



October 2021

Dear siblings in faith;

As a newcomer to these islands and inlets, I have been struck on my travels around the diocese over the last several months, by the myriad ways people are living lives of faithful service. Like no other year in our history, this year—our second during a world-wide pandemic and unprecedented natural disasters—we collectively need to lift up and celebrate signs of God’s life-giving work in our midst. God is moving in our neighbourhoods, working through individual and collective acts of love, kindness, service and community building.

Some of those being honored this year are fellow Anglicans, living out our baptismal covenant to love and serve, while others are kin to us because they are fellow children of God. I give thanks for this year’s appointees. May they inspire all of us to “Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.”



The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee  
Bishop

The Order of the Diocese of British Columbia honors and gives special recognition to members of the diocese (and in the case of honorary awards, those not part of the diocese) who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their baptismal ministry.

The Order is composed of the incumbent bishop of the diocese as the head of the Order, former bishops of the diocese, officers of the Order, honorary officers, members of the Order, and honorary members.



## MEMBERS

### Cowichan- Malaspina Region

These individuals were nominated by their parish for the outstanding voluntary work they have done towards the life of their parish for a considerable time.



**St John the Baptist, Cobble Hill**  
**Barbara Jean van Dyk**

Jean brings a wealth of gifts and talents to God's service. She is the cheerful, welcoming face of our faith to all who come. An indefatigable worker who quietly beautifies the church for worship, she is excited about teaching the faith to young people and meticulous in caring for the places of those awaiting resurrection. She gives unstintingly of her time and energy, her love for God and God's people shining through everything she does.



**St John the Baptist, Duncan**  
**James Roy Elvins**

Roy has served the parish faithfully as a sidesperson, bell ringer, building and grounds coordinator, also ministering at St Mary's cemetery, as a member of parish council, and the local food bank. He is quietly and consistently ready and willing to lend a helping hand, including taking on an active leadership role in the years when we had a men's fellowship. Roy and his late wife, Gloria, together provided a muchly appreciated monthly outreach dinner—Solid Rock Café—to those less fortunate in the wider community.



**St Michael and All Angels, Chemainus**  
**Sally Jane Pilyk**

Sally is remarkable, always steadfast in her commitment to Christ and the church. On being nominated, her response was 'I have only done my bit'. Sally demands much of herself, assiduously attending to her spiritual life. Respected, admired and unfailingly ready to help those in need, she is also a living repository of much of the history of the parish. Although she would never say it of herself, she is the epitome of those words of St Paul: 'for to me, living is Christ'. (Phil 1:21)



**St Paul, Nanaimo  
Marilynne Mark**

Marilynne exudes love and genuine compassion for, and interest in, each person she meets. Humble, with a self-deprecating sense of humour, she is passionate about the power of prayer, an inspiring intercessor who leads the congregation into the presence of Jesus. Music has always played a major part in her life, underscored in her having played piano and sung in care homes for over 30 years.

A quiet and gentle presence, Marilynne's ministry also includes serving on the boards of Sorrento Centre and the former St Francis House.



**St Peter, Quamichan  
Mark Hird-Rutter**

Mark is an integral member of our church community, serving on parish council during which time he initiated an energy audit and successfully applied for a grant to facilitate a lighting upgrade; as Messy Church leader; and on various committees, including chairing Transforming Futures. Mark offers his expertise with a wonderful sense of humour, and is always willing to lend a hand from cooking for outreach breakfasts to video recording and editing our church services. His creativity, innovation and passion for creation shines through everything Mark does.



**St Philip, Cedar  
Margaret Molly Couchman**

This energetic member of our community quietly established the Anglican Church Women's organization, emerging from the Yellow Point Women's auxiliary. She formed the choir which exists today and sang at the cathedral for the commissioning of the new organ. Faithfully engaged in bible studies for young moms and house groups, Margaret joined our altar guild in the late 1960's arranging flowers from their home garden into beautiful creations. Her ministries include parish council, organizing community events and yes, even custodial work!



**MEMBERS**

**Cowichan-  
Malaspina  
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## MEMBERS

### Haro Region



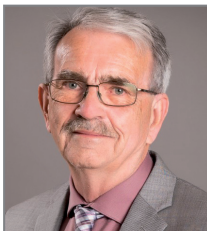
#### **Holy Trinity, North Saanich Janet Mary Billinghamurst**

Janet has brought extraordinary depth and understanding to Anglicanism in its richest, fullest sense at parish, diocesan, and national levels. A gifted leader and educator, she has served on committees on ministry discernment and mentorship and was responsible for revitalizing EfM in this diocese and graduating many interdenominational groups. Her Advent, Lenten and theological education programs have enriched and grown Holy Trinity into a community whose daily life and ministry is integrally connected to the faith we profess.



#### **Parish of Central Saanich, Saanichton Eva Annie Townsend**

Eva is the ‘mother of our church community.’ She instinctively senses when meals are needed, keeps in touch with shut-ins and knows who needs special prayer. Eva bakes and bakes—with children and for children—many of whom have enjoyed her breakfast muffins at Bayside Middle School. Always thinking of others, during Covid Christmas she put together over 30 small floral arrangements and found ways to get them delivered. A mainstay of church events, for those with questions, Eva is also a respected elder. Her ministry in and for the church is faithfulness personified!



#### **St Andrew, Sidney Leonard Howland**

Currently people’s warden, Len literally has done it all for St Andrew! He managed the clean-up and repairs after our flood and put in hundreds of hours leading and carrying out our major renovations. For years, Len has kept the church running like clockwork, maintaining the furnace, fire suppression, telephone and A.V. systems, manning the A.V. desk for our services, sustaining our website and Facebook page and during the pandemic, spent untold hours creating our recorded services.



**St Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island  
James Moore**

If ever there was a term to describe Jim Moore's offering to the local church, diocese, and wider community it has to be servant ministry. A long-time member of the parish,

Jim is leadership in action, a ready listener with a huge heart, offering wise counsel and insight and who can be counted on to step into the breach at a moment's notice. During the pandemic he kept the community connected by helping create a phoning list, preparing online worship and serving as liaison to our sister parish, St Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island.



**MEMBERS**

**Haro  
Region**



## MEMBERS

### Nimkish Region



#### **Sts Anne and Edmund, Parksville Julia Faith Macdonald**

Julia brings to her 35-year ministry in the parish a wealth of passionate, thoughtful, and unflappably engaged leadership, expressed equally in community service on city council and as mayor. Her constant, reliable, and supportive presence has been expressed on parish council, as a reader, chorister, choir administrator and frequently as warden. Julia continues to guide us compassionately and skillfully through major transitions and new initiatives towards significant growth, at the same time inspiring us all to be our best.



#### **St John the Divine, Courtenay Denise Naomi Ropp**

In 2015, Denise brought her passion for wholeness of the human spirit to the parish. She has served on a number of committees including the greeters' and altar guilds, reconciliation and communications committees and joined diocesan council as our regional representative. Key in finding our new rector, she served as bishop's warden, helping the church in countless ways during the pandemic. She has never shied away from her support of and belief in the parish and the One who is the source of all being that binds us together.



#### **St Mark, Qualicum John James Dol**

John lives out and into his faith walk, enhancing the life of the parish in so many ways. Born to Dutch immigrant parents, he is one of 18 children in a family where a strong work ethic was instilled. Preferring behind the scenes involvement, John has taught and encouraged others in his building and ground ministry project initiatives and as a welcoming presence at all parish events has made newcomers instantly feel like friends.



**Trinity Anglican + Lutheran, Port Alberni**  
**The late Edna Irene Cox**

The late Edna Cox was beloved at Trinity. Her strong sense of God and creation was evident in her ministry which included years of inspiring Advent garden worship; insightful stewardship programs; engaging Sunday school and Messy Church; ongoing greening of the parish; mission and outreach; coordination of baking treasured meat pies; and much more. Where there was a need, Edna was there. She embodied God's love that Trinity shares within and beyond our doors as we proclaim: 'All Are Welcome'.

Edna died in August after being accepted into the Order. Her award is accepted by her husband, David.



**MEMBERS**

**Nimpkish  
Region**





## MEMBERS

### Selkirk Region



#### **Church of the Advent, Colwood and Langford Donna Kathleen Brandle**

A founding member of Church of the Advent, Donna has been an active leader and participant in the life of the parish and beyond, contributing to Sunday school, the Christmas pageant, mothers' group, parent group, strawberry tea, Christmas craft fair, annual garage sale, parish summer camp and the diocesan Cursillo movement. She has also served as a lay eucharistic assistant, reader, prayer leader, member of parish council and is a driving force behind the parish's welcoming committee.



#### **St Mary, Metchosin Andrew Robert Lindsey Spray**

Andrew, a member of the parish since 1975, raised his family in the church and has served in a wealth of ministries including on parish council, as a synod representative, people's warden, sides-person, reader, construction of the new church, maintenance on both the new and the old churches and managing the cemetery. A calm, faithful, reliable, rational, quiet presence, Andrew has always been interested in and connected with the people and activities of the parish.



**Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria  
Mary Jennifer Hendy**

Christ Church Cathedral is honored to present Mary for membership in the Order. Long involved in every aspect of cathedral life and leadership, from serving as a churchwarden and arranging flowers to chairing the board of the cathedral school and leading evening prayer on Thursdays, Mary is a doer who can be counted on both to volunteer and to deliver! Her no-nonsense, good-humoured realism is a valued corrective to our flights of fancy.



**St John the Divine, Victoria  
John Peter Somerset McLaren**

John has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the diocese in a variety of roles, working tirelessly on behalf of his faith community. Drawing on his depth of experience as an educator, and a life-long spiritual journey, John's involvement on parish council and social justice committees, refugee support, and his advocacy of Indigenous rights inspire all who know him. Working quietly and methodically, John's vision for a better world is guided by his faith and his deep commitment to others.



**St George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay  
Judith Trueman**

Judy serves in so many ways: lay reader, chorister, and coordinator of our prayer chain, she led bible study for years, and has ministered as a warden, parish council member and active participant in many other committees. Judy has written several hymns and led teen class. Her thoughtful, accepting manner combined with strong organizational skills and the desire to serve have made Judy an inspirational gift to the whole diocese, including as lay secretary.



**MEMBERS**

**Tolmie  
Region**



## Members, Bishop's List

These individuals are recognized by the bishop for their work with their parish and community and are in addition to any nomination that may or may not have been received from their parish.



### **Church of the Advent, Colwood and Langford Elizabeth Ann Bennett**

Elizabeth joined St. Saviour in 1997 where she was a warden. At the closure in 2007, Elizabeth moved to Church of the Advent, quickly becoming and remaining an active member. She has been warden three times and is currently secretary of the ladies' guild. Together with Joan Hoffman initiated regional wardens' meeting and has been part of the advisory council of the Order since its inception. Her continual involvement in project and committees has been a blessing to the church.



### **St Andrew, Sidney Timothy James Cribdon**

Tim brings a lifetime of faith in action to every aspect of his church engagement from lay leadership to living out his love of church music in choir and concert. An Alpha coordinator and group leader, he has brought his wisdom and insight to a number of canonical committees; was a guiding light in diocesan marriage preparation and Cursillo team ministries. Passionate about sharing his faith with all ages, Tim has been a creative and inspirational influence in the lives of countless young seekers.



### **St Mark, Qualicum Beach Cynthia Veronica Preyser**

Cynthia has answered the calling to bring support to any faith community in which she has been a member from South Africa to Terrace B.C., and now of St Mark in Qualicum Beach. Serving recently as bishop's warden, to Camp nurse at Caledonia - Cynthia has also been a treasurer, building committee champion, Sunday school teacher - and of course Pageant director. Cursillo has also been an active part of Cynthia's fellowship and also continuing her faith journey in bible studies and daily worship.



**(St Luke's) Dawson Heights  
Housing Ltd, Saanich  
Robert Watts**



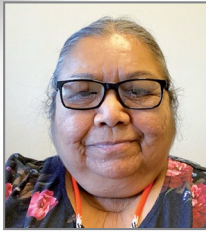
For over twenty years, Robert Watts was chairman of the Twilight Homes Ltd, now Dawson Heights Housing Ltd. Under his leadership Dawson Heights built the Dawson, and the the Cedars, replacing a collection of aging single story cottages. Before his retirement from the board, Bob set the wheels in motion to build the Oaks, which is currently under construction. Bob's calm dedication, expertise, steady hand, and good humour inspired board members and staff, establishing a fine affordable housing option in Saanich.

**Members,  
Bishop's  
List**



## Honorary Members

The Honorary Member was established to recognize non-Anglicans whose work within the geographic area of the diocese exemplifies our diocesan vision.



### **Tsartlip First Nation Lucia Bartleman**

Lucy (Stqwal), is well known and respected for her wise counsel and gentle guidance. A member of the Tsartlip First Nation recently appointed the first Indigenous patient-navigator at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, and for 25 years, health manager at Pauquachin First Nation, Lucy was from its early days also a valued resource for Holy Trinity, North Saanich companion journeying on the Saanich Peninsula where she continues to be a leader in building respectful relationships within the wider community.



### **Congregation Emanu-El Rabbi Harry Brechner**

Rabbi Harry is the spiritual leader of Congregation Emanu-El in Victoria. He is involved in various social action projects and outreach to marginal and vulnerable in Victoria. Prior to Victoria, he served as head of school for the New Orleans Jewish Day School and Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education for Greater New Orleans. Rabbi Harry has been active in the multi-faith community and has a long association with many parishes within our diocese. His talks and preaching have deepened our understanding of our shared roots.



### **Jamaktkhana Mosque Nazmudin G. Rayani**

A devout Ismaili Muslim and well-known spokesperson in Victoria, Naz has worked tirelessly to break down barriers among people of different faiths. His interfaith tours of the Ismaili Jamaktkhana and Centre (Mosque) in Burnaby are well known. Thousands of Victorians have taken the tour. He also works hard to broaden community support for the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University. Naz has also participated in learning about other faiths and has been involved with our diocese for many years.



**St Anne & Edmunds, Parksville  
Lynne Eleanor Graham Downes**

Lynne has a passionate vision for a world of peace and justice, nurtured through educational processes of spiritual growth and transformation. Her exemplary 33-year service within this diocese includes ministry as a eucharistic minister, warden, lay preacher, and teacher. Above all, she excels in mentoring and nurturing community life. Through her multi-regional impact and leadership over the last 15 years, she has inspired more than 40 students to graduate from the church's vital 4-year adult education program, Education for Ministry.



**St Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay  
Robert Gill**

As a long-time member of the parish, Bob is a steadfast chorister, psalm cantor and reader. His quiet yet confident contributions as a parishioner in strategic decision-making and incisive observations on the sermon are highly valued by incumbents and fellow parishioners alike and are always offered with a subtle wit and generosity of spirit. Bob has served as vice chancellor and became our current chancellor of the diocese in 2018. As chancellor, Bob offers guidance to the bishop and diocesan council, playing a major role in the governance of the diocese.



## Officers

These individuals are recognized not only for their contribution to their parish over a considerable period but also for their contribution to the wider life of the church, through either the diocese or Anglican Church of Canada.



## Officers



### **Society of St John the Evangelist Cambridge, MA Br. James Koester SSJE**

Br. James Koester, born in Regina, was educated at Trent University and Trinity College, Toronto. Ordained priest in the cathedral at Victoria, British Columbia, in 1985, and is still canonically registered in this Diocese. James came to the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, Cambridge, Mass., in 1989, and is currently the Superior. He has ministered across North America, Canterbury and Oxford, the Holy Land, and southern Africa. He is an avid historian and archivist, baker, walker, and, at SSJE's rural monastery, Emery House, organic vegetable gardener.



### **Parish of Central Saanich Marcia McMenamie**

Marcia McMenamie was born and raised in Victoria BC. She is married to Logan and has seven children and seventeen grandchildren. She has a passion for ministry with children and has worked in this ministry at both the diocesan and parish levels. She has also served on various diocesan and provincial committees including the former diocesan program committee. She has worked as the diocesan SafeChurch coordinator and developer for six years and is a member of the Parish of Central Saanich.



**Christ Church Cathedral  
The Rev Canon Herbert O'Driscoll**

Herb O'Driscoll is a much-loved poet, preacher and bard. Long before the church learned to speak of "narrative theology," Herb was weaving images of the holy land, the mists of Iona, and his incomparable capacity to read the signs of the times, into a magnetic spirituality, accessible to all. He continues to be a voracious reader, sorting the wheat from the chaff, and freely sharing with colleagues who haven't the leisure to do likewise. He is an elder, a mentor, a mensch.



**Parish of Salt Spring  
Walter Stewart**

Walter's ministry on diocesan council has included membership on the planning and agenda committee, the episcopal transition team and now finance committee. He has served on the Anglican committee for postulants for ordination assessment retreats and is lay co-chair of Transforming Futures.

Walter is a warden in the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island, chairs the Transforming Futures team and renewal taskforce and serves as convenor of the development team of the Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice.



**Officers**





## Honorary Officer

The Honorary Officer was established to recognize an individual from outside of the diocese for their work in the wider geographical area of the diocese, the province of BC or Canada, that exemplify the ideals of the diocese.



### **Dr Bonnie Henry, OBC, MD, MPH, FRCPC**

From the beginning of the COVID pandemic, Dr Bonnie Henry has been the face of BC's response to a virus which has reminded us that we are not invincible. She has fearlessly told us what's what, and gently cajoled and encouraged us by her authoritative and non-anxious presence to do what's necessary. Attentive to changing science, and attuned to the human heart, she has counselled us with her signature sign-off, "Be kind, be calm, be safe." Bonnie Henry resides at the intersection of science and soul.







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