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SERVING THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

Council discusses refugee crisis

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Syrian refugee crisis was a prominent topic of conversation at Diocesan Council held Sept. 16 at Camp Medley.

Because of the lack of licenses in the province permitted to sponsor refugees, Bishop David Edwards suggested local efforts to sponsor or support refugee families would be most easily accomplished through partnering with local Baptist churches. They are licensed to sponsor refugees.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) representative Anne Walling reported that the organization is active in providing aid to refugees and that until Dec. 31, all donations to

PWRDF will be matched by the federal government.

By supporting Baptist churches in their efforts, or donating to PWRDF, "either way, you can help," said Anne. "The need is so incredibly great."

Bishop's message

Bishop David Edwards spoke on Mark 9:30-37 — the argument over who was the greatest among the disciples.

"When you want to be great, you take your eyes off the prize — the kingdom of God," said the bishop.

Jockeying for position is a pastime of some Christians, he said, recounting a story from

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SERIOUS BUSINESS

Rebekah Greenland, 3, and Hailey Trifts, two-and-a-half, play with clay and dinosaurs at St. Margaret's playgroup, which is funded by A Foundation for Life. See the story on page 9.

Three ordained deacons at Christ Church Cathedral



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Crucifer David Garland carries the cross to lead the procession into Christ Church Cathedral Sept. 27. Choir members, lay readers, deacons and priests, as well as the three ordinands, were part of the procession that began the service of ordination. Ann Fairweather, Normand Dupuis and Christian Persaud were ordained transitional deacons during the service. The Rev. Chris VanBuskirk preached on the life of Blue Jays pitcher R.A. Dickey and how the lessons he learned can be used in our own lives.

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

A huge procession of choir members, lay readers deacons and priests marked the beginning of the service of ordination on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Christ Church Cathedral.

Inside there was hardly an empty seat to be had as Bishop David Edwards ordained three to the transitional diaconate.

Normand Dupuis of Moncton, Ann Fairweather of Quispamsis and Christian Persaud, formerly of Toronto, and their families joined parishioners for the afternoon service. As well, the Rev. Rob Marsh was made a canon of Christ Church Cathedral and archdeacon of Kingston and the Kennebecasis.

After the service, people gathered for fellowship at Cathedral Memorial Hall.

The Rev. Chris VanBuskirk of

St. George's in Moncton was the preacher. His message recounted the troubled life of Toronto Blue Jays pitcher R.A. Dickey.

The player famous for his knuckleball wasn't so famous back in 2007. He was struggling with a farm-team career and the baggage of being a child sexual assault survivor. He had cheated on his wife and he was suicidal and desperate.

On a road trip to Iowa, he was seized with the crazy notion that he should swim the Missouri River.

"Maybe it will prove my worth somehow, like a baptism... to close the gap between the man I am and the man I want to be," he said.

Surrounded by teammates, with a few more looking out their hotel room windows above, R.A. stripped down and stood in his underwear and flip flops on

the banks of the river. His teammates hooted and hollered as he waded into the inky water.

The fast current soon took him and he sank to the bottom of the river. He resigned himself to death. Then his feet hit bottom — just as he had hit the figurative bottom in life. In those brief moments, he chose life, using his feet against the riverbed to push himself up.

"I thank God for sparing me," he said. "I began that crossing looking to be a hero. I ended it as humble as a man can be" — on all fours gasping for breath. It is in that broken posture where God sometimes does his best work.

"We need to be changed," said Chris in his message. "But we can't engineer the change. The change isn't just tweaking and

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Bishop thanks departing council members

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when his wife, Janet, attended a vestry meeting in England.

Someone on vestry had casually asked his neighbour, who worked for the local government, if the church could get a new government-issued garbage can. Unbeknownst to him, there was an official garbage-can orderer on vestry.

When the news that a new can had been ordered came out at the meeting, the man in charge of ordering garbage cans angrily scooped up his belongings and stormed out, proclaiming that he was leaving because he was no longer needed.

"It's about how the kingdom can be extended," said Bishop David. "It's not for the expansion of our personal fiefdoms. Honestly, it's not acceptable. We are servants, not masters."

Parish of West Saint John

Council approved the request from the Parish of West Saint John for dissolution.

"Last fall, I met with representatives of the Parish of

West Saint John," said Bishop David. "They said, 'We've done the math. We'll be insolvent by March 2015 at the latest.' They wanted the parish dissolved."

After consulting with diocesan chancellor David Bell, he suggested they put the two rectories and two churches on the market. The churches sold but the rectories did not.

Council heard that Statistics Canada reports that 40 per cent of residents in Saint John's Lower West Side have an annual income of less than \$10,000 and live in extreme poverty.

"For that reason, we need a presence there," said the bishop.

The former parish has become the Westside Anglican Mission which is housed in the Carleton-Kirk United Church, where the Rev. Rob Salloum has an office.

The former parish's assets were transferred to the diocese, and will be used to support mission work on the Lower West Side.

"They won't be a parish as such," said the bishop. "They'll be a mission."

The Rev. Chris McMullen

is priest and rector of nearby Church of the Good Shepherd on Manawagonish Road.

"I told Bishop Claude that when the collection plate comes around, they should be taking money out, not putting it in," he said.

"This area has been disenfranchised by everything but Jesus. If we can't keep a church presence in the Lower West Side, we should just call ourselves a religious society, not a church," said Chris.

"A mission is clearly a more acceptable example of what should be happening there."

Diocesan Council also recommended to the forthcoming meeting of Diocesan Synod, giving non-voting, observer status to three representatives from the Westside Anglican Mission. [Read more about the Westside Anglican Mission on page 4.]

Stone Church

Diocesan Council supported an application to the Anglican Foundation of the Parish of St. Mark (Stone Church) in Saint John for a \$30,000 grant to help fund renovations.

Council also supported an inter-parish loan from the Parish of Saint John (Trinity Church) to Stone Church for up to \$400,000. The diocese will act as guarantor of the loan.

The loan is also to help fund its large renovation project. [Read more about Stone Church's renovation plan on pages 6-7.]

Finances

Diocesan treasurer Irene Adams gave a financial report, noting increased parish involvement in the shared ministry budget, by the end of August, at 99 per cent.

"There are only two outstanding parishes who've paid nothing this year," she said. "We're in a much better situation than we were a year ago."

She is encouraged with the financial results to the end of August 2015.

The ACW report by president Rosemarie Kingston noted that the viability of Farraline Place is being challenged by vacancies.

"Empty rooms have put a major strain on the budget. We had to take \$20,000 out of

investments last year and this," she said.

Youth and intergenerational ministries director Colin McDonald reported on the success of spaghetti Tuesdays at Cathedral Memorial Hall in Fredericton.

This is a weekly event for post-secondary students and young professionals that has exceeded expectations.

The model is now being used by the Central Saint John Community Ministry co-ordinated by Terence and Jasmine Chandra in that city.

Anne Walling announced her resignation as the diocesan representative of PWRDF. Bishop David thanked her for her service.

He also thanked departing priest David Barrett for his service, and council member Don Adams for preparing lunch — a homemade feast of chowder, soup, homemade rolls and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

The bishop ended the meeting by thanking diocesan council members whose terms will end due to the coming Synod.

'Dying to our own agendas' is necessary

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polishing. It's dying to our agendas. It's denying yourself, not self-exultation like Dickey when he went into the river."

Chris recounted how he and his brother painted houses in the 1980s. They used extension ladders up to 40 feet tall. Everything looks different when you're at the top of a ladder, he said, and even more so from an airplane.

"The things we insist are a must to be happy are not even visible from above," he said.

Some people believe the distance between heaven and earth is too great, Chris told the congregation. Part of our work — and the work of the new deacons — is to bridge that gap.

"What the world needs from us is our deaths," he said. "To lose our lives — lives governed by convenience, money, independence, pretence — aspects of the old Adam we're afraid to leave."

With R.A. Dickey and the Toronto Blue Jays poised for a fearsome playoff run, the sermon was especially timely.

Bishop David Edwards presided at the ordination and afterwards, presented the new deacons and archdeacon to the



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

From back left: the Rev. Canon Leo Martin, Bishop David Edwards and Archdeacon Rob Marsh. Front: the newly ordained deacons, Norm Dupuis, Ann Fairweather and Christian Persaud. The ordination took place Sept. 27 in Fredericton.

congregation. All four participated in administering Holy Communion to the congregation.

Norm Dupuis will continue his work at St. George's in Moncton. Ann Fairweather moved

with her husband to the Parish of Restigouche in early October where she is deacon-in-charge.

Christian Persaud has been appointed deacon-in-charge in the Parishes of Gagetown and Cambridge and Waterborough.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Alarming news from South Sudan

As many of you know, last January I attended Bishops' School at Canterbury Cathedral in England. It was a meeting of bishops from all over the Communion.

During my time there, I got to know Bishop Matthew from South Sudan. At the end of September I received the following email from him:

*Dear Brother in Christ,
Trinity greetings from the Diocese of Wonduruba in the heart of South Sudan.*

Please, I am extremely sorry to share with you that the entire Diocese of Wonduruba has been displaced by the fighting between the government troops and the rebels since September 10, 2015.

The majority of the Diocesan population are in the bushes and mountains facing a very dire situation as far as food, shelters and medications are concerned.

All the shops and residences terribly looted. The looting af-



*ected my residence and offices. Please, uphold us in your prayers
Regards.*

Bishop Matthew Taban Peter

When a message like this arrives from a person you know, it brings home the reality of what many of our brothers and sisters face on a daily basis.

This is the first time that the fighting in South Sudan has reached Matthew's region. When we were in England, he was say-

ing how peaceful the area was.

The mention of looting drives home another point to me. The bishop supports his ministry by farming at his home, so I imagine that was affected by the trouble. As I write this, I have not heard back from him; my prayer is that he and his family are safe.

News of such an incident makes me realize how blessed we are and how much we take for granted.

We all too easily place relatively small things in the way of our relationship with God.

When I was with Bishop Matthew, he said that he finds western people like me very difficult to understand. He said we too easily separate our faith life from our ordinary life.

The bishop told me that for him, there is no separation — God is involved in everything all the time. Whatever happens is part of God's plan for him and he has to work with it to discern

its meaning and how it draws him closer to God.

As you see from his email, Matthew is not questioning what has happened. He is asking for prayer and expressing concern for the people of his diocese and himself.

There is no sense of 'Why us?' Rather it is 'how do we work with what we have in order to do the best.'

I trust that we will all remember Matthew and the people in the Diocese of Wonduruba in our prayers.

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

I was unhappy with the life I was living

During my young life, I had been taught about God and about the scriptures, but I never reached the point when I realized that God was real and that I should allow Him to control my life.

On New Year's Eve, when I was 39 years old (early 1970s), I was sitting in our living room in Saint John, thinking about my life, when suddenly, I realized I was not happy with the life I was living.

I was not sure why, as I had a good husband who made a reasonable income, as well as four healthy children.

So I said, "Lord, I have tried living life my way, and I don't like it. Now, I am going to try living it your way."

From that moment on, something changed in my life. I loved to read, but for the next year, I don't think I read a book of fiction, or even a newspaper, as my chief interest was the Bible.

I started attending a Bible study in a neighbouring church, as there was no study in my

church.

About a year later, there was to be a religious conference in Fredericton and I knew I would like to go. But we had four children, the oldest about 12

and the youngest still in diapers.

I talked to my husband about it, and he kindly agreed to look after the children so I could go. The conference was called "Saints Alive," and it was in Fredericton.

People from all over the Diocese of Fredericton were in attendance. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and love among those attending. Whenever I walked past a group, I had a sense that they were praying for me.



The three main teachings were "the Father," "the Son" and "the Holy Spirit." I enjoyed the first two talks, but found the third teaching upsetting.

I was really not familiar with the Holy Spirit.

When the teaching was over, I went for a long walk on the dark streets of Fredericton. Then I returned and went to bed, but I was still puzzled about the Holy Spirit. I was not sure that I wanted this Holy Spirit to have control of my life.

I may have dozed a little, but some time in the night I said, "Okay Lord, whatever you want!" and immediately I was overcome with the power of the

Holy Spirit. You might say I was zapped!

Then I wept for a long time, and got up in the morning, filled with the Spirit of God!

Many of us were giddy and acted as if we were drunk, but we were drunk with the Spirit.

I remember a friend and I laughing together, saying the words from Acts 2:15: "These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only nine o'clock in the morning!"

My life truly changed from that day onward, and since then I have made a sincere effort to live as God would have me live.

One ministry that I engaged in for many years was leading Bible studies, which I think we all enjoyed as I was often asked to lead one.

Now, at my advanced age, being in seniors housing, and having limited hearing, I have not continued this ministry, but I do miss it.

Glenna Jack

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Shedding the burden of a building

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

June 18 was a sombre occasion for people of Saint John's Lower West Side. The deconsecration service of St. George's Anglican Church brought out a few people, though some parishioners admitted they just couldn't bear to attend.

Some at the service took photos of the stained glass. Others took one last opportunity to kneel and pray. Many cried.

"This evening is a sad occasion as we signify the end of ministry in this building," said Bishop David Edwards. "We thank God for the many happy times in this building. We give thanks for the name of Jesus having been proclaimed here. We acknowledge the sadness, anger and distress in this congregation."

The realities of the modern era have led to the Parish of West Saint John being dissolved.

The present

Fast forward three months. About 35 people, literally from ages eight to 80, gather on Saturday evening at Carleton-Kirk United Church, about a three-minute walk from St. George's. They have a traditional Sunday morning service, but this one is more popular.

The Rev. Rob Salloum passes out bulletins and copies of the BAS. There's a lot of happy chatter, hugs, concerned inquiries over someone's health.

There is seating for about 140, but everyone sits up front on one side so that the congregation is together.

"Good evening, everyone."

"Good evening, Rob."

There is easy, two-way conversation — between music director and congregation, between priest and congregation. Music director David Ripley walks the congregation through a new song.

This is a service without pretence or formality and everyone seems engaged, interested and genuinely happy to be together.

The move

It was in January that St. George's actually closed. Some joined the congregation at nearby Church of the Good Shepherd. Other, for eight months, met at the Seafarer's Mission a few blocks away.

"It was really humbling," said Gloria Jennings. "We had to move the furniture. The choir and congregation sat together. There were no choir robes.



Above: Heather Masson and Margaret-Ann Reid serve cake, made by Margaret-Ann, after the Saturday evening service Oct. 3.



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Above right: About 35 parishioners gather each Saturday evening at Carleton-Kirk United Church for the Westside Anglican Mission service led by the Rev. Rob Salloum, at front. The mission grew out of St. Jude's and St. George's churches, both of which are closed and their parish dissolved, at their request.

Right: St. George's Anglican Church on Saint John's Lower West Side was sold last spring, but it continues to serve the needs of the community through its new identity, the Westside Anglican Mission.



"It was quite an awakening. We just sat together — for eight months. We could almost reach out and touch Rob."

But it seems the close quarters helped to bond those who were determined to stick with it.

In the meantime, Carleton-Kirk was looking for a mission. Early on, it opened its kitchen to George's Café, the main mission of St. George's. It's a Sunday supper for the neighbourhood that attracts upwards of 50 people. And the Girl Guides program also moved to Carleton Kirk in January.

When Carleton-Kirk invited St. George's to share space, the congregation accepted. Their first service was in September and when the Anglicans arrived that day, they saw multiple signs and banners welcoming them, as well as some United church members and their pastor.

Carleton-Kirk found office space for Rob, and they followed up with a potluck supper for the two congregations a few weeks later that filled the dining hall — and filled the hearts of the Anglicans present.

"They have made us feel so welcome," said Gloria.

Rob echoes that sentiment.

"Carleton-Kirk church has been so hospitable, in the truest sense of the word," he said. "We are deeply grateful."

The merger

Admittedly, this little Anglican group has been through a lot. In 2012 St. Jude's closed and its congregation moved to St. George's. But there were still challenges blending two congregations. And then there were the financial issues.

"We weren't bringing in enough to heat the church," said Gloria. "We spent all St. Jude's brought to pay off St. George's debt."

Saint John's Lower West Side is not the picture of affluence. Statistics Canada says that 40 per cent of its residents live on less than \$10,000 a year — what it classifies as "extreme poverty."

It's no surprise that a church should struggle in this area of the city, yet the need for a church presence is great. That was the dilemma facing St. George's and the diocese.

What has evolved is the Westside Anglican Mission, the remnants of St. George's and St. Jude's. It has lots of mission work. It just doesn't have its own building.

"Everybody keeps saying the church isn't the building," said Margaret Ann Reid. "It's the people. That's so true. I hope others believe it, too."

She credits Rob with shepherding his congregation through several years of uncertainty and turmoil.

"I give that man so much cred-

it. He's done nothing but good," she said. "He's persevering."

Margaret Ann has come a long way from a religious life that began at St. Jude's.

"I was baptized, confirmed and married there, and I hoped to be buried from there," she said. She was heartbroken when it closed.

"I never stopped going, but my heart wasn't in it," she said. "Now my heart's in it. I never thought I would love going to church on Saturday night, but I do."

"It's unorthodox but it's working. The numbers are building. It's wonderful."

"This is our new beginning. It's almost like a marriage. It's not his and it's not hers. It's ours."

The focus

Rob doesn't know if there will ever be a building, but he doesn't waste time thinking about it.

"The focus is not simply on the congregation meeting, but on the community," he said. "We have an outward focus. The connections we're making in the community are really important. Instead of propping up a church, we want to support the needs of the community."

Besides George's Café, they run a small food-sharing program called Howard's Pantry. And every Wednesday, they meet at Tim Hortons for a prayer walk.

"We walk around the neighbourhood praying for folks," he said. "We pray for God's will to open our eyes, our ears, our hearts."

The congregation has gone through, as Rob says, colossal loss and change in a short period of time — four homes in three years. "But we've been freed from the burden of the cost of a building. Now we're free to shift our focus."

Buildings, he said, have been a distraction for too long.

"We have a stunning opportunity, as people who are 'homeless' ourselves, to be able to understand the challenges people in the neighbourhood have. There is a lot of couch surfing here, a lot of people in similar circumstances."

The future

As for the future, Rob isn't looking too far ahead.

"I think we are where God wants us to be. We'll continue here as long as he wants. We're here to do God's work for as long as that takes."

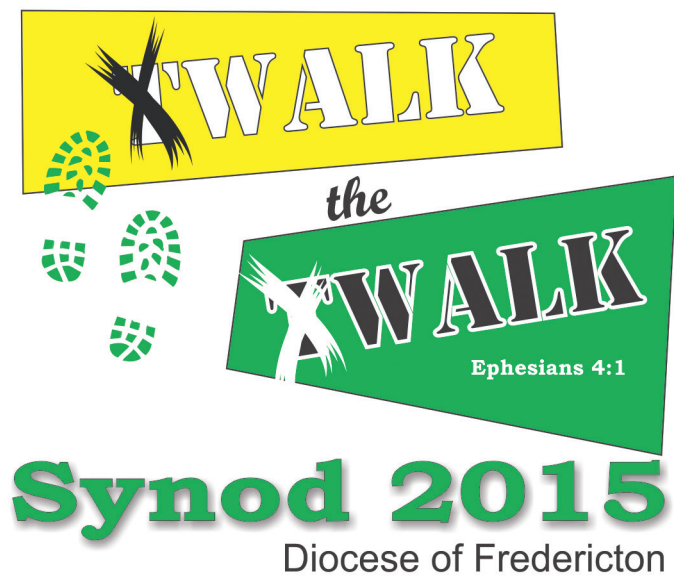
Rob can't help but be proud of his congregation.

"I've seen great resilience. They've been through a lot. To be able to hang on is a testament to their faithfulness."

"The people who are here want to be here. They make me smile. It's a real privilege to be with them."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

*Please pray
for God's blessing
at Synod Nov. 7*



Almighty God, giver of all and ruler of all that is seen and unseen; we ask for continual divine grace to your Church and especially to the 134th Session of Diocesan Synod. May we walk in your way, leading lives worthy of our calling, in humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love and maintaining the unity of your Spirit in the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Youth conference a hands-on event

BY JASON SMITH

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference started with a little scare when keynote Dave Sippel from Ministry Architects sat down an hour before his Friday presentation, opened his Apple Mac book and discovered that it was not his Mac book.

It was switched with someone from Toronto when Dave went through security at the Montreal airport. Luckily Dave grabbed his tablet last minute (God moment!) during packing and was able to get his presentation emailed to him.

With the crisis averted, the conference continued without delays or hitches. Oh, and Dave found the person with his laptop and made arrangements. Friday, Oct. 2 was a more intimate gathering of a dozen people from parishes that completed the Ministry Architect Diagnostic Tool.

The main discussion focused on their results and delved deeper into Ministry Architects sustainable ministry components.

Saturday, Oct. 3 was the main focus of the weekend. Over 40 people and 15 parishes were represented as they gathered at Christ Church (Parish) Church to hear from Dave Sippel on sustainable ministry models regarding youth ministry.

Topics included volunteer recruitment, most common models and requests for youth ministry, and explained that there is no easy button to fix problems. Dave was also available for further conversations with a few parishes during the other presentations.

Susan Naylor from Prince Edward Island provided a very hands-on approach to Messy Church that involved pumpkin carving, chalk drawings and building with marshmallows and

pasta.

Messy Church allows for families and individuals of all ages to interact through stories and crafts and encourages the creativity to flow and build upon itself.

Our own Archdeacon Cathy Laskey led the Godly Play session, again with a practical, hands-on approach by experiencing a full session of how Godly Play works. Actually experiencing the resource instead of being told about it makes a big difference.

Finally the last session was based on the Youth Alpha program and was lead by Jeremy MacDonald, an associate pastor with The Point Church in Miramichi.

Youth Alpha is a free, Canadian-produced video series that takes the teachings of the Alpha program and presents them for a younger audience. Jeremy demonstrated how Youth Alpha can be used and the benefits of providing the program.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference was planned based on the feedback from the Youth Matters: You Don't Have to Feel Alone in Youth Ministry events in early 2015. Participants suggested more hands-on, practical material.

The Youth Matters events began the conversation regarding youth ministry as a vital aspect of parish ministry. This Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference has provided resources for parishes to think about their next steps regarding youth ministry in their own areas.

The YIG team is excited for what parishes will do with the resources. The team is available and willing to assist any parish that may want assistance in the next stage of youth ministry.

We believe working together as a diocese will help create sustainable youth ministry.

TIME FOR CATCHING UP

This year's retired clergy tea Oct. 6 was well attended, with a few dozen clergy and spouses enjoying the refreshments and fellowship. It was a chance to catch up for these four: Isabelle Hockin, Pat Crowther, Joan Pain and the Rev. Philip Pain.



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FAREWELL TO THE BARRETTS

The Parish of Hammond River held a farewell potluck Sept. 27 for the Barrett family: Alexandra, Archdeacon David and their daughter, Rachel. David is the new hospital chaplain at the two Saint John hospitals as of Oct. 1.



JASON SMITH PHOTO

Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, sitting at centre right, leads the Godly Play session during the Diocesan Youth Ministries Conference Oct. 3 in Fredericton.

THE RE-INVENTION OF S

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

From the outside looking in, it might have looked as if the people at the Parish of St. Mark Stone Church in Saint John just couldn't make up their minds.

For years, decades even, they floundered — couldn't decide what to do with their crumbling hall and historic church. Renovate, tear it down, walk away, build anew?

"We had two huge burdens — the church and the hall," said Dr. John Paul Westin, priest and rector of Stone. "Do we just close down? The people didn't feel that was what they were called to do.

"Maybe we hadn't made a decision because we weren't supposed to make a decision."

The fact that the decision has finally been made — the hall will come down and not be rebuilt — is an example of God's perfect timing and perfect plan.

The plan

This is the story of how historic Stone Church on Carleton Street is adapting to present-day realities: a church that's too big and a hall that's too rundown; burgeoning community ministry needs; astronomical heating bills and a large environmental footprint; and still having what it needs to carry on its vast array of ministries.

Like many churches in the diocese, Stone is exceptionally old at 191. The hall is 131 years old and desperate for an upgrade. Housed in that hall are a language program for immigrants, a laundry mission for the needy, an outreach program called Street Hope, Bible studies, Friday night drop-in and so on. There is no doubt that Stone needs a hall. It's a busy place.

But this fall the hall will be demolished and not rebuilt. Instead there is innovation where confusion and indecision once ruled. The ministry needs will be housed in the sides of the sanctuary, since there's plenty of space, with the "great hall" as John Paul calls it, comprising the centre of the sanctuary.

"We can do all this for less than half of what it would have taken to renovate the hall," said John Paul. "The outside-the-box thinking was putting it inside the box — a hall inside a church."

Here's how it will work: There is space for six rooms beneath the vast, unused balcony that circles the nave. Those rooms will house the church office, nursery, meeting rooms, storage, Sunday school and so on. The rooms will have glass walls facing the nave so that the beautiful, old stained glass windows will still be visible to the congregation in the nave.

At the street entrance, the plan calls for large washrooms plus kitchen and laundry facilities, to enable their outreach ministries to function.

And a further bonus is that the balcony, long closed due to fire regulations, will become usable again, opening 130 seats upstairs. With the 144 seats on the main floor, that's plenty of space for the congregation. The only loss is unused pews — and the heating and maintenance bills for a large, old hall.

The pews will be replaced by flexible seating that can transform the place into whatever an event requires.

The process

When Ruby Ranson began attending Stone in 1985, they were talking about replacing the hall then. It seemed the congregation would engage a profes-



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Stone Church in Saint John's uptown is about to shrink its nave to the centre pews, and build rooms under its balcony to house all its mission work that used to operate out of its hall. The hall is expected to be demolished this fall, and the church renovation completed by next June.

sional who would tell them one thing, and another would tell them something different. They were never quite sure of the facts.

"We had a lot of prayer going on," she said. "We would think we had the information, but the doors would close."

They came up with a five-phase plan, but it never fully came to fruition. As well, city regulations for their property would allow them a hall that was too small for their needs, or too big to afford.

One plan would have given them a renovated hall at \$2.2 million, but they would still be the stewards of a 191-year-old church that was itself in need of upgrades.

"We didn't feel the Lord leading us in that direction," said John Paul.

Then last year, members attended Stewardship Day, where the emphasis was on shedding old, outdated buildings and consolidating ministry. That led to a green audit where the focus was on reducing the building's impact on the environment and saving money.

From that came a plan — not a building plan but a prayer plan. In March of this year, the congregation committed to two weeks of prayer and fasting, culminating in a day of discernment.

"We brought in the Rev. Peter Young, a retired priest in Nova Scotia, and he led us in a discernment day," said John Paul. "At the end of the day, we felt the Lord saying to let go of the hall."

The blueprint

"That discernment day was the key in getting us to where we are," said warden Coralie Losier. "This church is big on ministry, and these building issues were compromising it all."

Once the choice was made, there was both relief

and sadness, but it gave the congregation the motivation to move forward.

The big question, of course, was how to continue their outreach programs without a hall.

"We didn't know if it was even possible," said John Paul. "Could we provide ministry within the church?"

Their architect was charged with accommodating all their ministries under one roof. Plus there was the added concern of altering a finely tuned acoustic building.

"[Architect] Greg Murdock came back to vestry and presented a blueprint," said John Paul. "There was a gasp!"

"We believe we have a plan that preserves the historic integrity, the acoustics, and gives space for ministries. It actually enhances some of what we do."

The partnership

Once demolition begins on the hall, the whole structure will close, because there will be no bathrooms. Fortunately, God has a plan for that too. Everything will shift to Trinity Anglican Church on Charlotte Street a few blocks away.

"Trinity has generously opened up the hall and the church to us," said John Paul. "A number of ministries have already moved."

Even their laundry ministry will be uninterrupted — a generous donor has already offered to pay for the hook-ups at Trinity.

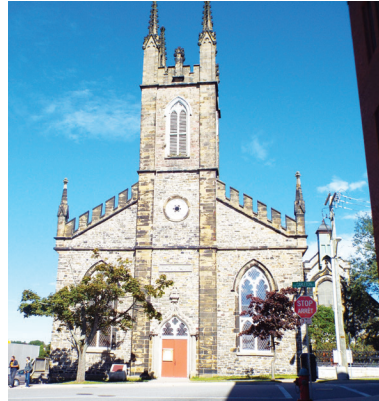
And with the renovation going on during the low season through the winter, the hope is to have their hall-within-a-church operational by next June.

"I think the church is called to be better stewards," said John Paul. "Maybe the church needs to travel light."

STONE CHURCH

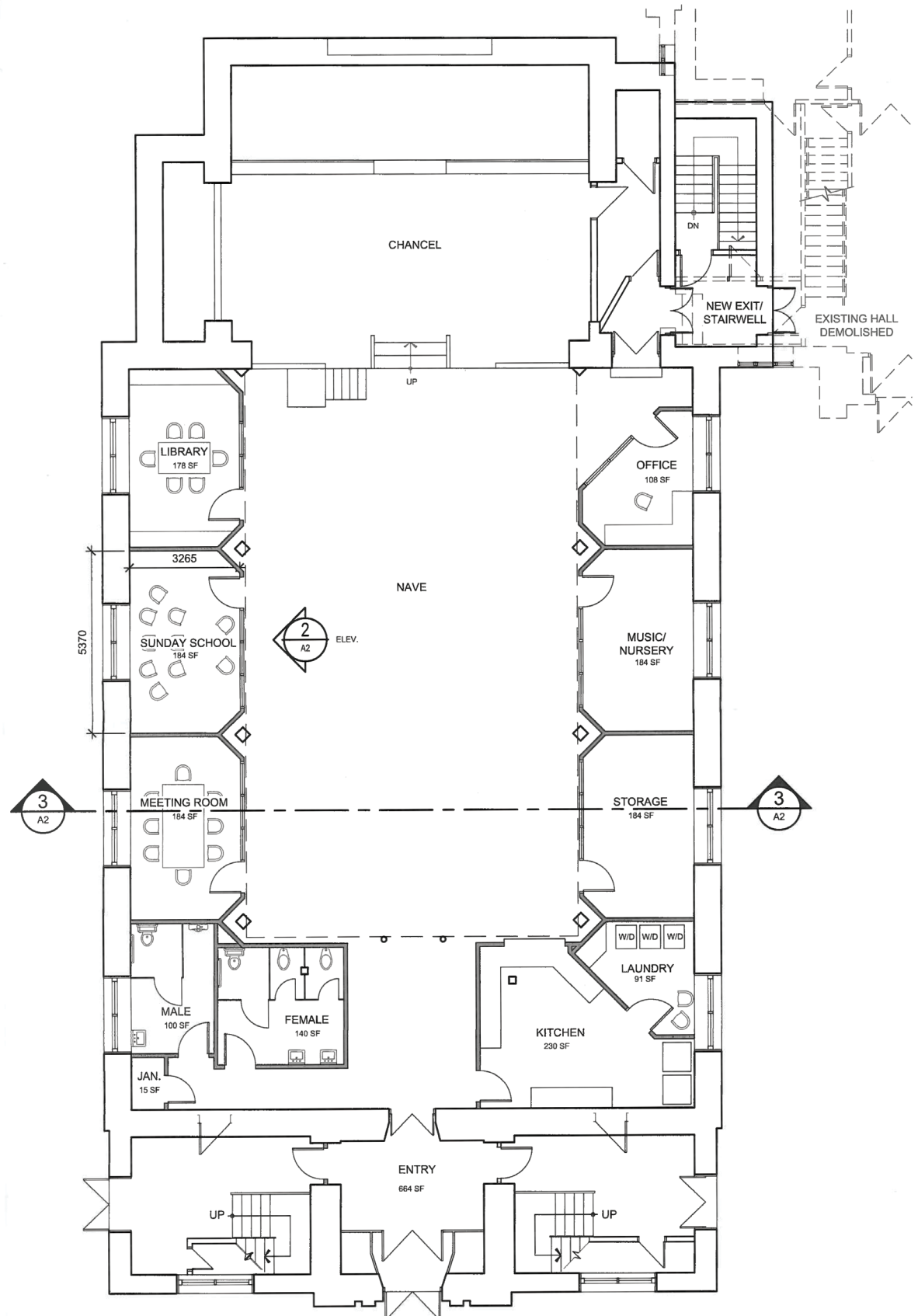


Above: In the balcony with the Rev. Dr. John Paul Weston, long-time member Ruby Ranson and warden Coralie Losier.



Upper right: Stone Church exterior and the hall exterior to the side of the church. The hall's demolition will cut utility bills for the large space.

Right: The blueprint for the Stone Church project.



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The future

“We have a window of opportunity,” said John Paul. “If we don’t do something in five years, it’s over. We’d limp on, but I think we’re given an opportunity here.”

“If we don’t take that opportunity, it passes us by, and I don’t know if we’d get another while we still have enough energy and resources to make it happen.”

The project budget is set at just under \$1 million. A large portion of that is already raised from the sale of adjacent land for a city parking garage and an earlier fundraising campaign. More fundraising will go on, and the church recently applied to the Anglican Foundation for a \$30,000 grant. As well, Diocesan Council recently supported an inter-parish loan, from Trinity Church to Stone, for up to \$400,000.

The church has one more decision to make — how to use the vacant space where the hall had been.

“We’re not interested in another vacant lot,” said John Paul. “Maybe we could partner with the city for some way to benefit and bless the community. It could be anything from a garden to space for public housing.”

It has taken decades to get to this point in Stone’s evolution. Losing the hall and changing the design of the sanctuary are big, frightening steps for some. However, there has been, through these months, a gradual shift of acceptance, not with everyone, but with most.

“I frankly believe that in this whole process, the work hasn’t been so much about the building, but about the people,” said Coralie. “God is working in the hearts of his people.”

“And if he uses a building to do that, so be it,” said Ruby.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE DEFECTOR

Bobbie Ann Cole launches her latest book called *Love Triangles, Discovering Jesus the Jew in Today's Israel*

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Bobbie Ann Cole has come over to the other side. But in the eyes of the Israeli government, that makes her a defector.

So the Messianic Jew — one who has accepted Jesus as the Messiah — no longer lives in Israel, where they are persecuted by their fellow citizens and by the government.

They are attacked, bombed, murdered. In Israel, it is better to be an atheist Jew than a Messianic Jew.

"I had to creep around as a Jew who believes in Jesus," she said. "I was not acceptable to the state or to the people."

Bobbie travelled a long and painful road that eventually led to better things seven years ago: marrying a New Brunswicker, becoming an Anglican, and settling 8,000 kilometres from home in Pennfield, N.B.

She told some of that story during the launch of her latest book, *Love Triangles, Discovering Jesus the Jew in Today's Israel*, on Sept. 18 at Christ Church in Pennfield.

The small community, including Anglicans and many from other denominations, packed the church to celebrate the book, hear passages from it, learn about Israeli culture and sample Jewish cuisine.

The conversion

Several years ago, Bobbie was a wife, mother and successful businesswoman in her native London, UK.

Then one day she felt a lump in her breast and nothing was ever the same. She endured a cancer that almost killed her, the dissolution of her marriage and the failure of her business.

Such profound and widespread loss eventually prompted her to seek solace in her spiritual homeland of Israel.

She found herself there with a long-time Canadian friend, and because her friend had attended the synagogue with her, it was only right that she attend church to reciprocate.

Bobbie explains what happened at that church on her website, testimonytrain.com:

A wave of human kindness hit me in the face as I entered that Jerusalem church. Tingles began to go through me.

By the end of the service,

I didn't want to leave. I sat, swathed in balm and electricity, hoping my friend would say yes to going up to the 24/7 Prayer Tower we'd just been invited to.

She was beside me now, reviewing the photos that she had taken to share with her brother, Butch. But they didn't show the congregation or the platform. They showed tongues of golden flame.

What could that mean?

In the Prayer Tower, I received a prophecy I thought laughable: Jesus would give me a new husband. How could that be, when surgery had left me with a body image so dire that I hadn't so much as dated since my marriage break-up?

I had another concern about all that was happening here, too — a defection to Christianity would be viewed as treason by my Jewish family and friends.

Everything I was experiencing was so powerful, however, that I had no choice but to go with it. From this time on, Jesus began to speak to me so strongly, and in so many diverse ways, that my whole life's direction became spirit-led.

He led me from darkness into light, not just the light of knowledge, but the sparkle and joy of living in trust and faith in His goodness, His tenderness.

He led me to meet and marry Butch, the new husband of faith He had for me — yes, the same Butch my friend snapped her photos for!

Living in Israel

Bobbie and Butch lived and worked in Israel from 2009-2011. As the husband of a Jew, Butch was "free to be his Christian self," said Bobbie. But she was not.

All Jews from around the world are welcome to live in Israel, but "if they had known we believed in Jesus, they wouldn't have let us in.

"The number of Jews who believe in Jesus is growing, but it's still a challenge," she told the congregation. "In the end, I couldn't stand the secrecy."

Still, Bobbie has wonderful memories of Israel that she shared with the congregation during the book launch.

"There was an upside to living in Israel," she said. "It's easy to meet Jesus everywhere. Whether it was the places where he had been or the place I was walking,"



Above: The singing group entertained with several traditional Jewish songs. From left: The Rev. Canon Keith Osborne, Trudy Maillet, Mona Swanston, Vivian Osborne, Butch Cole and Bobbie Ann Cole.

Right: Lael Osborne, daughter-in-law of the Rev. Canon Keith and Vivian Osborne, blows her kudoo horn as Jews would do to signal the start of a festival.

Below: An Israeli feast awaited those who attended the book launch. At right is Vivian Osborne, wife of the Rev. Canon Keith Osborne, with their granddaughters, Katie and Lilly.

Below right: The Shabbat Shalom cake, which means sabbath of peace.



From a camel ride in the desert where Jesus spent 40 days, to a visit to the garden tomb, she felt the presence of her saviour.

"Galilee is my favourite place in Israel," she said. "I'd like to think it was Jesus' favourite place too."

The couple lived in Haifa, on the Mediterranean Sea, for most of their time in the country. The prophet Elijah's Cave is nestled at the base of Cape Carmel in Haifa, and Bobbie walked the ancient terraced paths there frequently.

Book launch

During the book launch

service, Bobbie dressed in the traditional tallit or prayer shawl and kippah or hat, lit candles and read from her book.

She had Lael Osborne, daughter-in-law of the Rev. Keith and Vivian Osborne, of Christ Church, blow her kudoo horn, as Jews would do to herald a coming festival.

To prepare for the launch service, the church pianist Faith Hawkins learned to play four Jewish songs, and a music group was formed to sing them: Bobbie, Butch, Keith and Vivian, Mona Swanston and Trudy Maillet. The congregation joined in enthusiastically.

Afterwards, everyone was invited downstairs for a feast of Israeli foods: pita, hummus, grapes, salad, nuts and olives.

The apples dipped in honey were a festive treat for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year that was celebrated earlier in September. They symbolize a sweet year to come.

The book is available on Amazon.com [<http://www.amazon.com/Love-Triangles-Discovering-Todays-Israel-ebook/dp/B013RKZ4GO>] where you will find many glowing reviews, and at the Lighthouse bookstore in Fredericton, as well as other bookstores.

OUTREACH

A Foundation for Life funds family outreach

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

With a little help from A Foundation For Life, the folks at St. Margaret's in Fredericton are reaching out to young families.

Using a \$1,400 grant, they've begun a playgroup for pre-school children in the neighbourhood and held a vacation Bible school in the summer.

"I didn't even know about A Foundation for Life before this," said Cathy Lutes. "Rick (the Rev. Rick Robinson) mentioned it."

Both Cathy and Nancy Robinson, Rick's wife, felt a program was needed to draw in young families but financing it would be a hurdle.

With congregational help, the church had just put a new roof on the building.

"We would have had to beg for money from the congregation and it wouldn't have been a good time," said Nancy. "We couldn't have done this without A Foundation For Life."

Cathy describes the grant as a godsend.

They split the money in two, half for each program. For the playgroup, they bought kid-sized tables and chairs, play mats for babies, storage bins, toys, blocks, puzzles and sanitizing wipes.

They also spent money on snack food.



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Cathy Lutes, one of the organizers at St. Margaret's weekly playgroup, reads to Alba Corcoran, 2, of New Maryland. Alba's mom, Ayla, and sister Hayden, read in the background.

It's been running since May, with 11 families and 18 children. Once school was out, they welcomed older kids as well.

If their size requirements are any indication, playgroup is a hit.

"We started out in the meeting room and outgrew it really quickly," said Nancy.

Now they're in the narthex,

and participants, including grandparents, are enjoying the get-togethers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

"We have our regulars that come every week. They really need this time — both children and parents," said Nancy.

Some have come because they saw it advertised on the church sign, others are connected to

a church member, but most are not church attenders at St. Margaret's.

"It's become a very positive outreach," said Cathy. "We've been able to assist parents who don't even live in the area."

Ayla Corcoran of New Maryland brings her two daughters, Alba, 2, and Hayden, 4 ½ to playgroup almost every week.

"I found it on Kijiji," said Ayla, adding she had been to St. Margaret's when she was younger. "I like the size of the group."

With playgroup going well, the women set their sights on running a vacation Bible school. The investment in playgroup paid off, with four children from it coming to VBS.

With the other half of the grant, they bought the Everest program for \$400, and used the rest for games, crafts, supplies and snacks.

"We hadn't done VBS in a long time," said Nancy, but both women, who are retired teachers, dived in with congregational help. They had a team of eight adults, including Rev. Rick, who presented the program to 10 youngsters.

"Ten was a good number to start out with," said Nancy, adding they're already planning for another VBS next summer.

And they're hoping to expand playgroup this fall.

Both women are adamant that none of what's been accomplished could have happened without the grant from A Foundation For Life.

"We've funded everything from new tires on a bus in Moncton that serves the needy, video equipment, and an extra weekly service in a rural area," said the Ven. Patricia Drummond, who helps oversee the program.

"We've funded several people to attend Godly Play training and funded partial payment for a children and family ministry worker."

But donations to A Foundation For Life have dropped off lately, as have applications for funding.

"At first people donated, but it's gone down," said Pat. "We hope that parishes will promote it. This year we had to push for applications as well."

Organizers suggest a donation of \$25 per adult Anglican, and \$5 per child. If that amount were received, many more mission and outreach projects could be funded.

For more information, go to the diocesan website and click on A Foundation For Life: anglican.nb.ca



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GIVING THANKS

Christopher Ostrom enjoyed himself during the bishop's visit to Church of the Ascension in Apohaqui, Parish of Upper Kennebecas on Thanksgiving Sunday. The Rev. Wally Collett officiated, and his wife, Iris, provided the music. The church was filled with corn stalks, vegetables, fruits, flowers and baskets for the Sussex Sharing Club. "We were filled with thankfulness that Bishop David Edwards was our guest speaker; that little people like Christopher filled our hearts with love; that the ACW served tea and cookies for a time of fellowship," said warden Beverley Floyd.



REV. ARNOLD GODSOE PHOTO

TEA & CAKE

After a wonderful summer service by Rev. Arnold Godsoe at St. Mark's Chapel of Ease, Kings Landing, the group was invited to Ingram House to view the garden and have tea. The tea, served in china cups with saucers, made it an elegant affair and the gingerbread served with whipped cream was delicious. Sitting, left to right: Patricia Graham of Kings Landing, Ann Marie Cairns, Margaret Laking, Ruth Louder, Peggy Godsoe. Standing: Nancy Chessie of Kings Landing, Rose Clifford and Donna Currie.

O U T R E A C H



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St. Paul's ladies operate the water station during the Hampton 5-Miler race Sept. 13. They are, left to right, Diana Bastarache, Dawn Lent, Barb MacMackin, Jean Bates, Shonaugh and Amelia Moore. The race goes by St. Paul's church in Hampton every year, so the congregation found opportunity there in outreach — cheering on the participants, singing and offering water to the runners.

'Guide my feet while I run this race'

BY HEATHER MILLER

For the past 15 years, on the third Sunday in September, the Hampton 5-Miler Race has been run beginning at the high school and continuing down St. Paul's Street and out the Kennebecasis River Road.

The race usually begins at 10 a.m. just as the early-service worshippers at St. Paul's Anglican Church are leaving and the second-service worshippers are arriving.

The race inevitably causes road blocks, detours, patient waits and careful driving for all motorists. Our congregation has adjusted to this by arriving early.

Last year's race date was a lovely day, and as our parishioners came and went from service, they paused in the front of the church to chat and turned to view a sea of runners coming over the hill.

We spontaneously gathered by the side of the street and started clapping and cheering the runners on.

We saw friends, parishioners and visitors to our community run past and they broke into huge smiles at this show of support. It started us thinking!

This year we decided to really become involved and support

this run. We connected with the organizers and received a list of things we could help with: food for the runners, a water station, traffic management, cheer on the runners, and still have service. Great plans!

We postponed our fall schedule so we would have only one service that day at 10 a.m. and got organized.

In the last few years, with many new families moving to Hampton, we have lost touch with our community. It was clear that our focus needed to change; we need to be out in the community, engaging in community life, in order to feel a vibrant part of this town.

This was a great opportunity to encourage the organizers and runners and have joy in taking part.

This Sept. 13 was a bit overcast and cool, but we were ready to cheer on the runners. The tents were up on the front lawn of the church and parishioners gathered for an outdoor service.

We practiced some music that mentioned running a good race and, as the runners came over the hill, we gathered together on the side of the street and sang "Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain."

Rev. David Turner played his banjo and Christian Gowan his guitar. The children had ribbons to wave as we celebrated the efforts of the participants in the race. We cheered and clapped and encouraged all we knew.

There were lots of waves and smiles from the racers and we waited patiently for two special people to crest the hill and run [walk] by the church.

This was our own Betty Mitham and Debbie O'Bryant. Betty is 83+ and was walking the 5-Miler in memory of her daughter, Sheila Burns, who had passed away last spring. Sheila had been an avid runner and always took part in the Hampton 5-Miler. Debbie was there for support and to complete her own challenge... we won't mention her age!

This was a somewhat small, perhaps insignificant effort by our congregation to support and take part in our community while maintaining our identity as people gathering to worship God.

Did we encourage friends and strangers? Yes. Did we show our presence as people boldly praising God with smiles and music? Yes. Was it fun and inclusive and did we feel a part of the Hampton 5-Miler? Definitely!

Gospel Therapy is Hockin's 8th book

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

After decades of preaching, Bishop Bill Hockin has amassed a lot of sermons. He keeps them in binders in his house, all written long-hand.

It is among this treasure-trove of wisdom that Bishop Bill, who served as bishop from 1998-2003, drew the substance for his eighth book — his last, he says.

Gospel

Therapy is a book of homilies from the four gospels.

"These are small sermons that I've saved," said Bishop Bill, adding that there are seven from each gospel for a total of 28.

So how did he decide which to use?

"I chose my best, if I can say that, my favourites, stories that speak redemptively," he said. "That's why it's called therapy."

Each chapter includes a short sermon, the scripture upon which it's based, a prayer and a verse from the psalms.

Bishop Bill describes the book as pastoral rather than academic.

"It's all about spiritual growth. All the books are," he said.

"It's about finding an attachment to one's own situation."

The book has already been therapeutic for him.

"Through the writing of this book and the preparation for publication, I am constantly amazed at the relevance of scriptures to our human situation," he said. "Jesus still speaks. It's often therapy for me — every morning!

"I've learned there is no end to its depths, its healing power for the human soul."

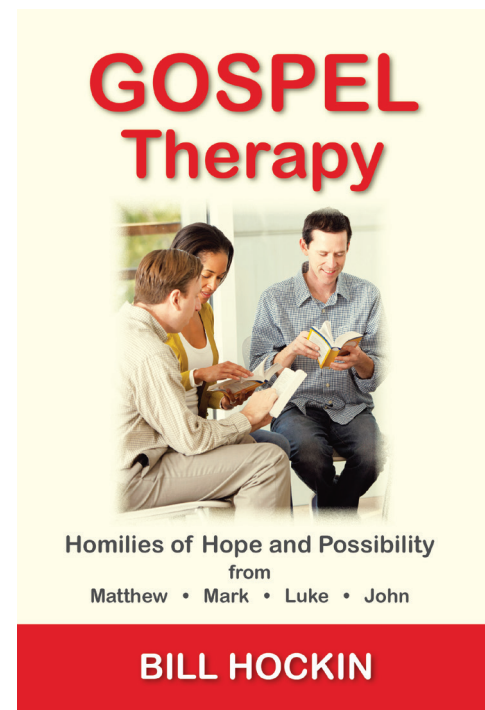
Having an eighth book published is not a money-making venture for the retired bishop.

Publication is paid for by the Fredericton Christian Forum, a small group of Anglicans who have supported Bishop Bill's ministry since he retired.

"They provide the money and

the book eventually pays for itself," he said. "And I take nothing and never have."

Even the editor provides her services for free.



Gospel Therapy will be available Nov. 1 at Lighthouse Bookstore and Westminster Books in Fredericton, as well as the Catholic Bookstore in Saint John. While the bookstores can determine their own price for

the book, it is expected to be under \$20.

The book will also be available during Bishop Bill's Advent series, which takes place at the Crowne Plaza hotel on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 12:10 p.m.

Book's description:

This book is written for those who are looking for a daily devotional resource that combines the wisdom of the biblical text with the struggles of the human experience.

When Jesus of Nazareth engages the people in his time, with his truth and graciousness, something good always happens.

Likewise, with us today, reading the text and engaging with this same Jesus, our lives, as well, can be profoundly touched with his grace and mercy.

Each of these chapters, therefore, can be a healing engagement between the Jesus of the text and the deep needs of our personal lives.

Included in each devotional are a gospel text, a reflection of the meaning and relevance of that text and a summing-up prayer.

As well, each chapter ends with a verse from a psalm on the same theme.

Although intended to be a daily devotional, this book can also be used for group study.

It is my prayer that these pages may be an inspiration for all who read them, as well as a source of spiritual and personal growth.

MUSIC & MORE

Tree63 is back, fresh and new, with *Land*

A band making a comeback after not recording or touring for a long time is commonplace across many music genres.

Tree63 is a South African band that has just done this very thing. They have released an album after not doing musical things since 2009.

The band had a tremendously successful life as a worship band — their version of Matt Redman's "Blessed Be Your Name" is still played on radio and sung by church congregations today — but everything, including bands, has a given lifespan.

Interestingly, one of the things that most motivated and inspired the band was a complete, but chilling coincidence. The band was scheduled to have a meeting with music executives in New York City, but the meeting was cancelled the night before it was to take place. The



meeting was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, at an office at the World Trade Centre.

Tree63 is not just another comeback band. Unlike most, they have not released new songs with their signature, well-known style. A Kickstarter campaign enabled them to record whatever they liked, and therefore felt no pressure from a music label to record anything other than what the band wanted to do.

The result is something new and fresh — utterly unlike anything most bands are recording today.



While Tree63 had a rather unique sound in its former life, with a South Africa lead singer, John Ellis, and a simplified sound, they have become more musically astute on this album called *Land*.

Syncopated rhythms, broken up melodic lines and memorable grooves are all over this record. It is a musical treat to

hear in a time when the top slots in the Top 40 charts are filled with the same formulaic songs by the same bands with the same sounds.

With the possible exception of some of the band Delirious?'s older work, Tree63 sounds like nothing out there right now.

It is something of a trick to write a worship-themed album while keeping

it new-sounding, and without lyrical clichés. Here, the band has pulled that off.

The first track, "Alive" starts in a minor key, and its short bursts of lyrical ideas tell you right away that this is not a typical praise and worship album.

"Standing On It" has a compelling picked-guitar riff that

sticks with you for the day, over which is laid a cutting melody. Lyrically, there are stories, words of advice, and words of prayer.

Musically, it would be hard to call Tree63 a hard-rock band, but there is certainly a lot of frenetic energy, push and guitar in their sound!

Fans of Tree63 who expected another album with the same sound of old (think of the Sunday album) will not get what they expected. This is a new sound for a new part of the band's life, and it is invigorating. They sound unique, and that is refreshing.

Pick up a copy of *Land* wherever you get your music. You will not be disappointed!

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



Bobbie Ann Cole, author, Messianic Jew

Favourite book of the Bible – Ruth

Provenance (birthplace) – London

What you love most about God – He wraps His arms around me and protects me

Favourite place on Earth – Sea of Galilee

Farthest you've been from home – I'm at home pretty much everywhere

Favourite meal or dessert – Falafel

Biggest fear – Fear itself

Hidden talent – I am learning to play piano

Favourite movie or book – Daphne du Maurier - Rebecca

Your hobby – I love walking

Three things always in your fridge – tomatoes, mushrooms, eggs

Favourite sports team – Boston Redsox



PAUL SHERWOOD PHOTOS

KAT TALKS

Taping for the KAT (Keep Anglicans Talking) project took place in Halifax Oct. 8. Two of our own, the Rev. Mike Caines and Bishop David Edwards, participated. KAT is a national communications project whose goal is to reach out to Anglicans and others with dynamic, thought-provoking presentations on a variety of subjects by Anglican leaders of all ages and backgrounds. The talks are inspired by Ted Talks and will be promoted and made available online: <http://ww2.anglican.ca/kat/>



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