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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

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St. Mary's Church

1973 Cultra Avenue,
Saanichton, BC V8M 1L7

Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 am Choral Eucharist & Sunday School
1st Sunday Service of the Word

Second Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé
(January - June)

Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Friendship Coffee
11:00 am Bible Study
(September - June)

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Worship Services

Sundays

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
and Church (Sunday) School
4th Sunday Praise & Worship in the Hall

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Bible Study
(September - June)

Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

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Interim Priest-in-Charge

Assistant: The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane



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Dates to Note

Our Parish website – www.ParishCS.ca – is the best place to keep in touch with what is going on, but here are significant dates to note for the next four months.

- The special Lenten bible study by Brett Cane, “**What is the Church All About**”, Explorations in Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, continues at **St. Stephen’s** at **7:00 pm Tuesdays** and at **St. Mary’s** on **Wednesdays** at **11:00 am**.
- Haro & Selkirk Regional Gathering, at St. Andrews, Sidney, **March 17** from **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**.
- Monday through Wednesday in Holy Week: **Quiet Evening Meditations** at **St. Stephen’s**, **March 26, 27, 28** at **7:00 pm**.
- **Maundy Thursday Communion** at **St. Mary’s**, **March 29** at **7:00 pm**.
- **Good Friday Service** with Stations of the Cross, **March 30**. The walk will start at St. Stephen’s and end at the Church of the Assumption. Start time to be announced.
- **Easter Services** at **St Mary’s** and **St. Stephen’s**, **April 1 9:00 am** and **11:00 am**.
- **Diocesan Synod** at the Songhees Wellness Centre, Victoria, **April 20 - 22**.
- **Sunday Serenade** at St. Mary’s with Knacker’s Yard. **April 22** at **2:30 pm**.
- **St. Mary’s Spring Fling**, **May 12, 9:30 – Noon**.
- **Soundings Vocal Ensemble** concert at **St. Mary’s**, **May 27** at **2:30 pm**.

From the Editor

Greetings members of the Parish of Central Saanich. It is my responsibility and privilege to have taken on the editorship of the ConneXion newsletter from John Smith. John has done a wonderful job of managing this publication for many years with Sandra Scarth, before which he was involved with the St Mary’s Messenger. We all owe a sincere debt of thanks to John for his excellent stewardship of ConneXion.

The other members of the team continue to work on this publication. Many thanks go out to John Beresford who pulls all the text and photos together to create the quality look of this newsletter. Thanks also to the large team of contributors whose names you will see throughout each issue. They are diligent in their efforts to inform and perhaps amuse you about the goings on in this Parish. Thanks also to those who provide photos, especially Len Fallan.

I look forward to working with this team and any others in the Parish who wish to contribute in future to this activity. If you have any suggestions or contributions for future issues, please contact me.

Thank You,

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“We could easily become depressed if we contemplate the tendencies of the human race to repeat behaviours which history has proven over and over again to be wrong or evil...”

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus has been attributed as the source of the quote, “the only constant is change.” The longer one lives, the more changes one sees and experiences.

As a child I remember playing with a v-shaped magnet, that had come out of an old magneto. I was eager to learn about magnetic force fields. My father gave me some iron filings on a piece of paper, to show the force field lines of the magnet by placing it under the paper. He also gave me a compass, to teach me about the earth’s natural magnetic force field. Sixty-five years later I found myself on a narrow sliding bed, going into the tunnel of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine, with a magnetic force field three hundred thousand times as powerful as the earth’s natural magnetic field! That’s one example of change in medical technology in my life time.

During a recent power-outage we had plugged in our old rotary phone, since all the other phones were off-line. The next day my grand-daughter was in the house, and she heard it ring and saw it. “What on earth is that?” she asked!

If I take the time to contemplate the changes just in science and technology in the past 70 years, it is a staggering list. We have capabilities, both for good and for ill, not previously known. And if I contemplate the behaviours of the human race throughout history, depending on my sources, I might conclude that the 1849 quote from Monsieur Joseph Karr, a French novelist, is apt: “Plus ça change, plus c’est la même,” the more things change, the more they remain the same. Karr wrote those words some years after the French Revolution, when (surprise!) he observed that injustice, poverty and suffering were as prevalent after the Revolution as before.

We could easily become depressed if we contemplate the tendencies of the human race to repeat behaviours which history has proven over and over again to be wrong or evil, things like ethnic cleansing, slavery, the wholesale slaughter of soldiers and civilians in wars, etc. We might be even more depressed by the realization that the new capabilities of the human race are actually threatening the survival of humanity on this “fragile earth, our island home.” It appears ever more possible that even if we don’t blow ourselves to bits or kill ourselves off with super-viruses, we may render earth uninhabitable.

But wait! What am I talking about? As Christians we have another source of analytical comment, not just the comments of philosophers and novelists, as apt as they might have been for their times. Our source tells us, “Jesus Christ (the God of love and justice and compassion!) is the same yesterday, today, and forever;” and we are reminded as well, “Behold, I make all things new.” Heraclitus thought change was the only constant; but we know it is God’s love that is the true constant in life. Nor do we have to buy into Monsieur Karr’s depressing assessment that nothing ever changes for the better, for our God’s love is a constant renewing force. Our life isn’t

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about mere change, nor is it about a frozen paralysis: our life is continually being renewed. We are challenged to be changed by “the renewal of our minds.” Our God is one who has demonstrated that even death is a step in the renewal of our existence.

I hope that this little contemplation might explain to you why your Interim Priest-In-Charge is more often up-beat, hopeful, joyful, in a good mood. I happen to believe that it is the Father of Lies who would have us believe that the human race is a hopeless case. In fact, an honest reading of history can show all manner of improvement in the way humans behave towards each other and towards the planet.

So, whether it is a damaging flood in the Church building, or the departure of a cherished couple from the parish, or the introduction of new practices in the Church that perplex us, we have a compass that shows us how to be aligned with God's renewing love. As we continue our journey to Easter, I hope and pray every one of us can live into the joyfulness and hopefulness of God's renewing love.

Your priest and friend,

Peter

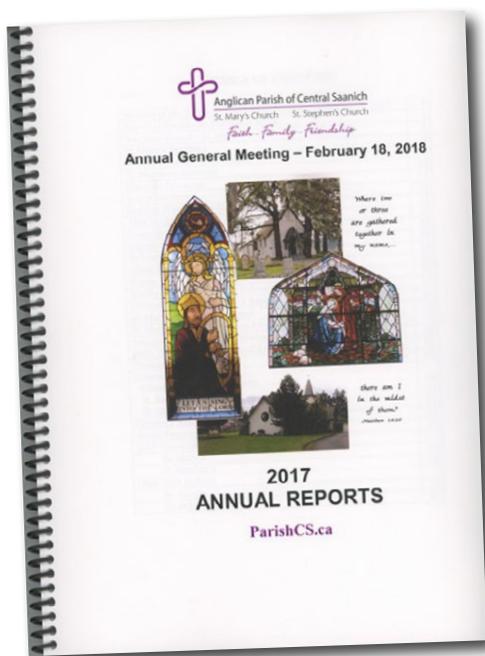
Parish of Central Saanich Annual General Meeting by Ken Pedlow

The Parish of Central Saanich held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday February 18 after a joint service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am. The meeting started around noon after light refreshments and was chaired by Peter Parker, Interim Priest-in-Charge. Fifty-nine parishioners were in attendance according to the acquittance roll. Committee Reports and budgets were presented as per the package issued the previous Sunday. An amended financial statement for St. Stephen's in 2017 was distributed at the meeting with some updates of figures in the original information package.

Approximately an hour was spent reviewing the committee reports. Numerous questions were asked during this time and for the most part answers were provided to the satisfaction of those attending. One notable item of news related to the decision to not have a Peninsula Wine Fest this year as those who have been leading this major event are feeling overwhelmed by their workload and need a break. It is hoped that the event can be held again next year, with the participation of other individuals in the Parish taking on some of the responsibilities.

Another hour or more was spent reviewing the 2017 finances for St. Mary's, St. Stephen's and the St. Stephen's cemetery. Again,

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numerous questions were asked and answered as best as was possible. One issue which arose was the cost associated with the recruitment of a new Rector for the parish. These costs will be covered entirely by the parish, and although a sample document of costs related to a new incumbent from Toronto were provided, there is a wide range of possible costs associated with this process and therefore they have not been included in the 2018 budgets for the two congregations which were presented and approved by those in attendance.

The 2018 parish representatives are as follows:

Bishop's Warden: Greg Robinson

People's Wardens: Derek Osman & Ian Stuart (St. Mary's) and Lynda Clifford (St. Stephen's)

Council Members: Karen McColm & Ken Pedlow (St. Mary's), Allan Carlson & Dave Shields (St. Stephen's)

Synod Delegates: Nancy Choat & David Stewart (St. Mary's), Ken Pedlow (alt), Don Wilson (St. Stephen's), Greg Robinson (alt)

During the meeting, expressions of thanks were extended to many who have worked so hard this year to administer the parish including the wardens, parish council, the office administrators, Bob and Leslie, and Peter and Brett as our clergy leadership.

The meeting concluded around 2:30 with prayers and the grace.

Recipe Page

Schwarties Hash Browns

Courtesy of Leslie Pedlow

This freezes well, is a great accompaniment for your Easter ham and for buffets.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. frozen hash browns (diced not shredded)
- 1 500 ml carton of sour cream
- 2 tins of mushroom soup
- ½ cup melted butter
- Grated onion and salt to taste
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- Parmesan cheese

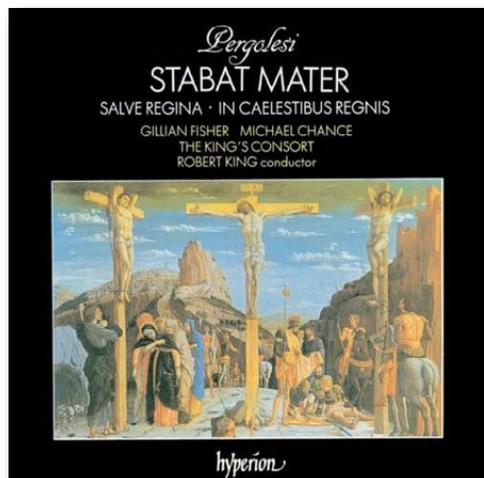
Thaw potatoes slightly for easier mixing. Mix first six ingredients in a large bowl. Spread into a 9" x 13" baking dish. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top.

Bake at 350 for 1 to 1 ½ hours.



Stabat Mater

Giovanni Batista Pergolesi

Performed by
Kings Consort Choir

The opening bars of Stabat Mater by Giovanni Batista Pergolesi were said by Rousseau to be “the most perfect and most touching to have come from the pen of any musician.” DeBrosses exclaimed it as “the master work of Latin music” and he commented on its “profoundly learned harmony.” The CD insert describes Pergolesi’s extraordinary harmonic language as “seeming to be ahead of its age with a remarkable grasp of chromaticism in one of the earliest applications to sacred music of the bitter sweet tone of expressive sensibility”. At times, the music seems almost operatic.

Stabat Matar is actually a setting for the sequence of the Roman Catholic Feast of the Seven Dolours (Sorrows) of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is something any good Anglican with a Roman Catholic background already knows! I was compelled to look it up and discovered the sorrows are as follows:

1. The prophecy of Simeon. Luke 2:34,35
2. The flight into Egypt. Mathew 2:13,14
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. Luke 2:43,45
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion
6. The taking down of the body of Jesus from the Cross
7. The burial of Jesus

Pergolesi wrote this stunning and dramatic music whilst living in a Franciscan monastery at the spa of Pozzuoli, the last few months before his death in 1736. It was written for the aristocracy of the Church of Santa Maria dei Sette Dolori in Naples. Hardly recognized during his life, his music did not become popular until the 18th Century, twenty years after his death there are sad comparisons to be drawn between Pergolesi’s Stabat Mater and Mozart’s Requiem. Certainly, he died a pauper’s death as did Mozart and was buried in the common pit.

The Kings Consort Choir was founded in 1980 by the English conductor and harpsichordist Robert King and is a prominent British period music orchestra. Gillian Fischer is the soprano voice and Michael Chance the countertenor.

I believe I first heard this music on a CBC radio Sunday, last Easter. It was on a day stormy enough to invoke the full passion and sorrow of Good Friday and I listened in utter awe of its dark beauty and tenderly loving moments. It is available on Amazon.



Nick and Joy met in unusual circumstances, through Nick's mother. Joy was working in London for the BBC Radio 4 and World Service as a freelance interviewer, mostly on arts and religion, and heard about an event that sounded interesting at Penshurst Place Stately Home in Kent. She went to interview Nick's mother, who had organized a low-cost Elizabethan meal that included salmon patties, syllabub and a glass of wine. They had lunch and immediately liked each other. Nick's mother mentioned she had two sons, and before Joy left, they raised a glass of champagne to Nick, who was getting divorced that day. Joy says, "From the start she had her eye on me!"

Joy was invited soon for a weekend at the Hunter's and met Nick's brother David who was living at home and working in his father's public relations firm in London. One day she went to that office and met Nick. As they say, the rest is history. As Nick describes it, at a New Years Eve party they "met over the nuts and never stopped talking!" They discovered they had a lot in common. Nick had acted in productions in the West End after attending theatre school, one production ending up in Toronto!

Joy was also an actor and had a variety of acting experiences. It all started with her grandmother sending her for elocution lessons as her North Country accent was so strong. This led to poetry readings and involvement in a dramatic society. Joy worked for some time at a variety of jobs, including as an au pair in Copenhagen and assistant housemother at a home for young male European refugees. She received a grant to attend the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. After graduation, she acted in the Dr. Who series and in a Monty Python pilot, however, one of the most exciting things was being invited to read poetry to the Queen Mother. She found the Queen Mom gracious, not at all like the person portrayed in the recent television series *The Crown*.

Nick was raised in a small, rural village in Kent where his family attended the local Anglican Church. "I carried the cross, but it meant nothing. It was boring." He attended Tonbridge Public School, an independent boarding and day school that incidentally, is the same school John Smith from St. Mary's attended. Nick joined the West Kent Youth Theatre

My father warned me that acting is not a safe profession





'Me and my Mom'

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when he was 16, a place where he and the other young people experienced the joy and liberation of drama. It was a life-changing event.

Joy’s family lived on the North West Coast of England. She was sent at age ten to a boarding school in North Wales. The environment was harsh, and she remembers the religious practice as mostly preaching hellfire and damnation. As a young adult, she was intrigued by a program she had seen about atheism. She mentioned this in passing while interviewing David Spink, an antique specialist. He invited her to meet his daughter who was involved with the L’Abri community. She had no idea how this would change her life.

They invited her to a weekend meeting. Joy agreed to go, somewhat hesitantly, but was “gob smacked” by the unconditional love of God shown to each individual. The leaders embraced everyone as persons of great value, including a young woman with mental health issues. Joy ended up staying ten days. She decided to live at the community for two months, where she learned about Christianity, apologetics, issues of identity and anger and began to understand a broader Christian world view. She watched participants grow in understanding of their faith. They studied half days and worked half days. Her main job was cleaning toilets!

When she returned and told Nick “I’ve become a Christian,” he was stunned. Joy thought she would give the Holy Spirit “a nudge,” and encouraged him to check it out. He went by train the following weekend and was pleasantly surprised. “These guys really believe what they say!” They “gently demolished my responses.” After about six weeks, Nick decided he could no longer continue the kind of life he had been living and asked the Lord into his life. Two months later they were married.

After their marriage, Nick continued working with his father in public relations. When their first child Emily was born, they decided to move from London to Salisbury. Nick began work as an Information Officer, helping non-governmental organizations (NGO’s) in many rural areas develop business plans and public relations campaigns in order to survive the Maggie Thatcher government that was trying to get rid of them. This involved visiting some of the most beautiful rural areas in England.

They became interested in the House Church movement and were inspired by the speaker at a conference who asked,

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Is Nick getting the call?

“The Lord wants England back - does anyone want to help?” Nick and Joy immediately said yes but weren’t sure how two actors could help. Realizing that they needed training, they pulled up stakes and attended All Nations Christian College in Hertfordshire for two years. They describe their time at the college as truly inspirational, particularly getting to know people of more than twenty-nine nationalities from around the world.

They felt they had lived through a “mountain-top” experience and expected they would have a “call” or know what they should do next, but they waited for some time and found no firm direction. That is when a man in their local church took Nick aside and said he could teach him a practical skill. Nick became a house painter!

The local vicar told them about a friend at an Anglican church in Toronto who had a vision about using drama to open people’s hearts and minds to the gospel. This seemed the answer to their prayer, so off to Toronto they went on a two-year contract. Initially they experienced culture shock. The dramatic change from rural England to a condo in downtown Toronto was hard for all, but particularly tough on the dog Scamp who hunkered down under the bed until they dragged him outside and he happily chased squirrels and found discarded pizza crusts!

They soon discovered to their dismay that the local vision was to work only with four private schools and not within the broader community, including disadvantaged groups as had been described. This was a painful time. They managed for a year, but then left to work with a Christian arts organization where they could use drama therapy as originally envisioned. The ministry was successful, but financially unsustainable, so Nick had to find another job.

He joined the Leprosy Mission Canada as Communications Director. For nine years he travelled across Canada, India and Bangladesh, visiting hospitals, helping to demystify the condition and raise funds. He and Joy also enjoyed doing drama presentations of C.S. Lewis, Dickens and others at various venues including the University of Toronto’s rare book library.

Joy began working as a pastoral counselor and studied to become a marriage and family therapist. She and Nick began facilitating drama workshops in federal prisons where the response from the inmates was enthusiastic and liberating. In



Food glorious food

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Our wonderful family, minus
Isla who hadn't arrived



Here I am!
Isla aged three



Love still blossoms
after 42 years!

2000 they received a grant from World Vision to take their drama ministry on the road. They drove from Toronto to Newfoundland visiting every federal prison en route. This was an exciting and satisfying experience. The men used the therapy to act out and get past some of the pain, but according to Joy, most of the women could not forgive themselves for what they had done, despite the violence they themselves had experienced.

In 2003 they moved to BC where Joy set up a private practice in Sidney and Nick established his painting company. For six years Joy was the Chaplain at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, working as a pastoral counselor. She is very grateful for this time, particularly the relationships she made with the patients and staff in the palliative care unit and the residents and staff in extended care.

For the past few years they have enjoyed living in the home of their dreams in a quiet wooded area of Brentwood Bay. Life was going well when out of the blue Joy was diagnosed in 2012 with breast cancer. After managing the treatments, she broke her hip in 2014 and late last year suffered a badly broken wrist that resulted in severe pain and nerve damage. Somehow, she and Nick have been able to rise above the difficulties in life and journey on. Joy is on the mend and she and Nick are taking on new opportunities and challenges. She sings in the Women's Chorus at St. Mary's and always looks joyous (no pun intended!) She is also a liturgical assistant. Nick is a reader and was recently an inspirational speaker at one of the men's breakfasts. They have also taken on the Taize service with Cathy Quicke.

She and Nick are active at Rivendell Retreat Centre on Bowen Island where Joy is on the team and will facilitate a nine-day silent retreat in February. Nick will be hosting at the Hermitage, a smaller retreat centre. Nick feels this is a place where he can listen to what God is saying and hear what God wants him to do.

When asked how they manage the ups and downs in life, they respond that they have much to be thankful for. They have two quite wonderful daughters and four lively grandchildren who are frequent visitors. Most of all, they have their faith and they have each other. Nick ends the conversation with "God brought us together and has kept us together." We are blessed to have two such talented and spiritually grounded people in our parish.



Over 85 parishioners, including former pastors, attended a reception to honour the twenty years plus of dedicated service that John and Sue have given to St Mary's church and the Parish of Central Saanich. Nelles Shackleton arranged for Charelli's to cater this Parish event. Nancy Choat, Anne Wing and Heather Geddes provided the decorations (all done in blue, Sue's favourite colour!), while Len Fallan managed to arrange a large array of slides that were shown continuously during the event. Lynn Fallan contacted former parishioners including Rev Glenn Sim and his wife Dr. Sheila Sim (she was a former St Mary's Choir Director), Rev. Pam Orman and her husband Rev John Orman. We were pleased to see Ihsan and Sana, from Syria in attendance. David Cooper was Master of Ceremonies. Nancy Choat, in poetry form, reviewed some of the Smith's history. Ken Pedlow looked back in the St Mary's archives to let us all know, year by year, for the past 20 plus years, just what the Smiths had accomplished and contributed to in the life of St Mary's. Both of them have been heavily involved in almost every aspect of parish life and administration. It was quite the lesson in history!



As well as a purse which will go towards landscaping their new home in Qualicum, the Smiths were given a book on trees and shrubs along with some gardening tools. We noticed that Sue quickly hung on to the book while John dutifully accepted the tools!



The following is the response that John gave at the end.

"We have had an amazing 22 years here. Last Sunday I was watching parishioners going up the aisle to receive communion, and suddenly it came to me that all of you are so dear to us. We will truly miss being with you."

Lots has been said about what we have been involved with here. Both of us have been throwing out and shredding, and as we go through all that stuff, it has reminded us how deeply involved we have been at every level of the life of this lovely place. And every memory reminds us how intelligent, respectful, focussed and deeply satisfying every interaction has been. Time and time again we have commented that we did what we did because we wanted to, and because it was a good and right thing to do. I love Brett's little addition to the BCP prayer before communion- "It is very meet, right and our JOY and bounden duty". As parishioners we have taken on things not just as our bounden duty, but as our JOY as well. Brett's little sermon this Wednesday morning at eucharist was about how our deeds need to be undergirded by faith. So it is not just our bounden duty, but it



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Farewell Reception for Sue & John Smith *continued*



Just some of the delicious food organized by Nelles Shackleton

has for Sue and me truly been truly our JOY and bounden duty to do things for and with all you wonderful people – you are the church we have served. And, of course, with Sue it's always needing to ensure it's done right. With her, "It's good enough" is NEVER good enough!

It hasn't been intentional, but, looking back, I think Sue and I have automatically looked to do things not for what God can do for us, but for what God can do through us.

Sue and I thank you for this fantastic send off.

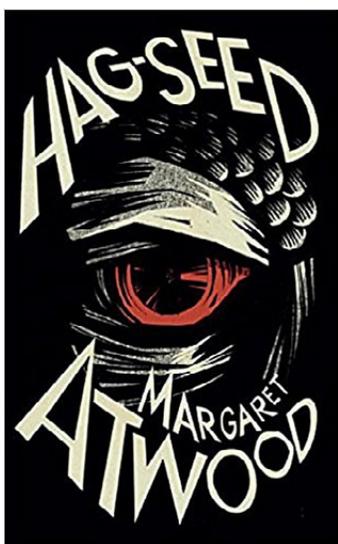
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Book Review

by Alison Stewart

Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood



This novel is not a typical one by Margaret Atwood, so well known for her historical, speculative and dystopian fiction. This is a lively re-telling of Shakespeare's "The Tempest", a play of enchantment, revenge and second chances, set in present-day southern Ontario, in and around Stratford.

Felix is the wronged artistic director of a theatre festival who waits twelve years to get his revenge on Tony, the rival who had ousted him. Felix takes a job as an acting tutor in a prison. He persuades his students to stage "The Tempest" and invites Tony, now Minister of Heritage, and other government officials to see the progress he has made with the inmates, aiming to get more financial support for the programme. Tony is about to find out what revenge means.

Felix is a fabulous character. He is over-the-top and sometimes despicable but Atwood has us cheering for him all the way. He goes shopping for a bathing cap: "For your wife?" says the woman, smiling. "Going on a cruise?" Felix is tempted to tell her it's for a convicted criminal inside a prison who's playing the part of a magic flying blue alien, but he thinks better of it." Flying blue aliens? Shakespeare? Really? Way to go, Peggy!

The title comes from a list of "curse words" from "The Tempest" that Felix asks his students to compile. All regular swearing is banned during rehearsals so the students have to fall back on curses such as "toads, beetles, bats light on you", "filth as thou art", "abhorred slave" and "hag-seed".

The novel builds to a fantastic climax and ends with the prisoner/actors suggesting what they would want to happen next. Felix cruises off into the sunset. The novel is exuberant, mischievous and, at times, very funny, displaying once again Atwood's talent as a "scintillating wordsmith".

There is a synopsis of "The Tempest" at the end but I think the novel stands on its own. Highly recommended.



“As the Body of Christ, the Church has both a unity and diversity.”

“What the Church is all About”

This is the theme of our Lenten Studies in Ephesians (sessions are continuing and open to all, even if you have missed some!). I chose the book and title in light of our welcoming a new incumbent and embarking on a new chapter in our life together.

The following is the summary and concluding thoughts of our first study, “The Nature of the Church” where we looked at Paul’s three images of the Church in Ephesians: Temple, Body, Bride. If you would like to read the biblical reasoning behind this, you can find the whole text of the study on our parish website.

What Is the Nature of the Church?

The Church is not primarily an institution but a living organism called into being by the indwelling Spirit of God. Michael Griffiths has summarized the Biblical nature and purpose of the church as follows:

The Church is not a third class waiting room where we twiddle our thumbs while we wait for first class accommodation in heaven. It is a dynamic new community, winsome and attractive, and with an eternal significance in the purpose of God. The Bible makes it clear that the church is God’s goal for mankind, for the new humanity in its new communities¹.

As **God’s Temple**, the Church is both the agent and the demonstration of God’s plan to reconcile all things to himself. We don’t just tell people about it. It is in and through us as the church that people are to see it taking place. As a temple composed of diverse elements put together into a harmonious whole, the Church is to be the living demonstration of the reconciliation and new life that Christ brings.

As the **Body of Christ**, the Church has both a unity and diversity. When Christians live in unity and harmony, we demonstrate that “There is one body and one Spirit” (4:4). But, like a body, we are composed of different members with diverse gifts. The result of our living harmoniously and using our ministry gifts for the benefit of one another will be that “the whole body...grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” (4:16).

As the **Bride of Christ**, the Church demonstrates and experiences the deepest intimacy with him who reconciled her to himself. The voluntary and joyful submission of man and woman to one another in the bond of marriage is a picture of the joyful union of the Church to Christ. The Church is the supreme demonstration of great intimacy, the intimacy of bride and husband.

The Implications for Us

Understanding the nature of the Church as Temple, Body and Bride will have implications for us in our life together. Here are five:

1. **A new way of looking at the church:** We will need to move away from seeing the church as something we “go to” to something “we are an integral part of.” It means a move away from seeing the church as an institution with a hierarchy to the church as an organism, a family united and working together.

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¹ Michael Griffiths, *God’s Forgetful Pilgrims: Recalling the Church to Its Reason for Being* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1978), 9.

2. **A new way of looking at ministry:** This new way of working together as a body will mean we will look at ministry in a whole new way. No longer will it be seen as something somebody “does to me” or “on my behalf”, it will be seen as the work of the whole people of God, equipped by their pastors and leaders. In a body, every part has a function, from the brain to the toenail.
3. **A new way of relating to one another:** Being an organism means that how we relate to one another is of crucial importance. If we can not experience reconciliation amongst ourselves, then not only will people outside have good reason to reject our message, but we ourselves will cause blocks to our own spiritual health and development. After all, if the lung were to say it wouldn't have anything to do with the heart, the body could not function and both organs would collapse.
4. **A new way of worshipping:** Then, if we are a body and a bride, intimately related to Jesus and one another, how will that affect our worship? Certainly, we can no longer see worship as purely personal and distant from others. Søren Kierkegaard² has said that worship should be like a play where God's people are the performers, the pastors the prompters, and God is the audience. The way we do things is more like the pastors are the performers, the people the audience and God is the prompter! Being a body implies a new way of perceiving and experiencing worship together.
5. **A new way of looking at mission:** Finally, seeing the church biblically will affect how we see the scope of our ministry. No longer will it be seen as only towards ourselves; we will see that each of us has a ministry in the world. What's more, we will see that this ministry takes place in a battleground against the forces of evil which seek to prevent God's plan of reconciliation for the world from taking effect.



When the Church is being what it is called to be, growth and renewal take place. Being precedes doing. The Church is able to carry out its mission in the world when it demonstrates most clearly the life of God in its midst as his Temple, his Body and his Bride.

O God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know you better. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, the church, which is the body of our Saviour, and your incomparably great power for us who believe. Amen.

(Adapted from Ephesians 1:17-19)

P.S. As in the past two years, I will again be travelling from April to July, carrying out ministry in various parts (helping lead the Bristol Theological Colleges' tour of the Holy Land, taking a service and teaching at St. Frumentius Theological College in Ethiopia) as well as visiting family, friends and former students. I would value your prayers for safety and effectiveness. On the following page is an outline of my schedule.

Yours in His service,

Brett

² Søren Kierkegaard, *Purity of Heart Is to Will One Thing*. (New York: Harper & Row, 1956), pgs. 180-181

Cane's Corner *continued*



Brett in St. Gallen, Switzerland, July 2017

Brett's Travels 2018: 14-Country Tour

March 31-April 14: Montreal/Ontario

April 14-27: "Repositioning cruise"
(Santo Domingo to Lisbon)

April 27-May 2: Portugal

May 2-3: Ukraine

May 3-12: Holy Land

May 12-June 6: UK

June 6-14: Sicily

June 14-25 Ethiopia

June 26-July 20: Germany, Czechia, Poland,
Switzerland

July 20-23: UK

July 23: Return to Victoria!



Students and staff at St. Frumetius'
Theological College, Gambella, Ethiopia,
in July, 2017

A message from Rob Szo



Here is a picture of the painting Christine and I bought with the cash gift from the people of St Mary's and St Stephen's. The artist is Helen Utsal, who lives in Courtney and specializes in Vancouver Island landscapes and wildlife. Christine and I saw this painting three years ago at a gallery in Whistler and loved it right away. Now, thanks to the generosity of the good people of St Mary's and St Stephen's, "The Owl" now stands watch over our living room in Brentwood Bay. We love it and want to thank the people again for this generous gift.

All the best!

Rob

Lots of changes happening in and around the Parish since the last issue of ConneXion, some sad, some exciting, but news from Around the Parish continues and we still have many things to share with you.

News from St. Mary's

On September 28, 2017, Her Honour, Judith Guichon conferred special honours to Nelles Shackleton of St Mary's. Created in 1999, the Vice-Regal Commendation and Commissioners' Commendation are presented by the Governor General, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces and the Commissioners of the Territories respectively to recipients for long-term or outstanding service to the Office of the Queen's representative or Territorial Commissioner. As a paid member of staff, Nelles was awarded this honour for her outstanding service, in charge of the many receptions held at Government House. Note: Nelles organized and planned for the catering for the Smith Reception which is written up elsewhere in ConneXion! If you attended that reception you can certainly see how she was so deserving of that award. Our congratulations to you, Nelles!



Above: Nelles (centre). Below: Ken (right)



And while we are recognizing special honours, Ken Brind, 90 plus years young, was awarded special honours of bravery for the part he played during the Second World War. The ceremony took place at his home in Legion Manor. Ken was presented with the insignia of Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour, France's highest national order. The Legion of Honour was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 to reward eminent merit in service to France. During the Second World War, Ken participated in bombing attacks over France that resulted in freeing France. Congratulations, Ken!

The CPR Class that wasn't!

On Saturday February 3rd when Nancy Choat arrived at St Mary's to set up for the CPR class scheduled to start at 9 am, she opened the side door to find several inches of water in the hallway and the sound of gushing water coming from the janitorial room! Trying not to panic, she attempted to close off the water taps in the closet to no avail as the water was gushing from the pipe below! After contacting Derek (who was to attend the CPR class) and phoning the Fire Department (who were to put on the class!) she phoned the Fallan household and within minutes Len appeared and turned off the water outside the building! Needless to say, the class was cancelled. But the amazing amount of team work done by parish members (David Cooper, Geri Hinton, Bob Quicke, Karen McColm, Irene and Keith Feir, Ken and Michael Pedlow, Joy and Nick Hunter, Len and Lynn Fallan, Peter, our Rector, Derek Osman, who spent several hours on the phone contacting the insurance/restoration people) was like a gift from heaven. And Leslie Pedlow brought sandwiches to feed the working crew who had been at the church since early Saturday. Even Heron Janitorial services showed up after being called, to assist with vacuuming up the water that had seeped into the various adjoining rooms and hallways, including the office. A very small amount did get as far as the Narthex. The sanctuary was not affected but every other room was. And new carpet had just been installed last year!

Some of the equipment used to dry out the church



Peter our Rector was at the church within the hour, helping to move

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The Angli-Can or The Peter Potty?

“Many thanks to everyone who helped out, in so many ways.”

A “feel good” story

furniture, tables, the piano, chairs, book cases, many cardboard boxes containing goods stored in the washroom and Cooper Hall cupboards, away from the walls, vacuuming up water and making decisions about services and events to take place in the days ahead, including Sunday Serenade scheduled to take place the next day and the pending Farewell Reception for the Smiths which was to take place the next Wednesday. A port-a-potty was ordered for the next day’s service and concert, as the washrooms were not operational. Peter announced at the 9am service that he has decided to call it the Angli-Can! Or, it could be called The Peter Potty!

Coffee for Sunday was set up in the Narthex and **Bob Quicke** said he had a container that held a large amount of water and would bring it so we could provide tea and coffee for the Sunday 9 am service. All the carpet was pulled up as there was concern that if left wet, it would cause damage at the base of the drywall. One can only imagine what the damage would have been if it had been left all day Saturday!

The plumbing contractor was able to isolate the problem on Monday. They attempted an emergency repair but that didn’t hold. A more permanent fix was made but couldn’t be tested until noon on Tuesday. By around noon on Tuesday, the fix was tested, and we had running water and functioning washrooms. The Weight Watchers even held their meeting in the Hall Tuesday evening! There is still a lot of cleanup to do, and of course to get new carpeting installed in all offices, hallways, boardroom, etc., but what a difference it makes to have running water again (with no flooding). Many thanks to everyone who helped out, in so many ways.

One Final Note to end this saga: If Derek had taken the time to read his horoscope when he got up that Saturday morning, he would have been more prepared for how he was going to spend his Saturday. ”You have lots of energy to tackle home repairs today. You might tear down something to the studs so you can start all over again. You mean business!”

And while on the topic of floods, many of you may have heard of **Fern** and **Mark Perkins’** flood in their home while they were visiting family in Florida last fall! What a mess to come home to and we pray that your life is gradually returning to normal!

A couple recently moved to Vancouver Island from the Interior as they had experienced enough of forest fires last summer. Living close to St Mary’s they enjoyed walks with their dog past the church’s well-manicured lawns and surrounding greenery. One day they decided to stop and knocked on the office door. They wanted to commend Leslie on the lovely grounds enjoyed on their daily walks with their dog. The end result? A generous donation to our church. Talk about putting your money where your mouth is! Which reminds us, thank you John Beresford, Carl Schwazer and Len Fallan who are continually picking up fallen branches and making sure the lawns and shrubs are kept in such good condition.

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Other News:



The Butchart Gardens tour



Roy and Susan Pullan are the proud great grandparents of a great granddaughter, Bridgette! Congratulations Roy and Susan. Susan has been busy knitting articles in pink for the new arrival and are hoping to see her when the parents (from Calgary) visit the Pullans in February.

Carolyn Solberg a new parishioner, from Ottawa, has been joining the St Mary's Music team on occasion, playing the piano and allowing Cathy to conduct the choir. We've enjoyed having you, Carolyn and hope you will continue to be an active parishioner at St Mary's. We would also like to welcome **John and Sue Ormesher** who are also new faces at our Sunday services.

A group of six St Mary's parishioners arranged to visit The Butchart Garden greenhouses on November 11. This popular tour is offered yearly and certainly gives one an appreciation of just what goes in to preparing the various plantings that visitors to the gardens enjoy year-round.

The proceeds of the January Thrift Sale held at St Mary's was \$1,570.00.

As we go to print with this issue of *ConneXion*, we are enjoying **Rev. Dr. Brett Crane's** series of six talks leading up to Easter. Based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Brett will discuss with parishioners "What Church is all About" on Tuesday evenings at 7pm at St. Stephen's and repeated at 11 am the following day at St Mary's.

News from St. Stephen's

Snowdrops after the recent snow



Katherine Carlson, organized a Youth Alpha course, which ran for several weeks prior to Christmas, beginning November 17th to December 15th and then continued in the New Year from January 26th through to March. Brett joined in as did a number of others to make this a great opportunity for 12 young people to learn more about their Christian Faith. These were weeks, full of food (thanks to the many volunteers from both St Mary's and St Stephen's), fun, new experiences, new friends, and did I mention food! This successful event was held at St. Stephens hall.

With spring approaching, the lovely gardens at St Stephen's are receiving lots of tender loving care, thanks to parishioners like **Tracy and Gary Stubbs**, as they are often seen doing some necessary pruning of the trees in the meadow. And best of all, the snowdrops can be seen shyly blooming in the Cemetery grounds, a lovely harbinger of coming Spring.

Soups-On continues to be a popular lunch venue for numerous folk including "'Snow Birds'" from the East whom we welcome annually.

Twelve-o'clock Rock hosted their annual, "always popular" Valentine Dance on Saturday February 10 at St Stephen's Hall. It's always a look back in time to 1959 for the band and party goers. **Greg Robinson**, a member of the band as well as one of the main organizers of this popular annual event has sent the following account of the evening: "St. Stephens

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annual Valentines Sock Hop was a “rockin” success. The band, 12 O’Clock Rock” (which features four members of our praise team, and one from our sister church St. Elizabeth’s), played while 60 plus attendees jived, bopped, twisted and laughed the night away. It was a great family evening with many families attending with the kids – no need for baby sitters here.

It was very much a community event as at least half the attendees were not members of our parish. It was truly a congregational effort with the usual suspects in the kitchen doing their magic with cookies, muffins, great desserts, coffee tea, pop etc. **Katherine** and the other leaders did a great job with the Alpha youth group on short notice in decorating the church hall, and that same youth group helped out at the event itself. **Dave Shields** welcomed people, and provided the security which fortunately was not required. There was one remarkable incident that happened when it was observed that **Leslie Pedlow** was able to get **Brett Cane** up and dancing. Unfortunately, there seems to be no pictures of this highly unanticipated and unusual event. It did, however, happen and we have eye witnesses.

This event was just one more example of how incredibly well this parish pulls together to serve and reach out to our community. God is in our midst!”

Birthdays

Audrey Quackenbush celebrated her 95th birthday on the last Sunday in January. A large chocolate cake (her favourite) featured a wonderful photograph of Audrey, a complete surprise for her! She celebrated her actual birthday (Jan 31) with family and friends at an Open House at her home in Brentwood Bay. Congratulations, Audrey!

Travel



David Stewart and friends in Italy

Lynda Clifford enjoyed a well-deserved rest in Hawaii for a couple of weeks in January/February, while **Sandra Scarth** went to Florida for her couple of weeks of Vitamin D and rest! **Judi Clarke** spent time in Belize in February visiting her brother. **David Stewart** has just returned from a ski vacation with friends in Italy while **Alison** stayed at home. I bet she got a lot of reading done! **Carl** and **Shirley Schwazer** as well as **Greg** and **Christine Robinson** managed to get away to the warmer climes and sun of Mexico in February. Lucky parishioners!

Sunday Serenade

April 22, 2018 @ 2:30 pm
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SAANICHTON
 1973 Cultra Ave. @ East Saanich Rd.

Knacker's Yard

Celtic Traditional Folk Band



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Leslie Pedlow is at the St. Mary's office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30

Bob Quicke is at the St. Stephen's office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 and on Fridays from 9:00 to 2:00

Canon Peter Parker plans to be at St. Mary's on Tuesdays and at St. Stephen's on Fridays (and of course at both places on Sundays!)