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### Christ Church Cathedral Launches \$7.5 Million Campaign



Darlene Poole embraces Margery Kellett as Dean Peter Elliott enjoys the fun prior to the announcement. PHOTO Randy Murray

On Wednesday, June 25th, at 12:15 pm, Christ Church Cathedral and the Jack and Darlene Poole Foundation officially launched a campaign to raise \$7.5 million for an all-new bell spire, new roof, and expanded community kitchen.

At the launch event for the campaign entitled *Raise the Roof, Ring the Bells, Feed the Hungry*, Darlene Poole announced that the Jack and Darlene Poole Foundation will provide the first \$2.5 million towards the project.

The announcement component of the launch began with a procession led by members of Cathedral Choir ringing hand bells, followed by the Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Peter Elliott climbing up onto a scissor lift where he was joined by 92-year-old Margery Kellett representing the Cathedral Congregation, followed by Darlene Poole. Dean Elliott spoke first and summarized the three-pillar campaign:

#### 1. Raise the Roof

A 2007 roof survey noted significant decay on the existing 30-year-old roof and recommended that it be replaced within seven years. Thus, replacing the roof is an urgent priority before extreme weather tears off the shingles and damages the interior of the Cathedral. Already there

have been unfortunate incidents of water leaking into the Cathedral's beautifully renovated interior space. The complete roof reconstruction is estimated at \$4.7 million and includes:

- A seismic upgrade that ties into the previously built seismic upgrades inside the building
- Thermal and acoustic insulation that reduces heating and cooling costs and improves sound quality inside the Cathedral
- Sprinklers added to the chancel area
- Removal of the roof shingles and replacing them with a zinc standing seam roof that will last 50 to 100 years.

#### 2. Ring the Bells

The addition of a \$2.4 million bell spire completes a long-standing vision first contemplated in the mid-1970s at the time of the development agreement between Christ Church Cathedral and the neighbouring office building to the north, Park Place. The Cathedral's location in the heart of Vancouver's downtown will be enhanced with a stained glass and steel clad spire with four custom cast bells.

The bell tower will be designed as a 21st century interpretation of the traditional steeple with bells which will be

rung daily at the beginning and end of the work day, prior to Sunday services and as part of community celebrations, civic milestones and on Christian festivals as well as the observances of interfaith neighbours. The Dean added that an announcement of similar importance to the one being made on June 25th would likely be accompanied by the peeling of the new Cathedral bells, which produced some applause from the crowd.

In addition, the bell spire will be illuminated in the evening, a reminder that the Cathedral was, at one time, the tallest building on Burrard Street, with mariners coming into the harbour referring to Christ Church as "the light on the hill."

#### 3. Feed the Hungry

For 125 years, Christ Church has served all those who live, work and visit Vancouver. That ongoing commitment to community service is a Cathedral hallmark and continues in very practical ways each and every day.

For instance, over the past 20 years, the Cathedral congregation has offered a food outreach ministry to help feed those in need by serving homemade soup and sandwiches to some 100 people each day between September and June.

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# Raise the Roof, Ring the Bells, Feed the Hungry

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Today, all of the Cathedral's food preparation takes place in a small, outdated kitchen that needs upgrading and expanding. With the addition of the bell tower, it is a good time to improve this part of the Cathedral building, expanding the kitchen and food storage areas with new fixtures and modern appliances. The estimated cost for this much needed upgrade is \$400,000.

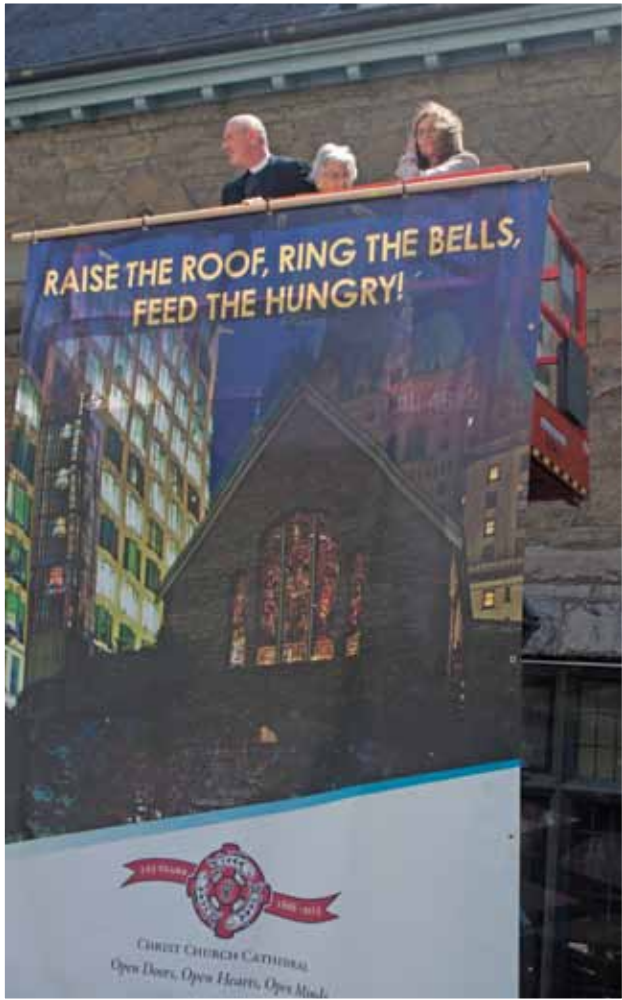
Following Dean Elliott's summary, Darlene Poole announced the Jack and Darlene Poole Foundation's gift. Darlene went into some detail about how Christ Church Cathedral is an important component of downtown Vancouver—a building to be cherished and preserved. She informed the crowd gathered that a bell tower for the Cathedral building was a desire that her late husband had voiced a number of times over the years.

Once the announcement was made the scissor lift travelled about 4.5 metres (15 feet) up to the roof line of the venerable Vancouver landmark and Margery cut the ribbon unfurling the campaign banner.

"Jack and I always believed that at the heart of every great city there are a handful of iconic buildings that help represent the character of the community," said Mrs. Poole, wife of the late Jack Poole, one of British Columbia's best known business leaders and philanthropists. "Here in Vancouver, Christ Church Cathedral is one of those places. It's a pleasure to be a part of this timely community campaign, and I hope others will join Christ Church Cathedral as it continues to serve our community in the years ahead."

"Once in a generation there is a project that can justifiably be called a legacy gift, the sort of gift that will enhance our city for generations to come. The bell spire, new roof and kitchen expansion project at the Cathedral is just such a project," said Peter Elliott, Dean and Rector of the Cathedral. "When it's completed in late 2016, the bells will ring

The Campaign banner is unfurled. PHOTO Randy Murray



at the beginning and end of the workday, on Sundays, for weddings and funerals, and to mark special celebrations in Vancouver's civic, interfaith and multicultural community. The new roof will also complete our seismic upgrade that began 10 years ago, and the expanded kitchen will enhance the Cathedral's work of providing daily meals to the hungry and homeless in Vancouver's downtown.

"The project will also protect the heritage of this historic and much-loved Church, and the bells will proclaim the compassion and peace that this place represents," Dean Elliott added. "We are very grateful to the Jack and Darlene

Poole Foundation for providing one-third of the funding for this project, and equally pleased to invite the community to join us in raising the balance."

The addition of a bell spire to the building completes a long-standing vision first contemplated 40 years ago at the time of the development agreement between Christ Church Cathedral and Park Place. The bells will toll a version of the well-known Westminster Bells in London.

For information about the *Raise the Roof, Ring the Bells, Feed the Hungry* campaign, please visit the website <http://raisetheroofthecathedral.ca/>. ✦

Media covering the event set up cameras behind the Georgia and Burrard bus stop in downtown Vancouver. PHOTO Randy Murray



Members of Cathedral Choir ring the bells as a preview of what's to come. PHOTO Randy Murray



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**Thank you!**



# Inspiring Leadership and Self-Renewal

Material gathered at the 115th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, May 23rd and 24th, 2014

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*During the late spring of 2014, and in consultation with Bishop Melissa Skelton (who was the chief facilitator of the Synod 2014 teaching sessions) members of the program staff of the Diocese of New Westminster compiled information resulting from the table group discussions held during the Synod 2014 learning and listening sessions. In order that this information may be made widely accessible the following report was prepared.* • Editor

When it comes to congregational development, those gathered at Synod 2014 cared most about sustainability and becoming self-renewing, complemented by a strong interest in Anglican identity, a sense that we need to be clear about our purpose, and a desire to keep developing strong leaders.

Part of the program at Synod 2014 included table conversations on congregational development. Members of Synod discussed what they felt their congregations are being called to focus on, and what “excites, scares, or inspires” them in congregational development.

Sustainability was expressed through a concern about buildings, finances and, to a lesser degree, numbers of people. While many people listed “self-renewing” as a focus, there were fewer comments indicating what that might look like.

Notes from the table discussions showed that participants are thinking a lot about community, both in the sense of the Church community and the wider neighbourhood. Three demographic groups were mentioned repeatedly: youth, seniors and people from “other” ethnic groups. Some expressed concern that seniors may end up being neglected in favour of a small cohort of youth. Many commented about the opportunities and challenges in the wider neighbourhood, mentioning changing ethnic demographics and outreach needs. There is a strong desire to be welcoming and inclusive.

Overall, members of Synod appear to be more excited than scared by the prospect of a focus on congregational development. Areas of concern included lack of ethnic diversity, the amount of work needed, whether growing our congregations is realistic, and a fear that nothing will happen despite hard work. Several expressed concern that there are fewer people and our members are aging. One quote expresses a concern of several members around focusing on membership growth: “Not convinced [that] God cares about more people coming to Church. *Why* do we want people to come?”

But the excitement was stronger than the concerns. People are excited by the focus on congregational development and renewal, and the energy and expertise that Bishop

Bishop Melissa offers definitions of Congregational Development. PHOTO Neale Adams



Melissa brings. They like the idea that any congregation can be developed. Several are eager to learn from each other, share stories and work together. Many named “inspiring leaders” as something that excites them. Two quotes sum up many of the comments: “I feel like I have a map now — how

Table Discussions. PHOTO Randy Murray



## Calling All Choristers Past & Present From Christ Church Cathedral



Christ Church Cathedral Vancouver is inviting all Cathedral Choir choristers, past and present, to help us celebrate 125 years of music at 690 Burrard on November 23rd, 2014 at 3 pm. In honour of this major milestone, we're planning a Festal Evensong for Reign of Christ at the Cathedral and we're seeking all available choristers to reunite and sing in celebration of our anniversary.

We'll gather to rehearse on Saturday, November 22nd, 2014 at 10 am for two hours and then sing together at the service on Sunday afternoon. A simple reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service where you'll have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends.

We'd love to see you in November. If you're able to join us for Saturday and Sunday, please RSVP by emailing [cathedralchoiryvr@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralchoiryvr@gmail.com).

As well, any help you can provide in getting the word out to former choristers from any of the Cathedral Choirs is greatly appreciated.

We're also planning to honour choir members who are no longer with us. Please send any names to [cathedralchoiryvr@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralchoiryvr@gmail.com) so that we can recognize them.



## PONTIUS' PUDDLE by Joel Kauffmann



## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

compiled by Anglican Archivist Melanie Delva

- 50 years • 1964 Anglican priest is quoted in the Vancouver Sun as blaming the Church for the increase in venereal disease.
- 15 years • 1979 Japanese missions celebrate 75 years in the diocese.
- 20 years • 1994 700+ Anglicans participate in the Essentials 94 conference in Montreal and affirm the “Montreal Declaration” and its 15 essential elements of faith.

The Rev. Peter Elliott becomes Dean of Christ Church Cathedral.



# Clergy News from Around the Diocese from the Desk of the Executive Archdeacon



The Rev. Trevor Fisher. PHOTO Wayne Chose

The Rev. Trevor Fisher decided to lay down the mantle and take up golf fulltime when he retired from St. Stephen, West Vancouver on August 31st. Trevor and Andrea will be relocating to the Okanagan and we wish them a happy retirement

The Ven. Ellen Clark-King was appointed as the Anglican Director of Denominational Formation at the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) effective September 1st. Ellen will resign as Archdeacon of Burrard but will continue as Theologian-in-Residence at Christ Church Cathedral on a part time basis. It was announced in early August that the Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride will join the Christ Church Cathedral clergy team as priest associate on a half time basis beginning September 1st, 2014.

The Bishop has made Ms. Lucy Price a Sponsored Student and Postulant for the Diocese of New Westminster. Lucy has been assisting the Canon Harold Munn at St. Anselm's, Vancouver. She is continuing her part time studies at VST.

The Rev. Stephen Laskey began his ministry as incumbent of St. Helen's, Surrey last July. His induction is scheduled for September 3rd at St. Helen's.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Kelly Duncan as the next incumbent of St. George, Fort Langley. Kelly will begin on August 15th and her induction is set for 7 pm on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday, September 8th).

At the request of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Sardis, the Bishop has appointed the Rev. Al Carson as their next incumbent. Al begins in his new parish on September 1st, 2014. Al concluded an 11-year ministry as the Rector of St. Cuthbert's, Delta. The induction will take place Sunday, September 7th, at 4 pm.

The Rev. Gordon Shields, interim priest-in-charge of St. George, Maple Ridge has been extended until the Parish has its next incumbent appointed

The Rev. Canon Harold Munn, interim priest-in-charge at St. Anselm's, Vancouver has been increased to ½ time and his appointment extended until May 31st, 2015.

The Rev. David Taylor has been extended for two years (June 30th, 2016) in his position as associate priest at St. Mary, Kerrisdale.

A priest of the Diocese of New Westminster, the Rev. Dr. John Oakes, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill, in the Diocese of Toronto, where he will begin his Incumbency on October 1st. Ordained by Bishop Michael Ingham in 1997, John was previously Rector of Holy Trinity, Vancouver (2002 to 2012) and Regional Dean of Granville-Point Grey (2009 to 2012). As many of you know, John has been taking time away from fulltime ministry to pursue postdoctoral research at Yale and Harvard Divinity Schools. John is in Vancouver for most of the summer before he and Kirsten relocate to Toronto where they will be reunited with their two daughters, son-in-law and granddaughter.

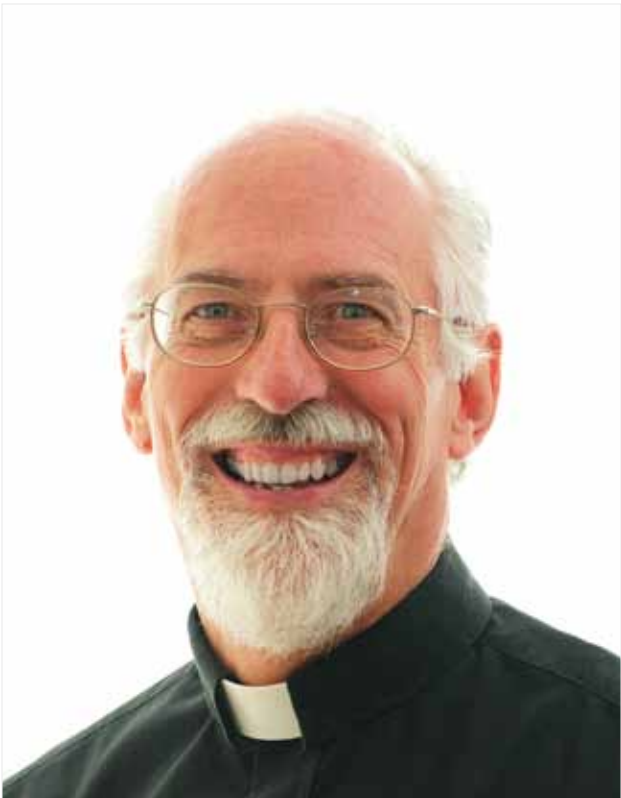
The Bishop has made Mr. Paul Richards a postulant for the vocational diaconate. Paul is currently People's Warden at Holy Trinity, White Rock and will be resigning as Warden to begin a year's internship.



The Ven. Dr. Ellen Clark-King. PHOTO Jennifer Friesen Photography



The Rev. Kelly Duncan. PHOTO Colin Mills



The Rev. Canon Harold Munn. PHOTO Eric Munn



The Rev. David Taylor. PHOTO Randy Murray



The Rev. Dr. John Oakes. PHOTO Courtesy of John Oakes



The Rev. Georgina Harris. PHOTO Wayne Chose

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Maggie Rose Muldoon as priest-in-charge of St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton following the retirement of their incumbent, the Rev.

Georgina Harris on June 30th, 2014.  
The Rev. Craig Vance resigned the Parish of Christ  
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# Seven Items to Celebrate 125th Anniversary & Mark Seven Years of Rebuilding

THE ST. MICHAEL'S LEADERSHIP TEAM



Members, friends and guests of St. Michael's Parish on the happy occasion of the wedding of the Church's organist, June 21st, 2014. St. Michael's celebrates the community's diversity. PHOTO Courtesy of Hiroki Uchino

The faith community that is St. Michael's Multicultural Anglican Church in Mount Pleasant has been celebrating their 125th Anniversary in 2014. They will be culminating their year of celebration when Bishop Melissa arrives to join them on St. Michael's Day on September 28th, 2014.

The visit by the Bishop was one aspect of planning to celebrate this auspicious, resurrection year, and with the theme of her episcopacy being Congregational Development, in the context of the resurrection of St Michael's over the last seven years, it seemed a providential way to cap it all off.

The Church planned seven activities to mark this year, all of which in future years it is hoped can be looked back upon with pride and a sense of achievement:

1. **Bishop Melissa's Visit** • to celebrate resurrection and congregational development with us, and unveil a 125th Anniversary plaque.
2. **A Sister Church** • establishing a 'Sister Church' relationship with a congregation in the Philippines, as the first of three such 'international' relationships.

3. **Sanctuary Restoration** • concluding the major 2012 sanctuary restoration.
4. **ODNW** • being very 'intentional' in incorporating the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster process, thereby focusing one aspect of the celebrations on the lay leadership role in the resurrection of St. Michael's.
5. **2018 Strategic Plan** • concluding the intensive three-year 2018 Strategic Planning initiative.
6. **BIBAK** • renewing a seven-year strategic relationship with BIBAK, an international Filipino organization.
7. **The Cadman Gallery** • bringing the Narthex Gallery (established by Fred Cadman) up to date, including the current Bishop and ODNW members.

Last June, St. Michael's hosted the 3rd annual communal picnic at the Church. It was planned to be held in a city park but due to inclement weather the picnic was relocated to St. Michael's. This year, all Churches in the Burrard Deanery were invited, and the turnout approached 100. The picnic was planned and organized by the women and men's groups of St. Michael's. The Anglican Church Women (ACW)

chapter at St. Michael's was resurrected in 2011. The men's group Multicultural Brothers of St. Michael's (MBSM) was organized in 2014. These women and men's groups boast strong leadership and are broadly based—two unmistakable signs of the resurrection that has taken place over the last seven years at St. Michael's.

The primary outreach program at St. Michael's continues to be Meal Ministry. There are 70 events each year, feeding 5,000 people, including 35+ hot meal events, and 35+ food banks. St. Philip's and Holy Cross Anglican Churches participate in this Ministry, as well as the Light-house Church, who provide the 'heavy lifting' expertise for the hot meals.

A bronze plaque commemorating our 125th Anniversary achievements and the Bishop's celebration with us will be unveiled and blessed by the Bishop during her September 28th visit, along with the newly restored Baptistry, and a set of 125th Anniversary Commemorative 'Gangsa' (Filipino ceremonial gongs) from the Philippines. ✠

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the Redeemer, Cloverdale, effective June 30th. The Rev. Roberta Fraser provided six weeks of clergy support. A process of Intentional Interim Ministry began on September 1st and the Bishop will appoint a priest following consultation with the Wardens.

It was announced on July 27th that the Rev. Robin Ruder Celiz has been appointed priest-in-charge and styled "Vicar" of St. Martin's, North Vancouver. He is married to the Rev. Elizabeth Ruder (daughter of the Rev. John Ruder of the Diocese of Kootenay) and he is the son of the current priest-in-charge at Church of the Holy Spirit, Whonnock, the Rev. Dr. Ted Celiz. Father Ruder Celiz will be ¾ time for the time being with the intent of progressing to fulltime. He is currently parish priest at Creston with Boswell, Crawford Bay and Riondel in the Diocese of Kootenay. He begins his new ministry in North Vancouver, October 1st, 2014.

The new composition of Diocesan Council includes two representatives from the group of nine containing the eight Archdeacons and the Dean of the diocese. At an election held in June, the Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Archdeacon of Capilano and the Ven. Stephen Rowe, Archdeacon of Fraser were selected to serve on Diocesan Council.

The new streamlined Diocesan Council's next meeting date is September 9th, 2014. ✠



The Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton. PHOTO Sandra Vanderschaaf



The Ven. Stephen Rowe. PHOTO Wayne Chose



# To Be of Service to Their Communities

## The Ordinations of Connie Wilks and Liz Hamel

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Appropriately for the first woman Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, Bishop Melissa Skelton's first ordinations were of two women to the diaconate.

Connie Wilks of the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey, and Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Hamel of Christ Church Cathedral were ordained during a late Sunday afternoon ceremony at the Cathedral on June 29th, the Holy Day for St. Peter and St. Paul.

The two plan to serve within their parishes as well as outside: Wilks, a former health administrator, plans a focus on prison ministry; and Hamel, a retired nurse, as a health advocate and street minister.

Several dozen diocesan priests and deacons robed and participated in the hour and a half long ordination, the first at which Bishop Skelton did the laying on of her hands since her Consecration and Installation this past March 1st.

The Rev. Sue Foley-Currie was the preacher at the service, who spoke about the deacons' call to their vocation. The previous week as Chaplain to the Ordinands, Foley-Currie had led their preordination retreat at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in Surrey.

"In our own way we followed the Benedictine Way, which began with silence, morning prayer, and a silent breakfast. All spiritual traditions in the world value silence," she said in her sermon.

"Our morning and evening prayer was half Benedictine and half from the Book of Alternative Services and was held outdoors in a prayer circle. And we held Eucharist in an outdoor forest chapel. We had time for lectio, walks with birds and creatures, holy rest, and sharing our Christian lives and questions."

*"In our world of so many distractions,  
we have to find, as Jesus did,  
some way to slip away  
and to be able to pray alone, and listen."*  
The Rev. Sue Foley-Currie

"While we were there I joked I was wearing some socks with sheep on them—and I'm wearing them today. It reminded me of a pilgrim time in a hillside field with a flock of sheep. One sheep wandered far from the rest. It could be heard bleating loudly in distress. It was rescued from a tangle of undergrowth by the shepherd."

She continued: "Deacons are not only responsible to Bishop Melissa and have liturgical functions of assisting

priests. Their primary function is to be of service to their community. That service may include assisting the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely who may be spiritually caught up in a tangle of the undergrowth."

Foley-Currie said that the deacons were following their vocation, but all have a vocation they must discern. Quoting Father Lawrence Freeman, a Benedictine monk and

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The ordinands are examined prior to ordination. PHOTO Jane Dittrich



The Rev. Liz Hamel offers "body of Christ" during the Eucharist. PHOTO Neale Adams



During the Offertory the Rev. Liz Hamel sings as the Rev. Connie Wilks prepares the Eucharistic elements. PHOTO Neale Adams



The two new Deacons dismiss the congregation together. PHOTO Neale Adams





## To Be of Service to Their Communities

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author, she said, “All we need is faith and a sense of our vocation in order to be fully alive, and to share in the very being of God. This vocation is not an option, it is written into the fabric of our very being, and we ignore it at the cost of our soul.”

“To begin, we all have to daily listen to God with whatever degree and stage of faith that we have... In our world of so many distractions, we have to find, as Jesus did, some way to slip away and to be able to pray alone, and listen. We have to listen with the ear of our heart so as to hear that call: Follow me.”

Hamel was presented by Dean Peter Elliott, the Rev. Dixie Black (a fellow deacon at the Cathedral), the Rev. Elizabeth Mathers, the Rev. Melanie Calabrigo and Margery Kellett. Wilks was presented by Archdeacon Stephen Rowe, the Rev. Christian Cross, Don Stebbing, Jennifer Wilks and Brian Wilks.

Following their presentation, the deacons underwent the traditional examination standing before the Bishop in her chair, and then knelt to receive the laying on of the Bishop's hands. The Bishop presented the deacons with bibles and fellow deacons helped them put on the diagonal stoles, the sign of their new office. Presented to the congregation, the two women received approval of the congregation. They then assisted the Bishop as she celebrated the Eucharist, and administered the bread. After the service there was much greeting and picture taking.

Applauding loud and long were many people from the parishes where the two deacons did much of their pastoral training: St. Clement's, North Vancouver, where Hamel trained, and All Saints, Mission, where Wilks had been assigned. ✠



The two new Deacons are presented to the congregation. PHOTO Neale Adams

## Planning to Love God & Your Neighbour

GLEN MITCHELL

Director, Stewardship & Gift Development Diocese of New Westminster

Each of us, if you are like me, spends lots of time planning our lives, our activities, our work, family events, our vacations, etc..., but I wonder how much time you spend planning to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. When that is done, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself,” says Jesus (Mark 12: 29–31). Is this part of your life planning, loving God and neighbour? Or is your Christian relationship with God and neighbour more a result of happenstance?

Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12: 29–31

On October 18th, the diocese is hosting *Stewardship in Community: The Benedictine Way*. This stewardship conference is about creating pathways to discipleship—it will help you develop your own Christian plan for loving God and your neighbour. Bishop Melissa Skelton says, “these pathways to discipleship are framed in the Benedictine Way, which all of us experience as an ongoing conversion of life as we listen for God's direction while finding stability and support in our faith communities.”

“Participants will not only learn about the Benedictine Way of stewardship,” says key presenter the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hames, “they will have the opportunity to create their personal *Pathway to Discipleship*—what some call a Rule-of-Life. The person following this pathway will face many challenges as well as wonderful surprises—that is to be expected in a journey that leads to spiritual growth and transformation. With a road map and God's help to guide us, as well as companions to cheer us on, it can be marvelously life-changing and life-giving.”

Hames says, “We'll begin by looking at ourselves to find our starting point for the journey. After creating our personal pathway of discipleship, together we will strive to live out our baptismal promises and do our part to make the Marks of Mission a reality. The joy of setting out on this journey as a group is that we will be able to form friendships, share tips and support one another as fellow pilgrims on the path.”

Benedictine Spirituality is a guide, not a law for life, and has three elements: stability, listening (obedience) and conversion. Stability describes itself: it is about having order in your life and keeping the commitments you have made. It is about serving positive values like personal growth, the prospering of the community and taking good care of things. By listening, that is being obedient, one is



Bishop Melissa Skelton.



The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hames.



*“Benedictine Spirituality is a guide, not a law for life, and has three elements: stability, listening (obedience) and conversion.”*

orienting oneself to God and neighbour; it is not about following the rules, but about hearing with your heart. The third element—*conversatio morum* (conversion of life)—is the process of permanent daily improvement in attitude and may involve changing of habits or lifestyle. These three, stability, listening and conversion are framed by the actions of praying, working, sharing, studying and playing.

This highly interactive day will begin as Bishop Melissa leads us in worship, followed by her teaching about Benedictine Spirituality and its relationship to the baptismal promises and the Marks of Mission. The Rev. Hames will then help participants take stock of their current situation and explore what discipleship means. The Bishop will lead mid-day prayers before lunch is served. In the afternoon, the Rev. Hames will teach the basics of discipleship planning and then participants go to work creating their personal pathway to discipleship. The last session focuses on creating support systems, forming groups that will continue to support each member, and developing web-based resources that support groups and individual disciples. We will close with a Bishop-led Eucharist, reaffirming our

baptismal promises and offering to God our individual pathways to discipleship.

### Stewardship in Community: The Benedictine Way

LOCATION	Parish of St. Dunstan, 3025–264th Street in Aldergrove, BC
DATE	Saturday, October 18th, 2014
TIME	Registration begins at 8:30 am Morning Prayer begins at 9 am and the conference ends at 4 pm
COST	The cost for an individual is \$50 and includes lunch, refreshments and resources. A parish team of 3 costs \$135 and includes lunch, refreshments and resources. Online registration is open at <a href="http://conta.cc/1ntuANE">http://conta.cc/1ntuANE</a> .

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# A Model of Steady Reliability in the Service of Christ

## John Taylor's 20th Anniversary as Verger at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale

JANE DITTRICH  
Christ Church Cathedral

Call it a “calling.” When a friend informed John Taylor of a job posting at an Anglican Church in 1994, he felt as though life was purposely moving full circle. John, a cradle Anglican originally from Guelph, Ontario, had been inspired by the verger at his family parish of St. George's. There, John was a choirboy, a server (he was promoted to head server at the age of fifteen), and was president of that parish's chapter of the Anglican Young Peoples' Association (AYPA). During this time, he mindfully observed the parish verger, and admired how he carried himself and how he subtly executed his ministry.

John knew that he had truly found “home” in August 1994 when, after a successful meeting, he was hired as St. Mary's verger, by (then rector) the Ven. Bill Stephens and the Parish Wardens. It was the opportunity to return to his Anglican roots, and in a vocational manner designed to fit!

In reflecting back on his twenty years as verger of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale (SMK), John is immensely grateful to have worked for, and alongside, a number of different rectors: Bill Stephens, Matthew Johnson, Kevin Dixon, Paul Borthistle, and the current rector, Jeremy Clark-King. These ordained leaders have all brought their own unique gifts, diverse brands of ministry, and vision for the growth and forward-movement of the parish of SMK. He is also grateful and humbled to continue to work at a thriving, busy and diverse urban parish such as St. Mary's. And, he feels equally blessed to serve in a progressive and highly innovative diocese; one that continues to strongly encourage and support the growth of the role of vergers in its parishes. Vergers can play a significant role in the worship and hospitality ministries and add a much-appreciated component to the sustainability of parishes.

Some highlights of John's time at SMK include: SMK's hosting of the International Annual Convention of the Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church, participating in the reconstruction and installation process of the bell tower, and being heavily involved in the start-up and implementation of the Kerrisdale Community Meal (a community outreach endeavour which is held each Tuesday at St. Mary's). The latter is a ministry close to John's heart, and one that he continues to manage and oversee on a weekly basis.

The role of verger is a wonderfully diverse one. Taylor is the building manager of the Church itself, and of its surrounding properties, such as the memorial garden, and St. Mary's Mews, the subsidized housing building beside the Church, owned by the St. Mary's, Kerrisdale Housing Society. Just as he likes it, his workday is never dull, nor



LEFT John robed in 1994. PHOTO Courtesy of John Taylor RIGHT John emptying the coals at the conclusion of the four-parish picnic on June 22nd, 2014. PHOTO Randy Murray



without a list of varied tasks to achieve. To name a few: he handles custodial duties, maintenance of the infrastructure of the Church, oversees various subcontractors and volunteers, does office administration, is MC for all services, does audio for all services, organizes the rosters of numerous lay ministries (including readers, ushers and fellowship hosts), books and liaises with community groups who book the Church and/or its meeting rooms, and is heavily involved with the planning and implementation of logistics pertaining to weddings and memorials held at St. Mary's. Along with the Community Meal, weddings and funeral/memorial liturgies are when and where he takes the greatest pride

and pleasure in his vocation. His ability to manage all of the related logistics and also apply his pastoral care gifts to the families who are celebrating a marriage or grieving the loss of a loved one are beloved facets of his role at SMK.

John looks forward to many more years as the Verger at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale, and to continue working alongside the Rev. Jeremy Clark-King, the SMK associate priests and lay leadership alike, as they skillfully work together to put to fruition their collective visions to keep St. Mary's, Kerrisdale a thriving and one-of-a-kind parish in the Diocese of New Westminster. The following words about this respected and valued humble servant in our diocese say it all:

*“His ability to manage all of the related logistics and also apply his pastoral care gifts to the families who are celebrating a marriage or grieving the loss of a loved one are beloved facets of his role at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale.”*

“If you were to look for a model of steady reliability in the service of Christ and his Church, you need look no further than John. (It's an interesting coincidence that this is the name of Jesus' beloved disciple.) Whenever I arrived at a Church to take part in the liturgy and saw John there, smartly dressed and calmly efficient, I knew we were all in safe hands. Always ready to assist, even in parishes other than his own, John makes sure the work of the Church goes smoothly and with customary Anglican elegance.”

The Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham  
Bishop, Diocese of New Westminster (1994 – 2013)

“John Taylor exemplifies servant leadership. Always ‘in service’ at St. Mary's or in other roles, he takes the time to be sure that everything that's needed is in place, somehow makes himself ‘invisible’ as he attends to the needs of the people and the occasion. St. Mary's has been blessed to have his ministry offered so generously for these 20 years — and the diocese has been equally blessed. Congratulations John! Long may you serve!”

The Very Rev. Dr. Peter Elliott  
Dean & Rector of Christ Church Cathedral,  
Dean of the Diocese of New Westminster

“I do not think that there is any Verger anywhere who more fulfills the spirit of what the holders of this ancient and important office are to do and be.

John cares greatly for the buildings at St. Mary's because they are holy places for worship and service. He combines great common sense with an uncommon depth of pastoral care and concern. He prepares the readers and servers and checks all is ready for the liturgy one day; the next he is checking all is ready for our community meal making sure all is well with guests and volunteers.

John takes care — of people and of place — and all out of a practical and profound faith.”

The Rev. Jeremy Clark-King  
Rector, St. Mary's, Kerrisdale ♦



LEFT John on the right with the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham on the left and long-time SMK incumbent, the Rev. Kevin Dixon in the centre. PHOTO Courtesy of John Taylor RIGHT The Rev. Jeremy Clark-King and John on July 20th, 2014. PHOTO Jane Dittrich





# As Communities Change, So Must the Church

## An update on the Holy Trinity Cathedral development project

JOHN BAILEY

Retired Priest of the Diocese of New Westminster; former Rector of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Archdeacon of Westminster

In 1858 gold was discovered in the Cariboo. Miners sped north from the California rush, arriving at Hudson's Bay headquarters in Victoria in search of supplies for the trek up the Fraser River to the gold fields. Sir James Douglas wrote to Queen Victoria seeking spiritual help for the colony. The Queen appointed George Hills in 1859 as first Bishop of British Columbia and he spent the next few months traveling England searching for young priests prepared to join him in his task. John Sheepshanks responded from his position as a curate of Leeds Parish Church. He beat Hills to the colony and moved on to the site of his future Church in New Westminster in September 1859. Holy Trinity was constructed using wood. The following year it burned down, and in 1865 was reconstructed in stone. In 1879, it became the first Cathedral of the Diocese of New Westminster when the Diocese of BC was divided into three. In 1898, the City of New Westminster was destroyed by fire and the Church was reconstructed in 1899, on the ruins of the 1865 Church. It continues to stand today at the heart of Greater Vancouver as urbanization spreads up the Fraser River valley.

In a story repeated in many communities across Canada changing urban landscapes make history difficult to afford. It is far easier to seed a new Christian community than to breathe life into a community saddled with historic buildings no longer meeting the needs of the communities surrounding them. Wiring and plumbing (if it exists) no longer meet code. Cement holding rubble walls together needs repair and slate roofs are impossibly expensive. Leaded windows bend and warp.

In their search for a solution to the problem of aging and dated buildings the current congregation of Holy Trinity Cathedral (HTC) have walked down many paths. Most, including finding heritage funding sources from the Federal and Provincial budgets, have led to dead ends. The only money available federally needed to relate to the War of 1812 (see above for the foundation date)! The only avenue municipalities have available to help preserve significant historic buildings is the use of a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA). Such an agreement allows for increased density on a site in exchange for preserving key elements in the historic building (usually the exterior). The resulting increase in value of the land on which the building sits can then be sold. Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver sold their density as air space to be added to another downtown development. Holy Trinity Cathedral plans to develop the land next to the historic Cathedral as a condominium tower with community space and parking at the base. The property is located next door to a SkyTrain Station in the urban core of New Westminster.

Working with the diocese in 2009, the HTC congregation began exploring the possibility of using an HRA to enable the future of the Christian community in the downtown of New Westminster. An architect was employed to help identify the size and shape of structure needed to both preserve the Church and supply parking and community space. Terra Housing Consultants joined the team in 2011,

to help the parish with the complex process from vision through construction and occupancy. While the process is far from complete Holy Trinity Cathedral offers a model designed to help the historic Anglican Church transition successfully in the midst of a rapidly changing urban landscape. This year the parish is applying to the City of New Westminster for a development permit. If all goes well new construction will begin by 2016, with an occupancy date two years after the start. As communities change, so must the Church. Failure to engage the transforming neighbourhoods where we worship leads away from the Gospel call to hope and joy. ✠

Bishop Melissa and the Rev. Dale Yardy, incumbent of Holy Trinity, New Westminster pose with architect's rendering during the Bishop's visit July 20th, 2014.  
PHOTO Courtesy of Bishop Melissa Skelton



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and urban design inc.

Architect's renditions of the proposed project from a distance and close-up. ARTIST'S RENDERING IMAGES Thanks to Manuela Tiefenbach & Terra Housing

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# Norm Sharkey's Wheels4Freedom Marathon for Our House

Featured in the summer issue of *Topic* and on the diocesan website news pages was the story of 77-year-old Our House West Coast Society founder and principal director, Norm Sharkey, ODNW and his remarkable journey planned for the spring, summer and fall of 2014. His goal, to rollerblade 50 kilometres, Monday through Friday, around the Stanley Park Seawall until he has travelled 5350 kilometres, the distance from Cambleton, New Brunswick to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Diocesan Communications is grateful to Lisa Meyers the Secretary of Our House West Coast Society for keeping us up-to-date on Norm's progress. Lisa writes:

"Norm has skated close to 50 kms every weekday since April 28th, 2014, and he is feeling stronger every day. Norm purchased a GPS that he wears on his wrist — one of the indicators tells him he is going through over 3000 calories every day. On weekdays, Norm goes around the seawall five times, and can be seen by Stanley Park's 2nd Beach pool every day before noon. Since he arrives early, he is usually finished a five-hour skate by eleven o'clock. Norm says that Jesus keeps him strong and leads his quest, and I believe him.

Residents and graduates of Our House and some members the Board of Our House West Coast Society have been going around the West End in our red **Wheels4Freedom** t-shirts. We hand out information flyers and tell people about Norm's skate and Our House. I have attached a couple of pictures so that you will have an idea of what we look like."

On Friday, June 20th, the Our House gang attended the BC Lions/Calgary Stampeders pre-season game.

On June 30th, an article about Norm and Our House was published in the Vancouver Courier. Sam Andrews, a resident of Our House, in charge of Public Relations for *Wheels4Freedom*, was interviewed on CKNW about the Our House program and Norm's *Wheels4Freedom* in early July. On the morning of July 14th, Sam and Norm were interviewed by CTV Vancouver's Shannon Patterson, and from all reports, many people viewed the interview on the evening news.

There was a BBQ to mark Norm reaching the halfway mark of 5350 kms on Saturday, July 19th at Second Beach in Stanley Park. Supporters of Norm and Our House solicited donations from local food suppliers for the event. There was a strong contingent present from St. Paul's, Vancouver.

There are multiple ways for people to donate. An online site is ready to receive donations and you can connect to it through the Our House West Coast Society Facebook page (LIKE the page too).

Donations are also welcomed by mail to:  
Our House West Coast Society  
1130 Jervis Street  
Vancouver, BC V6E 2C7

Tax receipts for donations greater than \$20 will be sent out, so please don't forget to include your address when sending in a

cheque by mail.

Norm's goal is to finish the trip by mid-October of this year. Diocesan Communi-

cations will continue to keep the diocese apprised of his progress. ✚

Norm, doing his skate, on the Stanley Park Seawall. PHOTO Silmara Albi



TOP Norm and other Our House folks at the July 19th halfway point celebration barbecue. PHOTO Gail Evans-Hatch  
BOTTOM Our House/Wheels4Freedom volunteer supporters. PHOTO Silmara Albi





# Reflections on Joining the Society of Ordained Scientists

MARILYN HAMES

Honorary Associate Priest at St. Philip, Dunbar

*"You are going to join what—the Society of Ordained Scientists?" • "Never heard of them—do we have any in Canada?" • "What are Ordained Scientists?"*  
*"Sounds like an oxymoron to me—can you really mix science and faith?" • "Cool—hey, will you be able to put SOS after your name?"*

These are some of the questions I heard and had asked myself before the wonderfully supportive if perhaps puzzled or curious parishioners of St. Philip's sent me off with their blessing to become a member of the *Society of Ordained Scientists* (SOSc) at their Annual Gathering and Retreat in Whitby, England. I was curious too, not knowing quite what might be involved, so it was with mounting excitement tempered with a dash of nervousness that I watched the North Yorkshire Moors open out, then fall away as we descended the steep hill towards St. Hilda's Priory where I would be taking my vows to join this *dispersed order* as it is sometimes called.

It is only a year ago that I discovered this Society of Anglican clergy (but including ministers of other denominations that profess Trinitarian faith) who are also scientists and undertake to do the following:

*"To offer to God in our ordained role the work of science and technology in the exploration and stewardship of creation. To express both the commitment of the Church to the scientific and technological enterprise and our concern for its impact on the world. To develop a fellowship of prayer for ordained scientists by the following of a common Rule. To support each other in our vocation. To serve the Church in its relation to science and technology."*

Aim of the SOSc

This resonated with me and rang true with what I have been trying to do for many years as an ordained civil/mechanical/structural engineer, working both in industry and the Church, always searching for better ways of doing things. I reject the notion that science and theology need to be pitted against one another in a spirit of mutual suspicion or dismissal. Do we have to check all reason at the door of the Church? Or do we need to abandon any sense of mystery in our pursuit of scientific discovery? I would say "No" to both questions, because I find the more I know, the more I realize I don't know. That is very humbling, confirming my faith in the Great Mystery we call God, while calling me to try to understand God's creation, ways and purpose better, so we may respect and cooperate with them more.

Some folk are skeptical that there can be a harmonious marriage between science and religion. That is nothing new—for centuries there has been mutual mistrust between certain members of the Church and scientific communities—witness the controversy over Copernicus' theory that the earth revolves around the sun, and the trial of Galileo. On the other hand, thanks to the Enlightenment, some folk think they are so enlightened by science, logic and reason that religion is redundant. I disagree. Irrespective of whichever side you take in this, if sides there must be, at least let us agree that in any field of endeavour, along with pushing back the boundaries of knowledge comes moral responsibility, so that we neither abuse nature nor one another, but seek to serve God's will and the well-being of others better. Such moral imperatives should apply to advances in physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, agricultural science, astronomy, various branches of engineering and many other fields of study, as well as their application—especially their application.

Back at Whitby I met a group of great people who understood this completely because they have travelled the same road, shared the same passion for scientific knowledge alongside theological study and the service of Christ in the world. There were bishops, priests and deacons who are

also scientists, or have been, and retain an active interest or involvement in various spheres of research and development. We spoke the same language, used the same language to discuss the great mysteries and challenges of our times. Our session leader, the Rev. Dr. Alasdair Coles, a priest and neuroscientist at Cambridge University, described his current understanding about the working of the brain, linking the benefits of practice in any endeavour (such as sport and music) with the need for Christians to receive spiritual training and develop a spiritual discipline. Both interesting and inspiring, he provided compelling reasons for practising daily prayer/meditation.

I had the time of my life. Everyone I met was welcoming, fascinating and helpful—for example, the Rev. Stig Graham even lent me his cassock because I'd not realized it is traditional to wear one when taking the vows. The homilies used scientific theories, references or recent discoveries to provide insight into the interpretation of the Biblical texts, bringing new life into the preaching of the Gospel. (So look out St. Philip's now I am back!)

Besides being a great experience, becoming an Ordained Scientist carries ongoing commitments that are no different from those every Christian makes—surely we are all called to use our gifts, training and experience to serve God and others in whatever field we work. Perhaps we need more opportunities to recognize and celebrate each other's particular callings and contributions, including those that may seem unusual or remote from the Church, which we tend to label secular. As it says on [ordainedscientists.org](http://ordainedscientists.org), "We believe that God is present in all aspects of human life..." I believe we are "all one," so should show mutual care, respect and accountability.

Currently there are only two Canadian Members and one Associate Member of

the *Society of Ordained Scientists*, but if you are interested in learning more, check out the website which contains some articles on science and religion. The Society also

welcomes Associate Members who have a scientific background and share the same aims and interests. For me the fit is perfect. You may discover the same. ✠

The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hames, SOSc, moments after taking her vows, wearing the Rev. Graham's cassock. PHOTO Andrew Hames



A group shot of the Members present. PHOTO Edward Bucher





# Sent into the World but not Of the World

## Education for Ministry Graduation Eucharist, June 4th, 2014

RANDY MURRAY  
*Diocesan Communications Officer and Topic Editor*

For those who don't know, Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four year program of theological study offering an opportunity for laity to discover how they can respond to the Call of Christian service. Many graduates continue the pursuit of their Call and enter into seminary, others enter a discernment process with the intended result being ordination to the diaconate, and there are those who become EfM trainers and mentors.

The tenth Graduation Eucharist for the Diocese of New Westminster's, EfM group took place on Wednesday, June 4th, at St. Timothy's in the Brentwood neighbourhood of Burnaby, and it would be the first EfM Graduation Eucharist during the episcopacy of the Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton. During the course of the liturgy, 12 new graduates of the now 230 total grads of the Diocese of New Westminster program received their certificates from Bishop Melissa Skelton.

The nave of the Church filled early and was completely full by the commencement of worship at 7:30 pm. There were many in the congregation with connections to the graduates and to the EfM community, but there was certainly a contingent present to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Bishop Melissa Skelton preach. For her text, the Bishop's primary focus was the Gospel, John 17: 11b-19. She began her sermon by transporting the congregation back in time to a 1978 party she'd attended in Tennessee. At that time, Bishop Melissa was a relatively new member of the Episcopal Church, spouse of a first year seminarian and mother of two young children. She recalled that she was seeking a "real experience of community" in her faith life and at this party was the first time she'd heard about EfM and she very much liked what she heard. As the program was described to the young mother by another guest at the party, she realized that this was what she was looking for at this point in her life and in her faith journey and she committed to the program. Needless to say, Melissa became very much a part of EfM, immersed herself in it and after three years she was asked to become a trainer. She agreed, which at the time gave her the distinction of being the youngest EfM trainer in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Melissa stressed the importance of "community" and how EfM students study, read, pray and participate in theological reflection TOGETHER.

She then continued to examine the Gospel text and its relevance to EfM. This passage contains Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer," his final prayer for himself, for his disciples and for all those who in the future will be brought to faith by the disciples. The Greek word "Cosmos" is repeated 18 times and Jesus uses the word in three different ways.

1. To mean **in the world**, the world as a physical location.
2. The **world without the love of God in Christ**. That is **not** the kind of world we want to live in and therefore we (the disciples [people of faith]) are not of the world.
3. To be **sent into the world**, as we have been made "odd" by our faith in Christ, we have been changed; transformed.

EfM is the education of those who are to be sent into the world to further God's mission. The graduates honoured on June 4th made the commitment to learning and formation for four years and are now prepared to live into their Call to Christian service.

Please keep these new graduates: Connie Wilks, Kathryn Jones, Josephine Forster, Thomas Shaw, Robert Nicolson, Linda

The 2014 EfM grads, mentors and the Bishop. PHOTO Randy Murray



Bourne, Ross Bliss, John Wilson, Timothy Conklin, JoAnne Tharlon, Fernando Este and Elizabeth Clifford in your prayers as they embark on this next phase of their faith journeys. And don't forget to pray for the mentors who presented this group of graduates: Mary Brown, Betty Johns, the

Rev. Paula Porter-Leggett, Debora Jones-Akiyama, Ross Bliss, Bryn Stephenson, the Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne and Mentor/Diocesan Coordinator of EfM, the Rev. Anne Anchor.

If you are interested in learning more about EfM in the Diocese of New West-

minster please contact the Rev. Anne Anchor at [anneanchor@shaw.ca](mailto:anneanchor@shaw.ca) and to keep in touch with the Diocese of New Westminster EfM check out the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Education-for-Ministry-Diocese-of-New-Westminster/222996894390847](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Education-for-Ministry-Diocese-of-New-Westminster/222996894390847). ✚

Bishop Melissa hands the certificate to Ross Bliss. Ross was both an EfM Mentor and a student in the St. Paul's, Vancouver group. Ross has travelled to Eastern Canada to begin his seminary studies. Ross is a postulant for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of New Westminster. PHOTO Randy Murray



Bishop Melissa congratulates Linda Bourne of the St. Paul's, Vancouver EfM group as her mentor/classmate Ross Bliss looks on. EfM Graduate, Polly Betterton of All Saints, Mission, the Server for the Eucharist in the background. PHOTO Randy Murray



The Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne, St. Thomas, Chilliwack mentor and deacon gets a special greeting from the Bishop as days earlier Jennifer had suffered a fall and will be in recovery for many weeks. PHOTO Randy Murray





# Bishop Melissa Skelton's Visit To St. John the Divine

PHIL KERSHAW

St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge

The old and the new came together in a spectacular way on a picture perfect June day as recently ordained Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton, visited what is both the diocese's and the Lower Mainland's oldest Church, St. John the Divine in Maple Ridge.

St. John recently celebrated its 155th anniversary and possesses a colourful history that harkens back to the gold rush days when it was established in the territory's first capital of Derby (Old Fort Langley). Amazingly the Church was relocated to Maple Ridge in 1882, by floating the building down the Fraser River to its new location.

However, it is fair to say that the initial visit of Bishop Melissa was a seminal event in the long and storied heritage of the Church. The anticipation and buzz about Bishop Melissa's arrival was heightened by a feature article in our local paper, which can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/1mPqYUr>, and extensive promotion in the local media, social media and through the diocesan website and Facebook page.

Those who attended were not disappointed. The Bishop preached and presided at both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Celebrations of the Eucharist, as well as spending

the coffee hour between services visiting and greeting members of the St. John worshipping community and visitors. A luncheon was offered after the later service in her honour. Following the meal, Bishop Melissa answered questions and gave extensive background about her own story, experience and journey that has led her to her current ministry leading Anglicans in the Diocese of New Westminster.

She stressed that she has become a specialist in congregational development, tripling the congregation in her former parish of St. Paul's Episcopal in Seattle through the process of 'inclusion.'

There were many truly moving moments during her visit, particularly her excellent homilies presented at both services regarding Jesus' Ascension and the upcoming celebration of the Day of Pentecost. However, perhaps the most moving and appropriate moment came when our oldest congregant and honorary priest associate the Rev. Dick Hunt (who recently celebrated 57 years of ordination), delivered a special blessing over Bishop Melissa at the end of the 10:30 am taken from the scriptural passage, Numbers 6: 24-26.

In closing I just want to add that the

'Bishop Melissa' effect is real. I believe as a person of faith that God raises up the right person at the right time and for Anglicans in this part of British Columbia, Melissa Skelton is that person. It is not an exaggeration to state that she completely captivated and charmed our parish on Sunday and

that anticipation is already building about when we will be honoured with her presence again.

For more information on the history of St. John the Divine please visit <http://stjohnmr.com/history>. ✦

Bishop Melissa with parishioners following the 8:30 am service. PHOTO Phil Kershaw



Bishop Melissa receives a framed painting of the St. John the Divine building, a gift from resident artist, Lawrence Ogrodnick. PHOTO Phil Kershaw



*"I believe  
as a person of faith  
that God raises up  
the right person  
at the right time  
and for Anglicans  
in this part  
of British Columbia,  
Melissa Skelton  
is that person."*

Bishop Melissa poses for a selfie with the Rev. Richard Hunt, honorary priest associate at St. John's, Maple Ridge. Dick had recently celebrated the 57th anniversary of his ordination. PHOTO Phil Kershaw



Bishop Melissa with the rector, the Rev. Charles Balfour. PHOTO Phil Kershaw



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1. James of Christ Church Cathedral the first to be confirmed during Bishop Melissa Skelton's Episcopacy. PHOTO Randy Murray
2. Bishop Melissa meets Delta Mayor, Lois Jackson over a pot of tea. On the right is outgoing St. Cuthbert's incumbent, the Rev. Al Carson. PHOTO Courtesy of Bishop Melissa Skelton
3. During the Children's Talk at St. David's, Delta the young man seen asking a question was amused by the Bishop's surname, which to his ears sounded like "Skeleton." This observation caused a few giggles in the sanctuary. PHOTO Al Jaugelis
4. Bishop Melissa leads the congregation in the reciting of the Baptismal Covenant. The Rev. Pittman Potter on the left. PHOTO Randy Murray
5. A group of women pose with Bishop Melissa at the St. Cuthbert's Canada Day reception. PHOTO Courtesy of Bishop Melissa Skelton
6. Bishop Melissa in front of the Chancel windows at St. Cuthbert's in a Canada flag themed cap. PHOTO Courtesy of Bishop Melissa Skelton
7. After a week in a boarding kennel, Teddy is very happy to be home with his blanket and his bunny. PHOTO Bishop Melissa Skelton
8. Juliana Marks leads the Bishop on a tour of St. David's Jubilee Garden commemorating Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. PHOTO Al Jaugelis
9. Bishop Melissa and Mrs. Phoebe Hamilton, ODNW. Mrs. Hamilton was invested with the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (she was St. David's first nominee to the Order) in the inaugural year of 2009. PHOTO Al Jaugelis
10. The Rev. Christine Magrega, deacon of Holy Trinity Cathedral with Bishop Melissa. PHOTO Courtesy of Bishop Melissa Skelton
11. In preparation for a week's learning in close quarters the plenary at the Diocesan School for Leadership work on the Meyers Briggs Typology Indicators. PHOTO Bishop Melissa Skelton



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## Bishop Melissa & Early Summer of 2014

Bishop Melissa maintained a very busy visitation schedule earlier in the summer prior to taking some well-deserved time off in August. It is hard to believe that as of this writing we are only four and half months into her episcopacy.

On June 22nd, the day began with the Tri-Parish Eucharist and Picnic at Bear Creek Park in Surrey. The participating Surrey parishes were: The Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany, St. Helen's and St. Michael's. More coverage of this event is available in the *Around the Diocese* section of this issue of *Topic* on page 18.

The first Confirmation Eucharist of Bishop Melissa's Episcopacy also took place at Christ Church Cathedral at 4 pm on June 22nd. It was an historic moment as James of Christ Church Cathedral was introduced by Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Douglas Fenton, then approached the chancel platform steps and knelt in front of the Bishop for the laying on of hands for the Sacrament of Confirmation. James would be the first of 53 that day. There were also two Reaffirmations and three Receptions.

On June 29th, Bishop Melissa visited the Parish of St. Cuthbert, Delta where she was warmly welcomed and participated for the first time in Canada Day weekend activities. Between services the Bishop had tea with Delta Mayor, Lois

Jackson who happens to be a member of the Parish of St. Cuthbert's. At 4 pm that day she ordained Connie Wilks and Liz Hamel (see page 6 of this issue of *Topic*)

On Sunday, July 6th, the last rainy day before the July heat wave hit, Bishop Melissa visited St. David's, Delta located in beautiful Tsawwassen. She enjoyed a tour of the Jubilee Garden, received gifts of Jubilee Jam, fresh produce, and got to know some of the younger members of the Diocese of New Westminster and some senior members too.

Sunday, July 13th was spent getting ready for the full week of the Diocesan School for Leadership that took place at Rosemary Heights Roman Catholic Retreat Centre in South Surrey near White Rock. As the Bishop would be in residence with the students and faculty for the entire week her good friend Teddy, the West Highland Terrier, had to spend a week in a Surrey boarding kennel.

On July 20th, Bishop Melissa visited the original seat of the See of New Westminster, Holy Trinity Cathedral where she was welcomed warmly by the entire community led by: the Rev. Dale Yardy, rector; the Rev. Christine Magrega, deacon; and the Rev. Neil Fernyhough, honorary priest associate. ✠



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# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## • Anglican Foundation Grant Recipients in the Diocese of New Westminster •

The Anglican Foundation provides grants and loans for innovative ministries, Anglican presence and diverse infrastructure projects. Whether it is outreach, evangelism, accessibility, roofs or washrooms, the Anglican Foundation cares, and can help bring a project to fruition. Financial assistance from the Anglican Foundation is intended to encourage people to imagine more, and to fulfill their dreams through projects that expand and strengthen ministries across Canada.

At the most recent AFC Board Meeting last May, the following grants were awarded in the Diocese of New Westminster:

- The Parish of St. Dunstan, Aldergrove, BC  
Garden-to-Table: community garden and kitchen outreach to the marginalized and disenfranchised in the Aldergrove region  
The Board approved a grant award of \$15,000.
- Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia & Yukon, Vancouver, BC National Anti-Racism Consultation  
The Board approved a grant award of \$7,600.

Application deadlines each year are April 1st and September 1st.

Visit this webpage <http://bit.ly/WDILbL> for application criteria and an application form. ✦

## • Brush Your Teeth, Flush the Toilet, Wash Your Hands •

SUBMISSION Andrew Stephens-Rennie & Ellen Clark-King

On Sunday June 1st, Christ Church Cathedral made a real splash by launching its Water Project, affectionately known as, *Brush Your Teeth, Flush the Toilet, Wash Your Hands*, with a dunk tank set up in the Hillman Garden at the busy downtown Vancouver intersection of Burrard and West Georgia.

The project sees the Cathedral community on its way towards raising \$10,000, approximately half the cost of equipping one home with clean, running water and in-home wastewater disposal, in the *fly-in* Northern Ontario town of Pikangikum.

National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald brought this Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) administered project to the Cathedral's attention. Speaking of the project, Bishop Mark shared: "Ultimately we are hoping and praying that this first initiative will be part of advocacy and education and partnership across our country, leading to real,

empowering, and hope-filled transformation in our relationship with First Nations' communities — so many of which are living in Third World conditions."


In Pikangikum, 430 of the 450 (or 95% of) homes do not have clean running water or wastewater service. The town has a population of about 2,400 people, about half of which are youth. Several years ago, this community made international headlines when a wave of youth suicides gave it the highest known per capita suicide rate in the world.


The Cathedral is joining with individuals and parishes across the country to contribute to an overall project goal of raising \$200,000 to equip 10 homes with clean water.

To view a short film of the event online please go to <http://bit.ly/1l3gPVU>.

For more information about the project please visit, <http://bit.ly/1ueFh9L>. ✦

Former Cathedral Vicar the Ven. Dr. Ellen Clark-King after her dunk in the tank. Andrew Stephens-Rennie applauds on left and in the centre, Panayiotis Pappas prepares for the next photo opportunity.

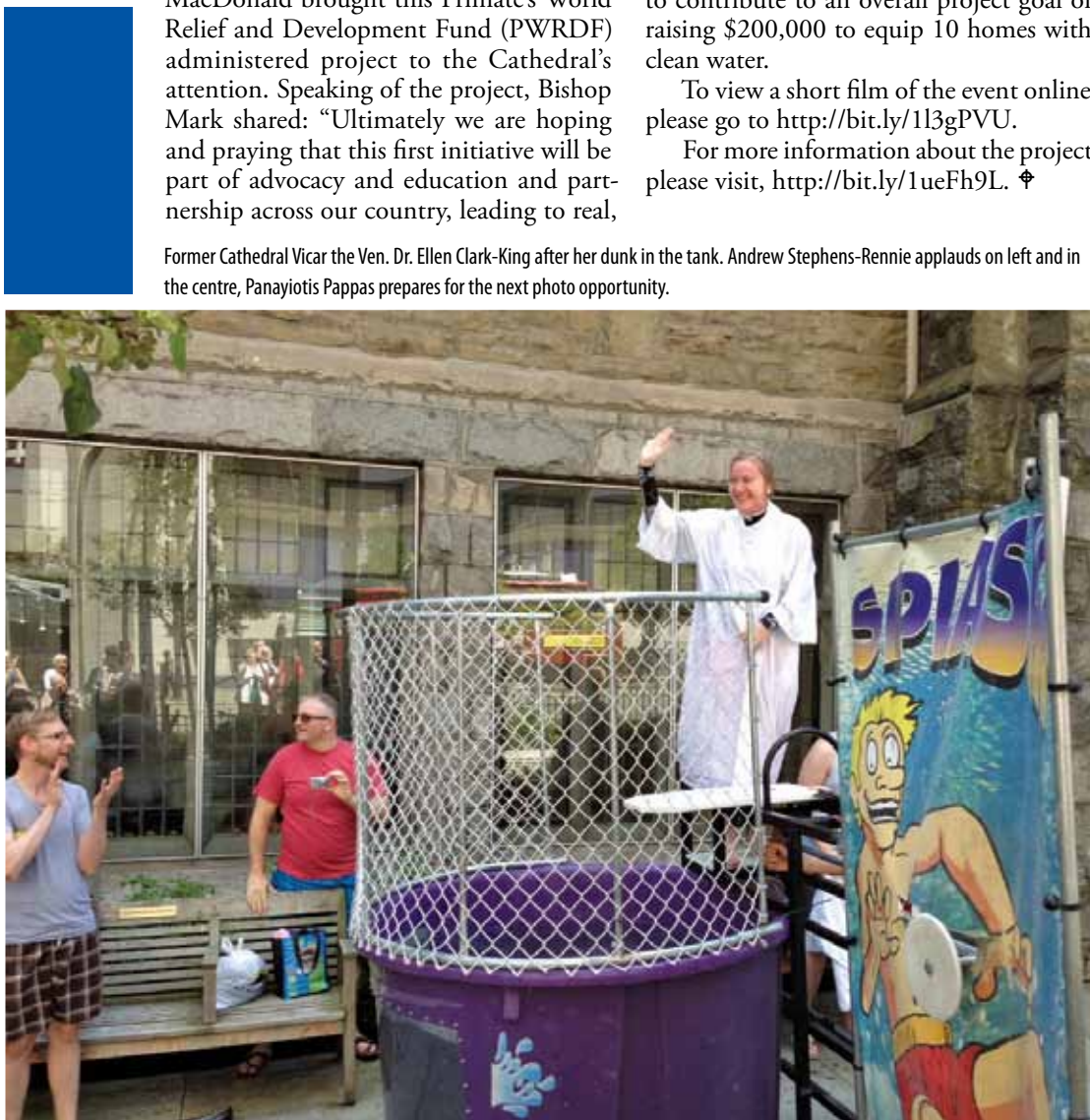




## HELPING CANADIAN ANGLICANS DO MORE

Grant application deadlines:  
April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>

[www.anglicanfoundation.org](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org)



## • Christ Church Cathedral Dedicates New Artwork •

A stunning piece of art carved in rock and consisting of a Celtic Cross with other elements, created by Samuel Bates, was dedicated to the Glory of God, on June 8th, at the Feast of Pentecost. The art piece, which is a gift from Judith and Poul Hansen, has been installed in the Hillman Garden located on the west side of Christ Church Cathedral near the intersection of Burrard and West Georgia streets. The location of the Celtic Cross carving just below and adjacent to the Cathedral's Crucifixion stained glass window in the west transept is particularly meaningful.

In his statement the artist says:

"The central triskel, or three armed spiral, here refers to the Trinity. As the three lines move outward, forming the rest of the design, it becomes an analogy for the Creator's generation of everything from a continuous act of sharing His own existence. All lines begin in the centre; all lines lead back to the centre."

Samuel Bates' Artist Statement is available online at <http://bit.ly/1l3Qkjq>. ✦

PHOTOS Courtesy of Samuel Bates





## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### • Former Topic Editors •

The current *Topic* Editor was delighted to find this photograph of three former *Topic* Editors in his email inbox this past spring and wanted to share it with *Topic* readers.

In the photo from left to right are; Lyndon Grove, ODNW (Order of the Diocese of New Westminster), Editor in the early 1970s and again in the early and mid-1980s (Lyndon is not much for dates but remembered that he was often the “sand in the spinach” of Jerry Hames,

“nervous editor” of what was then called *The Canadian Churchman* which we now know as the *Anglican Journal*); the Ven. Ronald Harrison, Associate Editor and award winning photographer from 1973 to 1982; and Conrad Guelke, ODNW, Editor from 1970 to 1977. The general consensus reached during their meeting (which included some light refreshments), was that the current incumbent is doing a satisfactory job. ✚



### • New Families Find a Warm Welcome at the Anglican Parish of the Epiphany, Surrey •

SUBMISSION Connie Wilks



Fayza Mansour and her son Loay meet Bishop Melissa. PHOTO Randy Murray

Fayza Mansour and her children fled Iraq to Syria because of Christian persecution. They lived in Syria for 8 years, where the family ran an electrical business. With the recent conflict in Syria, they became sponsored refugees to Canada.

Their Surrey apartment is not far from the Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany located between Guildford and Gateway in Surrey. They came one Sunday to visit. They have little English, and the congregation has no Arabic members, but we manage—with simple language and lots of laughter—to communicate.

Three additional families from the Iraqi

community have recently joined the original family at Epiphany, and we have all been enriched and blessed by their participation in worship and parish life. It is expected that more families (perhaps as many as two dozen) will join the Surrey faith community in the coming months.

The families attended the Tri-Parish Service and Picnic in the Park on June 22nd, joining Epiphany with St. Helen's and St. Michaels, all in Surrey. We enjoyed delicious Iraqi dishes at the picnic that followed, and they were very pleased to meet Bishop Melissa! ✚

### • New Administrative Assistant to the Bishop Appointed •

Bishop Melissa Skelton has appointed Mr. Bill Siksay as Administrative Assistant to the Bishop and he will also serve as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Archdeacon. Bill began his work in the Synod Office on Wednesday, July 2nd. Bill was a Member of Parliament (NDP) for Burnaby-Douglas from 2004 to 2011 following more than 18 years as constituency assistant in the same riding. Bill's partner is the Rev. Brian Burke, the United Church minister at Trinity United, Port Coquitlam; the Church which shares its building with St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam.

A big THANK YOU goes out to temporary office work professional Cindy Bolton-Smith who did a great job during the eight weeks following the departure of long-time Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Eileen Nurse. ✚

PHOTO Courtesy of Bill Siksay



### • Pentecost Gift for the Bishop •

At the Pentecost Choral Evensong presented by the Archdeaconry of Vancouver at St. John's, Shaughnessy on June 8th, Belinda Kishimoto, an artist from St. David's, Delta (who is also the parish administrator and the Lay Archdeaconry Representative to Diocesan Council) created a card for the Archdeaconry to sign. Inside the card the calligraphy read:

“May your feet be fitted with the ‘redness’ that comes from the gospel of peace.”

Ephesians 6: 15

The card was presented to the Bishop along with a pair of red shoes manufactured by TOMS, a *One for One* shoes and eyeglasses company. ✚

*One for One: for every pair of shoes purchased, TOMS gives a pair of shoes to a child in need and for every pair of eyewear purchased, TOMS helps give sight to a person in need.*

Belinda Kishimoto and Bishop Melissa. PHOTO Paul Woehrle



### • St. Laurence, Coquitlam Dinner and Auction •

St. Laurence Anglican Church will be holding their annual Dinner & Auction on October 4th. Tickets are \$25 and include a roast beef dinner. The evening will feature both a silent and a live auction. Doors open at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information and/or tickets please contact the office of St. Laurence (825 St. Laurence Street), Coquitlam at stlaurence@telus.net or 604.936.5423. ✚



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## • What a Wonderful Way to Worship • The Surrey Tri-Parish Eucharist and Worship •

SUBMISSION Val Hampton, St. Michael's, Surrey

The colour of the day was green—green grass, green trees, green stoles and Bishop Melissa robed in green. It was 10:30 am on Sunday, June 22nd, 2014, when members of three Surrey parishes—The Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany, Saint Helen's and St. Michael's—met at Bear Creek Park for a Tri-Parish Service of worship followed by a picnic in the park.

It was a most blessed, uplifting and spiritual event enjoyed by all ages—a time for worshipping together through prayer, praise, singing and “hearing what the Spirit is saying to the Church.”

After the processional and opening prayers, Bishop Melissa had a delightful interactive conversation with the children, who were gathered on blankets placed especially for them at the front of the 200+ families and friends who were seated on various lawn chairs and blankets. Her message was about holding tightly to familiar things that we love and cherish and how it feels to let them go. A message which spoke to everyone about letting go of the familiar, safe past and moving forward to the future with open hands, minds and hearts. After their special time with the Bishop, the children were led to a nearby area where special activities had been planned for them.

Thanks to those who were responsible for the practical problems of holding an

open-air service; the sound was excellent, the music was uplifting, and the readers did an excellent job.

Of course, the highlight of the morning was the charismatic presence of Bishop Melissa. Her message, similar to the children's, was very clear and most encouraging. The meeting and worshipping together by the three parishes, with the presence of Bishop Melissa embraced the presence of the Holy Spirit at work, bringing all those present to the realization of the promise of “One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All.” We were encouraged to move forward towards developing healthy and sustainable parishes where all are welcomed and embraced, regardless of age, ethnicity, or culture, and where God's presence is manifest.

Many positive and encouraging comments were voiced following the service and the sharing of the bounteous food (including Krispy Kreme Donuts). One comment overheard was, “We should do this every year—or maybe every week!”

In closing, I would like to share with you a comment made by my 5-year-old grandson when explaining to his grampa what the morning's experience had been all about. He said “...and after Jesus sang, we ate.” ✠

The Eucharist. PHOTO Carol Williams



Bishop Melissa speaking with the Children. PHOTO Carol Williams



## • Easter People •

SUBMISSION Michiko Tatchell and Gwen Lamacraft



The Holy Cross Community, June 29th, 2014. PHOTO Daebn Im

“Twenty-five years ago on July 2nd, 1989 I stood here in the Parish Church of St. Peter's for the last time as rector/priest of the Parish,” said The Rev. Randolph Bruce, at the beginning of his sermon at Holy Cross Japanese-Canadian Anglican Church, Vancouver, on Sunday June 29th, 2014.

In 1988, the Parishes of St. Peter's

The Rev. Randolph Bruce preaching at Holy Cross on June 29th, 2014. PHOTO Daebn Im



and Holy Cross approached Archbishop Hambidge to say that St. Peter's wanted to give their building to Holy Cross and Holy Cross wanted to accept the offer. They also agreed to pay off the small loans St. Peter's had with the diocese and the bank. The process then moved quickly and smoothly and St. Peter's held their last service on July 2nd, 1989. Parishioners had been given the choice of joining Holy Cross or moving to another Anglican parish. Most chose Holy Cross.

This year, with the Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul falling on a Sunday, it seemed the most appropriate time to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of St. Peter's closure.

The Rev. Bruce continued to remind us what happened 25 years ago in his sermon. “Like Peter our former namesake, we became an Easter people. We became the living resurrected Church. We celebrated and gave new life not only to ourselves but also to the good people of Holy Cross. We recognized our truth, celebrated who we were, accepted the moment of opportunity, chose life in Jesus Christ and moved forward. We lived out the gospel by dying to ourselves so that others might live.”

He also said, “I also want to acknowledge the leadership and support of the Most Rev. Douglas Hambidge for his guidance, wisdom and foresight.”

This year, Holy Cross Day (September 14th) also happens to be on a Sunday. When we celebrate Holy Cross Day, the Most Rev. Hambidge will be our celebrant/preacher. The Service will start at 5 pm to be followed by a potluck dinner. Please join us to celebrate Holy Cross Day and The 25th Anniversary of our Consecration. ✠

Enjoying the picnic. PHOTO Randy Murray





## AROUND THE DIOCESE

• Concert & Tea at St. Mary's, Sapperton •  
SUBMISSION Judy Bateluk

St. Mary's, Sapperton is proud to announce our upcoming tea and concert featuring *The Hazeltones*, a sing-a-long gospel/folksong band, on Saturday September 20th. Tea is between 1 pm and 2 pm with the concert from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15. Bring family and friends to enjoy our newly renovated hall and some great lively music! Check out *The Hazeltones* on their Facebook page. They play for free, supporting not-for-profit charities and Churches. A portion of the proceeds from this concert will go to Seniors Services Society.

To reserve tickets please contact Fay at 604.936.3354 or leave a message at the Church office at 604.521.2314 or email Judy at [pjlbarteluk@telus.net](mailto:pjlbarteluk@telus.net). St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton is located at 121 East Columbia Street in New Westminster, with parking to the rear of the Church. ☙



## Stewardship in COMMUNITY The Benedictine Way

*"This stewardship conference is about creating pathways to discipleship through our baptismal promises and the Marks of Mission. It is framed in the Benedictine way which all of us experience as an ongoing conversion of life as we listen for God's direction and find stability and support in our faith community."*



The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hames  
*Pathways to Discipleship*



The Right Rev. Melissa Skelton  
*The Benedictine Way*

*"Participants will not only learn about the Benedictine way of stewardship, they will have the opportunity to create their personal 'Pathway to Discipleship' - what some call a rule of life. The person following this pathway will face many challenges and changes and that is to be expected."*

*We'll start by looking at ourselves and creating a place to begin the journey. After we create our pathway of discipleship, together we will strive to live out our baptismal promises and do our part to make the Marks of Mission a reality. All those setting out on the pathway will have the support of others on the journey."*

**VENUE:** St. Dunstan Aldergrove  
3025—264<sup>th</sup> Street  
Aldergrove BC  
**FEE:** \$50.00, lunch & resources  
\$135 Parish Team of 3  
**DATE:** Saturday, October 18, 2014  
**TIME:** 8:30 P.M. Registration  
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer  
**ADJOURN:** 4:00 P.M.  
**REGISTER:** <http://conta.cc/1ntuANE>  
**CONTACT:** [gmitchell@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:gmitchell@vancouver.anglican.ca)



**Diocese of New Westminster**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

### Statement from Bishop Melissa Skelton on the Decision by the Church of England General Synod

"I'm delighted at the news that the Church of England has approved women Bishops. I see this as a kind of completion of something that began some twenty years ago when women were first ordained to the priesthood in England.

This also means, of course, that the Church of England has now joined other parts of the Communion in embracing women Bishops: the US in 1988 with the ordination of Barbara Harris as the Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts and Canada in 1994 with the ordination of Victoria Matthews as the first Diocesan Bishop in the Anglican Church of Canada.

I see the movement of the Holy Spirit in this decision, and I give thanks for the Spirit's work in every generation as the Church continues to witness to Christ in new ways."

### • St. Christopher's West Vancouver • • Fundraising Concert •

St. Christopher's Anglican Church presents *Some Enchanted Evening: Mozart, Musicals and More*, a concert of opera arias, musical theatre selections, and solo and instrumental music dedicated to the memory of Ruth Whitelaw.

Performers include Annabelle Paetsch, piano (music director at St. Christopher's); Alexandra Hill, soprano; Jason Cook, baritone; Edgar Bridwell, violin; Anne Duranceau, viola da gamba; and Douglas Hagerman, oboe.

### Some Enchanted Evening: Mozart, Musicals and More

**LOCATION** St. Christopher's, West Vancouver  
1068 Inglewood Avenue  
**DATE** Sunday, September 14th, 2014  
**TIME** begins at 7 pm.  
**TICKETS** \$25/20.

Proceeds to benefit music at St. Christopher's.  
For more information please phone  
604.922.5323. ☙



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• Congratulations to the Diocesan School of Leadership Graduating Class of 2014 •



Colleen Butterly of St. Stephen's, Burnaby; the Rev. Wilmer Toyoken, priest-in-charge of St. Michael's, Vancouver; Bishop Melissa Skelton; the Rev. Vivian Lam, rector of St. Matthias – St. Luke, Oakridge; the Ven. Elizabeth Northcott, rector of All Saints, Ladner and Archdeacon of Westminster; the Ven. Stephen Rowe, rector of the Anglican Parish of the Epiphany, Surrey and Archdeacon of Fraser; the Rev. Dale Yardy, rector of Holy Trinity, New Westminster; the Rev. Stephanie Shepard, rector of St. Timothy's, Burnaby and Regional Dean of Tri-Cities/North Burnaby; and Linda Bourne, St. Paul's, Vancouver. PHOTO Marnie Peterson

According to all reports the 2014 edition of the Diocese of New Westminster's Diocesan School for Leadership held July 13th to 19th at the Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in South Surrey, was a huge success.

This was of course the first year where the School's Director and Founder, Melissa Skelton, is also now the Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton, Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Of the more than 50 students attending the weeklong program, eight were in their graduation year. This year's grad class was pretty heavy on the clergy contingent with six of the eight grads being priests of the diocese.

Bishop Melissa and key organizers/ instructors, the Rev. Marnie Peterson and Tasha Carrothers, both members of Synod Staff, were delighted with this year's *School* and are already planning for next year's

program. The *School* will take place again at Rosemary Heights but due to venue availability it will be a bit later in the summer, July 26th to August 1st, 2015.

Joining with the Bishop, Marnie and Tasha were Diocesan School for Leadership Instructors: the Rev. Jeremy Clark-King, rector of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale; David Swan, the Chair of the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committee who is also a parishioner at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale; the Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, rector of St. Clement's, North Vancouver, Archdeacon of Capilano; and the Rev. Louie Engnan, rector of St. Michael's, Surrey.

More in-depth coverage of the 2014 Diocesan School of Leadership and fresh information about planned programming for the 2015 *School* will be available through the various diocesan communications vehicles over the coming months. ✠

## PWRDF • RIDE FOR REFUGE Attention Bike Fans!

PWRDF (The Primates Relief and Development Fund) has joined the Ride for Refuge, a North American fundraising bike ride program, to raise funds this October 4th for PWRDF's food assistance project with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in South Sudan.

Please check out the article on the PWRDF website at:  
<http://pwrdf.org/2014/pedal-for-pwrdf-with-the-ride-for-refuge/>



Suzanne Rumsey, PWRDF's Public Engagement Program Coordinator photographed during a ride that she participated in a few years ago.



## Does Your Life include a Legacy for Your Church?

*Writing your will helps protect your loved ones. It can also help you achieve flexibility in your estate planning and reduce your stress about the future distribution of your estate to your loved ones and the church.*

**For Assistance contact:**  
**Glen Mitchell**  
**Director, Stewardship & Gift Planning**  
**(604) 684-6306, Ext. 218**  
**[gmitchell@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:gmitchell@vancouver.anglican.ca)**



*A bequest in your will to the Anglican Initiatives Fund or your parish is an ultimate act of stewardship and a tangible expression of your trust in God. Consider tithing the value of your estate as your legacy gift to God's mission in the world.*



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### • Shirley Grace Fox •

Order of the Diocese of New Westminster for 2013, St. Matthias—St. Luke, Oakridge

On July 10th, 2014, Bishop Melissa Skelton invested Mrs. Shirley Fox of St. Matthias—St. Luke to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) at the St. Vincent's Residential Care Centre, Langara, in the presence of her children, rector and friends. Mrs. Fox was not well enough to attend the Investiture Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral last November.

From 1936 to 1950, Shirley was a member of All Saints, Burnaby. She was a Youth Group and Sunday School organizer/teacher. She also volunteered with WWI injured servicemen and families. She began her life-long love of Church needlework and established a link with the Church of England Church Needlework Ministry through the Royal School of Needlework. In later years Christ Church Cathedral became a leading site for liturgical arts. In 1950, Shirley married husband Donald and moved to South Vancouver. They attended both the Marine Drive St. Luke's and the 62nd Avenue St. Luke's. She continued to share her talent for Church needlework

with others and taught classes on this. She was in charge of the Sunday School Guild, was the Altar Guild President for many years and was an active member of the Altar Guild under subsequent Presidents. Shirley was also a Synod Delegate, and Church Committee member. She provided secretarial duties when help was needed to all groups, as her husband was Warden for several years.

The Citation presented to Mrs. Fox upon her investiture is as follows:

Shirley has been an active Anglican in this diocese since 1936. Over the years she has served our Church in many, many ways. Shirley has shared her talent and love for Church needlework and has provided diocesan leadership in the development of this art form.

Unfortunately the photos taken on July 10th with the Bishop present were not useable for print so this photo of Shirley and her children, Linda and Murray was taken later in the month. ✚

PHOTO Randy Murray

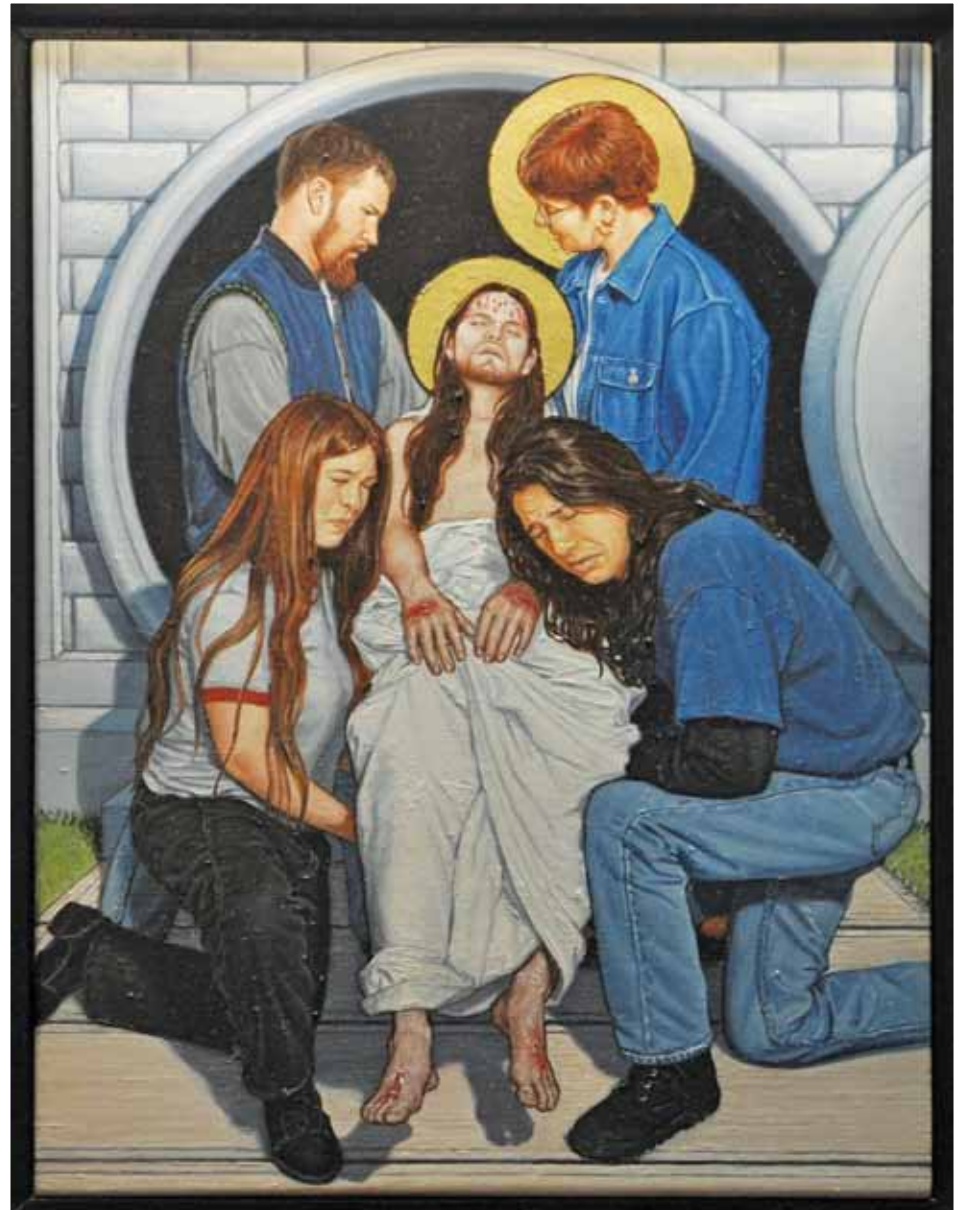


### • The Passing of a Benefactor •

Hugh Hanson Davidson died on Monday, July 14th, 2014, in Victoria, BC. Mr. Davidson had relocated from Vancouver some years ago. Hugh was a devout Anglican, a generous benefactor, and prominent in his local parish at St. David of Wales, Vancouver. In the mid-90s, Hugh, a well-known patron of the arts, commissioned local contemporary realist artist Chris Woods to paint the Stations of the Cross using Vancouver as the visual context. They

were then installed at St. David's, and when that Parish closed in February 2014, the Stations were moved to St. Thomas, Vancouver. Hugh's great example continues as a reminder to us to be generous benefactors to our Church by giving gifts—large and small—that will go on to inspire others in their faith. A Service of Remembrance was held in Victoria, BC, at St. John the Divine Anglican Church on August 5th. ✚

One of Chris Wood's Stations of the Cross images now on display at St. Thomas, East Vancouver.



## Diocesan Council Approves Camp Artaban Settlement

Tuesday, June 10th, 2014, was the first meeting of the new, streamlined Diocesan Council elected at the 115th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, May 23rd and 24th. The 22 member governing body of the diocese, chaired by Bishop Melissa Skelton began work on a full agenda at 6:45 pm which contained a recently added proposed resolution moved by Treasurer Bob Hardy and put into the correct legal language by Registrar Donald Paul in the 24 hours prior to the meeting. This proposal contained the mechanisms to resolve the ongoing debt situation between the Camp Artaban Society and the Diocese of New Westminster, to the mutual satisfaction of the two organizations.

The Camp Artaban Society Board met on the evening of June 3rd and passed a motion agreeing to the terms of a settlement proposal.

The terms of the proposal are that the Diocese of New Westminster will forgive the balance of the Artaban Debt, which consists of a capital debt as of May 31st, 2014, of \$396,632, and interest estimated at roughly \$400,000. The Camp Artaban Society's responsibility will be to make one or more payments totaling no less than \$196,316 (half of the capital debt) to the Diocese of New Westminster on or before November 30th, 2014.

After years of indecision and anxiety about the future of Camp Artaban and how Camp Artaban fits into the Diocese of New Westminster's ministry paradigm, a firm decision has now been made with the passing of this resolution.

For Camp Artaban, the resolution encourages the Society to move forward into the next phase of ministry, lifting the cloud of debt that has hovered over the organization, limit-

ing its ability to fundraise and plan programs.

Following the passing of the resolution by a unanimous vote, Chancellor George Cadman brought to council's attention the excellent work done by Donald Paul in preparing the settlement document with less than 24 hours notice. The Ven. Stephen Rowe quickly followed the chancellor's comments with his own expression of gratitude for the work of Diocesan Treasurer Bob Hardy, the principal architect of the settlement.

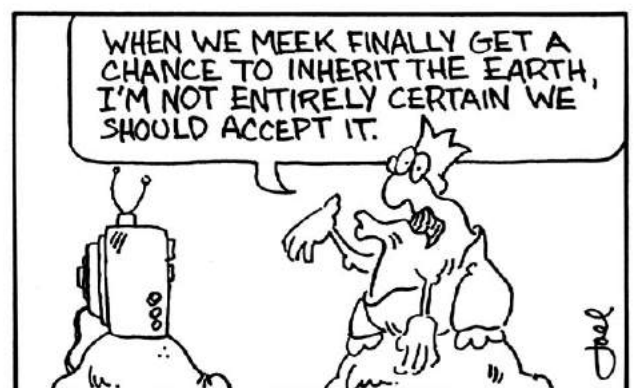
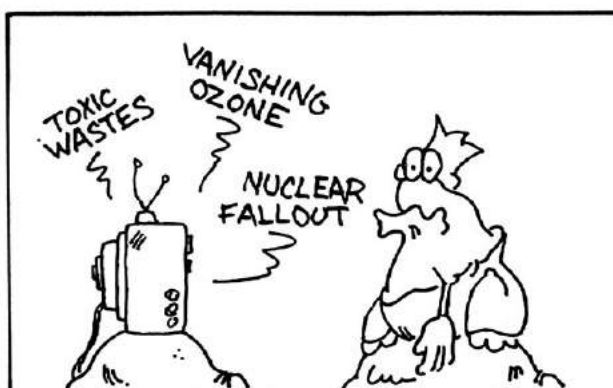
When asked for comment, Camp Artaban Society Board Chair Sandi LaCharite immediately said, "It feels like a ton of weight has been lifted off our shoulders." Then she said, "This Settlement allows us to vision and dream

again. One of the hardest things for us to do is to go to the site in the summer and not see any children there. This is an opportunity that allows us to move forward with our ministry of providing a transformational experience for children, many of whom face incredible barriers in their day to day lives."

The Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton, Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster responded saying, "I'm delighted we have found a way to honour the dedication of those who have been associated with Camp Artaban over the past 91 years. And my prayer for them is that the freedom they now have will bring new opportunities to explore the full potential of Camp Artaban's ministry." ✚



### PONTIUS' PUDDLE by Joel Kauffmann





# OPINION

## Bring the Atmosphere & Attitude of Summer Celebrations to Church this Fall

ART TURNBULL

*Retired Priest of the Diocese of Ontario; Priest With Permission to Officiate, Diocese of New Westminster*

Where does all the exciting energy go? From Canada Day through Labour Day, Canadians celebrate with energy. There are parades to watch. Those on parade leap and jump and shout. The spectators clap and cheer.

In nearly every town and neighbourhood this past summer there has been some sort of major festival event. In between there have been rodeos and regattas.

Organized and informal gatherings have been offered even if only a barbecue in the backyard on your street.

Now the summer is almost over. It is back to Church time. I look about at various services on any Sunday and I see the excitement that is *not* visible. Perhaps it is a limited human commodity that has to be doled out sparingly lest it be used up all at once. Must not overdo the energy release at worship, in any case. But, why not?

The general population has lots of fun. Nearly everyone has a chosen occasion to laugh out loud, in public, with others. People can and do break into song and sing along at community events.

When we return to our worship centres on a Sunday after Labour Day it is not always easy to find that energy impregnating the soul of the average pew warmer. Somehow the dramatic, the theatrical, the performance of the liturgy is drained of sparkles. Without a few sparks there is very little fire. Without a bit of flame it is difficult to warm up. If we do not warm up we certainly are not going to experience the spontaneous combustion that turns us into Spirit-filled celebrants of God's love.

It is my humble opinion that those who actually turn up at any given Sunday service should find such an encounter that they can experience: excitement, awe, humour, acceptance and love. They should not be ashamed to burst into song, even if off key. No one should hold back from exclaiming wonder. I believe even Anglicans who have two hands can clap to accompany a tune if given the chance.

The Good News of Jesus, the Christ, is on parade every Sunday. This Gospel is to be broadcast so that people of the marketplace can hear, and in hearing, believe. When the Word of God is packaged rightly the watching crowds will respond.

What is this Good News we have to celebrate on a Sunday as we return to our places of worship after a summer of going to community fetes?

- The forgiveness of one person to another, the ability to be forgiven, not once, but

seventy times over. Jesus says, "So my heavenly Father will also do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." This is worth celebrating.

- That every one who labours in God's vineyard will receive full payment even if they are late in going into labour. "The

last will be first, and the first will be last," is reason enough to have a happy heart, and to show that happiness. God is generous.

- Jesus was challenged. His authority was questioned. The critics did not like having an energized leader in their midst. When they challenged they could not answer Jesus' question. Jesus said, "Neither will I tell

you by what authority I am doing these things." We do not have to state some authority to have permission to enjoy life, and to enjoy that life abundantly and fully.

Perhaps you are not getting back to Church until Thanksgiving Sunday. If so, I do hope you find such a splendid service that you will truly feel appreciation.

If our towns and neighbourhoods can host events that touch our joy-filled side, then so can our gathered communities of Sunday parishioners celebrate with energy.

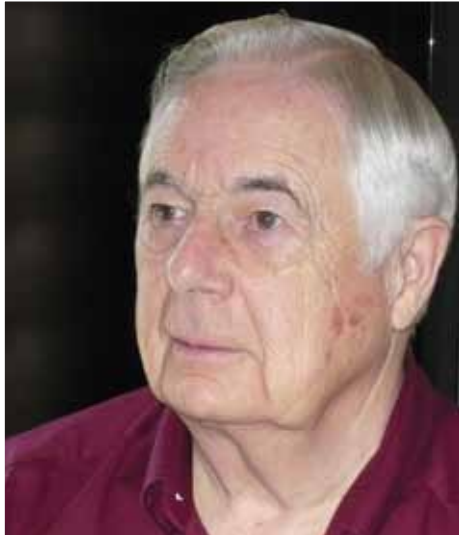
"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work."

Luke 9: 6-8 (NRSV)

This is worth cheering about, thankfully. Do not wait until Winterfest before having worship filled energy. Celebrate this Sunday. ✚

*"If we do not warm up we certainly are not going to experience the spontaneous combustion that turns us into Spirit-filled celebrants of God's love."*

The Rev. (Major) Art Turnbull.



## What is the Church?

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*Retired Priest of the Diocese of New Westminster*

Spell out the word church...

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You are the Church. The Church is composed of many types of people from a variety of backgrounds with a multitude of abilities and gifts. It is easy for these differences to divide the people, as was the case in Corinth. But despite their differences, all believers have one thing in common—faith in Christ. On this essential truth the Church finds unity. All believers are baptized by one Holy Spirit, into one body of believers—the Church. We don't lose our individual identities, but we have an overriding oneness in Christ. When a person becomes a Christian, the Holy Spirit takes up residence, and they are born into God's family. "We are given the one Spirit to drink," means that the Holy Spirit completely fills our innermost beings. As members of God's family, we may have different interests and gifts, but we have the same common goal. ✚

The Peace, at St. Alban's, Burnaby.  
PHOTO Randy Murray



## Chrism? Yes, But Not In Baptism

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I sense that a door was quietly left ajar in our liturgy when the Book of Alternative Services (BAS) first appeared in 1985. Since then it has opened enough to invite comment and create concern. I refer to the optional use of chrism in the sacrament of baptism.

We are informed by the BAS that, "the optional use of chrism restores one of the most ancient baptismal practices." It is an innocent enough introduction but it harbours an oh-so-silent seed of discord and confusion. We now have not one baptism but two—one with chrism and one without. The stage is set, not for putting one beside the other, but one against the

other. Either way we are baptized, or so it would seem, but how long will it be before misgivings begin to creep in, when water's sacrament is seen as diminished because chrism has been left out? There will come a day when division will stand between those who had water-only baptism and those who had it topped up with chrism. One will be found wanting, the very one that has bound us together for a very long time by water and water alone.

There is no place in our Church life where something as crucial as a sacrament can be construed as flawed by means of a supposedly optional extra that implies there is a need to be met. Water baptism stands

on its own. As an approved sacrament it does not need another substance added to give it legitimacy. Chrism has its rightful place but in baptism it must be seen as an intruder. This means that oil has no right to horn in on water's sacrament; to rain on water's parade. Let us continue to make the sign of the cross with water from the font as its one and only outward and visible sign since it is the font that is the focal point of the sacrament. Our other sacrament indeed has two, in bread and wine, since its focus is a meal. If there must be an option let it be the choice of finger or thumb in the signing of the cross. ✚



The Rev. Peter Niblock. PHOTO Margaret Marquardt





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Sunday, June 22nd, 2014, the Second Sunday After Pentecost in the Church year was a very busy day around the Diocese of New Westminster. There was the Tri-Parish (The Anglican Parish of the Church of Epiphany, Surrey; St Helen's, Surrey; St. Michael's, Surrey) Celebration of the Eucharist followed by a potluck al fresco lunch in

The PowerPoint slide displayed prior to the commencement of worship.

PHOTO Randy Murray



The procession song, *His Banner Over Me is Love* complete with choreography. PHOTO Randy Murray



The procession reaches the chancel, still singing and doing the movements. PHOTO Randy Murray



## Let My People Go!

### The Annual Children's Service at St. Alban, Burnaby

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Bear Creek Park, Surrey with Bishop Melissa as preacher and presider. There was the four parish barbecue at Maple Grove Park in the beautiful Southwest Marine Drive neighbourhood, bringing together the faith communities of St. Augustine's, Marpole; St. Faith's, Vancouver; St. Philip, Dunbar; and St. Mary's, Kerrisdale. At 4 pm that afternoon 53 candidates were confirmed by Bishop Melissa Skelton at Christ Church Cathedral in the presence of a capacity congregation — all participating in the first Confirmation Eucharist of Bishop Melissa's episcopacy. And in the Edmond's neighbourhood on the Burnaby side of the Burnaby/New Westminster border, the community of St. Alban's filled the small wood frame Church for the Children's Service. And what a joyful celebration it was...

The first thing one couldn't help but notice upon entering the sanctuary, was the line-up of large placards decorated in blotches of various shades of blue with some rusty reds thrown in. Each set of pew aisles had one of these placards leaning against it so it was a wee bit awkward to slip in and get a seat. After a warm greeting by St. Alban's rector, the Rev. Faun Harriman and the opening song of praise, *His Banner is Over Me* sung enthusiastically by the congregation with choreography included, Jim Claydon informed those gathered in the sanctuary that they would be responsible for lifting the placards and holding them parallel to the floor at which point they collectively became a clever pantomime version of the Red Sea. Next he instructed those who would be holding the placards on how to "part them" at the correct moment during the upcoming presentation by the children, youth and youth leaders of the parish, entitled *Let My People Go*.

*Let My People Go* was a stellar piece of Church theatre based on the Old Testament Book of Exodus. The first scene opened with Pharaoh played by Anne Claydon, resplendent in a gold foil, cardboard crown, holding a multi-coloured collapsible playroom sword as a sceptre and sitting in a somewhat worse-for-wear, wing-backed armchair. Anne is a true artist skilled in deadpan comedy who did a fabulous job of playing the hard-hearted Egyptian leader. Pharaoh is then subjected for the next 15 to 20 minutes to the persistent lobbying of Moses who with the support of God threatens and carries out a number of catastrophic events on the land and people of Egypt in a diligent attempt to free

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Anne Claydon as Pharaoh. PHOTO Randy Murray







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Horrible storms ravage the land of Egypt. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Pharaoh is distraught. RIGHT Moses, played by Jim Claydon, prepares to lead the Children of Israel out of bondage and across the Red Sea. PHOTO Randy Murray



Right on cue the Red Sea appears. PHOTO Randy Murray



Some of the ailing Egyptian livestock. Although they look pretty chipper in the photo their demise was imminent. PHOTO Randy Murray



## Let My People Go!

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the enslaved Children of Israel and allow them to return to their homeland. Moses was played by the aforementioned Jim Claydon (the real life husband of Anne), who took a very different approach to the role. Instead of the usual interpretation of Moses as an heroic, intense, iconic leader, Jim played him as a persistent, passive-aggressive (reminiscent of a cellphone plan salesperson) with the subtext being that he was trying to do Pharaoh a favour by allowing her to make the right choice therefore ultimately saving her

and her people a lot of grief.

Each time Moses delivered an ultimatum beginning with turning water into blood, Pharaoh refused, with the dire consequences being that God would bring some unpleasantness to the land of Egypt. The unpleasant events were dramatically brought to life by the children and youth of the parish who portrayed: pestilence of frogs, flies and locusts in the form of hoping youngsters in frog masks and small plastic whirligigs launched randomly around the sanctuary; ailing-then-dying livestock; illness, which manifested itself in a persistent dry cough and large red facial blotches; stormy weather brought to life by sticks supporting large lightning cutouts in bright yellow and red. Although Pharaoh was depressed by this turn of events she was unrepentant which of course led Moses to gather the Israelites and leg it to the Red Sea for the escape of biblical proportions. Then, like the great special effect of the 1956 Cecil B. Demille film, *The Ten Commandments* it was time for the congregation to do their bit, positioning the Red Sea placards and then on cue parting them so that the Children of Israel could flee to safety. It worked perfectly and the Children of Israel escaped successfully.

The presentation was followed by the intercession, then a warm, friendly and extended exchange of the Peace and the Eucharist. Worshipping at St. Alban's, Burnaby was a wonderful way to close out the Church School program year and greet the summer of 2014 on the first weekend of the season. It is a joy to be welcomed into a community where the Holy Spirit is present in intergenerational worship and where all the participants are included and involved. St. Alban's, Burnaby will be going through some transitions in youth ministry in the coming months, so please keep them in your thoughts in prayers. ✚



The Red Sea parts and the Children of Israel make it to safety. PHOTO Randy Murray

