

# CONNEXION

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

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## St. Mary Church

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June 2023

*Check your email or the Parish Website for service updates and changes. As health restrictions relax, please practice protocols that make you feel comfortable.*

### Worship Services

#### Sundays

- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Wednesdays

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
(stood down until September)

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### Worship Services

#### Sundays

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**Honourary Assistant:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie

**Retired Clergy:** The Ven. Bob Baillie,  
The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane  
The Rev. Canon Richard Stetson

**Deacon:** The Rev. Gil Shoesmith



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# Dates to Note

Our website, [www.ParishCS.ca](http://www.ParishCS.ca), is the best place to keep in touch with what is going on

Please check the church website and other electronic sources for updates over the next three months. The following are the events which are planned at this time:

- **Sunday services at St Mary** at 9:00 am. **Sunday services at St Stephen** at 11:15 am, unless otherwise noted below and in the summer schedule at the bottom of this page.
- **Wednesday Eucharist Services** at St. Mary at 10:00 am standing down for the months of June, July and August.
- **Saturday June 3rd:** 4:00 pm: Induction of the Rev. Denise Doerksen at Holy Trinity, North Saanich.
- **Sunday June 4th:** 10:00 am: Joint outdoor service at St. Stephen.
- **Wednesday, June 14:** 7:00 pm: Induction of the Rev. John Perris at St. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak.
- **Tuesday June 20th:** New Clergy and Administrators Day Event at Christ Church Cathedral.
- **Thursday, July 6th:** 9:00 am: Paddling Together Workshop at Holy Trinity.
- **July 17th to 23rd:** Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen.



## Summer Service Schedule

- **July 2:** 9:00 am, St. Mary; 11:15 am, St. Stephen
- **July 9:** 9:00 am, St. Mary; 11:15 am, St. Stephen
- **July 16:** 9:00 am, St. Mary; 11:15 am, St. Stephen
- **July 23:** 10:00 am, Combined Service at St. Stephen
- **July 30:** 9:00 am, St. Mary; 11:15 am, St. Stephen
- **August 6:** 10:00 am, Combined Service at St. Stephen
- **August 13:** 10:00 am, Combined Service at St. Mary
- **August 20:** 10:00 am, Combined Service at St. Stephen
- **August 27:** 10:00 am, Combined Service at St. Mary

## Note From the Editor



In order to provide more balanced coverage of events at both St Mary and St Stephen, it would be appreciated if members of both congregations would send information and photos for the Around the Parish column of this newsletter to **Ken Pedlow** at [ken.pedlow@shaw.ca](mailto:ken.pedlow@shaw.ca) or contact him by phone at 250-656-6302 if you have suggestions for inclusion in this column or ideas for articles or other contributions to the Connexion.

*Thank you,  
Ken*

# From the Pastor's Pen

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego



## Clergy Conference 2023! Resiliency: Stamina on the Way Forward

*This was published in the June issue of Faith Tides, our Diocesan publication, and I thought that it might be good for all of you to see it here!*

*Thanks,  
Lon+*

**W**e rolled into beautiful Parksville on Monday, April 24. Various clergy began arriving to check-in at the conference facility, The Bayside Inn. Great reunions began even at this early stage as many that hadn't seen each other for a long time embraced and caught up. Some met for the first time.

Material and interactive presentations were done by Marv Westwood and Lin Langley from the Diocese of New Westminster. They brought two guest clergy, also from the Diocese of New Westminster, Fr. Matthew Johnson, and Deacon Joyce Lochter. They were a diverse and interesting team.

We were in a beautiful location at the Bayside Oceanside Resort. The meals were great, and the service was excellent. Our Bishop Anna jumped up on a chair to greet us all and start things off before the sound system was operational. Her invitation to the work and her own participation in it encouraged us.

There were recently ordained clergy and several very new to our diocese. I heard them say that they felt welcomed and developed and strengthened relationships with colleagues. We had ample breaks to process the work, walk the beach, sleep, do other work or yes, **have fun!**

A few clergy offered the idea of a Golf Tournament/Costume contest at the close by Miniature Golf facility. Those who took part had a tremendous amount of fun. Score keeping was loose at best and there were awards given for various categories. The awards presentation was like the Golden Globes or the Emmy Awards with lots of anticipation and drumrolls. There is talk of this tournament becoming an annual tradition.

Please do ask your local clergy how they found the conference. I heard comments that it was one of the best ever. How great it was to be fully together and there was appreciation for the blending of good material with relational opportunities. I felt the presence of God in all the good, spirited interactions.

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*We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish peoples*

*The Parish of Central Saanich gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance provided by the District of Central Saanich by way of its Permissive Property Tax Exemption Program*

# From the Pastor's Pen *continued*

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We came away with some answers and tools that were very practical in responding to questions of how we build resiliency for the way forward. This is pertinent to all clergy and to you as we navigate the waters of the 21st century church.

By taking care of ourselves, we ensure that all the gifts that God has given us will continue to be well cared for, nurtured, and fed by us and our closest people. We each need partners and companions on the journey. We did hear a few suggestions for improvement, although most comments that I heard were incredibly positive.

Do encourage your own clergy today as we embrace the bright future of our church, God's church in this place. Thank-you for investing in this Clergy Conference 2023.

*Lon Towstego,  
Archdeacon of  
Western, Peninsula & Gulf Islands,  
Incumbent of the Parish of Central Saanich*

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## Recipe Page: English Scones

Submitted by Chris Brambell

Following the Sunday, May 7 service, a celebration of King Charles III's Coronation was held at St Mary's. Cooper Hall was decorated, and four parishioners brought home made scones that were served with Marian Towstego's strawberry jam and clotted cream. Chris Brambell's scone recipe follows.



### *Ingredients*

- 2-1/2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3-1/2 tsp baking powder
- 3 tbsp granulated sugar
- 6 tbsp unsalted cold salted butter cut into small cubes
- 3/4 cup homogenized milk
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg lightly beaten

### *Instructions*

- Combine flour, salt, baking powder and sugar in a large bowl.
- Add the cold butter and use a pastry cutter or 2 knives to work it until it is the size of small peas.
- Heat the milk until warm. Add the vanilla and lemon juice and add to the dry mixture, combining quickly with a fork. **Do not over mix.**
- Pour the dough onto a lightly floured surface and fold the dough over a few times until smooth. Pat/gently roll into a round disc about 1-1/2 inches high.
- Using a 2-1/2-inch cutter cut out scones and place them on a parchment lined cookie sheet. You should have 8 scones.
- Brush the tops with egg wash.
- Bake at 400°F for 10-15 minutes until golden on top.
- Serve with clotted cream and jam.

Note: The scones can be frozen.

# Cane's Corner: Reflections on the Coronation

By the Rev. Dr. Brett Cane



I am writing this within days of the coronation of King Charles III while in the middle of my extended major trip. I made sure that I was in England for the event because I had been there for the last one in 1953. I was only six years old then but remember watching the whole ceremony on TV at the home of my friend as we did not have one. Now, 70 years later, I wanted to be present for this one as I suspect I might not be around for the next!

I was staying with friends near London, and we went into the city the day before to see all the preparations. This included being able to walk down the Mall where people had already set up tents to stay the whole night in order to watch the procession the next day from the front row. Many people were dressed in all sorts of celebratory attire and the mood was extremely festive. We were also able to walk within a few feet of Westminster Abbey. Having seen all of this, when we watched the television broadcast the next day, we felt more engaged having been there only hours before.

As I watched the ceremony in high definition and colour on a huge home TV (in contrast to the black and white and miniature screen of 1953!) I was struck by a number of features which I would like to share with you.



## **The Concept of Service**

From the beginning of the liturgy, the theme of service was preeminent: a young choirboy welcomed the king with the words:

“Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings” to which the King replied, “In His name and after His example I come not to be served but to serve.” This was a clear reference to the identical words of Jesus in Mark 10:45 and echoed his words earlier on in the chapter (verses 13-16) about children being models for membership in the kingdom of God. Here, at the outset, was a challenge to the traditional concept of hierarchy that one is aware of when one thinks of monarchy. This theme of service and humility was repeated throughout the ceremony.



## **Intensely Christian Ceremony**

These clear references to Jesus underline the fact that this was very much a Christian ceremony. Not only was Jesus held up as the model of service for the King, but it was led by the Archbishop of Canterbury who had the major role to play as leader of the liturgy, preacher and celebrant of holy communion. In this way, the King was revealed as one who leads by following - a subject of the Lord Jesus and example for us to do the same.

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### **Inclusive**

However, the specific Christian nature of the service was inclusive of others in so many ways:

#### **Women:**

First there was a huge contrast with the previous coronation where virtually all the leading participants, except the queen herself, were male! Not only were there now female clergy, but lay women leaders were also prominent, particularly the president of the Privy Council who was much admired for her ability to hold the eight pound Sword of State upright for such a long period of time!

#### **Other religions:**

The second noticeable inclusion was the participation of other religious leaders, both Christian and not. In 1953, the only other religious leader than Anglican was the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. But here, with about a dozen religious leaders, Christian and otherwise, was a wonderful example of demonstrating that spiritual approaches other than Anglican are a reality in today's society.

#### **Other ethnicities:**

The third note of inclusion is that, in contrast to 1953 where virtually everyone was white, other ethnicities were very much present in both the leadership, music and attendance of the service. This, again, reflected the reality of not only British society today but also our own.

#### **Other nations:**

The inclusion of other national leaders from the Commonwealth and the wider world was present in 1953 but was intensified by the way in which all leaders, not just European and western, were seen as equals.

#### **All aspects of society:**

In 1953, hundreds of British nobles were present in all their regalia and their leading representatives paid homage but in 2023, one of the only few peers seen in regalia and wearing a coronet was the Duke of Norfolk who, as Earl Marshal, was responsible for organising the Coronation. Only two pledged allegiance - the Archbishop of Canterbury representing the church and Prince William representing the nobility. Then all people present and watching the service on TV were invited to pledge allegiance. This was clear evidence of a “levelling-out” of society and the inclusion of all people in supporting the King. The coronation was a great display of inclusivity and equality.

### Transformation of Militarism:

Four thousand members of the British and Commonwealth armed services took part in the procession which gave clear evidence of the link between the monarchy and the military. For a number of people this creates concern but because of the content and thrust of the ceremony, I believe we can see clear evidence that “Send him victorious” can be seen as being transformed from conquering nations to conquering poverty, injustice and inequality of opportunity.

### Canadian connection:

A number of people have begun to question the role of the monarchy here in Canada for various reasons. One is the link with the negative aspects of history such as colonialism and slavery. This is undoubtedly an important issue to address, but we need to be inclusive in that as well. As Paul says, “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Plus, we need to note the biblical picture of the possibility of transformation. This is seen in the description in Revelation 21 of the Heavenly City which comes down to earth as our future destination. Eugene Peterson notes that the gates of the New Jerusalem have written on them the names of the twelve tribes (20:12): “These are unlikely material for gates into heaven as we have stories of brutality, fraud, violated and violent sex, cowardice. But in and through those life stories, God persistently brought about the salvation of wretches that didn’t deserve to be saved and revealed his glory.”<sup>1</sup> This Coronation service was evidence of this possibility of transformation for our structures and ourselves.

But I feel there is also a positive way we can view our connection with the past through the monarchy. We need to remember from where we have come, for good or bad, and recognize that we in the 21st century have deep roots and are not the only expression of society that has ever existed.

Plus, by having a non-democratic aspect of our governing structures, we recognize that we are not in control of our own destiny but there is One who is ultimately in control and can work through both appointed and elected leaders for our good.

Finally, I believe a monarchy shared with other nations is an antidote to extreme nationalism. We do not exalt ourselves as the most important nation on earth, capable of living independently from others, but align ourselves, through the link of a common monarch, as a community of nations which acts in concert with others, and this points to the ultimate destiny of humankind as one people under one Lord.

These are some of my reflections on the coronation of King Charles III.

Ref. 1: Eugene H. Peterson, *Reversed Thunder*. (San Francisco: Harper, 1988), pg. 175f.



# Parishioner Profile: Pamela and Chris Brambell

By Sandra Scarth



Chris and Pamela both grew up in the UK. Chris' family is Irish/Canadian with relatives who were Empire Loyalists in Cornwall, Ontario. The Irish side were from Kilkenny/Cork, protestants in the predominantly Catholic country. The Irish were very musical with Drs. of Music playing in both Cork and Dublin cathedrals. He lived in Lydney on the edge of the Forest of Dene, where historically lumber was used for Roman and Elizabethan boat building, then for the production of charcoal which opened the forest floor for vast areas of bluebells in the spring.

Pamela was born in London. As both her parents were in the Royal Navy, she and her sister Diana were educated at the Royal Navy School in Surrey. After graduating she went to stay with her grandmother in Chelsea. Not certain what she wanted to do, she enrolled in a Cordon Bleu cooking course, took night classes at the London School of Economics (LSE) and later attended the Alene Mason Beauty School in Knightsbridge.

She then decided to train as a nurse at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, followed by a Midwifery course at Kings College Hospital in London. Her first job in nursing was in Winchester where she met Chris at a party at Coomb Cottage, known locally for its parties where local bachelors came to meet the young nurses!



Chris had a degree in architecture from Bristol University. He worked initially in Winchester for the Hampshire County Council, later taking a job in Kingston on Thames. When he couldn't get New Year's Day off to attend a boat show, he quit his job! He moved to Chapman Taylor Partners in London where one of the major clients was Lord Cadogan, who gave the practice a large amount of work in Chelsea. He remembers it as a very interesting job and a great learning experience.

Chris and Pamela married a year later and decided to move to Canada, initially settling in Port Credit where Chris found there was little work for architects. His first job was with a Temp Agency doing a simple factory extension in Clarkson. The job was to take six weeks, but Chris was able to complete it in three and was promptly fired. The company had expected revenue for six weeks, not three! Pamela laughed and said that the day he was fired, their rent cheque bounced! The bank had transferred their account to the wrong branch.

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## Parishioner Profile *continued*

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“...so he took a job planting trees and after one day was asked to be the supervisor!”

He found another job with a local architect, mainly working on school design. “Not exciting work.” They decided to look elsewhere and heard from a friend that there was a lot of work in Prince Rupert, BC, so packed up and drove across Canada in the winter without snow tires! “We didn’t see any of the prairies because of blizzards!” They were surprised on arrival to see gravel roads and boardwalks and wondered what they had done!

Pamela was hired immediately as a maternity nurse and found the job challenging, having to deal with emergencies she had never experienced, including conducting a breech birth over a radio telephone.

Chris found engineering work in the paper mill until there were cutbacks. He volunteered to be part of the 15% reduction, as they were planning to move back to the UK as it was becoming apparent that there was little demand for architects. However, after exploring options in Kitimat and Terrace, he was offered an architectural job in Terrace, mainly working on schools.

Pamela worked at the Mills Memorial Hospital. Their first son James was born in 1971 while they were in Terrace.

Circumstances again conspired to affect Chris’ work. There was a logging and construction strike and his job disappeared, so he took a job planting trees and after one day was asked to be the supervisor! At this point, Chris began to feel that there would never be an interesting architectural job for him in Canada, so he looked for a job in the UK and found one. Then they had to make the decision to deal with their two Irish Setters. Literally a few days before their planned departure, a friend saw an ad for an architect with the provincial government in Victoria and gave it to Chris, who applied and got the job.

They moved to Victoria in 1972 where Chris started working with BC Department of Public Works and Pamela found a job in the maternity unit at Victoria General Hospital. Their second son Iain was born in 1973. Chris changed jobs within the government, getting a job with the Attorney General’s department managing architectural work on courthouses, jails and offices across the province. He moved to the Treasury Board in 1998, looking after all capital projects in southeastern BC, staying there until he retired in October 2003.

Pamela worked in hospital and community health settings. In 1998 she went into private practice as a Pediatric Community Health Nurse, working as a consultant to MCFD, caring for children with complex health challenges. She continued this work for 20 years.



The Brambell's home, with renovations designed by Chris

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## Parishioner Profile *continued*



Model of St. Mary's Church

They attended Brentwood Chapel when the Rev. Dobson was there with his dog called "Garbage", loved by all the kids. They moved to St. Stephen's where Iain was christened, later moving to St. Mary's. Chris was involved on parish council and in the early stages of the building of St. Mary's. He did some of the working drawings and made the model, pictured here showing the original design with a porte-cochere that was not built due to budget restrictions.

As their boys grew older and were active in sports, Pamela and Chris attended church when they could, but spent much of their time driving to practices and sometimes flying to events worldwide. Both boys were good athletes, strong cross-country runners and track athletes. James was also a good soccer player. Both became involved with the rowing program, joining the Victoria City Rowing Club and seriously pursued their interest in sports.

James was a sculler, and his breakthrough came in 1993 at St. Catherines where he won the Theo Dubois Trophy in Intermediate Lightweight Single Sculls and Senior Lightweight Sculls. By 1995 he was 1st at the Canada Trials in the event and selected for the Pan Am Games in Argentina where he won a bronze medal. That same year he rowed at the World Championships in Finland placing 8th. In 1998 he rowed in Lightweight Double Sculls with his brother Iain - a very rare, if not the only ever brother combination representing Canada at an international rowing event.

Iain made his debut at the 1997 Worlds in France in Lightweight Pairs, but two years later made a tactical switch to lightweight Fours. He enjoyed a successful run of the World Cup, two Pan Am and three Olympic successes, the crowning glory in attaining a bronze medal at the 2008 Games in Beijing.

When Chris was younger, he played rugby and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He has spent much time over the years renovating their home, which they bought years ago when it was a very small farmhouse, 960 sq. ft., one of the few houses in the area. He designed and built a large addition of 400 sq.ft. plus an outdoor covered patio. He now has time to golf once a week and has recently taken up lawn bowling, which he says is every bit as frustrating as golf!

Pamela has enjoyed volunteering in a number of areas. She was President of the City Rowing Club and currently helps out at the Brentwood Senior Centre where she exercises three times a week. She enjoys walking and reading.

They both think that the house is becoming too big for them now and anticipate looking for a smaller place, but it will be a wrench to leave their lovely home.



Sons Ian and James

# Book Review: *Coronation Year* by Jennifer Robson

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Review by Nancy Choat



Jennifer Robson, a Canadian author, has recently released her latest book titled *Coronation Year* a timely publication as we've recently witnessed the crowning of a new sovereign, King Charles III.

This story takes place in 1953, in London, a year some of us will remember as the year Queen Elizabeth II was crowned. The setting is the historic Blue Lion Hotel where the Queen will be travelling through. The story is told in third person. There are three main characters: Edie Howard who is the owner of the hotel but is struggling financially, James Geddes, a Scottish artist with Indian ancestry who is hired to create a painting of the coronation day, and the third character Stella Donati, who is a Holocaust survivor who arrives in London as a photographer. At the heart of this novel is a mystery involving those who are attempting to ruin Coronation Day for everyone involved.

This is a quiet yet a feel-good story during post WWII London, with the backdrop of the Queen's coronation to set the stage, allowing these characters to shine through and if you love reading about London and the British monarchy with a cozy mystery element, you'll enjoy this too.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Gown*, Robson's behind the scenes look at the women who embroidered Elizabeth II's wedding gown in 1947 — and this is lovely follow-up. Robson's deep knowledge of WWII and post-WWII England is perfectly used here to tell royal-adjacent stories.

# A Report on the 101st Session of Synod in the Diocese of BC

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By Ian Stuart

The opening Eucharist for Synod was held on May 12th, 2023, at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. A number of parishioners were in attendance. Bishop Anna Greenwood Lee delivered her charge to the Delegates of Synod as a Homily about change, as the Diocese starts into its second hundred year. The questions to be thought of and prayed upon are all what ones. What are we going to carry with us going forward? What should we leave behind? What must we adapt and change and how?

Bishop Anna invited Synod to imagine for a moment that we were at the 1st Synod and told that at the 101st Synod, the business of the Diocese would be conducted in front of magic screens on something called Zoom with Delegates such as the **Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego** and **Gil Shoesmith**, our Parish of Central Saanich's **Don Wilson**, **David Cooper** and **myself** listening and talking from their own kitchens, living rooms and churches. This would have sounded absurd if not impossible. Yet indeed that is how this 101st Synod took place.

*“There is a need now to review the Canons and find a new way down the road.”*

The Bishop talked about the Canons and the framework of governance they provide. How the Canons while meant to be used as guardrails to keep us on the road, they unintentionally over time have become roadblocks to some aspects of governance. There is a need now to review the Canons and find a new way down the road. The Bishop went on to discuss our role in early BC history and how it was not always good and now as we as a body of Christ must find a new way forward to do what is needed to live our baptismal covenant doing justice and love with kindness and walk humbly with God as we seek to find our way in reconciliation.

On Saturday morning the 101st Synod opened on Zoom with about 150 people attending from all parts of the Diocese. A video of Land Acknowledgment was shown with contributions from all the parishes. While watching the video the sense of the God working with his people was powerful.

Synod conducted the business of the Diocese in an effective manner to allow those who wanted to contribute to do so while keeping the business moving. Elections for several positions were held via electronic vote. The Financial Officer Gillian Astbury- Heinke provided an effective presentation on the financial position and outlook of the Diocese.

After a break a series of three video presentations were shown highlighting the work being done on the North Island by Sheila Cook, especially in Alert Bay. Jibril Mohamed explained how the

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Refugee Program has been operating and how it will be changing to a more collaborative model. Brendon Neilson discussed Property Redevelopment and how the Parishes are doing this to better serve their communities.

If there was to be only a single statement remembered about this 101st Synod I think that Bishop Anna and the countless others in the supporting roles would hope it to be:

*The future: the future is not going to look like the past and the future is bright.*

## Parish of Central Saanich Stewardship Update

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By Ken Pedlow

The following is an update on the financial situation at the St. Mary and St Stephen churches of the Parish of Central Saanich as of April 30, 2023.

### St. Mary April 30, 2023 Update

Item	Actual to Apr. 30	% to Budget Target=33%	2023 Budget
Total Revenue	\$42,314.94	33.4%	\$126,750
Total Expenditures	\$46,851.89	31.3%	\$149,684
Operating Surplus/ Deficit	-\$4,536.95	19.8%	-\$22,934

### St. Stephen April 30, 2023 Update

Item	Actual to April 30	% to Budget Target=33%	2023 Budget
Total Revenue	\$38,300.19	31.9%	\$120,200
Total Expenditures	\$44,940.91	31.6%	\$142,033
Operating Surplus Deficit	-\$6,640.72	30.4%	-\$21,833

### Additional Information:

- Offerings (Regular, Open and Festival) comprise the vast majority of the budgeted revenues.
- Significant expenditures for insurance at each site have yet to be expensed as the final amounts have yet to be determined by the insurers.

# Around the Parish

by Ken Pedlow



The libraries at St. Mary have seen a lot of attention over the past few weeks. The children's, religious and for sale collections of books have been culled of those deemed too dated for today's audiences. **Karen McColm, Lynn Fallan, Judi Clark, Carol Watkins and Barb Baillie** spent many hours on this project. They have also moved the religious book collection to the nursery and set up the for-sale collection permanently in the library off of the narthex. This arrangement makes things much more convenient for the book stall at our various sales events.



On Saturday, March 18th a St. Patrick's Dance was held at the St. Stephen's Hall. The music was provided by **Twelve O Clock Rock** and the refreshments were provided by the **ladies and wardens** of St. Stephens. A great time was had by all those who attended this free event including a number of people from outside the parish. A great opportunity for fellowship and connection with the wider community.



On March 21st at our monthly Parish Council meeting. Our **Pastor Lon** presented to **Gary Moss** and **Ian Stuart** certificates for their completion of the diocesan Lay Leadership training program. Congratulations to both for this accomplishment.

On Palm Sunday at St. Mary the service started in Cooper Hall followed by a procession outside and into the church sanctuary. It was great fun to carry our palm fronds in celebration of the biblical entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

During Holy Week evening meditation services were held at St. Stephen on the Tuesday and Wednesday and on Maundy Thursday the service of foot washing at St Mary followed by the stripping of the altar there and at St. Stephen took place. On Good Friday, members of the parish did the Stations of the Cross walk from Centennial Park to St. Mary. All of these services are an opportunity to more deeply understand and appreciate the significance of Easter.

On Easter Sunday the usual services were held at both churches and at St. Mary after the service an opportunity

**Top to bottom:**

St. Patrick's Day Dance;

Gary Moss and Ian Stuart complete Lay Leadership training;

Palm Sunday at St Mary's

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## Around the Parish *continued*



**Top:** Gil Shoemith and Nancy Jackson

**Below:** Leslie Pedlow cuts her birthday cake

was taken to celebrate **Leslie Pedlow's** birthday at the same time. Our Deacon **Gil Shoemith** wore his dress red serge RCMP uniform for the occasion as a special treat for Leslie and the other ladies in attendance.

On Sunday May 7th **Nancy Choat** arranged for a celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III at coffee after the service at St. Mary. A display of royal memorabilia was set up and scones, and clotted cream and jam were available along with the tea and coffee. Thank you, Nancy, for putting this event together.

The Wednesday morning service at St. Mary on May 10th was a little different than normal as the main altar area had been emptied of furniture to accommodate concerts on the Saturday before and the one following. An alternative arrangement for the Eucharist was used.

On May 11th a number of parishioners in the Parish attended the Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village workshop at Holy Trinity, North Saanich. This was an opportunity to further understand the affects of the Residential Schools and Canada's Policy of Assimilation on Indigenous Communities.

On May 12th an in-person Eucharist was held at Christ Church Cathedral prior to the Diocesan Synod on the Zoom platform on Saturday, May 13th. Representatives from the Parish attending were **Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, David Cooper, Ian Stuart and Don Wilson**. For further details on this important event see Ian Stuart's article in this issue of *ConneXion*.

On May 27th St Mary held its Spring Fling sale. This event attracted a lot of visitors and was a tremendous success, raising \$3,600 in the process. It was also an excellent time of fellowship and connection with the broader community. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it such a success.

On a sadder note, we have learned that **Derek and Betty Osman** are in the process of selling their home and moving out-of-province to be closer to family members. They have been long time members of St. Mary and contributed much to the life of the Parish as a whole. We wish them all the best in the future.

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## Around the Parish *continued*

**Right and below:**  
Before the doors opened at  
the Spring Fling Sale



The parish has also lost three members in the past while. **Louise Clare's** funeral was at St. Stephen on April 8th, **Olga McColl's** funeral was at St Mary on April 19th and **Sally Wait's** funeral was held at Sidney All Care on May 29th.

On a more positive note, we are pleased to hear that **Rev. Canon Lorry Harrison** has recently celebrated his 99th birthday. We wish him and **Erica** all the best as they now reside in Ontario.

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## Anglican Parish of Central Saanich Directory

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**Terry Hartley, Gary Moss, Sandra Scarth**

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St. Stephen

**David Cooper, Ian Stuart, Ken Pedlow, (alt)**

**Don Wilson, Sandra Scarth (alt)**

**Leslie Pedlow** is primarily at the St Mary's office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm with unscheduled visits to St. Stephen's as required.

At the St. Stephen Church office, **Lon Towstego** will be in the office on Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Please call or email your respective office for the most up-to-date information on their availability and access to the office.