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ACW Launching Out

OUR PURPOSE

- *To unite women in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.*
- *To work for and sustain an informed interest in the mission of the Church.*



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As the winter wears on, we have hope of a better year when we can all be together again.

Highlights of president Linda Fury's message to ACW members:

- 2021 Annual general meeting is doubtful.
- Zoom meeting with executive, deanery presidents is planned.
- Check on and keep in touch with each other!

See page 4 for her full message.

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MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING



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St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Riverview hosted an ACW Memorial Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 18. The event was well attended despite the weather and COVID challenges. There were some lively carols played by our music team. We also remembered and gave thanks for our loved ones who have departed. The ACW thanks everyone who participated in this event. Musicians left to right: Phil Hebb, Ivan Hicks, J. Christopher Pillay, Daniel Robinson, Sylvia Campbell, Vivian Hicks.

ACW members left to right: Betty Peddle (ACW president), Betty Williston (treasurer), Nada Guimond (vice president), Phil Hebb, Revd Julian Pillay (rector), J. Christopher Pillay, Audrey Dawe, Jan Maltby, Kit Ogilvie, Ivan Hicks, Ruth-Anne Robinson.

Seated: Daniel Robinson, Sylvia Campbell, Vivian Hicks.

Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour -

Please notify Linda Collins LeBans and your Deanery representative with the names of those who should be entered into the Book of Remembrance. If you would like to put a member on the Roll of Honour, please contact Linda at 506-454-2649; email: lclebans@gmail.com or 55 Woodfield Crescent, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 2N2



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BUSY ACW IN MINTO & CHIPMAN!

When our church finally opened in the fall, the Parish of Minto & Chipman ACW came up with some ideas for safe projects.

The picture of the group with Father Stephen Harnish, above right, was taken when we got together to make turkey pot pies. This fundraiser took the place of our annual Harvest Supper. The pies were always a huge success and this fall it was no different. We made over 100 pies and had a blast.

The second picture, above left, is that of the ACW girls after putting together Christmas cookie plates for the seniors of our congregation. We were able to deliver and wish them a very Merry Christmas from our church. It was a great way to keep contact in these trying times.

A third picture, at right, is that of Anne Miller, a longstanding member of our choir who now resides at Pine Grove in Fredericton. She is being hugged by a homemade quilt made by our group. Another quilt went to one of our ACW members who now resides at Bishop's Nursing Home here in Minto.

For the last few years we have organized gifts for the 30 residents to be given out at their Christmas Tea. Usually our group has played elves to Santa in handing out the gifts, but this year being different with COVID, we were unable to attend but that didn't stop the outpouring of love to the residents.

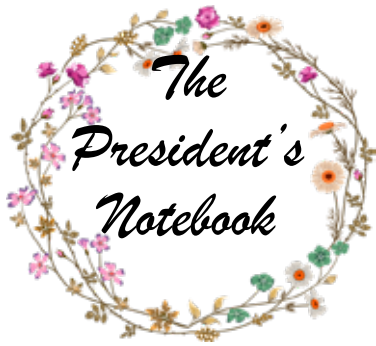


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Reminders from Launching Out

- The deadline for submissions is always the 22nd of the month before publication: Aug. 22 for September; Oct. 22 for November; Jan. 22 for February and March 22 for April.
- Launching Out needs your news! Please consider sharing your news so it can be included in the next publication of Launching Out. Don't hide it under a bushel — let it shine!



Linda Fury

A new year has arrived and my prayer is that it will be a much better one for all of us. Very little activity has taken place in ACW groups throughout the province.

Few of them have been able to meet, but most have been able to keep in touch with their members. This is more important than ever before — especially for those who live alone.

It seems most unlikely that we will be able to hold our annual meeting in May of this year.

My plan is to set up a Zoom meeting for our Diocesan Executive which will include all our Deanery presidents.

If you could please let me know if you would be unable to have access to a computer during this time, I would very much appreciate it.

We don't have very much new business as an executive, but it



LINDA FURY PHOTO

would be good if we could be in touch and find out how all are doing.

I have been contacted by a few groups, mostly regarding funds they have and where they should be sent.

Our treasurer, Cathy Lutes and I thought that Paul Jeffries' stipend, Bishop McAllister College, along with the Farraline Home should be at the top of this list, along with local food banks.

Most groups have not been able to do much for fundraising but several have been successful in their efforts. Here are some of these ideas, which took place when we were in the yellow level:

- silent auctions
- on-line auctions
- "bakeless" bake sales
- pie making
- quilting, as the ACW ladies of St. Marks in the Parish of Westmorland demonstrate in the photo above
- memorial Christmas tree lighting (which could be adapted for Easter)

These ideas have come from very few groups and I am sure there are many others. Please send along ideas which you may have tried — successful or not. We really need to share

during this difficult time.

I am asking each Deanery president to get in touch and let me know how things are going.

Any local groups who feel they cannot continue in this present situation are being asked to stay in touch.

Hopefully there are groups nearby who would love to have you as part of their membership. Even if it is not possible to be able to attend meetings at this time, keeping in contact by phone or email would help keep you up to date on what is happening.

Before closing I would like to remember those who have had an especially hard time during the past few months. Our sympathy is extended to our vice-president, Jill Stewart, on the death of her husband in December.

We also remember those who have had health problems or accidents. Please stay in touch and let us know how you are making out.

Life is difficult for all of us during this pandemic but we must remember that God is with us and we share our love for God in all that we do for others.

Yours in Christ,
Linda Fury



Eva Morton

On The Journey, with Eva Morton

“I treasure your word in my heart...” (Psalm 119:11a)

I have been blessed by the words of Scripture my entire life, but this is especially true when they come to mind without my having to open a Bible. It means that God’s word really is a “light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

An interesting thing happened one year at one of our clergy spouses’ retreats. The planning committee had forgotten to bring along copies of the Prayer Book (BCP).

The usual routine is that we begin and end the retreat with Holy Communion, one service from the BCP and one from the Book of Alternative Services (BAS). The BCP service was the first thing on the agenda, so we had no time to run out and collect books.

The celebrant, Bishop Miller, decided to proceed with the service, and was prepared to do all the prayers and responses by himself.

But he ended up not having to do that, because, to our surprise, most of us knew it by heart! The only thing we weren’t able to recite from memory was the psalm.

This Lent, the diocesan spiritual



development team is recommending that we all read *Hide This in Your Heart, Memorizing Scripture for Kingdom Impact*, by Michael Frost and Graham Joseph Hill.

One of things I love about the Anglican Church is the quantity of Scripture we read in every single worship service.

For several years now, I have been saying Morning Office from the BCP (it started as a Lenten challenge from my rector).

Because of this, I’ve reached a point where I don’t have to look down on the page anymore. I have effortlessly memorized Psalm 95 and the Benedictus (not to mention the Scripture sentences interspersed throughout service).

I’ve read quite a few missionary biographies over the years, and one of the things that always impressed me was how naturally they incorporated Scripture into their vocabulary.

It made a real impact on me and I have tried to follow their example. I am always grateful when the first words that come to my mind in any situation come from the Bible.

As a young person, I memorized Scripture in order to receive a reward, and even though the motive may not have been the purest, I retained most of what I learned.

I memorized Isaiah 55 at summer camp over 50 years ago, and I am so thankful for the ongoing blessing it has been to me. I’m sure every one of us can recite the “comfortable words”

from the BCP service of Holy Communion: Matthew 11:28, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 1:15, and John 2:1-2.

When faced with a crisis in my life, it is almost always words from the Bible that comfort me and lead me on.

When my children were young, we used to read the family prayers at the back of the BCP at bedtime, and I have continued the practice with my grandchildren.

I know there are some who feel that Elizabethan language is archaic and difficult to understand. but it has always touched me how quickly children memorize the words.

Perhaps it’s the cadence of the language that engenders this, just as it’s much easier to memorize something set to music. Those glorious passages from Handel’s Messiah, for instance. I wonder how many realize just how much of Isaiah they have learned by heart?

Whenever I encounter criticism from those who feel that Anglican worship is too repetitive, I share these examples.

How blessed it is to have the words of prayer and Scripture in my heart and on the tip of my tongue, any time, any where.

I look forward to checking out our Lenten reading assignment. I’m sure it will be an encouragement to us all, and we certainly need a little encouragement these days!

Blessings,
Eva

Guidelines for filling out the Treasurer's Form

BY CATHY LUTES

As I am putting this report together, our Zone 3, along with Zones 1 and 2 have gone into the red. Zone 4 has been in red for a week or so now. It is very disheartening to be back in this stage again, but hopefully, it won't last long. This has been a very unusual time for all of us.

In 2020 we didn't have our AGM in May and our Executive has not been able to meet. Due to the lack of these two events, the 2020 budget was not discussed and approved, leading to some funds not going out.

The usual funds that are included on the Branch Treasurer's Report Form will be going to their respective recipients.

I want to thank the many branches who sent their yearly funds for 2020. It has been a difficult year for branches to even meet as a group, let alone do any type of fundraising.

I am aware that many branches are finding it difficult to meet their obligations. With the past year being as it has been, it is very understandable.

If your branch has found ways to fundraise, please share in the next *Launching Out* or email/write to me and let me know so that I can share with other groups

if asked.

I have been asked what funds a branch should contribute to if they have the funds in their accounts.

Every branch is asked to contribute \$50 to the Administration Fund and \$25 to the Social Action Fund. These two are a priority.

I am not telling your branch which funds to support, but these two funds are top priority for every branch. It's up to each individual branch to decide what funds to support.

It has been a rocky start for me as diocesan ACW treasurer. Initially I had difficulty getting the program on my laptop, but I finally got it working.

Joyce McElman, past treasurer, has been a Godsend. She has had the patience of Job when it comes to helping me with this transfer of duties.

I had spent a number of days, before COVID, sitting in her office in Quispamsis learning the job. Even when I called her last week, she was very willing to help in any way.

I'm actually enjoying this office and I hope that I can do the very best for the diocesan ACW Executive.

As I have been collecting the Branch Treasurer's Forms, there are a few reminders to pass on;

- Please fill out the form completely, with date, church name, place, deanery.

- Please fill out the bottom of the form with the treasurer's complete name, phone number, address and, if available, email.
- Please ensure that the total is correct.
- Please, please PRINT CLEARLY
- It is not necessary to change addresses on cheques. If you feel you need to change addresses on cheques, please initial any changes.
- If you make **any** changes on cheques, like addresses or dates, you must initial the changes.
- Make all cheques out to ACW, Diocese of Fredericton.
- I would appreciate all cheques received before the end of December each year.

I have sent out receipts by email or post to all forms received from November 2019 to the first week of January 2021. Along with the receipts, I sent a copy of the Branch Treasurer's Form. I will include the form with this note for those who didn't receive a receipt.

I appreciate all the kind words received from various ladies whom I've had the pleasure speaking to over the phone and via email. I am honoured to be a member of such a lovely group of ladies.

I pray that you all stay safe and that our lives will return to some normalcy in the near future.

Your Sister in Christ, Cathy Lutes



The NB Anglican is looking for people to feature in the series called **My Journey Here**. If you're from far away, but worship and live here in the diocese, contact us! gmcknight@diofton.ca



Clergy Spouses' Retreat
CANCELLED FOR 2021
due to COVID-19

Originally planned for April 29-May 1 at Villa Madonna, the retreat is now rescheduled for April 28-30, 2022. More details to follow as they become available.



Branch Treasurer's Report Form



Carefully read the information on page 6 before completing this form

Date: _____

Deanery: _____

Church: _____

Place: _____

Divinity Scholarship Fund	_____
Administration Fund - \$50 per Branch	_____
Social Action Fund - \$25 per Branch	_____
Extra-Cent-A-Day Fund	_____
Our Fair Share	_____
Helen Burton Fund	_____
Diocesan Camps Projects	_____
Camp Medley	_____
Camp Brookwood	_____
Paul Jeffries' Stipend	_____
Bishop McAllister College, Uganda	_____
Farraline Place	_____
Farraline Place Roof Fund	_____
PWRDF	_____
Council of the North	_____
Threshold Ministries (Church Army renamed)	_____
Kara and Nelson Mejia - Honduras	_____
Anglican Foundation of Canada - ACW Trust Fund	_____
Other	_____
TOTAL:	_____

Name of Branch Treasurer: _____ Phone# _____

Postal Address: _____

E-mail: _____



**PLEASE make cheque payable to ACW, Diocese of Fredericton, and mail to Cathy Lutes, Diocesan ACW Treasurer; 87 Venus Crescent, Hanwell, NB E3C 1N1
E-mail: lutescathy@hotmail.com; Phone: 506-459-3265**

Supporting women in the community

BY GAIL EASTWOOD

Supporting women in the community was one area chosen by the Holy Trinity Hammond River ACW to focus their efforts as they celebrated their 110th anniversary in 2020.

Mary Saulnier-Taylor, executive director; and Chanelle Morgan, program facilitator of the Coverdale Centre for Women in Saint John were invited to speak to the ACW group at the October 2020 meeting.

The Coverdale Centre has four programs to offer women to create a safe environment with empowering opportunities. They offer drop-in programs for women of all ages assisting them in making proactive decisions and choices.

They also have an Emergency Homeless Shelter as well as Hope Bridge Home which is an apartment offered to women as



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The small group at Holy Trinity Hammond River ACW has huge hearts! They delivered 20 pairs of pajamas, 13 puzzle books and 5 journals to the Coverdale Centre for Women in Saint John, which offers a great service for women in need in our greater community.

part of their transition to securing their own residence.

As well, their Halfway House provides living quarters for women going through the Federal and Provincial Justice System.

The Coverdale Centre welcomes many levels of support

and voiced a particular need for pajamas, puzzle books and journals.

The ACW gathered a wonderful collection of these items and donated them to a very appreciative group at the Coverdale Centre.



If you can help, please visit our website, anglican.nb.ca, and click on donate. As you can appreciate, this very worthwhile cause has been derailed by COVID-19, but the urgency for health care remains. Please donate as you can.



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St. Mark's ACW in the Parish of Westmorland, along with members of the Men's Fellowship Group, filled stockings for members of the parish as well as community members, both men and women. These were very much appreciated by all and many notes of thanks were received.

Lent Online
 Hope For Hard Times
 Lenten Talks with retired
 Bishop Bill Hockin and
 Dr. Barry Craig
 Online only on March 15,
 22 & 29, 12 noon
 billhockin.ca

"In a time of distance"
 By Alexander McCall Smith

The unexpected always happens in the way
 The unexpected has always occurred:
 While we are doing something else,
 While we are thinking of altogether
 Different things — matters that events
 Then show to be every bit as unimportant
 As our human concerns so often are;
 And then, with the unexpected upon us,
 We look at one another with a sort of surprise:
 How could things possibly turn out this way
 When we are so competent, so pleased
 With the elaborate systems we've created —
 Networks and satellites, intelligent machines,
 Pills for every eventuality — except this one?
 And so we turn again to face one another
 And discover those things
 We had almost forgotten,
 But that, mercifully, are still there:
 Love and friendship, not just for those
 To whom we are closest, but also for those
 Whom we do not know and of whom
 Perhaps we have in the past been frightened:
 The words brother and sister, powerful still,
 Are brought out, dusted down,
 Found to be still capable of expressing
 What we feel for others, that precise concern:
 Joined together in adversity
 We discover things we had put aside:
 Old board games with obscure rules,
 Books we had been meaning to read,
 Letters we had intended to write,
 Things we had thought we might say
 But for which we never found the time;
 And from these discoveries of self, of time,
 There comes a new realization
 That we have been in too much of hurry,
 That we have misused our fragile world,
 That we have forgotten the claims of others
 Who have been left behind:
 We find that out in our seclusion,
 In our silence; we commit ourselves afresh,
 We look for a few bars of song
 That we used to sing together,
 A long time ago; we give what we can,
 We wait, knowing that when this is over
 A lot of us — not all perhaps — but most,
 Will be slightly different people,
 And our world, though diminished,
 Will be much bigger, its beauty revealed afresh.

Farraline Place News

Farraline Place has two vacancies in their downtown Fredericton residence. It is important to have a full house to help keep the home financially viable.

If you'd like more information, contact home administrator Judy O'Donnell at 455-6443. Thank you!

www.farralineplace.com