-afternoon, departing Sunday after lunch to - from

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Friday, November 20th 3 PM - 7 PM
&
Saturday, November 21st 9 AM - 4 PM

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228 South Dogwood Street
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9:30 - 2:00

HOME BAKING GARDEN SHOP
CHRISTMAS "OLD & NEW" BOOKS
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SILENT AUCTION (Bids until 1:30)
COFFEE & LIGHT LUNCH & MORE

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Christmas Bazaar LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21,
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Annual Christmas Sale

Saturday, November 21
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Christmas Bazaar and Tea

Saturday, November 21
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Featuring: Antiques and Collectibles, Jewellery, Needlework, Crafts, Baking, Jams, Books, Toys, White Elephant, and more!

Lunch is available Free Admission

St. Mary's Church

2600 Powder Point Road
Nanose Bay



Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 28
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Christmas Baking, Crafts
Attic Treasures, Jewelry
Lunch available

Advent Concert Series

Wednesdays 12:10pm - 12:50pm

Nov. 25
Quintet Luna
Ukrainian Christmas Carols

Dec. 2
Young Pianists (7-15)
Mature Repertoire

Dec. 9
Ratna Saunders, violin
Laura Altenmueller, piano

Dec. 16
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