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THE GOOD LIFE!

Bishop David Edwards, skipper Daryl Caines and Daryl's son, the Rev. Mike Caines enjoyed a grand day on the Bay of Fundy as they sailed from Campobello to Back Bay as part of the bishop's first annual archdeaconry pilgrimage. Read about the pilgrimage, and the sailing, on pages 14-15.

Diocesan Council gets good news

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Diocesan Council was treated to the hospitality and excellent cooking skills of Camp Brookwood's stalwart volunteers as council met June 20 in Florenceville-Bristol.

A barbecue lunch with various salads and desserts was a highlight for council members, which was followed by a presentation on the camp and its many recent upgrades.

But before that, there was business to attend to, which included several key decisions on new issues.

In a surprise announcement, council learned that a parishioner from Church of the Good Shepherd (Parish of Lancaster), a woman of simple lifestyle named Dorothy Roberta Wilkes, bequeathed an estate valued at approximately \$5.5 million to the diocese.

Her wish was that the bequest be divided into two equal funds, with the income to help fund two initiatives: Anglican ministry education, and diocesan operations.

Each fund is expected to generate \$100,000 a year.

"I imagine some of the income can be used for innovative ministries," said Bishop David Edwards. "We have a model around this with the Chandras' ministry in Saint John. Our goal will be to look for creative ideas, perhaps parallel to our existing structures.

"In a sense, the possibilities are endless. We should be very grateful to God for this."

The bishop expressed thanks to Ms. Wilkes for her generosity

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Bishop's court to become student discipleship house

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Bishop's Court, empty for 18 months, will soon become a home again — this time to students.

Diocesan Council, at its June 20 meeting, approved the use of Bishop's Court as a student discipleship residence for a one-year trial beginning in August.

Youth & intergenerational ministries director Colin McDonald made the pitch at the meeting for a place where university and college students

could pay an affordable rent while living, studying, growing and worshipping through the school year, with house parents guiding them.

"Among kids, their belief system is constantly under attack, especially after high school," Colin told council. "18-24 is often the age that many young people step away from their faith and these days they often don't come back. How can we better support them?"

"We've talked about a residential solution for young

people while in university."

Bishop's Court would serve as a home and a place of support for students who would participate in a regular schedule of prayer, meal preparation and service within the larger community. It would accommodate three to five students, plus the house parents.

Colin cautioned that the house project would not be successful without the support of parishes.

"We need the local Anglican churches to essentially adopt

these house kids — come in, share time, cook and share a meal. And the kids would take part in parish life," he said.

"This will work if we see it as ours. It won't work if we just put a bunch of kids in the house. It requires parishes to see this as a ministry."

At the meeting, questions were raised about city zoning, maintenance or repairs, and existing donated furniture.

Bishop David allayed any

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Hope that Bishop's Court project will spread to parishes

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fears about the donated antiques, saying any furniture that needed to be removed would be before the August opening.

There are still several issues to be addressed before students would be able to move in.

"As a teacher, I think this is a brilliant idea," said diocesan chancellor David Bell. "Everything will depend on who the house leaders are, but it's just a brilliant idea."

House parents will be former Camp Medley director Kurt Godard and his wife, Rebecca Butler.

Since empty, the annual costs for heat, water and other services have been about \$8,000 a year.

The house has two and-a-half bathrooms, four bedrooms on the second floor, plus two bedrooms and a large storage room



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Bishop's Court is on the corner of Brunswick and Church streets in downtown Fredericton, adjacent to Christ Church Cathedral.

on the third floor.

On the main floor, there is a double living room, large dining

room, plus a large kitchen with laundry room and butler's pantry. It has a front porch, mud room

and screened porch. The house sits on a corner lot at Church and Brunswick streets, across from Christ Church Cathedral.

Bishop's Court became empty when Archbishop Claude Miller and his wife, Sharon, bought their own property in January 2011. Since then there have been short-term rentals, but it has been empty for the past 18 months.

This or similar housing projects have been successful in Halifax and Edmonton. Similarly, the Archbishop of Canterbury, earlier this year, invited applications from young people world-wide to live and study at Lambeth Palace in the UK.

Colin hopes that eventually, the project can spread to other communities in the diocese that have empty rectories.

"This is about investing in

young people and their discipleship," he said. "We're using the assets we already have and putting them to work."

Colin gave an impassioned speech about the project to council members.

"This is important and I'll tell you why. My experience so far, from Camp Medley is that when September rolls around, the youth leaders are left with no support. They're left to the world."

That was followed by several questions from council and unanimous approval.

Council member Rachel Barrett cautioned that the project should not focus too heavily on recruiting Camp Medley staff as residents, lest the house become a clique.

At press time, the allowable number of vacancies, three according to the city, had been filled.

After changes to SAMS, diocese will manage Honduran mission

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in remembering the church in her will.

In another announcement, SAMS Canada, the South American Mission Society, will no longer continue operations as a registered charity as of Aug. 31. It asked the diocese to take over managing the Honduran ministry led by the Revs. Kara Thompson and Nelson Mejia.

"Donations now sent to SAMS would come to us," said diocesan treasurer Irene Adams. "We would take on the program with Kara as our program director."

After discussion, council unanimously approved that effective Sept. 1 the diocese will enter into an initial three-year Honduran ministry project with Kara as a diocesan employee.

Other items of note:

- Council appointed Brenda MacPherson (lay representative from the Archdeaconry of Chatham) to Diocesan Council to fill a vacancy; Ann Fairweather as chair of the nominating committee; and the Rev. Canon Jon Lownds (retired) to the human resources committee.

- Council was informed that parishes have responded to meeting their current shared ministry amounts, with many parishes also catching up on arrears, resulting in the Diocese receiving 101 per cent of year-to-date requests as of May 30.

- Parish support teams led by territorial archdeacons will meet with selected parishes to help them identify their financial



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

Top: Rodney Smith and Ken Tompkins man the barbecues at lunch time.



Left: Mary Lee Phillips gives a presentation on Camp Brookwood to Diocesan Council members.

challenges and develop action plans to improve their viability. Council will receive a report at the Sept. 16 council meeting.

- Council reviewed a report on Foundation for Life projects and the need to increase support and donations.

- Council was informed that a diocesan Creation Matters task group has met. The members include Cindy Derksen, Geoffrey Hall, Jim Knight, Joyce Tilburt and Kate Turner, led by

the Ven. Cathy Laskey. Jim is also the diocesan representative on the national Creation Matters working group.

- The annual stewardship conference is planned for Saturday, Oct. 17 at St. John the Evangelist church in Nashwaak-sis. The theme will be counting our blessings.

- Bishop's Court will house students in a one-year trial that will bring house parents and students together in a household

dedicated to prayer, worship and community service. See more on this in the story on page 1.

- The bishop underwent a performance review, the results of which can be found on page 9.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

God is working out his purpose

It is nearly a year since I was consecrated as your bishop, and the year has been both a joy and a challenge. A number of us have gone and are going through difficult times together. I have known from the outset being called to lead at this time in our life as a diocese would not be easy. But I have discovered God's faithfulness to us all through this period.



I get a sense that things are beginning to move in different directions. People are emerging to take up key roles in both parishes and at the synod level. This means that we are seeing great additions to our already capable leadership. Have we arrived where we hope to be in this regard? The answer is no, but we are moving.

Although financial blessing is not a good indicator of God's

provision, it is the yardstick we tend to use when we feel things are going badly, so here is some good news on that front, for which we should all be thankful.

Miss Dorothy Wilkes, a parishioner in the Parish of Lancaster, died in January of this year, leaving the bulk of her estate to the Diocese of Fredericton. When all is said and done,

this will amount to around \$5.5 million.

Miss Wilkes was very definite about what she intended we do with her gift, but has also left plenty of scope for action. The legacy is to be divided into two equal parts, under the name the Dorothy Roberta Wilkes Memorial Fund. The interest from half is to be used for "diocesan purposes" and the other half for the education of young people in Anglican ministry. It is hoped that these two funds will generate about \$100,000 per year.

A second piece of good news is that the Diocesan Finance Committee has agreed that the income from \$2.5 million of the "retained earnings" in the Diocesan Consolidated Income Fund (DCIF) be set aside for ministry purposes.

This means that in total (with

Miss Wilkes's gift) we will have approaching \$300,000 per year to invest in ministry initiatives.

Finally, I am very grateful to all of you for the contributions our parishes have made to the Shared Ministry Budget. At the end of June 97 per cent of what has been requested has been received. This compares with 92 per cent in 2014.

Does all this mean we are out of the woods? No. We are still very much in amongst the trees, but on many fronts I think we can see a way ahead.

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- AUG. 31 – SEPT. 2
CLERGY CONFERENCE
- SEPT. 9
DEANERY OF SHEDIAC
CLERICUS
- SEPT. 12
SEE THROUGH THE
SCRIPTURES COURSE -
WOODSTOCK
- SEPT. 13
PARISHES OF SACKVILLE
AND DORCHESTER *
- SEPT. 15
SAINT JOHN DEANERY
CLERICUS
- SEPT. 16
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
- SEPT. 19
DIOCESAN
VOCATIONS DAY
- SEPT. 20
PARISH OF KINGSTON
- SEPT. 22
BISHOP'S COUNSEL
- SEPT. 27
PARISH OF CHATHAM
- SEPT. 27
ORDINATION, CHRIST
CHURCH CATHEDRAL
- OCT. 2
DIOCESAN YOUTH
MINISTRIES GATHERING
- OCT. 3
SEE THROUGH THE
SCRIPTURES COURSE -
SHEDIAC/MONCTON
- OCT. 4
PARISH OF FUNDY AND
THE LAKES *
- OCT. 11
PARISH OF UPPER
KENNEBECASIS
- OCT. 17
DIOCESAN
STEWARDSHIP
CONFERENCE
- OCT. 18
PARISH OF
LUDLOW & BLISSFIELD
- OCT. 19 - 23
HOUSE OF BISHOPS
- OCT. 25
PARISH OF OROMOCTO *

* DENOTES CONFIRMATION

Kids - and bears - are helping kids

In June, our bishop and diocese hosted the meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. Representatives from each of the seven dioceses in our province were there along with a few guests from our Church National, even Hope Bear. Yes, there was a bear at Provincial Synod! There is even a bear at synod office.



Hope Bear is the mascot of the Kids Helping Kids Fund, an initiative of the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC). It seeks to provide abundant resources for innovative ministries, Anglican presence, and diverse infrastructure projects across the Canadian Church.

How are kids helping kids? The KHK fund makes a difference by responding to four different causes:

- Breakfast programs
- After-school homework coaching
- Caring for children with an end-of-life diagnosis
- Giving kids a chance to go to summer camp or choir school

Who identified these causes? Kids, of course! The executive director of AFC, the Rev. Canon Judy Rois, simply asked children from all across Canada about

what causes they would support with their money.

Rois, in an interview with Anglican Journal said, "I believe that kids are inherently philanthropic and quite generous without all the barnacles one gets into adulthood where you get kind of cynical about giving."

The children came up with a whole lot of ideas and these are summed up within the four causes.

With a \$20 donation, we can help make a difference in the lives of children in New Brunswick and across Canada. There are all kinds of bears that we can give away as a gift to others with the proceeds going to the Kids Helping Kids Fund.

The Parish of Shediac gave me the clergy bear when I came



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Ruth Sheeran with a clergy Hope Bear at Provincial Synod, St. Margaret's church, Fredericton, in June. Ruth represented the Deanery of St. Francis in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

to Fredericton — a very appropriate and appreciated gift which sits in my office.

It came wrapped, as each Hope Bear does, with paw-print tissue in a special gift bag with this most important Bible verse from Romans 15:13: *May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace.*

When I was at St. Martin-in-the-Woods, the parish as a community of faith strategy partnered with the Anglican Church Women to provide the Baptism Bear to the newly baptised.

The child would have a cud-

dly reminder of their baptism and their parents and sponsors would know about some of the broader ministry work of our church family through the Anglican Foundation.

In addition to Baptism Bear and Clergy Bear, there is Canadian Forces Bear, Birthday Bear, Bedtime Bear, College Bear and Wedding Bears. Maybe one will travel with you to be a gift to give someone!

The Anglican Foundation is not just about bears, it is about mission and ministry. AFC provides funding in support of:

- innovative ministry, Anglican presence and diverse infrastructure projects
- church music in Canada
- education and programs in Canada's North
- worship initiatives, liturgical arts, outreach and community endeavours
- theological studies

Please explore the AFC website and become a member. <http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/> Keep your eye out for more Hope Bear sightings in our diocese.

Archdeacon Cathy Laskey is the executive assistant to the bishop and secretary of Synod.

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PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Safe church policy is vital to continue ministry: Synod

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

“Safe Church” has become a key phrase in the modern church, with good reason. New ministries bring new risks – and prompt the necessity of such things as windows on Sunday school room doors, screening and police record checks for all volunteers, and rules for how and when a parish or diocese must address complaints.

Safe Church was one of the main topics discussed during June’s Ecclesiastical Province of Canada Synod in Fredericton. A workshop on the topic was also presented.

The Provincial Synod has been dealing with the Safe Church concept for about 10 years, and at every council meeting and every synod, the policy they’ve developed gets tweaked, said outgoing lay secretary Jim Sweeney.

From that Provincial Synod policy came the framework for our own diocesan Safe Church policy, with our own tweaking. Its purpose is to provide a safe and effective working, learning and spiritual environment.

Our Human Resources committee develops, reviews and implements our Safe Church policy. Our diocesan misconduct officer is Barbara Richards, who, with an assistant, handle complaints. They work at arms-length from the Human Resources committee, and have a misconduct committee that they report to.

At Provincial Synod, the Rt.



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At the head table for discussion on Safe Church policy were Bishop Ron Cutler (NS & PEI), the Ven. Gordon Redden (NS & PEI), and from Ecclesiastical Insurance Inc., Jane Williamson and Mike Thornhill.

Rev. Ron Cutler, bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, spoke on the topic, saying their policy began in the 1990s with screening for youth leaders.

The diocesan Safe Church policy had spread to all clergy in the diocese by 2012, with a requirement that, for continued licencing, they had to attend Safe Church training. By then it had become their insurer’s requirement.

“Safer churches was the goal,” said Cutler. “It’s a goal that will never end. We must go beyond police records checks. If we rely only on that, we’re in serious trouble.”

And whatever policies they

develop, he said, they have to be aware of changes to the legal system.

Getting the parishes on board was a massive task and it began with an inventory of every parish activity and the requirements of each leader for those activities. For training they used online resources as much as possible — there have been 20 webinars to date, each one taped to use again.

Bishop Cutler told synod that one thing was made clear to the parishes: “This is not an excuse to stop ministry.” The inventory, and the ministries, had to go on.

Also at synod were the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince

Edward Island’s insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurers of Halifax.

“There’s really no sympathy from the courts,” said Jane Williamson, vice president of claims at Ecclesiastical. “If your protocols are not sufficient, it’s very challenging to defend.”

She noted a rise in lawsuits involving vulnerable adults, with about a 50-50 split between claims on behalf of these adults as opposed to children.

She also cautioned dioceses and parishes to never throw out any insurance records, because cases sometimes date back to the 1950s.

Bishop Cutler told synod delegates that as vital as getting a

policy in place is, some parishes wanted no part of it.

“I got flippant and told a stubborn parish, ‘You absolutely do not have to do this — as long as you do three things: sell your buildings, give away all your money; and fire all your ministry workers.’”

Ms. Williamson had a final word of warning. In her court experience, merely having a policy was not enough.

“If you have a process in place and you’re not following it, that’s worse than not having one.”

To learn more about the diocesan Safe Church policy, visit the website and click on Safe Church. anglican.nb.ca

Primate hopes marriage canon debates will be respectful

BY ANGLICAN JOURNAL STAFF

Archbishop Fred Hiltz said he is aware of anxiety among Anglicans about how the 2016 General Synod will deal with a motion amending the marriage canon (church law) to allow the marriage of same-sex couples.

Hiltz expressed hope that the debates preceding any decision will be conducted with respect and patience.

He is praying, he added, that people will “know the leading of the Holy Spirit” and that there will be “grace in the midst of what will be a very difficult and challenging conversation.”

Hiltz discussed the marriage canon and other issues that will come up at the triennial General Synod when he spoke on June 26 at the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada Synod in Fredericton.

“I know there’s anxiety. There are people who already are saying

‘if General Synod says this, then here’s the plan,’” said Hiltz. “But I need to remind people that because this is a doctrinal matter, if General Synod were to approve this on first reading, it requires a second reading” by the following General Synod, in 2019. It will also be sent to provincial synods for information, he said. “There’s a three-year window for conversations before 2019.”

If the motion to amend the marriage canon is not approved “then for a time the conversation is done in some form or another,” said Hiltz.

In July 2013, General Synod, the church’s governing body, approved Resolution C003, which asked Council of General Synod (CoGS) to prepare and present a motion to change the church’s Canon 21 on marriage “to allow the marriage of same-sex couples in the same way as opposite-sex couples.”

It also asked that this motion include “a conscience clause so that no member of the clergy, bishop, congregation or diocese should be constrained to participate in or authorize such marriages against the dictates of their conscience.”

The resolution also asked that there be a broad consultation about the preparation of the motion. A commission on the marriage canon was subsequently established by CoGS; its findings are expected to be released this month.

In line with the theme, “You shall be my witnesses,” the 2016 General Synod will be “mission-focused,” said Hiltz. “We will look at the mission of God in the world and how the church endeavours to serve it.” [The triennial gathering will take place in Toronto from July 7-13, 2016.]

Hiltz also updated the Provincial Synod about the Anglican

Council of Indigenous People’s call for greater determination within the Anglican Church of Canada. “We may be looking at a fifth province or a federation of Indigenous members,” he said.

Meanwhile, in another session, Hiltz focused on Jesus’ call to “feed my lambs,” tying it to issues around poverty, child welfare and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s “Calls to Action” on issues around Aboriginal justice, education, health, missing residential schools children and missing and murdered Aboriginal women, among others.

Hiltz said he found it disconcerting that with federal elections coming up he has not heard any political party talking “boldly and prophetically” about the TRC’s Calls to Action and its challenge for Canada to forge a new relationship with Indigenous people.

The church, said Hiltz, has an advocacy role to play in this regard. “I hope this church will rise to the occasion and not see these (Calls to Action) as political statements but as priorities for the church.”

It is “staggering,” said Hiltz, when one considers that today, more Aboriginal children are in government care than there were at the Indian residential schools, which operated for over a century.

Hiltz also noted that MPs have failed in their commitment made in 1989 to end child poverty by 2010. “The poverty rate then was 15.8 per cent and it’s 19.1 per cent today,” he said, noting that among Aboriginal children, the rate is 40 per cent.

Once again, political parties have renewed their pledge to end child poverty, said Hiltz, as he urged Anglicans to take a stand. “Are we going to turn this into an election issue?”

PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Provincial Synod meets in Fredericton

BY CHARLES FERRIS

The 2015 Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (EPC) convened in Fredericton from June 25-28 at the St. Thomas University Conference Centre.

The theme of the Synod, "If I have not love I am nothing," was introduced at St. Margaret's church during the opening Eucharist in Archbishop Percy Coffin's inaugural Metropolitan Address

"If the church has a mission at all, it is to manifest the deeds of Jesus," said Coffin. "The church has to reach out to the displaced, the periphery, to the new missionary frontiers of the contemporary world. The mission of Jesus is one of making the culture of the Good Samaritan our own, feeling as our own the pain of the oppressed, getting close to them and freeing them.

"Without this commitment, all religiousness is false. As St. Paul says, 'If I have not love I am nothing. Ours is a time to leave behind the shallow waters of maintaining the institution and launch out into the deep waters of evangelization.'

He challenged delegates with these questions:

We exhibited such care and compassion as Jesus did? We reached out to people with such genuine interest that they sat up and took notice? We were seen, not as self-righteous and judgmental, but as a breath of fresh air? We came across as not having all the answers but as having doubts and fears? What if we didn't offer shallow comments but instead invited people to think deeply?

"In the words of the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts-Schori, to



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

Above: Delegates converse during discussions at the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada Synod June 26.

Left: Molly McGinley, 15, of St. John the Evangelist church, Nashwaaksis, serves Archbishop Percy Coffin during Friday dinner at the church.

our most recent General Synod, 'Get up. Get out. Get lost,'" said Coffin.

Armed with this charge, the Synod considered the means by which the EPC might better respond to the realities of 21st century demographics in order to be a relevant agent for Jesus and to make Him known beyond traditional parish bounds.

Highlights from the event:

- Provincial Synod sponsorship of "Ask and Imagine" 2016 youth training initiative; the youth caucus expressed a desire to hold a provincial youth conference within the next three years.
- Bishop Michael Hawkins, chair of the Council of the North, invited the Province to move forward on its "parish-to-parish" companioning initiative, stating that at least six Council of the North parishes are ready to enter into companion relationships with parishes of the EPC.
- Executive officers of the seven dioceses of the EPC resolved to confer on a regular basis.
- Governance reform initia-

tive highlighted by the report of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada Governance Task Force and Bishop Geoff Peddle's "Statistical Trends in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, 2015" reflecting significant decline in ACC membership within the EPC.

- Primate Fred Hiltz underlined ACC solidarity with recommendations of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and spoke on the challenges facing aboriginal youth.
- Provincial Synod members caucused for part of Synod on a series of questions arising from the Metropolitan Address; the visioning responses reflected, among others, the prerequisites of the Provincial Governance Task Force.
- Bishop David Edwards and the Ven. Cathy Laskey led Diocesan presentations on Friday evening and Saturday morning, sharing diocesan initiatives such as 12/12/12; Central Saint John Community Ministry (the Revs. Terence and Jasmine Chandra)

and Gisele McKnight's Wickham church video.

- Provincial Synod adoption of Provincial Misconduct Policy as part of the Province's comprehensive provincial Safe Church regulation. This complemented a presentation by Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Bishop Ron Cutler and the Ven. Gordon Redden on their Safe Church initiative, and Ecclesiastical Insurance (with Mike Thornhill and Jane Williamson) pointing to the need for such legislation and implementation throughout EPC.
- Various non-traditional Anglican ministries were in attendance, including parish nursing; Godly Play; Central Saint John Community Ministry; military chaplaincy and Frank Morehouse and Twila Buttimer with their diocesan Archives Corner book.
- Rachel Barrett was elected as lay member of Provincial Council; other Diocese of Fredericton council members are Peter Irish (provincial treasurer)

and Charles Ferris (provincial chancellor). Other new Provincial executive members were the Rev. Eli Evans (prolocutor); Marg Jenniex (deputy prolocutor); the Ven. Gordon Redden (clerical secretary) and Judi Culp (lay secretary).

- Provincial Synod resolved to invite entities and individuals within the EPC to support the Princess Besra (Palestinian) Hospital in Jerusalem.
- Provincial Synod resolved to continue its streamlining commenced at its 2012 synod, including more alternate types of conferences; videoconferencing; and shorter synod and council meetings.
- Provincial Synod conferred an award of merit on Eric Dryden for long and effective service as the provincial treasurer. Rich Anglican worship dominated the event, which included the opening service at St. Margaret's, thrice daily in-Synod worship and a closing Communion service at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday morning.

Youth leader conference set for October in Fredericton

BY JASON SMITH

The Youth and Intergenerational (YIG) Team and the Diocese of Fredericton will host a Diocesan Youth Leader conference Oct. 2-3 at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton.

Based on some feedback from the Youth Matters events, this first and hopefully annual event will focus on particular programs such as Godly Play, Messy Church and Youth Alpha.

Each of these workshops will be led by an experienced practitioner or actual represen-

tative from these well-regarded programs.

The keynote for the conference is Dave Sippel, vice-president of connections with Ministry Architects.

Ministry Architects is a youth ministry and church consulting group that performs church-wide strategic planning and builds sustainable children's and youth ministries.

They have partnered with nearly 600 churches from 23 different denominations. The YIG team is very excited that Dave agreed to come and share

Ministry Architects resources with the diocese.

For interested parishes, Ministry Architects has an online diagnostic tool that can be performed before October. If your parish is interested, contact Colin MacDonald (721-4781).

For parishes that perform this diagnostic tool, the afternoon of Oct. 2 will be a time for more in-depth discussions with key people, including Dave.

Friday evening will be an open house coffee hour for anyone wanting to meet Dave before Saturday's events.

Saturday will include Dave's keynote and workshops on Godly Play, Messy Church and Youth Alpha. There will be a \$10 fee for Saturday's events to cover lunch that day.

The Diocesan Youth Leader Conference is open to everyone including youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, volunteers, clergy and anyone with a heart for youth.

The YIG team is encouraging every parish to send one representative to the conference even if they do not currently have an active youth ministry.

YIG's overall goal is to increase our youth presence in

the diocese, and it begins with conversations and getting individuals and parishes excited and passionate over youth ministry.

Youth ministry is not just youth group anymore. There are so many venues and possibilities that we can reach out to youth today and any one and any parish can be part of that.

Each parish will receive further information in September. However, if you are interested, you can register anytime by contacting me, Jason Smith, YIG chair at jasonsmith1214@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

• Above: Back row: Bishop David Edwards and Canon Leo Martin. Bottom row: The Rev. Daniel Goodwin, the Rev. Deacon Thomas Nisbett and the Rev. Christopher Ketch.

• Below: The procession of priests, deacons and ordinands into Christ Church Cathedral.

• Bottom right: Nova Scotia musician and singer Chelsea Amber, daughter of Thomas Nisbett, sang Be Thou My Vision during Holy Communion.



Three ordained

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

There was a spirit of celebration at Christ Church Cathedral June 28 as three people were ordained by Bishop David Edwards.

Christopher Ketch and Dr. Daniel Goodwin were ordained priests, and Thomas Nisbett was ordained a transitional deacon. Chris is the priest-in-charge of the Parish of Kent, after having spent the past year there.

Daniel, with a PhD in religious studies and history, has been a professor at Crandall University. He serves at St. George's in Moncton.

Thomas has a part-time curacy appointment at the Parishes of Waterford and St. Marks under the direction of the Rev. Allen Tapley. Thomas graduated from Atlantic School of Theology in May.

The Ven. Brent Ham of St. John the Baptist in Riverview was the preacher for the occasion. He spoke on Peter.

"We know so much about him — he was bold, he had an abundance of confidence, but would Peter have even made it through ACPO?"

ACPO is the Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination. That committee recommends to the bishop candidates seeking ordination.

"Clearly Peter was a work in progress," said Brent. "Thankful-ly Jesus never abandons anyone

he calls."

Brent told the congregation, and the ordinands, that to be a disciple, you need to learn from failure, just as Peter did.

"I've learned more from failures than from things that people patted me on the back for," he said. "Go out and allow yourselves to fail. Not all the time, but sometimes."

During the ordination ceremony, Thomas was joined by his father, the Rev. Thomas Nisbett Sr., an Anglican priest in Bermuda, who journeyed to Fredericton for the occasion.

The congregation was treated to the beautiful voice of Chelsea Amber, a Nova Scotia musician who is the daughter of Thomas Jr. She accompanied herself on guitar and sang 'Be Thou My Vision.'

Chris was the first of the two priests to be ordained, so when the bishop called upon the clergy present to join him at the front and lay hands on Daniel, Chris was able to participate. It was his first act as an ordained priest.

After the service, the crowd gathered at Cathedral Memorial Hall for a luncheon. Bishop David presented each of the three with certificates of ordination and licences.

Family members were introduced and all three men had a chance to take the microphone and introduce and thank their families.



CLERGY SPOUSES

Clergy spouses share stories, blessings

BY EVA MORTON

The clergy spouses' retreat on May 14-16 at Villa Madonna in Renforth was a much anticipated time of refreshment and renewal.

The speakers were Gary and Joy Best, recently retired as founding leaders of the Vineyard Association Churches in Canada, and proprietors of Dominion Hill, a leadership and retreat centre near St. Andrews.

We started our time together with dinner, Eucharist, then a session on Ignation prayer with Lectio Divina. Several took turns reading from an assigned text (John 17:20-23) as we listened to discern God's word.

This set the tone for the rest of our time together, which I think I can describe as being "expectant."

We were encouraged to listen for God's message from within the word, instead of studying it like a textbook.

As we journeyed on the next day, we shared our experiences



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ellie Matheson, Eva Morton and Vanessa McMullin show off their creative talents during the annual clergy spouses retreat at Villa Madonna in May.

of God's blessings and answers to prayer, many of us deeply moved by the stories we heard.

We were reminded of the apostles' admonition to 'pray in all places for all things; never

ceasing.'

We learned that God's blessings to us can sometimes be unexpectedly generous.

Using the example of Joshua, we explored what it means

to completely surrender to God. We discovered that the fall in the Garden of Eden was not just about disobedience, it was about not trusting God to have our best interests.

It was about holding back, keeping part of ourselves for ourselves; making our own decisions.

In our discussion of The Lord's Prayer, we learned that Jesus prayed differently from the rabbis of his time. Their prayers were anxious; they lived in troubled times. What Jesus taught was that coming to God brings peace.

When we have entered into the prayer with the words, "Our Father, who art in heaven," we have been welcomed into the 'holy of holies.' We are in the presence of God, and are part of the kingdom where, what God wants done is done.

The highlight of our annual retreat is always when we share our stories among ourselves and pray for one another. There were many stories told, many prayers shared, and together I think we did indeed have a glimpse of heaven.

I'm already looking forward to the next one.

African adventures encourage relationship building



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Bishop David Edwards and companion diocese chairperson Heather Miller travelled to a conference in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania and then on to a visit at the Diocese of Ho in Ghana, Africa in May. Here they are with Angela Medadues, the daughter of Bishop Matthias of Ho. Angela is no stranger to Canada, having spent a year at Rothesay-Netherwood School in 2007-08. At right is the plaque unveiled in Ho.

Delegates found that communication, getting more people involved were the biggest issues for companion dioceses

BY HEATHER MILLER

The Consultation on Companion Diocese Relationships was held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania from May 14-17 at the invitation of Primate Bernard Ntahoturi of Burundi and Primate Fred Hiltz of Canada.

There were 29 participants from 11 dioceses representing the Provinces of West Africa, Sudan and South Sudan, Tanzania and Canada. Delegates from Burundi and Uganda were unable to attend the meeting.

Bishop David Edwards and I, the Companion Diocesan Com-

mittee chairperson, attended from our diocese.

Our companion Diocese of Ho was represented by Bishop Matthias Badohu-Medadues and Mr. James E. Kpornu.

After our meeting and discussions Mr. Kpornu agreed to become our companion diocese contact in Ho.

During our sessions and our social time, we met with other bishops and representatives to reflect on the different relationships and what worked well and where we were having difficulties.

As expected, communication and getting more people to meet and experience the different cultures was a major concern.

We found we need to focus on building relationships with people in parishes in both dioceses and not just with a few key people.

To this end our two dioceses will try to establish video connections to share church activities, camp fun, choirs, bands, meetings and any other events of interest to each other.

We will also attempt to bring approximately six Ghanaian youth to the Fredericton diocese in the summer of 2017 to do leadership activities at Camp

Medley and in the diocese.

After our meetings Bishop David and I flew to Accra, Ghana and drove to Ho with Bishop Matthias and Mr. Kpornu.

After lots of misadventure we arrived safely, and on Thursday we attended the official opening of the new synod and administrative offices at St. Georges Cathedral in Ho.

Many of the Ho clergy, invited dignitaries and school children were in attendance.

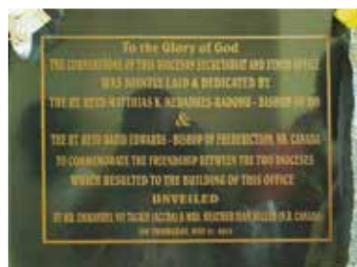
We were treated to some traditional dance by the school children after the church service and then proceeded to the new building for ribbon cutting, plaque unveiling and the blessing of the structure.

As a diocese we played a major role in funding this project with the overflow funds from our earlier corn mill project.

Canon George Porter also led a group of young people to Ho in March of 2013 to help with the construction of this building.

This was a joyous and touching occasion to open this building and see that it's nearly ready to be occupied.

We are truly blessed to be able to share such progress with our good friends.



CLERGY SPOUSES



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Nancy Robinson always knew she wanted to write a book when she retired. She got her inspiration walking the beaches of the Bay of Chaleur, not far from the rectory where she and her husband lived. 'Hearts of Glass' is romantic Christian fiction that is proving popular with readers.

'Hearts of Glass' is author's gift to God

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The best advice for would-be authors is to write what you know, and Nancy Robinson knows a lot about being a rector's wife. Her first novel, *Hearts of Glass*, is about a character named Olivia, who happens to be the widow of a rector.

Olivia lives on the ocean in northeastern New Brunswick, similar to the place where Nancy and her husband, the Rev. Rick Robinson, lived from 2010-2014.

Their house in Clifton, in the Parish of New Bandon, overlooked the Bay of Chaleur. Nancy wrote the book in that rectory, looking out at the bay every day.

"There's a bit of me in the main character — the rector's wife," she said, adding the genre is romantic Christian fiction.

"It's my way of expressing my faith," she said, adding that she's

normally pretty quiet about her relationship with God.

"It's a Christian message. It has the gospel in it. It's my gift to God."

She's included discussion questions at the end of the book, and she's hoping book clubs might choose *Hearts of Glass* to read.

When Nancy retired from teaching French in 2011, she set about to write a book.

"I kind of had it in the back of my mind," she said, adding that she told only Rick about her plans.

"I got my inspiration walking the beaches. Now I'm hooked. It's been a real boost to my confidence."

Playing a central role in the story, and the title, is sea glass, the wave-polished bits of coloured glass that end up in the ocean, only to come back to shore as little treasures sought by

beachcombers.

She and Rick spent a lot of time walking the beaches in Janesville, Pokeshaw and Stonehaven, which she calls Stony Cove Beach in the book. She started collecting sea glass after a fellow beach walker showed her some. The photo on the book's cover is of her own collection of sea glass.

When she sat down to write a book, she had no particular plot in mind. She made a list of characters and gave attributes to each one.

"I always prayed before I wrote," she said, "And it just poured out of me."

She would sometimes write for days, and then not touch it for a week or two. In all, it took a year to complete.

"The characters get in your head. They become real, they become a part of you," she said.

As she neared chapter 20, she

"I always prayed before I wrote and it just poured out of me."

knew she had to wind things up, so she made a list of all the situations that had to be resolved, and checked them off as she wrote, she said.

Nancy took an e-publishing and marketing workshop at the University of New Brunswick and learned how to self-publish.

"That gave me the confidence I needed," she said.

She sent the manuscript off to a freelance editor and eagerly awaited a response. The reply told Nancy all she needed to know: "Nancy, I love your book!"

After a few tweaks and minor revisions, the book was ready for print. CreateSpace, a printing company affiliated with Amazon, allows print-on-demand, which means an author doesn't have to invest thousands of dollars in printing costs. Nancy ordered 25 and sold all 20 she took with her to the recent clergy spouses retreat.

Hearts of Glass is available on Amazon, where the first review says, "This is a well written book that realistically shows how a person can be in constant communication with God." Nancy was thrilled to read it.

It is also available from CreateSpace. Both companies sell it for \$12.99 US, plus shipping. It's available as an e-book on Kindle for 3.99 and Nancy sells it for \$15 Canadian.

Nancy and Rick's three children have gotten involved in their mother's project. Her daughter, Kathryn Bursey does e-marketing with Sabian and wrote her mother's press release. Her sons, Jeremy and Greg, helped with the cover design and photography.

As of last fall, Nancy and Rick live in Fredericton, where Rick is the rector of St. Margaret's on Forest Hill Road.

The summer has been filled with book club purchases, a professional review in *The Daily Gleaner*, sales growth, a book signing and lots of positive reader feedback. In fact, readers are so happy with the book, they've told Nancy they want a sequel, which she has begun.

Book's description:

Hearts of Glass is a contemporary inspirational romance with an element of suspense, set in a northern coastal community in New Brunswick, Canada.

Widowed Olivia O'Brien is on the brink of opening her dream art studio when she becomes the unsuspecting victim of a violent stalker.

Gripped by fear and panic,

Olivia struggles to maintain control of her sanity and independence.

Daily walks on her favourite beach provide quiet moments of reflection and heart-to-heart talks with her Creator. A new love interest enters, but will her adult children welcome a new man in her life?

If you enjoy inspirational romance and intrigue, this debut novel will keep you turning pages. It is a beautiful story of second chances and God's redemption.

Passage from the book:

Olivia looked at her sister with a shocked expression.

"Sarah, he is absolutely true blue. I've told him about Rob, and he's shared about his wife and son. He wants to meet Suzanne and Ryan.

"He even gave me his card. Look," she said, pulling it from her purse and passing it to Sarah.

"I still think you should be cautious. We could get that nice Officer Knowles to run a check on him, just to be safe. What could it hurt?" asked Sarah.

"And look, he has a web page for his photography. Have you been on the site yet?"

"He's a complete stranger, Olivia. He told you his family is from Caraquet, but did you verify his story?"

Olivia couldn't believe what her sister was suggesting. She knew in her heart that Jean Luc was genuinely interested in her and meant no harm. She could feel it in her bones.

Sarah should be thrilled for her. Her reaction was upsetting Olivia. Anger was steadily rising within her.

All of her defenses were shouting to protect Jean Luc from reporter Sarah's invasion of his privacy. Suddenly, she wasn't hungry anymore.

Olivia fell silent, wiping her mouth with the linen napkin. She placed it beside her plate and looked at Sarah with tears rapidly surfacing in her eyes.

"Maybe I should be going," she said quietly.

"Olivia ..." Sarah sighed, rising from her chair and coming forward to hug her. "Don't go quiet on me. I'm your sister. You know I'm like the giant protector. I just don't want to see you get hurt again. I mean, look what happened yesterday. There are a lot of crazies out there."

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DIOCESAN NEWS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bishop David Edwards completed his first performance review as bishop after six months on the job in late spring. The results are below. In this photo, he presides at St. John the Baptist church in Riverview for the deaconry-wide confirmation of 22 people on June 21.

Bishop's performance review notes a smooth transition

Bishop David Edwards has completed his first performance review after six months on the job. The results were presented at Diocesan Council when it met June 20.

When asked, the bishop explained why he underwent a review.

"Synod office staff are required to do it. I didn't feel I could ask my staff to do something I wasn't willing to do."

New synod staff have an initial review after six months, followed by an annual review. The review was completed by a cross-section of peers, mentors, clergy and laity.

Here is a summary of the review:

The role

While the Bishop's role is time tested and firmly steeped in Scripture, Bishop David added that he needs to provide leadership through strategy, pastoral care, visitations and discipline.

Overall, reviewers agreed that he is doing an excellent job of being faithful in prayer, boldly proclaiming and interpreting the gospel, encouraging his people (especially his clergy), guarding the faith and showing compassion to the weakest members of our society.

Bishop David is working diligently to build relationships with both clergy and people to build up a church with stronger, more trusting relationships which are essential to parishes.

He is providing leadership and

models a life of faith by serving, loving and caring for all, looking to God in hope, and encouraging those in other leadership roles to support him by understanding his interpretation of the Word and his direction for the diocese.

The challenges

The traditional responsibilities of a bishop do not sufficiently account for the pressures of the current Episcopal environment, where constant communication is not only possible, but in many circumstances, mandatory.

Much time is spent traveling from parish to parish, while simultaneously handling a multitude of phone calls, emails and other demands on time.

Bishop David will need to manage, delegate and lead others to support his ministry while taking and making opportunities to clearly spell out to those supporting him, his expectations.

Gifts, Talents and Training

Just what the diocese needs at this point: a gifted teacher and sharp visionary leader with a fresh perspective, with his understanding of the scriptures and his relationship with God.

Bishop David is engaging people in their life of faith and in the mission of the church. He truly cares deeply for all people and nurtures them to be who they are called to be in Christ, holding truth in grace.

Planning and sharing visions

While able to lay the founda-

tion and vision of a different future as a diocese, involving many people while listening and learning, Bishop David hasn't really had an opportunity to do this to the extent he is capable of, spending a lot of time in his early days "putting out fires."

It is hoped that the bishop can lead the diocese, as well as Council, and its various committees and teams, to all grow into that same visioning process, especially as it relates to the diocesan/parish relationship.

Major Accomplishments

Having successfully answered the call to serve, Bishop David is quietly injecting his personality and preferences, demonstrating a deep care for his clergy and people, and a respect and desire to work together and share in our Lord's mission.

He has travelled extensively to parishes, being a visible and accessible bishop out in the mission field.

The Bishop has made Christian formation a priority and is equipping and empowering people for ministry, while also attending to the support infrastructure and administrative responsibilities.

Development Opportunities

The bishop must have every opportunity to continue to sharpen the gifts God has given him through additional training in entrepreneurial leadership and visioning, as well as effective time management and

prioritization to assist him in his responsibilities.

Working collaboratively

Visioning for the church flows from the relationship which we have with Jesus Christ: Bishop David manifests and shares that relationship in his teaching and preaching, encouraging others to respond faithfully.

Bishop David is always working towards the mission of the Diocese, inviting and enabling all to work together in unity under Christ.

His buoyant attitude, outlook, great sense of humor and an understanding of where people are shines through in every situation.

He encourages clergy and staff, and is both insightful and challenging in discussing proposals and initiatives needed in given pastoral situations.

Recommendations

As diocesan leader, the Bishop needs to foster change, and encourage parishes and those in leadership roles to develop a "parallel church" to release people to do ministry outside of Sunday worship services, to think outside the box for the ministry of the future.

To support this, entrepreneurial leadership training is a "must-have" to teach others to be entrepreneurial, and priority given to the recruitment and formation of clergy and to hiring a strong and effective Parish

Development Officer.

Episcopal leadership balanced by regularly scheduled quiet days will provide the opportunity to reflect and plan. Very much aware of the demands on his time and the need to maintain a balance, Bishop David spoke of his desire to support staff growth and the continued transformation of the synod office, while delegating and prioritizing more so that he can focus on the "bigger picture."

To assist in personal and spiritual growth a mentor was recommended as well as continued academic studies to the extent possible.

Further comments

There is a growing sense of encouragement that we are willing to face the serious challenges we have before us in an honest and creative way. Bishop David has transitioned well into his new ministry, is providing effective leadership and is well received in this diocese.

Feedback from the bishop

I am humbled by the support of the diocese and the warm reception I have received. I pray that God will give me the guidance and wisdom to meet the challenges before us.

Moving forward, I hope that I continue to focus on what is important for our future as Anglicans in a time of overwhelming challenges as well as opportunities, and that I continue to have the support of the people whom I serve. Thank you.

AT THE HEART OF ST.

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Along the walls of St. Ann's hall are dozens of old wooden chairs. They're the kind your grandmother had in her kitchen — plain, sturdy, utilitarian chairs, each with a colourful, hand-crocheted cushion to make the church meeting or the community baby shower feel less institutional, more comfortably home-like.

Adding to the ambiance, the ceiling lights look like Tiffany lamps, and there is an electric fireplace to warm you. The hardwood floor, chiming clock, wooden tables and quilts do their part too.

St. Ann's hall was built in the fall of 2005, an anomaly in the tiny hamlet of Westcock.

It's not a place most people will have heard of. A few kilometres from Sackville, it's on a country road between the town and the Bay of Fundy.

Come around a turn on the British Settlement Road and you will find a beautiful, old country church with a new hall. The hall was built to match the circa-1817 church on the outside, and look like a living room on the inside.

Community support

"This is a story of the hard work and faith of a small New Brunswick congregation." That's how the Rev. Canon Kevin Stockall describes it. He was the rector there when the hall was being built.

The hall isn't just a church hall, it's the community's hall, and many — churchgoers and non-churchgoers — claim it as the centre of their social life. After all, the community was more than generous in helping to build it.

This story starts decades before when an old fish hatchery was dragged down a woods road and set next to St. Ann's. That was their hall, and for many years, it served its purpose, with a kitchen for fundraisers and a Sunday school room next to the furnace upstairs.

But by the 1990s, it was clear something needed to be done. Rather than sink tens of thousands of dollars into the crumbling structure, the decision was made to build anew.

"We put up one of those thermometer charts with a \$50,000 goal," said Kevin. "At the end of the day, it was a \$300,000 project for a congregation of 35."

"It was huge. People worked hard, and people were very generous. It could not have been done without that sense of community support — people who lived in the Westcock area but were not part of the congregation."

'God wants this'

Treasurer Marion Carter was baptized at St. Ann's in 1928. She's described as the honorary grandmother to all in the congregation, and she remembers the flurry of activity to raise money.

"We made apple pies, we had music nights here, breakfasts, bake sales. It came together very well," she said.

Even after the hall was complete, there was still the need to pay for it, so fundraising continued.

One of the busiest people at the time was Martha Ritchie, warden when the plans were being made and chair of the fundraising committee. Whenever there was an event going



on, she'd put out a pot of coffee and a donation dish.

"Once they saw the hall, they started donating. The interest was there. Everybody thought it was beautiful and the community started using it.

"And there was a lot of prayer. I was so worried, but Kevin would say, 'God wants this.'"

Wednesday morning coffee

During construction, the older men of the community would gather to watch the progress. They had become such a fixture that when it was all over, there was the question of what they were going to do.

So Martha asked one of the church men, "Do you think if I put a coffee pot on and put

out a dozen muffins, people would put a toonie in?"

The answer was a resounding yes, and almost a decade later, the community — Anglicans, other churchgoers and non-churchgoers — still meets at St. Ann's hall every Wednesday morning, upwards of 100 of them, to enjoy coffee and muffins, nurture relationships and catch up on the news.

Kevin explains how valuable those Wednesday mornings are to the community. On one occasion, a recently widowed woman and a man in a similar situation were both there. Kevin watched as they quietly talked together, each offering the other the empathy they both felt and needed.

ANN'S: COMMUNITY



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



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Clockwise from top left:

- Marion Carter, treasurer and honorary grandmother to all at St. Ann's, shows off the Sunday school room in the hall basement.
- The hall at St. Ann's was specifically designed and painted to complement the existing church built in 1817.
- Thursday morning Bible study, led by the Rev. Ranall Ingalls, centre back.
- The coffee club played a huge role in fundraising to pay for the hall, and it's still a Wednesday morning community event, drawing upwards of 100 each week. Here Martha Ritchie serves Ralph Stopps, Ken Campbell and Alan Estabrooks.
- The historic interior of St. Ann's sanctuary.

"This facility has blessed the congregation and the community," he said.

Paid in full

Fundraising was so successful, the church met its goal well ahead of time.

"We had projected it would be paid off in 13 years, but we paid it off in eight or nine," said Martha. "The Wednesday morning coffee time has been a lot of it."

The plan was to leave less urgent jobs like painting for the congregation to do after it opened. But that became unnecessary.

"As construction went on, people just kept coming and saying, 'can I give you money for this?' and at the end of six months, we walked

into a finished product," said Kevin. "People could see how it would bless the community and the congregation."

Now they have a basement for storage and Sunday school, and a hall frequently used by the community for special events — children's birthday parties, funeral receptions, showers and so on.

"All the celebrations happen there," said Martha.

Seamless fit

Kevin is still thrilled by the appearance of the hall and the way it blends seamlessly with the historic church.

"The architect came up with an exceptional

plan that integrates the old and the new. The historical value has been maintained," he said.

Even the landscaping has a bit of history to it. The old hall had a tree growing out of its roof. They transplanted it next to the new hall, and have decorated it for Christmas, although it's grown too large now to trim.

"It's a remarkable story," said the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls, priest and rector of the Parish of Sackville for the past year.

"This congregation of maybe 30 on an average Sunday knew the community needed the centre and saw a new generation of young families with young children.

"What they had was not adequate. It has become a community centre," he said.

OBITUARY

Remembering our dear friend, Mama Alice Margaret Mokoena

**Nov. 4, 1927-
April 1, 2015**

BY SUSAN COLPITTS-JUDD

When Mothers' Union members in the Diocese of Fredericton heard the news of Mama Alice's passing in Soweto, South Africa, our feelings of sadness were tempered by our secure knowledge that this precious woman of deep faith was indeed united with her Lord and Saviour.

Her devotion to and belief in the work of Mothers' Union was steadfast and she was an inspiration to all of us who were privileged to know her.

Mama Alice was a true matriarchal character who always commanded respect in any situation because she was living proof of where a God-centred life could lead you.

In her case, it brought her from a harsh life under apartheid rule in South Africa to Fredericton, New Brunswick at the age of 62.

Mama Alice's life story is extraordinary and the details she shared with us in installments over the years were as rich as any novel ever written by Charles Dickens.

We saw her felled by tragedy when her son Thabo died, and watched her find the inner strength she needed to return to Canada to finish her degree at St. Thomas University.

She made the national news when she graduated in 2007 at the age of 79 with her BA majoring in human rights and anthropology and minoring in philosophy and sociology.

Class discussions with Mama Alice would have brought a depth of understanding to participating students that no textbook would ever have sufficed.

Hearing her joyful African cheer as she walked across the stage that sunny May day to receive her degree was unforgettable.

It was so important to her that some of her Mothers' Union sisters be there to witness one of the happiest days in her life so we could share the memories with her.



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Mama Alice surrounded by friends. Front row, left to right: Bonnie Greenwood, Susan Colpitts-Judd and Mama Alice Mokoena (in African regalia). Back row, left to right: Ana Watts, Lilian Ketch and Karen Balloch-Tremblay.

One of Mama Alice's greatest gifts was her ability to make a strong and lasting connection with everyone she met. She had a very pragmatic approach to life and understood that we are all meant to support each other.

If she needed something, she had no hesitation about asking for help and she always had complete confidence that her wishes fell in the realm of possibility.

Her sister Mabel from Pretoria came for an extended visit and our MU members at Christ Church (Parish) Church met her on several occasions. Mama Alice wanted Mabel to join our group travelling to Hamilton to the MU National Conference in 2004 and we were able to make this happen.

It was heart-warming to overhear bits of the animated conversations wafting from the dormitory room they shared. They spoke in their native language and the depth of love they had for each other as sisters with shared experiences was powerfully tangible.

Mama Alice treasured the many freedoms she enjoyed in Canada. She acknowledged that by Canadian standards she was quite poor, but she had learned that the meaning in her own life came from sharing and love. With this philosophy she gave back to her church and community in her daily life.

She was a faithful choir member at Christ Church (Parish) Church and was a member of the ACW as well as the Mothers' Union. She was honoured as a life member of the Multicultural Association of Fredericton.

She belonged to the Wisemenettes and it was while rushing on foot to volunteer for this group at the local exhibition that she fell and broke her leg.

She was also a member of the New Brunswick African Association and the African Student Union. She served on the board of directors and tenants at St. Anne's Lodge, where she lived, and even had a little garden patch.

Mama Alice could readily adapt to any situation and make

it work for all concerned. We loved her spicy African cooking, especially the sweet potatoes she often brought to our shared meals.

Mama Alice loved children and you would usually find her surrounded by little ones at church gatherings. She worked for several years in a daycare and cared for children privately.

African families, who had settled with children in the area and who had no extended family here, welcomed her into their lives with the deepest respect. Before she left Soweto to come to Canada in 1990, she had been responsible for the care of several orphaned children in her extended family. She brought 11-year-old Likomo, the youngest of these children, with her to Canada in 1990.

Two years later, with the sponsorship of Christ Church (Parish) Church, her grandson Khothatso arrived and she raised him to adulthood. You would never have realized that she had lost two of her own daughters at very young ages due to the conditions of extreme poverty in which they lived.

Mama Alice slowed down a little as her leg healed, but still managed to walk everywhere with a cane. We will never forget the sight of her chasing the front tire that had rolled off the minivan she was going home in after attending the MU National Conference in Sackville in 2008.

We were concerned for her safety and packed her off to Fredericton in another MU car that had stopped on the highway. We had a hard time convincing her to go as she was not one to walk away from any sort of adventure!

She decided to move to Dartmouth with Khothatso's young family in her last years and attended St. Luke's Anglican Church which had an active MU branch. She was soon busy knitting squares for quilts which were given to the needy in the area.

When she was diagnosed

with bladder cancer, she had the full support of her beloved Mothers' Union, whose members had been there for her since she first joined the group in Soweto in 1970.

Mama Alice's life is indeed a full circle story. She went back to South Africa for an extended visit after having attended her grandson Eugene's funeral, knowing more treatment was needed for her advancing cancer.

She came home to start radiation therapy and it became clear to Mama Alice that God was calling her home to spend her last days with her Soweto family. She made the decision to move back permanently and we all prayed for her to have the strength to catch her flight at the end of October 2013.

Visiting her at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax, where she stayed while receiving radiation, we were amazed and uplifted to see her spiritual strength as she spent her days in contemplative prayer, while receiving a steady stream of visitors.

Mama Alice lived 17 months after her return to Soweto, surrounded by the love and care of her family. She was there to see Nelson Mandela lying in state and was able to reflect with gratitude on the monumental changes that had occurred during her lifetime.

Her memories of her 23 years in Canada travelled home with her, safe in her razor-sharp mind.

Her leaving was bittersweet to all of us who loved her, but picturing her sitting in a chair under bright African skies with a radiant smile of contentment on her face was a very comforting image.

We celebrate a life where hope and love always joyfully triumphed over tremendous adversity and her stories will always be shared with broad smiles.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Episcopal announcements

- **The Ven. Thomas Stradwick** is appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Sussex effective Oct. 15. Archdeacon Stradwick is currently the rector of Swan Valley Parish and Archdeacon of Brandon in the Diocese of Brandon.
- Effective Aug. 1, three parishes in the Diocese of Fredericton, Lakewood, Simonds and St. Martins and Black River, have amalgamated into one with a new name: **the Parish of Fundy and the Lakes**. The rector will be the **Rev. Canon Leo Martin** with the **Ven. Stuart Allan** as assisting priest and **Captain Janet Edwards** as parish evangelist.
- **Ann Fairweather** has been appointed deacon-in-charge of the Parish of Restigouche, effective Oct. 8. Ann's ordination to the (transitional) Diaconate is scheduled for Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral.
- **The Rev. Robert Barry** was appointed interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Millidgeville effective until May 31, 2016.
- **The Ven. David Barrett** has resigned as rector of the Parishes of Quispamsis and Hammond River and archdeacon of Kingston and the Kennebecasis, effective Sept. 30. He has accepted the position of hospital chaplain of Saint John Regional and St. Joseph's hospitals. He will continue membership on the diocesan archives committee.
- **Archbishop Claude Miller** accepted an interim appointment as priest-in-charge of the Parish of Bathurst, effective July 5 to Sept. 30, 2015.
- **The Rev. David Dean** resigned as priest-in-charge of the Parish of Millidgeville effective June 30.
- **The Rev. Amanda Longmoore** resigned as priest-in-charge of the Parish of Tobique, effective Oct. 1, in order to move with her husband.
- **The Rev. Canon Edward Coleman** will retire as priest in charge of the Parish of East Saint John effective Sept. 1.
- **The Rev. Canon David Kierstead** resigned as chair of the Property Committee effective June 16.
- **Rev. Canon Jon Lownds** was appointed interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis June 2 for a three-month renewable term.



IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS

The Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield held two popular events recently, vacation Bible school July 13-17 and a confirmation service May 31. The VBS theme was *Journey of the Magi - The Search for Jesus*. VBS participants are shown above. Below, the confirmation service was the kick-off to Bishop David Edwards's pilgrimage. Back row: Jason Smith, Jacob Whittaker, Patrick Doyle, Tori Polley-Lefrancois, Maria Whittaker, Craig Martin. Front row: Rev. Michael Caines, Matthew Williams, Alyssa Snider, Ashley Nutter, Luke Khitab and Bishop David Edwards.



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Upcoming diocesan events include November Synod

Synod deadlines coming right up

The 134th Diocesan Synod is planned for Nov. 7 in Fredericton.

Important deadlines to note:

- Sept. 15:** Reports deadline
- Sept. 22:** Final deadline for convening circular items: memorials, nominations, other information
- Sept. 25:** Deadline for published notices of motion
- Oct. 7:** Convening circular circulation
- Oct. 13-29:** Greater Chapter meetings
- Oct. 29:** Results of elections to Diocesan council and deadline for advance nominations

Nov. 2: Deadline for registration package items

See the synod webpage for details and updates: <http://anglican.nb.ca/synod/sessions/>

Vocations Day planned

On Saturday, Sept. 19, Vocations Day will be held in Fredericton, lunch included. The day's primary focus will be on discerning calls to particular ministries.

It will be a time to listen to others who have discerned this call, as well as an opportunity to learn about various ministries.

Back To Church Sunday is Sept. 20

Back to Church Sunday is an opportunity to be intentional about inviting others to church on Sunday.

It's as simple as saying, "Would you like to go to church with me on Sunday?"

Offer to pick the person up or go together. Whether the person says yes is beyond our control. We only need to make the invitation and allow the Holy Spirit to work.

While our Diocesan Stewardship Committee decided that Back to Church Sunday will be Sept. 20, your parish may choose another date that works best for you.

Check our website for re-

sources: http://anglican.nb.ca/programs/back_to_church/index.html

Oct. 3 is Stewardship Sunday

Watch our stewardship page on the website for details and resources: anglican.nb.ca

Stewardship workshop set for Oct. 17

The annual Stewardship workshop will be held once again at St. John the Evangelist church, Nashwaaksis, Oct. 17.

The theme this year is *Counting Our Blessings*. Watch the diocesan website for details: anglican.nb.ca

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrim's blog

From May 31-June 13, Bishop David Edwards and his trainer, Trevor Fotheringham, walked 205 kilometres from Grand Bay-Westfield to McAdam, taking the scenic route through the archdeaconry of St. Andrews.

That walking pilgrimage included side trips to Grand Manan and Campobello islands. It was the first of what will be seven pilgrimages through our seven archdeaconries, one per year, with Miramichi set for next year.

Bishop David wrote a blog during the walk, excerpts of which are below. Find the complete blog at anglican.nb.ca

Day 1: Walking will give me the chance to see the land and meet people whom I would not usually come across. As well, there will be time for reflection. Walking will mean I have to slow down and it will give me time to ponder.

Day 4, Pennfield: We have received fine hospitality here in Pennfield. It was great to gather with more than 30 people to worship together this evening. We also had a good time of fellowship afterwards. I was reminded about the unity which binds us Anglicans together.

Day 6, Grand Manan: We have received great hospitality here and have laughed a good deal with the folks, but it is clear that the Anglican family and people more broadly have been greatly affected by the series of tragic events which happened on the island last year.

As Bishop I am aware of how difficult it is for people to come to terms with their loss. There have been times today when I have not known how best to respond to the heartache I have seen. We live in a world which is broken and where God is working out his purpose, but it is so hard to see the way ahead when we are in the midst of it.

Day 7, Grand Manan: This afternoon it was a great privilege for me to celebrate my first home communion in over three years. Bob Smith, the interim minister here, asked if I would visit Alice with him to give her the sacrament. She is the oldest parishioner in the congregation, though at 97 she does not get to church anymore. What a great lady, her mind is as sharp as a tack. It was marvellous to be able to minister to such a faithful follower of Jesus. Alice reminded me that in this Christian life we are to take the long view.

Day 10, Chamcook: I can thoroughly recommend the

pulpit in the church at Chamcook to sleep against. I put my pack against it and was happily looking at the inside of my eyelids. At 5 p.m. we said Evening Prayer with about 16 people and then it was off for a shower before dinner at the Europa Inn with the ACW. It is a hard life on pilgrimage!

Day 12, Oak Bay: Today I think I reached the edge of my endurance. As I foot slogged along the last two km, I realized something very important. In this Christian life sometimes it is necessary just to put one foot in front of the other. It may not appear that much progress is being made and it might seem that there is little hope of completion, but we just have to keep on going.

Day 13, St. St Stephen: As we enter the final day of walking, my hope is that we will complete the task which we set out upon 13 days ago. In many ways, given my lack of genuine preparation, I can only say that it is by the grace of God that I have come this far.

This journey has made me aware of the many faithful people we have in our Diocese, but I also sense a great degree of fear and uncertainty. There is a need for us all to remember that God is faithful.

As bishop I have felt the weight of expectation during this walk. I know that people are looking to me to lead into a more stable future, but the truth is I cannot rely on my own understanding and you cannot rely on me.

I was told a sad story about two young men who were trapped in their truck on the bar to Minister's Island; unfortunately, one was lost. The other survived, apparently because he fixed his eyes on a light on the shore and swam towards it. As we have shared Evening Prayer across this archdeaconry we have been reminded time after time that Christ is the light of the world.

If we are going to see this grand old ship, the Diocese of Fredericton, turn around, we all have to fix our eyes on Jesus. We have to learn to do this by taking advantage of the opportunities which will arise during the coming months to discover more of our faith and how to practice it.

Day 14, McAdam: We had a fine time of worship with some lively hymns, including Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, which has definitely become a bit of a theme song. It was good to see some people from other parts of the archdeaconry, who had joined us earlier in the pil-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



- **Top:** Diocesan chancellor David Bell and Cindy Derksen walked with the bishop, as did dozens of other parishioners.
- **Above left:** Bishop David and Trevor Fotheringham at their destination after 14 days: McAdam.
- **Above right:** The bishop and the Rev. Canon Robert Smith with members of the Parish of Campobello.
- **Right:** Staff of Outflow Ministries of Saint John and members of the Parish of Pennfield joined the bishop and Trevor on the trek from Pennfield to the Grand Manan ferry.



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grimage, sharing in the final act of worship. Perhaps they came to make sure we had made it.

As the hymn says, it can feel at times as if we are passing through a barren land, yet it is Jehovah who will guide us. We are weak, but he is mighty and his hand is powerful. In an earlier posting I said that we cannot lean on our own understanding and this evening as I conclude this blog, I want to reflect on this idea.

We say we believe and trust in a God who is all seeing, present everywhere and all knowing.

Therefore there is nothing which is a surprise to him. He also does not have any plans which are not perfect. The problem we face is that all too often we fail to align ourselves with God's purpose. Too easily we become fixed on our agenda.

This is not a shock to God and he seeks to weave our failures to follow his will into his plans for his creation. He does this because he is gracious.

The better way, however, would be for us to spend more time in prayer seeking to discern

as closely as we can his way ahead for us. To do this we have to spend greater amounts of time in prayer, both individually and corporately. Not seeking to bend God's will to our way of thinking, but to bend ours to his.

Before I walk again next year, each of us in the diocese needs to commit ourselves to redouble our intention in prayer — to seek out new ways of praying and to determinedly discipline ourselves to pray. This will not be an easy task, but it must be done.

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

Sailing with the bishop

BY DARYL CAINES

It was my son's idea. What could go wrong? We would launch our sailboat after winter storage on Saturday, May 30, and the following Thursday sail from Saint John to Grand Manan to provide transportation to Bishop David as he walked around the Archdeaconry of St Andrews.

No big deal. We catch slack water at Reversing Falls, leave Saint John at 2:30 Friday morning and arrive in Grand Manan at noon. We meet the Bishop on Saturday and travel to Campobello Island the following day and take him to the mainland on Sunday to continue his walk.

After an overnight in Dipper Harbour we would be back at our mooring on the Kennebecasis River by supertime Monday. Honestly, this is going to be easy. Right?

In my heart of hearts I didn't want to do this so early in the season. Any sailor will tell you that it takes time to get a boat in order at the beginning of the sailing season. Four days wasn't enough. I had to launch, step the mast, tune the rigging, trim the sails in addition to cleaning, digging cushions out of storage, mustering safety equipment and galley gear, and hook up the radio.

Oh yeah, did I mention lobster season? It was lobster season from Saint John to Grand Manan and we were planning to sail right through the fishing grounds in the dark. Visions of lobster floats wrapped around my propeller came to mind. My faith was about to be tested on several levels.

The crew consisted of my son, the Rev. Michael Caines of the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield; Benaiah Sok; Chelsea Doiron; and me, the older and supposedly wiser member of the crew. And yet, surrounded with youthful enthusiasm, I agreed to the plan and we set out on our journey.

Well. What can I say? It was fantastic. The weather couldn't have been better. Our night passage through lobster pots was



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The bishop's crew included skipper Daryl Caines of Sussex, Benaiah Sok, Chelsea Doiron and the Rev. Mikes Caines of the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield. Below, the bishop and crew onboard at Head Harbour, Grand Manan.

under a nearly full moon and the following tide had us in Grand Manan by noon. A big meal of fish and chips soon followed.

One of the first people to welcome us to the Island was a Poley Mountain skiing friend, Kirk Cheney. He took our picture and gave us useful information for our stay. We expected to eat our meals onboard but word reached us that we were invited to a potluck supper at St. Paul's Church. Score.

I had met David Edwards before, but this was my first meeting with him as bishop. After the supper we had a chance to talk and look ahead to the trip to Campobello the next day. I assured him the crossing would be short but couldn't guarantee an easy ride. Fog was in the forecast and the sea would be on our quarter.

As predicted, Saturday started foggy, rainy and cool. Bishop David and travelling companions Trevor Fotheringham and Cheryl Jacobs, arrived at the boat — with our lunches no less. Things were just getting better and better.

I figured about two hours should get us across the channel to Campobello, and as the day progressed, the weather improved. This was my first visit to Head Harbour, Campobello.

What a beautiful spot. We landed the Bishop and his party then set off for an afternoon of sailing.

This gave us a chance to dry the boat and investigate some anchorages around the islands. On returning to Head Harbour we were picked up by a member of St. Anne's parish and taken to the rectory for a shower and another potluck at the church hall. Double score.

Cheryl and her husband were camping on Campobello, so after our meal, we adjourned to the provincial campground for a camp fire and rarified conversation. What an enjoyable evening.

It was great fun and I learned our bishop has a tremendous sense of humour. He told the story of his recent trip to Africa and of arriving at the airport with a rather large throne that was a gift from the people of Ho.

The story involves the Bishop of Ho snapping his fingers to his minions and telling the ticket agent that the Bishop of Fredericton required his throne to be loaded on the plane regardless of its weight.

Not having met the Bishop of Ho, I'm not sure how close David came to acting the part, but he has the finger snapping down pretty good.

On Sunday my crew and I were treated to another meal



at the church hall prior to our departure. The day was clear and warm and after saying our good-byes, we scooted across the channel under full sail to Back Bay and a rendezvous with the people who were hosting the bishop and Trevor in St. George.

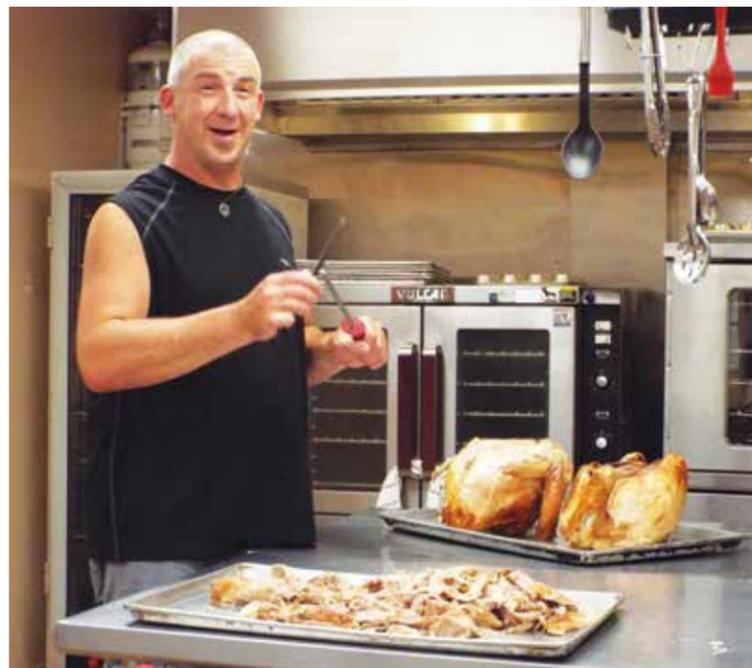
In a way I was sad our part in the bishop's journey was over, but we still had a long trip

back to Saint John and the fine weather wouldn't last forever.

As planned, we sailed to Dipper Harbour for the night. In the morning, since we had lots of food, we had a hearty breakfast and set off for Saint John, content that we did a good job in keeping the Bishop on schedule.

As I said, it was a piece of cake.

SUMMER CAMP



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Top left: One of the highlights of each day at Camp Medley is tuck time — a visit to the canteen for candy. Here Christian Persaud and Dylan Nichol act as storekeepers during girls' camp in July.

Top right: Red Seal chef Brad Mason sharpens his knives to carve the turkey for supper.

Left: Pre-lunch trivia with program director Katie Bonner, head female counsellor Allyson Caldwell and girls.

Right: Lunch time, featuring hashbrown casserole, a long-time favourite.



Fun, food and friendship: that's summer camp!

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It was supposed to be a summer just to putter around. Instead it has become a homecoming of sorts for Red Seal chef Brad Mason.

As a child from St. Luke's in Gondola Point, Brad spent many summers at Camp Medley. And now he's back, this time in the kitchen.

"I grew up here," he said. "This was summer. My cousin, David Smith, was the director here forever. I started as a camper and then a CIT (counsellor-in-training) and canoe instructor. I probably spent eight summers here."

Brad hadn't thought much about Camp Medley in a long time, but then his daughter, Kelsey Johnson, a counsellor, told him the camp was desperate for a cook.

"She gave me those big blue eyes..."

Brad made a career change a few years ago, leaving the

kitchen for the construction business in Alberta, but he's not regretted his decision to make his daughter happy and work at Camp Medley.

"I just want to feed the kids. And I'm having a blast," he said.

When the dining hall door opens and the kids can smell what's for dinner, their squeals of glee make his day.

"They go bananas! They come through the door and yell 'tacos!' It's been a very positive experience," he said.

His days have a rhythm: in the kitchen around 5 a.m., done for the day at around 6:30 p.m. with Saturdays off. And in between, there's fishing.

He's a semi-pro tournament angler, and in late July he was looking forward to helping out during boys' adventure camp, much of which will be spent with fishing poles in hands.

Many of those fishing poles have been donated by Brad's tournament sponsors and fellow anglers who have provided

equipment and tackle for adventure camp — gear that will stay at the camp afterwards.

"They've never laid eyes on this place. They just want the boys to have a good time," he said of the donors.

By all accounts, the summer is going well, with last year's total number of campers surpassed in late July.

"If Brad wasn't here, our summer would be very different," said director Maren McLean-Persaud, explaining how popular Brad and his cooking are with both staff and campers. "He's great!"

Maren and her husband, Christian Persaud, assistant director, arrived as strangers to the place in April and have grown fond of Camp Medley.

"I love it more every day," she said. "Christian and I both have fallen in love with the staff and the place. It's hard to see us anywhere else right now."

One of the joys for her has been getting to know the camp,

its traditions, nooks and crannies.

"I learn something new every week," she said. "The senior staff have been a huge support to me. They've taught me a lot about Medley life."

In her third summer, Allyson Caldwell, 19, knows quite a bit about Medley life, and she wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

"I just love it here," said the head female counsellor from Saint John. "I love the ministry Camp Medley does. I love working with the youth. I know how important camp is."

The Crandall University student hopes to become a teacher, and in the meantime, she's getting plenty of experience managing dozens of kids each week — both church and unchurched.

This is Caitlyn Hughes' second year at camp. She used to live in the Oromocto area but now lives in Nova Scotia, and she wanted to come back to visit friends and go to camp.

"It's really fun and it's girls' week," said the 11-year-old. "And I'm away from my brother."

The best part for Caitlyn? "I like hanging out with my friends and making new friends."

Last year, Elizabeth Arsenault, 11, from Shediac, got a week at camp as a birthday gift, and she wanted to come back again this year.

"I like being at camp — all the fun stuff we do. It's the experience," she said, explaining why she wanted to return this summer.

Both girls plan to be back next year.

Youth and intergenerational ministries director Colin McDonald is pleased with how the summer is progressing.

"It's been a fantastic summer so far," he said. "The kids are enjoying it."

"I believe we've seen the Lord at work through summer camp — his name is proclaimed — and everyone is having a fantastic time doing so."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mary Jacob's life of service celebrated

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The life of Mary Nameria Jacob was celebrated at Kings Landing July 26 with an Evening Prayer service at St. Mark's Chapel of Ease.

Five clergy were on hand to assist at the service — deacons Debbie Edmondson, Joyce Perry and Thomas Nisbett and the Rev. Canon Neville Cheeseman — with the Rev. Dr. Brian Spence preaching.

Mary was born in England in 1820 and came to Fredericton with her family in 1829 when her father, the Rev. Dr. Edwin Jacob, was appointed the first principal of Kings College (later the University of New Brunswick).

Brian talked about Mary's life of service to the poor in the parishes around Fredericton,

from Woodstock to Ludlow and Blissfield. She walked from parish to parish, sleeping in churches along the way until the railway came to New Brunswick. She used her influence to pressure the wealthy to donate their clothes, and her charges were often the best dressed people around, said Brian.

"Service was in her character," he said. "She was a deeply selfless person."

Her dedication and work were so extraordinary that on July 25, 1889, she became the first deaconess in the Anglican Church of Canada.

She died in 1904 after tumbling down a snowbank.

Every year at the anniversary date of her ordination, the Diocese of Fredericton holds a commemorative service at Kings Landing.

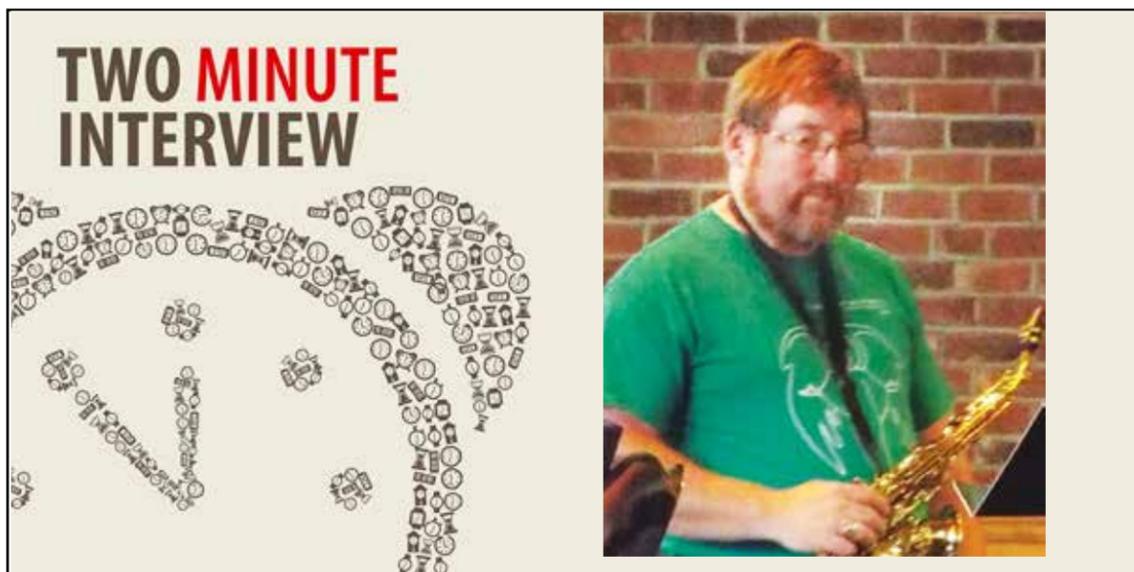


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Top: Clergy participants in the memorial service included the Rev. Deacons Debbie Edmondson and Joyce Perry, the Rev. Canon Neville Cheeseman, the Rev. Dr. Brian Spence (speaker) and the Rev. Deacon Thomas Nisbett.



Right: Margaret Stewart, who plays Kings Landing character Mary Robinson, played the organ for the service.



The Rev. Chris Hayes, priest-in-charge Parish of Salisbury and Havelock

- **Favourite book of the Bible** - Gospel of Luke (with Colossians being a close second)
- **Birthplace** - Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
- **What you love most about God** – grace abounds in a million different ways
- **Favourite place on Earth** - Sackville, N.B.
- **Farthest you've been from home** - London, Ont.
- **Favourite meal or dessert** - steak, potatoes (from Carleton County), salad, apple crisp
- **Biggest fear** – not being what God wants me to be
- **Hidden talent** – scroll saw artist
- **Favourite movie or book** – movie: Shawshank Redemption; book: Passion For Truth (Alister McGrath) or Pale Blue Dot (Carl Sagan), closely followed by the rest of his books, and thousands of others
- **Your hobby** – fine woodworking, reading, music composition
- **Three things always in your fridge** – milk, ketchup (for the kids, of course!), cheese
- **Favourite sports team** - Toronto Maple Leafs (shout-out to Brent Ham!)

A grand example

COMMENTARY
BY VERN FAULKNER

Sometimes, the most meaningful gestures are the simplest. For that reason, Bishop David Edwards deserves praise.

The spiritual leader in charge of the area's Anglican diocese is undertaking a walking pilgrimage of the region.

By his actions, Edwards is revitalizing an ancient Judeo-Christian tradition, where leaders of churches abstained from the finer trappings of life, walked among the people, and put themselves among the rank and file of those whom they were supposed to serve.

It is a quietly profound gesture, yet powerful.

The intent of such efforts in past history were to ensure those who held leadership positions in the church, thus the community, were never far removed from the real-world struggles of their flock.

It is one thing to command from some far-flung seat of power, but another to live in the world of the less advantaged — to see, to sense and to understand the challenges of the aver-

"It is a quietly profound gesture, yet powerful."

age citizen in the community.

In that, one cannot help but notice the stark contrast between the good bishop opting to sleep in churches, using a boot in a towel as a pillow, and the actions of some of our elected leaders — leaders who seem incapable of comprehending the challenges of the average constituent.

The people we elect seem incapable of understanding the impact of decisions they make — as multiple issues of late (increased nursing home fees, cuts to childcare, loss of readily accessible services in impoverished communities) amply demonstrate.

One would do well to wonder what might happen if the officials elected to high office could follow Edwards' lead and put themselves amongst the common people, not above them, more often.

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O U T R E A C H

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It could have gone horribly wrong. The kids might not have connected. The activities might not have been adequate. The billets might not have worked out. The week might not have been purposeful, or fun.

But it was fun — and purposeful. Blessed by God, you might say.

“How to keep 22 kids busy for eight days,” is how Debbie Smith described it.

“We worried about everything, and John [Galbraith] said ‘God will provide.’

“We were short a vehicle and a woman said ‘here, take my van for the week.’ John didn’t worry. We did. But it all worked out!”

Debbie and the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid, of St. Mark’s in St. George, with inspiring encouragement from John Galbraith of St. John the Evangelist in Fredericton, set out to run a teen event called Tidal Impact in St. George.

It ran from July 11-18, a mix of community projects, evening rallies and fun. The foundation of Tidal Impact is to bless the host church and serve the community at large.

This year, 22 kids from the two churches came together in St. George to show they can have a positive impact on themselves, each other and the community.

The link between the two communities actually began at Saint John High School years ago when Mary Anne and John were on the same swim team.

They’re now colleagues, and the idea of partnering on Tidal Impact was readily accepted by the vestry at St. Mark’s when John gave a presentation.



The community service included pairing up with the youth from the Baptist church across the street from St. Mark’s to paint the Day Adventure Centre.

The Anglican kids also did chores for the elderly and cleaned up the streets — even picking the grass from between the cracks on the sidewalks. That got a lot of positive comments, said Debbie.

The largest project was a food drive for the local food bank.

They began early in the week

with flyers announcing when they’d be around to collect the food.

Then when the gathering was complete, the kids delivered 1,800 pounds of food and stocked the empty shelves.

“The ladies at the food bank were just overwhelmed,” said Debbie.

At St. Mark’s, the kids did a lot of sorting, painting and cleaning.

“Some people were nervous about the kids painting, but ev-

erything they touched was done well,” said John.

Four evenings were spent at Rivercross church in Saint John, where, with other kids, they were treated to some amazing rallies — games, eating, singing, scriptural teaching.

“The kids really connected with what Jason [the speaker] was saying and they really connected with God,” said John. “There were a lot of real God moments.”

What made it all work was

the willingness of the kids to make new friends, said Debbie.

“John’s kids immediately meshed with ours. They buddied up. It was great to see,” she said.

They’ve already met again for a tubing expedition, and will meet again during diocesan youth events like TEC (Teens Encounter Christ).

Debbie described the Tidal Impact week as “the best thing I ever did. The billets were fabulous. It was just excellent.”

But the best part, she said, was seeing how Tidal Impact impacted the kids.

“Some of the kids were questioning their belief in God — is he even real?” she said. “By the end of the week, those questions were put to rest.

“The kids could really see their value, that they were important. There was an incredible sense of camaraderie and belonging.”

For Grant Mason, 10, of St. Mark’s, it was life-changing.

“It was quite an experience. I got really close to God. It really touched me,” he said.

While the event was lots of fun and he made lots of friends, it was the rallies that had the greatest impact on him, he said. They confirmed what he, at 10, had already been thinking about.

“After Tidal Impact, I decided that I actually want to become a priest,” he said. “I told my mom and dad. They were surprised at how strong [the feeling] is in my life.”

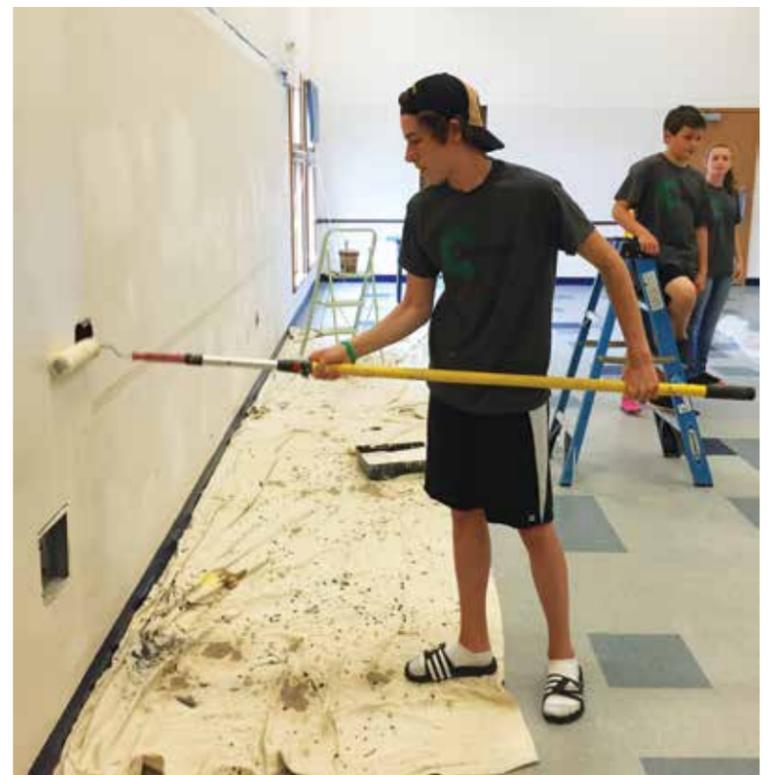
He said he’s not the only one of the group to undergo a spiritual transformation.

“It was an amazing experience, not just in my life, but in a lot of people’s lives. I’m definitely going back to Tidal Impact.”



Above: 22 kids from St. Mark’s and St. John the Evangelist, plus leaders, took part in Tidal Impact, which had a positive impact on both themselves and the community of St. George.

Right: MacKenzie Cheney handles the roller, with Braden Galbraith and Kaitlyn Chase at right. Kids did all sorts of chores for the elderly, the food bank, the community and St. Mark’s in St. George.



MARY ANNE LANGMAID PHOTOS

MUSIC COLUMN

Owl City keeps moving with Mobile Orchestra

Owl City (AKA Adam Young) has a lot going for him. Not only does he have a keen ear for a good groove and a good melody, he also has a gift for having the right song at the right time.

Add to this a strong Christian faith, and he was bound to meet with success. With his new album, *Mobile Orchestra*, his faith is more present in the songs than ever. And he continues to enjoy success at the same time.

Mobile Orchestra is a very different album from Owl City's other projects.

He seems to have moved somewhat away from the quirkiness of *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (think *Alligator Sky*, *Deer in the Headlights*) and into something a little more mainstream (though the song *Unbelievable* will still have you

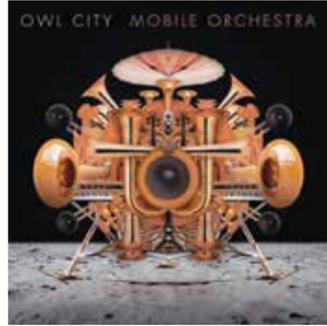


remembering your childhood!)

Yet still, among other Top 50 acts, he continues to stand out with this collection of songs that are optimistic, hopeful and even content.

Another new aspect is that of collaboration. Owl City welcomes no less than five different guest vocalists to sing with him on various tracks, including Alec Blacc, as heard on the first hit single, *Verge*, which became the theme song of graduating classes everywhere this year, it seems!

Hanson (yes, that Hanson!) shares vocals on a song called, *Unbelievable*, and CCM sensation Britt Nicole is featured on a song called *You're Not Alone*, one of the most overtly Christian songs on the album ("You rescued me and I believe / That God is love and He is all I need / From this day forth for all eternity / I'll never wander on my own").



These songs with others work incredible well, and the pairings are well chosen; the vocal colours of these other voices add

new depth to the songs they are singing.

One other aspect of this album is different, too: the quality of the ideas being developed in the songs.

While the musical style is still the same pop/dance style of heavy dance beats and synthesizers, the lyrical ideas are stronger than ever.

Consider the song, *Bird With a Broken Wing*: "But life demands a final chapter / A story that we all must leave behind / It's do or die, and this is mine / The anthem of a bird with a broken wing" The whole song's lyrics are worth reprinting!

Adam Young has been a Christian for most of his life, which has been hinted at in his music for years in the themes and images his music portrays.

Never has it been more evident than on this album (other

songs that are blatantly Christian in theme include, *Hallelujah!*, *My Everything* and *I Found Love*).

With guest musicians and vocalists, the music is more interesting, and the lyrical content will bring you back over and over to ponder them further. It has been a real treat to see this still-young man mature as an artist (he also sketches and paints).

This is his fifth full-length studio album release, in addition to EPs and multiple recordings for movie soundtracks.

All this, and he just turned 29 in July! Here's to much more to come — two thumbs up for this project!

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

Who am I to ask of his grace?

My journey with Christ took a difficult path in my early 20s, when I set God aside in my life, and through stubborn pride, deep depression and personal struggles, I found myself in a very dark place. I attempted suicide.

I had lived two very different lives for several years — one of a happy mother, wife, sister, friend and daughter to the public, and another inner life of sadness, pain and hurt.

I felt lost and undeserving — a failure in all of the above — and decided while carrying my fourth child that the pain would stop if I were gone.

I had refused to ask anyone for help or even share what I was feeling.

I truly felt like no one cared — and why would God?

Locked up in a room with an arsenal of pills, my children all asleep, I prepared to go.

In a soft whisper, I asked at that moment, "God help me."

An angel stood before me, bright and familiar, and as I tried to bring the pills to my mouth, he held my wrist.

"No! You cannot go. Your children need you."



the promise of a new marriage in the fall, I embrace my future, as deacon in my parish, with hopeful expectation of all the good things in a life of servanthood.

God gave me a second chance at life. For that I am always grateful.

In the words of my favourite scripture, "I can do all things, through him who gives me strength" *Philippians 4:13*

Who am I to ask of his grace?

His child + + + Amen!

The Rev. Deacon Barb Haire, Parish of Hillsborough-Riverside

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CELEBRATION!

Pentecost Sunday was celebrated at Christ Church Cathedral with the baptism of two children and an outdoor gathering after the service. Sophie Frédérique de Passillé, daughter of Erica and Bruno de Pasillé and Violet Mary Palmer Rogers, daughter of Catherine Palmer and Andrew Rogers, were baptized on this special day in the Christian calendar. Bishop David Edwards performed the baptisms.



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INFINITELY MORE MUSIC

The Anglican Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke hosted music duo *Infinitely More* on May 20. From left: Rev. Michael O'Hara, *Infinitely More* (Allison Lynn and Gerald Flemming), and warden Kathy Page. They also performed in the Anglican Parishes in Woodstock and Pennfield.

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Choir school strikes a chord

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

What do you get when you combine gifted musicians, talented mentors and eager kids? Beautiful music at Diocesan Choir School.

For eight days July 5-12, 30 children and teenagers from ages 8-18 gathered at Rothesay-Netherwood School in Rothesay for the 58th annual choir school.

Guiding and challenging them were musicians, support staff and spiritual mentors. And joining them for the last few days were dozens of adults with a love of choral singing.

At the culmination of the week, at Trinity Anglican

Church in uptown Saint John, there were about 100 adult and young voices performing in a fully-sung Evensong Service.

"A lot of people come to the service," said administrative director the Rev. Chris Hayes. "Tourists from the [cruise] ships come, parents, families. We've had 500 people there."

But before that could happen, there were plenty of rehearsals. Spencer Belyea, organist and music director at Trinity, and Christopher Lane, organist and choir director at St. David's United Church in Rothesay, shared music director duties this year.

Dr. Willis Noble, director of music at Christ Church Cath-

edral, was the adult clinician.

Accompanist was Nhat-Viet Phi (Toto), music director at St. George's Anglican Church in Moncton and an accompanist and music teacher at L'université de Moncton.

"I really like the group collaboration," said Nhat-Viet. "I like the fellowship, good times, smiles, jokes, stories — and of course, the music." This is his ninth year at Diocesan Choir School.

Music and friendships are a recurring theme among attendees as well. Patrick Lynn, 16, who attends Christ Church Cathedral, was at choir school for the eighth time, meaning he began as a mere eight-year-old. This year he's a counsellor-in-training, mentoring younger kids.

"We've really built a community," he said. "It's a fun week. We worship God together. We love music and we sing great music."

This is Jayden Taylor's

seventh year — she missed one year while dancing in the world junior championships. The 15-year-old from St. John the Baptist in Riverview started coming when she was eight because her two older brothers attended.

"I love the people here and I love singing with them," she said. "It's the music and the people."

Next year she hopes to be a counsellor-in-training like Patrick.

Kids grow up, go to college and university, get married and settle down. But it seems choir school still lures them back. They have 20-something adults who come back for a few days when they can, often to mentor the younger choristers, and adults who attend for the last few days to learn the music and add their voices to the Sunday service.

Music isn't all the choristers consume over the eight-day camp. They also have recreation, crafts, morning and evening prayer, plus Christian education led by the Rev. Canon Albert and the Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove.

Chris Hayes has marked his 15th year at choir school this summer. He organizes it, plays saxophone and teaches classes in Christian culture, showing the kids how music — whether religious or even Top 40 — has the power to refresh, uplift and inspire. He was there with his wife and three of their four

children.

Diocesan Choir School is the longest running choir school in Canada, according to their calculations, said Chris.

"There aren't a lot of choir schools around anymore," he said. "Some are praise [schools]. That's not a statement against praise. We just do this choir thing well. Central to all of it is multi-part choral singing."

At its height, they had 80 choristers at choir school. Back then, they were almost exclusively choir members, but a lot of churches don't have choirs anymore.

"At one time the mandate was to prepare kids to enhance the music at their parishes," he said. "Now it's personal enrichment and enhancing their skills, hopefully to share their faith in a musical way with others."

The fee of \$325 does not cover the cost, largely because they invest heavily in musical resources. They are grateful for diocesan financial support, said Chris.

"God's still giving us a chance to make music," said Chris. "We're growing music the best way we can."

Choristers can apply for financial support through the Hall Music Bursary. Readers are welcome to support the bursary as well by visiting this website: [http://anglican.nb.ca/admin/\\$assistance/#HallChurchMusic](http://anglican.nb.ca/admin/$assistance/#HallChurchMusic)



Top: Spencer Belyea, left, organist and music director at Trinity Church in Saint John, was one of two musical directors at Diocesan Choir School this year. Here he directs rehearsal in preparation for the Evensong service at the end of the week.

Left: Accompanist Nhat-Viet Phi (Toto), works with administrative director the Rev. Chris Hayes during rehearsal.