

REVELATIONS

Ordinary People Learning to Follow Jesus



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Revelations Clergy Letter -- Advent 2022

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. Luke 2: 15-16

Recently our daughter Lily has had a lot of fun playing with a knitted creche scene that sits in our family's living room at the Rectory in Petawawa. The figures were knit with great prayer and love by a member of our Parish of the Valley family and were gifted to our children with great love and affection by another member of our parish family earlier this autumn. Lily now knows each of the characters by name: Mary and Joseph, shepherds, magi, sheep, a donkey, a camel, an angel, and of course baby Jesus. Lately baby Jesus has been "travelling" a lot around our house as Lily takes him on many wild adventures. More often than not, Lily also takes baby Jesus with her for her midday nap: because if Lily needs sleep, and baby Thomas needs sleep, then clearly its only logical (when one is two) that knitted baby Jesus needs to get his sleep too!

There's something incredibly holy about child's play. Children engage in play with all their beings, just as God – the essence of being – invites us to engage in the holy gift that is life with all our minds, souls, hearts, and strength. I also think there's something incredibly holy about getting to take a nap with baby Jesus! During the twelve days of Christmas, we remember that the God of heaven and earth – the God who is beyond all knowing – dearly wants to be known, and to live in holy relationship with you and me, and indeed with all of creation. The God who commands hosts of angels, and

to whom wise kings bow down in humble submission, is also the God who is willing to peacefully nap in a donkey's manger, and who (in our household) is prepared be carried upstairs and downstairs, over and over again, by a two-year-old who delights in sitting him next to her bed, and wakes up from each nap to give him a great big hug.

Emmanuel – God with us. As we journey through these holy days of Advent and Christmas, may you be assured of this eternal truth, and know that Emmanuel is with us still, and with us always.

On behalf of our Parish of the Valley clergy team and staff, Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Matthew +



Christmas Worship Times in the Parish of the Valley

Christmas Eve, Saturday Dec 24

4:00 pm – **Ascension**, Killaloe, **All Saints**, Petawawa, **St. Anthony's**, Whitney, **St. Augustine's**, Beachburg, **St. Patrick's**, Lower Stafford

7:00 pm – **Epiphany**, Barry's Bay, **Holy Trinity**, Pembroke, **St. George's**, Alice, **St. John's**, Eganville, **St. Paul's**, Cobden

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25

9:00 am – **Ascension**, Killaloe

10:00 am – **Holy Trinity**

11:00 am – **St. John's**, Eganville

Musings from Your Editor

(submitted by Jean Ostrom)

When I offered to take on the role of editor of the newspaper for Holy Trinity, Pembroke I had no idea how rewarding this ministry would be.

Doris Collins and Iris Ball had produced Revelations for several years but it had lapsed for a time and it was an opportunity for me, a newcomer to Holy Trinity, to engage in the life of the church in a way that was both comfortable and challenging. Over the past seven years and 30 issues so many wonderful articles came in from you the Parishioners. When we extended the publication of Revelations to the Parish as a whole in 2020 it was another step in bringing the Parish together to celebrate and commiserate with one another and grow into the family God wants us to be.

My thanks to Maggie Jacques, Alexis Anderson, Naomi de Repentigny and Marie Zettler for all their help and encouragement as we prepared each issue for printing. Special thanks go to Gail Marion who has been a gem for getting copies printed on a tight schedule. Thanks to so many of you who contributed articles that were thoughtful or newsy or funny or drew attention to issues of importance. Thank you, too, to our intrepid clergy team who have been so encouraging and helpful with each issue produced.

I step back from being editor of your newspaper with very mixed feelings, but leave it in the capable hands of Alexis Anderson who has agreed to continue this ministry. Alexis was a part of the editorial team from December 2018 until Spring of 2021 when she stepped

back due to work commitments. She has since retired and is back in the "harness" again. We welcome her professional touch to the editing of Revelations.

It has been an honour for me to provide a voice for you across the Parish of the Valley.

Holy Trinity Pembroke Warden's Message

We are looking forward to the arrival of Rev. Nicolas Forte in January. He is certainly going to give the Clergy team more time for pastoral care and visits. Welcome Rev. Nicholas to "The Valley".

We want take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Rob Hanson on his tireless efforts in support of obtaining approval for the erection of a Columbarium at Holy Trinity Cemetery. Hopefully the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (who are the final step in approval), will give their positive response before the end of December.

With COVID protocol in the "Green Stage" fundraising was started in earnest, first up was a very successful Rummage sale followed by a Quilt Show and Tea event and topped off with the Holly Bazaar.

Thank you ACW for "spearheading" these events, you can be proud of your efforts and results.

It will soon begin to snow, helping us to get into the Yuletide Spirit. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, let us hope and pray for a much more peaceful and settled world. The Holy Trinity family wishes everyone in the Parish of the Valley a very Merry and Joyous Christmas.

As Tiny Tim said "God Bless us all, everyone."

George Hodgkinson (Rectors Warden) on behalf of Charles Cheesman (People's Warden) and Lorna Sibley (Deputy Warden)



Update from All Saints'

We had a very successful Christmas Tea & Bazaar on November 19th. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed getting back to having a Bazaar after a 2-year absence.

We are having our Ladies Group Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 9th and have invited the ladies from St. George's to join us. Each year we also invite our helpers,

some who come from Our Lady of Sorrows. It is always a fun time!

To anyone who has not read their Crosstalk, our Rev Matthew has written a great article about his childhood and the Santa Claus ornament on their front porch!

On Sunday, December 18th, we are planning to have a Congregation Participation Pageant, which we have done other years.

We would also like to welcome Rev Nicholas Forte to the Parish of the Valley. We are looking forward to meeting him.

A big thank you to Jean Ostrom for all the work that she does in organizing Revelations!

Merry Christmas to all & a very Happy & Healthy New Year!

Submitted by Louise Doran & Marion LeMottee.

Greetings from St. George's!

As we reflect on this past year, we are bursting with pride at St. George's accomplishments. Under the leadership of Wanda Hilts, we were able to help the people of Ukraine by providing airfares for a family of four via a very successful BBQ at the Alice General Store. Many thanks to Upen & Poonja for providing the perfect place to host this event.

May was especially blessed with the arrival of Thomas Hoyer Brown, our newest addition to the "Parish of the Valley" church family. We were so thrilled for Gillian & Matthew and big sister, Lily. A window hanging was commissioned in honour of Thomas to adorn the window of our church.

Friendship Sunday was a huge success in September with the return of "Coffee Hour" after a long covid hiatus. It was great to see familiar faces return to worship. We also participated in a bake sale along with our neighbours from Locksley Church, at the Alice & Fraser Recreation Centre as part of the Fall Festival. We were pleasantly surprised at how well both churches fared out.

Remembrance Day Service was well attended with Rev. Major Judson Bridgewater officiating. Ray Lavallee and his bagpipes led the procession to the cemetery, while wreaths were laid on the graves of fallen soldiers. Coffee Hour followed this very meaningful service.

Since renovations to St. George's (via the GIFT campaign,) we have been in need of a new church sign to complete the project. The old existing sign was removed to accommodate space for the new addition. We are so pleased to announce a new sign has been erected thanks to memorial donations received from the late Frank Bramburger, Kim Silke's father (May, 2020). One of my dad's favourite quotes was, "When two or three are

gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18: 19-20) Often he would quote this line after a Sunday morning service, when attendance was low at church. It just seemed to be the perfect scripture to include on the sign, in his memory. We are always grateful for the two or three that arrive at St. George's to worship, as indicated on our new signage. *Many thanks to Boyd Cochrane, (Boyd's Signs) Grant Glover, (masonry) Harris Schroeder, (setting up sign) & Tony Bramburger. (electrician)*

We are so happy to bring back our "Christmas Sing-a-long," Sunday, December 18th @ 2:00 p.m. There will be an array of traditional carols and lots of fun Christmas music with special guests, Ainsleigh & Molly McInnis. A light lunch will follow the presentation. We hope you can join us!

Looking forward, watch for an upcoming announcement for a "Parish of the Valley" skating afternoon at the "Four Seasons Trail," located just a short distance from St. George's Church. (Of course, weather permitting)

In closing, we would like to thank the members of St. George's for all their hard work and dedication to our little church and community. We truly are blessed with such a wonderful group of people who offer their time and talents to do God's work.

May the peace and goodwill of this season of miracles, remain with you throughout the year and may 2023 be filled with good health, hope and happiness. *Kim Silkie & Bernie Raglin, St. George's*

Parish Profile – Lorna Sibley

(Submitted by Jean Ostrom)



"Oh, Lord, it's hard to lose Lorna, Who's perfect in every way." *To the tune of "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble"*. So started a tribute to Lorna Sibley, written by Lynne Dunn, on the occasion of her retirement from 15

years as office administrator for Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Lorna may have retired from her role in the office, but she is far from retired from active participation in the Parish of the Valley.

Lorna admits she was at "loose ends" for a while, but her wide interests and Christian faith have led her to the role

of licensed lay reader, pastoral care ministry which includes offering home communion with reserved sacrament, and wonderful music as a member of the Zephyr woodwind quartet.

Lorna's family included her teacher mother, federal forestry department-employed father and two brothers. They spent many idyllic summers camping at their property on Northumberland Strait in the trailer her father built. This started Lorna's lifelong love affair with the out of doors, particularly on the water.

The Maritimes and being a military spouse framed much of Lorna's life. She met Mike, the love of her life, in Halifax in October 1983, at a bowling alley. She had green hair at the time and stood out (Mike could hardly have missed her), and her bowling was so bad that Mike suggested they meet to practice bowling. It must have helped Lorna, because, when they played against each other, her team whipped his and he wasn't allowed to forget it. It must not have scarred him too badly as they were married just six months later.

The military took them from Halifax to Gagetown to Germany to Kitchener and finally to Petawawa in 1995. Lorna recalls their four years in Germany as wonderful, with opportunities to travel throughout Europe and show off their adopted country to family who visited.

Back in Canada, Mike and Lorna spent lots of time in nature, exploring Algonquin Park by canoe and kayak, and in later years doing lots of geocaching, seeing the countryside and being challenged with finding the caches at the same time. Since Mike's death in 2020 Lorna has missed these activities.

Both Lorna and Mike were brought up in the Anglican Church but had ceased to attend, except on rare occasions. A Christmas visit from Lorna's parents prompted attendance at Holy Trinity, and they were welcomed so warmly they continued to attend. Lorna recalls John Sterling engaging them and her parents in conversation and inviting them to join other activities. It is amazing how someone reaching out in friendship can change the course of one's life.

Lorna had been considering studying to become a lay reader and broached the possibility with Rev. Rob Davis, but it wasn't until Rev. Matthew arrived that firm steps were made to make this a possibility. Lorna said that COVID was really an impetus for her as it gave her lots of time to do the reading and studying that were required.

Now she and Jennifer Cross take services together monthly across the Parish of the Valley, which means she has to prepare a sermon, the hardest part of the ministry, only once every two months.

Certainly, the pastoral care portion of the "work" is one that Lorna, with her caring personality, finds most rewarding.

We are all rewarded by the wonderful work that Lorna does in our Parish and we wish her the best as she continues on the path that God has mapped out for her.

Happenings Around the Parish

St. Thomas Shining in Rankin

(submitted by Bonnie (Hewitt) Dumouchel)

Apologies from your editor – this was submitted in July and it was inadvertently left out of the fall issue of Revelations

The Cemetery Service was held June 26th at St. Thomas Church, with Rev. Rick Durrett presiding and Joan Hewitt playing the music.

There were 30 people in attendance, coming as far away as Kemptville and Ottawa.

The cemetery was decorated beautifully with flowers by family members.



In preparation my granddaughter Isabella and I walked the cemetery and recorded information from the headstones. I then contacted many family members who had loved ones buried at the cemetery.

It was amazing talking with friends, refreshing my memory on who was who.

I also discovered that my Great Great Aunt on my father's side - Jane Hewitt Clarke - who was born in Arva, County of Cavan, Ireland is buried at St. Thomas.



Ordination to the Priesthood

Submitted by Jennifer Cross

“Therefore, if any of you know any impediment or crime for which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known. “

No, it wasn't a wedding. It was a question put to the congregation at the Ordination service in Christ Church Cathedral on November 19, 2022 when Reverend Claire, along with 3 others, was ordained to the priesthood (and one to the diaconate). It was a time when all the pomp of the Anglican church was on display. The Cathedral hangings were red, and the diocesan priests, gathered from all parts of the diocese to support the candidates, wore red stoles, many liberally laced with gold. The procession was long and formal, it started with a cross, followed by the choir, diocesan priests, others involved in the service, another cross, the candidates for ordination, the Dean and finally the Bishop. The music was wonderful, and suitable for the occasion. It was, indeed, the church in celebration.

And yet, the festive atmosphere did not detract from the very real commitment these candidates were making of their lives, to the Holy Spirit and to the church. This showed in the readings chosen for the occasion such as the first reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians which directed the candidates to “[...] lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” [Ephesians 4:1-6], and from the Gospel, “Look, we have left everything and followed you” [Matthew 19:27-29].

The candidates were presented to the Bishop for ordination by both a clergy person and a lay person who attested to their readiness and appropriateness, by certifying that they had been duly selected and that the presenters believed them to be qualified for priesthood. The congregation was then asked, as above, if they knew any reason the candidates should not be ordained. After the following silence the Bishop asked the congregation if it was their will that these people be ordained and if they (the congregation) would uphold the ordinands in their ministries. The response was a resounding “We will!”

The questions asked and the vows taken after this affirmation stressed the solemnity, significance and spirituality of the occasion, ranging from vows of personal behaviour in life and prayer, through promising to care for God's people, to obedience to the Bishop. If you would like to read the questions for yourselves in detail, they may be found in the Book of Alternative Services starting on page 644. Bishop Shane concluded this part of the service by

saying “May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.”

Finally, just before the celebration of the Eucharist, the Bishop consecrated each of the ordinands in turn by praying over them, and then laying his hands on each one. Many of the priests present joined him, forming a semi-circle several priests deep, around the ordinand all either touching the candidate directly or through the priest in front. It made me smile to see Rev. Gillian and Thomas joining in. What a powerful symbol of the Spirit and of community!



When each newly ordained priest had been consecrated, they were clothed in a red chasuble (over-robe) showing their admission to the order of priests and presented with a Bible to show authority to preach the word of God, and chalice and paten to show authority to administer the sacraments. The service concluded with the Eucharist, with the newly ordained priests assisting.

Blessings and peace Claire, in doing the Lord's work. We are so pleased you are with us.

Mapping the Ground We Stand On: An Interactive Workshop Exploring Indigenous and Settler Relationships.



According to the Doctrine of Discovery, what we see on the map of Canada, above, is empty land. The reality is that, at the time when European explorers first

“discovered” this land, there were already 18 million people living here.

A workshop at St. John’s Church, Eganville, attracted 20 participants from across the Parish of the Valley who were ably led by Audrey Lawrence and Karen Luylendyk from the Diocese of Ottawa. A key part of the workshop, “Mapping the Ground We Stand On,” was to locate various indigenous nations geographically on the map. Participants were each given a handful of cards with the names of nations and were guided by leaders in placing them appropriately to illustrate the number of nations that populated the “empty” land.

It must be noted that the cards used in the presentation represented only about 10 per of the actual number of nations. However, the map filled up quickly, and the exercise aptly illustrated the point.

The Doctrine of Discovery was a very convenient system of robbing indigenous people of their land simply by not acknowledging their existence. It originated in 1452, when Pope Nicholas V issued a papal bull which authorized King Alfonso of Portugal to conquer "Saracens, pagans and other enemies of Christ", and “reduce their persons to perpetual servitude” while also taking their land and goods “to convert them to you, and your use, and your successors the Kings of Portugal.” In 1455, that pope issued another statement, which extended Portugal's authority to conquer the lands of infidels and pagans for “the salvation of all” in order to “pardon...their souls”. This destructive and inhumane way of thinking and behaving continued through the waves of European exploration and settlement across the Americas. This belief has carried on, to our shame, almost to the present day.

Contrary to the thinking behind the Doctrine of Discovery, when European explorers arrived, the land was already filled with people who had well-established ways of living and governing, as well as spiritual practices.

Finally, through the blood, sweat and tears of the very determined indigenous people who will not be ignored any longer, we are beginning to learn that the one-sided education we received, that cast indigenous people as one-dimensional, if they were acknowledged at all, as woefully lacking in truth and fairness.

After presenting the information on the indigenous population at the time of European contact, Audrey and Karen led us through the major waves of immigration to this country and invited the participants to add their own (blank) card to the map where their families first settled as each wave was described.

A video delved into Terra Nullius (Empty Land) and the now infamous Doctrine of Discovery. However, in June 2014 Canada’s highest court, in a unanimous decision, recognized the existence of aboriginal title on a particular site (Tsilhqot’in Nation v. British Columbia 2014). It made clear that “the doctrine of terra nullius never applied in Canada, as stated by the Royal Proclamation of 1763.”

A second video contained a discussion of Traditional Indigenous Knowledge which was developed, sustained and passed on from generation to generation within a community, and which is often part of a peoples’ cultural or spiritual identity. Through colonization much of this knowledge has been and still is considered unscientific and inferior by western science, and yet thankfully, a revival in the sharing of indigenous knowledge is emerging.

Participants were then asked to speak about their reactions to their learning from the day. Many spoke about the loss of what might have been if the value of native lives, traditions, and revelations had been recognized. Some spoke of being hopeful that we can choose a new path forward in community, to act with the knowledge we have gained.



The workshop closed with a reading from Richard Wagamese’s book, Embers, which emphasized that we are all one - people, rocks, blades of grass and every creature.

Our facilitators later shared this quote:

“If we can raise a generation of First Nations kids who never have to recover from their childhoods, and a generation of non-indigenous kids who never have to say they’re sorry, then I think we have made a major step in co-creating a society that our ancestors always dreamed of, and that our great, great, great-grandchildren would be proud of.” Cindy Blackstock

To learn more go to

<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/images/PWRDF/Mapping-exercise-2020.pdf>

Say "Yes!" To Our Annual Advent Appeal



by Marie Cheesman, Chair, Ministry & Money Working Group
Holy Trinity Pembroke

Thanks to your incredible generosity, over the last two years the Parish of the Valley Advent Appeal has raised more than **\$40,000** to help support the congregations of our area parish. That same amazing generosity has now been transformed by God into a wide variety of ministries including online and in-person worship, home communion visits, e-newsletters, *Revelations*, workshops and Bible studies. All of this and more has become possible because you said "Yes!" to supporting God's mission through the life and witness of your local Anglican church.

Earlier this month you received a letter from our clergy team sharing information about this year's appeal, designed to help offset our inability to hold the traditional fundraisers that support vibrant ministry in our local communities during the pandemic. This is a reminder that, if you are able, to please offer added financial support to your local congregation as we all continue to cope with the challenges that have placed in front of us. Every donation, regardless of size, is incredibly appreciated and will be faithfully used to support the life and ministry of your Parish of the Valley.

You can make your contribution via the collection plate at your church, or by mail. If you prefer, it is easy to give online using your credit card at www.ValleyAnglicans.ca/advent-appeal. Please refer to your letter for all the details. Make your gift by **December 31** to ensure that you receive a tax receipt for 2022.

Thank you for the innumerable ways that you continue to offer your love and your support to the ministries of our Anglican Parish of the Valley. May God grant you a blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and peace, health, and much happiness in the coming New Year.

Godly Play Core Training for Sunday School Leaders

One of our local Anglican Church of Canada military chaplains, Major the Rev. Judson Bridgewater, will be offering Godly Play Core Training for Sunday School leaders at St. George's Protestant Chapel at CFB Petawawa from Friday February 17th to Sunday February 19th 2023. Registration for this course is usually \$350, however those

registering before January 15th can sign up at a reduced rate of \$99.99. For more information or to register please call 647-921-0344 or email dhwhittaker@icloud.com.

Epiphany Fashions - A Wonderful Selection of Seasonal Clothing!

Epiphany Fashions in Barry's Bay continues to be open every Saturday morning, as well as the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from 9 am to Noon. A wonderful selection of seasonal clothing is available. All are welcome!

The Church of the Epiphany is located at 32 Dunn Street, Barry's Bay.

PWRDF Pumpkin Auction

(submitted by Maggie Jacques, Sunday School Coordinator).

The Pumpkin Auction has returned!!!

In person again for the first time in 2 years, this event was a tremendous success! Twelve pumpkins were dropped off and the creations did not disappoint the bidders.

Fang for the memories, Going Batty, Boo Who?, Eye on You, Spiderfest, Out For a Ride On the Town, Ghoulish, Trolls Are Us, Oldie but Ghoulie, Cat Got Your Tongue? and Grinchwe'en were the pumpkin offerings.

A Halloween wall hanging was also donated which was competitively bid on.

There was a coffee time and the freewill offering was supported some not wanting a pumpkin, but wanting to support the PWRDF.

Many thanks to the carvers, bidders, kitchen helpers, Yvonne Twa for the cake and to the auctioneers, Wally Cochrane and his assistant Dale Twa, for their help.

Just over \$569.00 was raised and decisions will be made on how Holy Trinity will be able to share their generosity with others through PWRDF.

Many, thanks again.

The Christmas Shoes

Submitted by Kim Silke

As Christmas approaches I often think back to Christmases past and loved ones who have passed on. One Christmas in particular comes to mind. I call it the "Christmas Shoes" story.

As a child growing up in a family of seven, money was often tight. Mind you, what we lacked in money we made up for with an abundance of love.

Back in the 1960's most moms were stay-at-home moms while dad went to work to support the family. Our home was no different. Every day dad made his way to "Shaw's Lumber Yard" while mom stayed home and took care of us kids and the household chores.

Every year come late August we would go on a family shopping trip to purchase a new set of clothes and shoes for the upcoming school year. One year, while shopping for school outfits, I spied the most beautiful pair of black patent shoes with different colour discs you could change to match the colour you were wearing. My eyes could see nothing but this beautiful pair of shoes, but my heart knew we couldn't afford them. I needed a practical pair of shoes for school much more than I needed a fancy pair of shoes that would be suitable only for church on Sundays.

My grandma and grandpa lived just across the field from us, so it didn't take long for the sad story of the shoes to reach their ears. Of course, being the only girl amongst eight grandsons didn't hurt my case either.

One day while visiting with grandma and grandpa a big secret promise was made. Grandpa said to me, "Kimmy, if you wear these shoes to school every day, I will buy the black shoes for you for Christmas." Boy, you want to see a face light up! I painstakingly counted the days to Christmas.

When Christmas morning finally arrived, you can guess which gift I made a B-line for – the black patent shoes with the changeable discs! Every year when Christmas rolls around, I find myself thinking about this memory and it brings a smile to my face. To this day I still have a pair of black patent shoes in my closet for church.



Waiting and watching

Maggie Jacques Sunday School Coordinator

The most memorable Christmas Eve children's time for me was in Lahr 1990. My Mom had come for Christmas, as my dad had passed away in June of that year after many months of a difficult illness.

A very humble, quiet friend was doing the children's time that Christmas Eve. Picture the scene: the Lahr Stiftkirche (where the Protestant Canadians held services) was filled with children, parents, extended family and friends - many had travelled from Canada to join their loved one who had waited and watched for them - waiting for Christmas.

JR called the children up to the chancel steps. He was seated there with one spotlight on him, holding an apple. He began to peel the apple and tell the Christmas story. All eyes were on him - young, old - complete silence.

Everyone watched his hands, listening to him with anticipation, just waiting.

Finally, the apple was peeled and the waiting was over, everyone was smiling and happy. We all knew what was under the peel, just as we all knew the Christmas story. But we all wanted to be a part of that night, that moment. Watching and waiting for that star, the baby Jesus and for the hope, peace, joy and love it would bring.

Our Sunday School will be waiting and watching for that star. With thanks again to Dale and Yvonne Twa, the Sunday School will be putting a Christmas tree by our church sign that will light up for all to see. Our Sunday School youth will have the opportunity to put a star on the tree outside – their star with their initial (if they wish) – a sign of hope for those waiting for normalcy to return in our church, social and personal lives. A sign to acknowledge how much we have all lost but know that we will be filled with hope, love, joy and peace always.



Rev. Allan Studd has been involved with a Christian Mission project in Southern Zambia for many years. He is very grateful for the support that members of the Parish of the Valley have given this project in the past. His team now plans to return to Impact Zambia at the end of July 2023. Allan has not been able to get there for 4 years due to taking a year off and three more in pandemic.

This is not a cheap endeavour, as each member of the team needs to raise \$6,000 before they go. \$3,000 is reserved for the airfare alone, and the other \$3,000 for expenses on the ground. Allan will be accompanied by one other person from the Parish of the Valley. That means that we have to raise \$12,000! Our chore this year will be to complete some maintenance on the buildings of the Life Impact Training Centre near the community of Itezhi-tezhi in Southern Zambia, do some teaching, and generally support and learn about other Christian communities.

Daniel and Florence Mayapi are the country leaders for Impact Zambia. New Life Tabernacle and Cell Ministries under the leadership of International Teams Canada, helps rural churches and communities flourish by providing Leadership and Skills training. Lianti Muller is the program champion based in Canada. She met Daniel

and Florence in 2009, and Impact Zambia was established in 2012. Since its inception, Daniel has expressed the dream to have a training centre and campus to train not just church leaders, but also in employable skills and trades. We started the development of a training centre on land that was severed off his property and transferred to the church. It is based outside the village of Masasabi (SOUTHERN PROVINCE), approx. 24 km from Itezhi-tezhi.

For those who do not know, Zambia is located in Southern Africa, bordering Botswana and Zimbabwe to the south and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the north.

Although we have worked hard over the past 8 years, we struggled to estimate what was really necessary for the training centre and subsequently were unable raise sufficient funds without having a proper way of costing it out.

We have worked on the strategic plan and the application to register with the government body (TEVETA). They visited in July and we realised that much more was necessary before we can register with the government. We need assistance to come up with a proper design and budget (quantity surveying) so that we can approach larger donors with a firm plan.



Allan and a Friend

Life Impact Training centre would be the first facility in the Itezhi-tezhi district. It will not just equip church leaders, but also the community with employable skills such as carpentry, sewing, hospitality, and leadership

training. (The origins of Lianti's involvement started in 2001, when her mother and aunt started a "Share Your Knowledge" program based out of South Africa to teach women to sew in rural areas, working through the chiefs in the area. This program expanded after 2012 with Canadians visiting annually, sharing their knowledge in many fields). A fully operational training centre will multiply opportunities and be more sustainable.

At the moment, the location is used a few times a year for church gatherings such as retreats, teaching, and equipping leaders. There is also an annual training session focusing on skills with visiting teachers from abroad. The focus of New Life Tabernacle and Cell Ministries is to train leaders and plant churches in remote rural areas. Church leaders as well as community members have benefitted from skills training through the Share your knowledge program to gain skills that enabled them to care for their families.

We have been working on this training centre for 8 years. We have water, electricity, a kitchen, a dining room/open classroom, 6 dormitory rooms, two bathrooms, a toilet block, three teacher chalets, and one workshop area. We still need approximately 4 classrooms, office block, library, workshops, computer centre, board room, housing for staffing, sports fields, laundry area etc. It is a lot and we need to get a proper concept design that will assist us in doing a costing estimate to raise funds. We plan to be in Zambia July 26 to Aug 11.



Graduation Photo of Marriage Counselling Class

Allan will talk much more about this mission project after the New Year. He is open to visiting the churches of the Valley to talk about Impact Zambia and to bring further information.

<https://www.iteams.ca/impact/zambia>

Diocesan Synod 2022

The following report on the 142nd Synod was excerpted from the bi-weekly newsletter on the internet from the Parish of the Valley.

Our diocesan synod convened for an in-person session in Ottawa from Thursday October 20th to Saturday October 22nd. The Parish of the Valley was well represented by a delegation of eleven members, consisting of clergy, elected lay delegates, and diocesan council members.

The Shape of Parish Ministry was announced as a strategic priority at the 140th Synod in 2020. The goal was to discern what parish ministry should look like in a changing world in order to thrive while serving God and the greater community. After two years of listening, gathering information, developing profiles of parishes, discussing ideas and sharing proposals, it's not surprising that motions on the Shape of Parish Ministry's three proposals dominated much of the Synod's Friday and Saturday sessions. The proposals are:

- Shape of parish ministry: strengthening for the future;
- Lifelong formation: nurturing parish ministry; and
- Engagement with the world: new worshipping communities and contextual mission.

There were seven motions designed to provide the framework for the Shape of Parish Ministry, including clarifying parish structures, promoting consolidation and collaboration on administration, and other practical ideas for relieving the organizational burdens on parishes. All passed.

The three motions under lifelong formation focused on training to build skills and on identifying and sharing resources (in particular, through diocesan "resource pods" of people with expertise in a given area), also passed.

It was the three engagement motions that stirred the most energy during the synod. Their focus is to develop new worshipping communities and contextual mission, which, according to the Venerable Mark Whittall who introduced the motions, is "learning how to share the love of God in ways that are meaningful to our neighbours in 2022."

Speaker after speaker urged people to be innovative, creative and to take risks in doing that, and others reminded us to remember the richness from which we come and to honour our traditions. Pilot projects will be developed, tried, assessed and reported on to Synod 2023.

Funding will be available from the Second Century Fund (to be renamed the Future Fund), part of the diocese's endowment funds.

While there was a strong focus on the future, the ongoing work of the diocese was also discussed. All of our community ministries all saw a surge in demand during the pandemic, Canon Peter John Hobbs director general of community ministries, told Synod, and met

that demand as best they could despite facing some major setbacks, including fires at two of our facilities, Cornerstone Housing for Women's Booth Street residence and St. Luke's Table.

Nevertheless, Bishop Shane said that both the expertise and capacity exists for the community ministry arm of our diocese to expand as need increases.

Synod's work was enhanced by the presence of the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, who gave four reflections over our day and a half, mostly on the diocese's plans and commitments but also on the national church and some issues raised by questioners. She spoke of the important, difficult and long-term work of dismantling racism and increasing diversity in leadership of the church at all levels, and recognizing the deep vein of colonialism that is inherent in a church brought by the British to the places they colonized. All facets of the church need decolonizing, Archbishop Linda said.

Synod heard a chorus of other important voices when the youth and young adults invited to observe commented on what they saw. One called for more focus on individual spiritual development, important for young people just learning who they are and what their faith means. Another called for "genuine inclusion" for young people (who are not, they pointed out, all alike). A third called for "equal standing, equal voice" for young people in parish and diocesan work. And one urged parishes to offer a comfortable place to practice faith (play different music, speak different languages, worship in new ways that suit people who are from outside your world), saying "I hope that in the future we continue to grow and make our church a home because it's not only a house of God, it's a home with God".

Anglican Diocese Archives

Submitted by Naomi de Repentigny

This summer I contacted The Anglican Diocese Archives looking for an early edition of Revelations for some information. I had looked through my saved copies, and asked others if they had the one I needed. I finally contacted Patricia Myles, the administrative assistant at the archives, who recommended I speak with Dr. Glenn Lockwood, the archivist for our diocese. Within days, I had my article! Thank you, Dr. Lockwood! Rev. Matthew also spent some time with Glenn during his training for priesthood. Apparently, Dr. Lockwood keeps everything! So, if you have the occasion to be looking for something from our past, I recommend you contact the archives from our diocese.

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Under the Eagle

(submitted by Alexis Anderson)

Each week we listen as congregants read from “the Eagle” podium at the front of Holy Trinity Pembroke. It is a beautiful piece of carved wood and brass, and a fitting place from which to orate. But how many people have stooped down to read the large plaque at its base, or learned how it came to be where it is today?



Near the base of the podium, a plaque written in Latin translates (approximately) as “To the greater glory of God and in pious memory. Minnie, beloved wife. George Edward Josephs, M.D., which entered into peace 9 July A.D., 1914. Grant him eternal rest Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.” Although the wording sounds a trifle confusing, it was in fact Minnie who died 9 July 1914 in Pembroke, and the memorial was donated in

her memory by her husband, Dr Josephs.

Minnie, whose real name was Maria (Rath) Josephs, was born 28 Sep 1862 in Smiths Falls, while her physician husband (they married in 1897 in Smiths Falls) came to Canada from the United States at age 12, having been born in Duxbury, Massachusetts on 5 Feb 1858. He attended school in Pembroke, graduated medicine from McGill University in 1881, and returned to Pembroke to take over the practice of Dr. Laverty. He was the dean of the medical profession in Pembroke, jail surgeon for fifty years, and medical officer for the C.P.R. (Canadian Pacific Railway) for 25 years.

He was deeply interested in the Cottage Hospital and was a member of the board of governors. He was also interested in education and served many years on the board of education as both member and chairman. He also served as member and chairman of the library board. At the time of his death, he was described as having been for years the leading medical practitioner in Pembroke, as well as the county coroner.

Though he was not actively interested in politics, he was for a time president of the North Renfrew Liberal Association. In his later years, he supported the Conservative cause. He was a gifted speaker, able to

speak authoritatively on a number of subjects. He was also a devout Anglican, and a prominent member of Holy Trinity Pembroke, acting as rector’s warden and lay delegate to the synod for several years. A year before his death he retired as warden due to poor health but was named honorary warden in recognition of his valuable services to the church. Dr. Josephs was also a member of the Masonic Order, holding various high offices that include district deputy grand master of Ottawa district, A.F. and A.M., first principal of the Laurentian Chapter, R.A.M., and member of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Josephs died in Pembroke, on 20 May 1931, having been married a second time on 22 Jun 1920 to Margaret A. Gracie, a native of Perth. She is buried in the Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery in Pembroke, as are Dr. Josephs and his first wife, Maria.



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