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Balancing budget a tough act

by Ana Watts

The budget implications of the possible bankruptcy of the National Church and a desire to fund exciting new initiatives identified at Synod 2000 were taken into consideration when Diocesan Council met in early November to discuss the 2001 budget.

Although that meeting had yet to be held at press time, Diocesan Treasurer Fred Scott told the New Brunswick Anglican that the Board of Finance would be presenting a three year budget projection in order to develop a better sense of where we are heading in the longer term.

"The board will also be presenting a three year plan for clergy stipend levels. We are trying to move away from the crisis approach that has prevailed in recent years. Our pattern has been to budget in November and then scramble to get the parishes on board."

So far support of the 2000 budget is strong, but Mr. Scott still anticipates another operating deficit, the third in as many years. A Board of Finance committee struck to make recommendations on how to turn this situation around recommended better communication with the people of the diocese. The committee feels parishes will contribute more only if the diocese is direct and intentional in that regard.

Synod 2000 created a feeling of optimism and positive attitude that went a long way toward addressing this recommendation. At the same time it created expectations that will put more pressure on the budget. The very preliminary and unapproved budget for 2001 shows that even with modest inflation assumptions, assessment will need to rise by about 10% over the next three years. Mission Outreach will climb by a similar rate. While these increases alone may not seem impossible, they will be on top of stipend changes and other upward financial pressures.

Then there is the uncertainty of the National Church situation. "National has already cut its support for ACPO. This small step will result in a larger financial responsibility for Provincial Synods, resulting in an increase in our annual provincial assessment. Small in dollars, but perhaps significant," says Mr. Scott.

Details of the 2001 budget will appear in the December issue.

What's a cubit?



It may look like Peter Irish (right) and his friend Gordon Richards are building an ark, but in fact it is a 42 foot schooner. It's a life-long ambition for Mr. Irish, who is no stranger to boat-building, but not on this scale. When he was offered an early retirement package and his wife, the Rev. Eileen Irish, was appointed to the Parish of Greenwich on the St. John River, he realized everything was in place to enable him to get to work. A huge shed on the Richards' Loyalist farm is ideal for hull construction, as is cedar from the woodlot that they take to Johnson's mill in Oak Point. The schooner has become quite the community project. "Peter's got quite the ministry down there," says his wife Eileen.

Synod action analysis complete

The Synod Action committee, struck following Synod 2000 has completed the analysis phase of its mandate.

"We have gone through what the bishop said in his charge and what the synod members said in response, and developed specific goals and objectives in eight areas," says committee co-chair Peter Irish.

Synod 2000, the diocese's first under Bishop William Hockin, was a single-issue synod devoted to identifying diocesan priorities.

The action areas identified by the committee are: faith and spiritual growth in our families; lay leadership and education; effective parish and diocesan organizations; strengthening and rejuvenating our youth ministry; stewardship and financial development; resources and communication; facilitating the bishop's leadership; and clergy development.

"These are the goals and objectives we feel really should be implemented. They will be taken to the bishop for confirmation that they are inline with where he is going and what he is going to do," says Mr. Irish.

The bishop has already initiated action on a couple of things included in the committee's list.

In his charge Bishop Hockin envisioned a family grace card that could be propped between the salt and pepper shakers on the dinner table as a simple yet effective way to promote spiritual growth. He wrote the grace and Ed Werthmann, a professional graphic

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Advent

Preparing to celebrate the greatest gift of all

from *Seeds for Sewing*

A Mothers' Union Resource Book

The Christian verity — that in Jesus Christ God has come to us in humility, that He continues to come to us mysteriously, and that finally, He will come to us gloriously — is the theme of the Christian Church's season of Advent. The very word Advent comes to us from the Latin word meaning *to come*.

The Advent season stretches from the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Patron of Scotland, St. Andrew (November 30), through December until Christmas Eve. It is the season in which we prepare to remember Christ's first coming at

Christmas. We also proclaim Christ's second coming at the end of time as the Judge of all. And finally, the Advent season bids us to be mindful of God's coming to us now in our daily lives.

Advent is an expression of our human instinct to spruce-up — to tidy up our homes and persons in eager anticipation of receiving a visit from an honoured and respected guest or relative.

How do we prepare for Christ to come into our lives?

By prayer, penance and fasting. These are the mops and brooms of spiritual housecleaning.

We use them to prepare to celebrate the Advent, the coming of our Lord Jesus in which we rejoice at Christmas. The purpose of the housecleaning is to leave us free to celebrate and rejoice when the the guest arrives. We won't need to be concerned that He is going to disapprove of spiritual cobwebs, dusty Bibles and dirty corners in our hearts.

As Christians we must try to counteract the shallow commercialism that characterizes the pre-Christmas season in our society.

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New Brunswick Anglican

Mission & Guidelines

The following document, adopted by the Board of Management of the New Brunswick Anglican and approved by Bishop William Hockin in May 2000, formally states the longstanding policies of our diocesan newspaper.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the New Brunswick Anglican is to serve Jesus Christ and His Church by reflecting, in print, the spiritual life of the Diocese of Fredericton. We have a ministry of communication and teaching which provides a forum for cultural, theological and societal voices.

The New Brunswick Anglican is distributed with the Anglican Journal, our national newspaper. The New Brunswick Anglican is a member of the Angli-

can Editors Association which represents the common concerns of the Anglican Journal and diocesan papers throughout the Anglican Church of Canada.

POLICY

The New Brunswick Anglican is the official publication of the Diocese of Fredericton. It endeavors to present, fairly and accurately, the ministries and missions of the New Brunswick Anglican community. To achieve this, the editor and columnists are encouraged to express responsible opinion, even if critical of Church policy and procedure. Readers are invited to share opinions and views.

The New Brunswick Anglican is responsible to the Diocesan Council and to the Synod through the publisher, the Diocesan Bishop. Advice and guidance is given by a Board of Management appointed by the Bishop.

The board is an advisory body to the Editor of the New Brunswick Anglican and is responsible to ensure the New Brunswick Anglican is produced in accordance with the principles articulated in its Mission Statement.

PRODUCTION

The Editor of the New Brunswick Anglican is appointed by the publisher. The Editor oversees production and printing of the newspaper. The Editor is an ex-officio member of the Board of Management.

NEWS REPORTING

The Editor is regularly briefed by the Bishop and his/her Executive Assistant on developments within the diocese; attends Diocesan Council meetings when possible; attends all synods; attends as many diocesan functions at the cathedral as possible. The Editor writes stories on issues arising from these various meetings

and events. Volunteer columnists provide regular input to the New Brunswick Anglican. The paper relies on representatives of parishes and other groups to submit stories and photographs related to their events. The New Brunswick Anglican also welcomes parish newsletters, clippings from local newspapers and other submissions of interest.

FINANCES

The New Brunswick Anglican is funded as a line-item in the diocesan budget. It receives revenue from the annual Journal Appeal, through voluntary subscription payments and some advertising.

CIRCULATION

It is the responsibility of individual parishes to maintain their mailing lists through the office of the Anglican Journal, 600 Jarvis Street, Toronto, M4Y 2J6. Once a year the Anglican Journal

sends a circulation list with add/delete pages so that parishes may update their lists according to changes within the parish. As a cost saving measure, it is helpful for parishes to send list updates throughout the year to the Anglican Journal.

All supporters of the Anglican Church within the Diocese of Fredericton should be on the New Brunswick Anglican mailing list. Parishioners who move out of the diocese and wish to continue receiving the paper may have their names put on the 'individual' mailing list by notifying the New Brunswick Anglican office.

LETTER

Dear Ana,

The article entitled "Diocese discusses Anglican/Lutheran Call to Full Communion" had one quite significant inaccuracy. The conference had two presenters: Bishop Fred Hiltz and Rev. Kimber McNabb and not just one as the article mentioned. Bishop Hiltz presented the Anglican side of the discussion including talking about the process of our discussions with the Lutherans and Pastor Kimber presented Full Communion from a personal and Lutheran perspective. Both presenters were so thorough and excellent that I thought it would be remiss of me if I didn't correct this inaccuracy.

This paper is excellent and I do look forward to reading it from cover to cover. Blessings and peace, Michael (Canning) Rector, Parish of Denmark

Getting there one paper at a time

Incomplete and inaccurate addresses cost the diocese money we don't have to spare (again, see the budget story on page 1.).

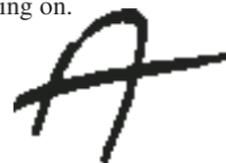
When a parishioner moves and the circulation list is not updated by the parish, newspapers continue to be sent to the old address. The new residents (usually not Anglicans) often don't bother to return the papers. This can go on for years. The diocese pays for papers to be distributed to people who have no association with our church.

Each incorrectly addressed newspaper returned by the post office costs 63¢, but at least it identifies a problem so it can be corrected.

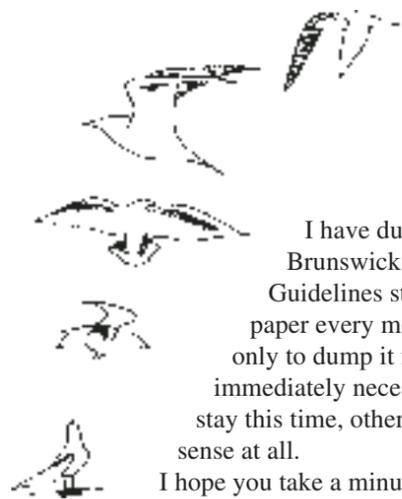
Even papers successfully delivered, but whose addresses are not number and letter perfect, are subject to fines from Canada Post. New Brunswick recently completed the 911/Canada Post Civic Addressing Project that updated all rural addresses in the province, but our subscription database still shows 825 active subscribers with old-style, and therefore inaccurate, rural addresses.

Parishes with inaccurate lists must find the energy, time, staff and/or volunteers necessary in order to update their lists as soon as possible. If you need a copy of your list, contact the Anglican Journal Circulation Department, 600 Jarvis St., Toronto, M4Y 2J6; 416/924-9199 ext. 259; journal.circulation@national.anglican.ca.

I know not everyone who receives the New Brunswick Anglican and the Anglican Journal takes the time to read them. Some people read selected things and others read every word — but heaven knows none of them agrees with everything that is printed in either one. Several years ago a survey of the papers asked people what they liked most in the papers and what they liked least. The same things appeared on each list. Everyone deserves an opportunity to decide what goes where. Everyone deserves an opportunity to read what is going on.



Ana Watts is editor of the New Brunswick Anglican



I have dummed the The New Brunswick Anglican Mission and Guidelines statement (above) into the paper every month since it was approved, only to dump it for something more immediately necessary. I hope it is here to stay this time, otherwise this column makes no sense at all.

I hope you take a minute or two to read it. I think it clarifies many things — including the fact that, as much as I would like to, I can't personally report on many events. I cover the major diocesan ones, which usually happen at the Cathedral, but budgets being what they are (see page 1), I can't travel very far very often.

Stories of diocesan interest that can be done by telephone and e-mail (see the story on our theology students on pages 6 & 7) can be accommodated as well. Stories (and photos) on conferences, missions and workshops sponsored by parishes and groups need to come from the people involved because they are the people closest to them and who can tell them best.

Another issue the mission and guidelines story covers is circulation. It has always been the responsibility of each parish to maintain its mailing (parish) list for the Anglican Journal Circulation Department. It is an important job. The mission of the paper depends on it. A communication tool can not be effective if it is not delivered.

Every identifiable giver in the Anglican Church in Canada is entitled to a copy of its own diocesan paper (if it is fortunate enough to have one) and to a copy of the Anglican Journal. Some parishes consider a bundle of newspapers sent to the church and left for their parishioners to pick up fulfils this duty. It does not. This system often leaves members of the parish who are not in church regularly — whether they are unwilling or unable — without their papers.

In order for our papers to inform, inspire, enrage or engage, they need to reach people. In order for them to reach people, the Journal Circulation Department requires complete and accurate individual addresses.

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Announcements from the Bishop's Office

The Rev. Patricia Drummond and the Rev. Elaine Hamilton, and the Rev. David Perks will be ordained priests by Bishop Bill Hockin at Christ Church Cathedral on November 26 at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Drummond, who was appointed Diocesan Christian Education Director in August of this year, was educated at the University of Cambridge in England; the University of New Brunswick and Montreal Diocesan Theological College in Canada. She was ordained deacon by Bishop George Lemmon in 1999 and appointed to a non-stipendiary position at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton. She will continue in her Christian Education position and serve as Honorary Assistant at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton.

Mrs. Hamilton, a native of Fredericton, was commissioned by the Church Army in Toronto in 1973 and ordained deacon in 1981 by Bishop Martin Mate of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland. She served as Anglican Chaplain at the Newfoundland School for the Deaf in that diocese and worked in other parishes throughout the province. She received a BTh from Thorneloe University, Sudbury, in October of 2000. She has served as volunteer Christian Education Director at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton as well as assistant at Christ Church Cathedral. Following her ordination she will serve as part-time assistant curate at the Parish Church.

Mr. David Perks was born in Montreal and spent much of his childhood in Toronto. He holds an Honors BA in Philosophy and an MDiv. from Huron College at the University of Western Ontario in London. Before attending seminary he was a district manager for Coles Books. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Hockin in June of this year. He will continue to serve as assistant curate in the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen.

The Rev. Jane Arnott of the Parishes of Grand Falls and Madawaska, has accepted an interim worship-leader appointment to the United Church in Edmundston. She will combine her United Church duties with her current Anglican duties in Edmundston until April of next year.



From the Bishop We must 'home-school' our children in the faith

Two months ago in this article I raised the issue of how we communicate our faith to a younger generation. Now I ask: What is our part, as members of the Church, to ensure our future in what is often a hostile and cynical environment? Where should our investment be?

We know from scripture that Christ, as head of the Church, is our primary source of life and future. He guaranteed this when He sent His Holy Spirit to empower us with gifts meant to build up His Body. He also commanded us to DO certain things ourselves: "Go into all the world; to preach the Gospel; to make disciples; to baptize". (Matthew 28)

It would be easy to be critical, even cynical, about the Church's going, preaching, discipling, even baptizing record over the last thirty years. However, this is no time for negativity, it is a time for a vision of what we might do and can do to ensure that the next generation comes to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known.

I am convinced that central to this holy enterprise is the work of parents 'to home school' their children in THE faith. Thirty years ago we might rightly have assumed this faith could be picked up in a predominantly Christian culture, and that even our public school system would give it lip service.

This is not longer the case. Values have changed, the meaning of truth has changed.

There is now little in our children's daily lives — on television, in school, or on the street — that points them to the God who created them and loves them.

During the summer, browsing in a book store I discovered a new children's Bible. It was well illustrated, included the central stories of Old and New Testament, but what grabbed me was the title: *Read With Me Bible*.

That makes it more than just a gift for the child. It makes it a resource for parents and an opportunity for parents and children to spend TIME TOGETHER to read, listen, and share God's Word.

This is a way to begin 'to home school' our children in the faith. It in no way is intended to replace Sunday School, but with resources like this, instead of a once-a-week God's story experience, our children have a daily experience, just like they have with *Mr. Rogers* and *Sesame Street*.

The future of our Church may well depend on the work of faithful parents, not just to ensure that their children are baptized, but to 'go' to them; to pay attention to them, to spend time with them and share the Good News of Christ ... to make them His disciples.

↑William
Bishop of Fredericton

Read With Me Bible, published by Zondervan, sells for \$21.99, and is available at Anglican House, Princess Street, Saint John, NB Tel: 693-2295. (A good gift from grand parents for Christmas)

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artist from the Parish of Marysville, designed the card which will be laminated to save it from the perils of spilt milk. It is anticipated the cards will be printed and distributed in time for Christmas.

A week-long optional program devoted to the continuing education of clergy is also in the works. It would feature guest speakers on pertinent topics. Unlike the annual conference which clergy are expected to attend and which is intended to promote fellowship and inspiration, this program will be completely educational.

Many of the identified goals and objectives identified by the Action Committee — like conferences, training

and learning events, resource kits, additional support for youth camps and diocesan communication — require significant funding which has yet to be identified.

At press time the action committee was scheduled to meet with the bishop to talk about the implementation phase of their work.

A report from that meeting, as well as complete details on the work of the committee, are available on the diocesan web site — fredericton.anglican.org. Those who don't have access to the Internet are invited to call Mr. Irish at 468-2458. He will gladly supply a paper copy of this information.

BISHOP'S PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

November 6

Church Army Commissioning
Saint John

November 8

Parish of Apohaqui
Blessing of new Rectory

November 12—15 & 19—22

Deanery of Woodstock

November 26

Ordination of Priests
Christ Church Cathedral 7 p.m.

November 27

Advent Series
Sports Hall of Fame

November 30

Consecration of Bishop Donald Young
Gander, Newfoundland

December 3 & 5—8

Deanery of Shediac

December 4

Advent Series
Sports Hall of Fame

Advent: Preparing for the gift

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Our preparation for Christmas is to be a holy one, mindful of the true meaning of this sacred time.

In our church we use the colours of the hangings to help us remember the season. The colour of Advent is traditionally purple, the same colour as our other, more rigorous penitential season, Lent.

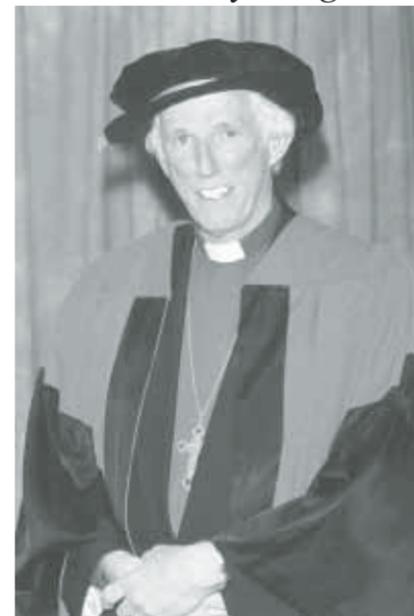
Advent coin cards, calendars, wreathes and Bible readings are other tools that help us focus on Advent.

The readings especially help us to remember what we are trying to do, which is to prepare for the celebration of the greatest gift of all — our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is the gift God gave us because He loves us.



Honorary Degree



The University of Kings College in Halifax bestowed an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree on Bishop William Hockin at Commencement Exercises May 14.

Quiet Day

A time to regroup

BY ANN LONGTHORP

ACW DIOCESAN VICE-PRESIDENT

ACW Quiet Day was held this year at St. John the Baptist Church in Riverview. This church is pretty and peaceful inside and looks out over the river valley. It welcomed 61 members on a beautiful fall day.

Our theme was *Shine Like Stars in the Universe* (Philippians 2:15). The rector of the parish, the Rev. Albert Snelgrove, and his wife Wandlyn prepared the day. They looked in to St. Paul's four chapter letter to the Philippians and found it very full.

We don't often think about it, but if it hadn't been for Paul and his friends branching out into Europe, we might not be Christians today.

Wandlyn led us in prayer at the beginning, during and at the end of the presentation.

We sang new songs, at least they were new to me, led by organist Carolyn Keirstead. What a great way to express your joy and praise God. Who really cares whether you can sing or not?

A lovely dinner of roast beef with 'all the fixins' was served by the men's club. A very good meal, and it was lucky we didn't all have to sleep it off. Thanks once again.

The day ended with the Eucharist celebrated by Mr. Snelgrove.

It was just the kind of quiet day we needed in order to regroup after a busy summer. We finished it ready to launch out into a busy fall as God leads us.

Church tour lunch break



Participants in the Fall Tour of Saint John Churches, sponsored by the Christ Church Cathedral ACW, enjoyed lunch and a tour at St. George's in Saint John West. They were also treated to a tour of Saint John's oldest church building. Photo by David Goss.

Kingston Deanery ACW focuses on youth

The 47th Annual Meeting of the Kingston-Kennebecasis Deaneries of the ACW was held in September at the Church of Ascension in Apohaqui.

Our special speaker was the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid, rector of the Parish of St. George. She told us about her experiences at Camp Medley, of her work with the youth of her own parish and the diocese. She told us about Teens Encounter Christ and encouraged us to get to know the young people in our parishes and to pray for them.

It was a very inspirational talk and the ladies were motivated

to do what they could to encourage young people.

We also heard interesting reports about Farraline Place, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cross-Stitch Jordan Projects, as well as the reports of the various work going on in our own branches.

Bev Syre conducted a lovely memorial service in remembrance of our sisters who have departed from this life during the past year.

Registration surpassed expectations with more than 80 members, three diocesan officers and eight clergy in attendance.

President Betty Pickle congratulated the ladies for all their

work over the past year and thanked them for the support they had given her during her two years in office.

Joan Mumford was unanimously elected as our new president. Heather Dow is vice president; Elizabeth Walton is second vice president; and Pauline Long is secretary-treasurer. The new officers were installed by the Rev. William Sheppard.

Our next annual meeting will be held in early November of 2001 and will be hosted by the Hammond River ACW.

St. Andrews deanery members share moving stories

ACW St. Andrews Deanery President Eileen Somers of Grand Manan not only presided over the group's 38th annual meeting, she led a time of testimony with her own moving story of a battle with cancer.

The Diocesan Layreader and active member of St. Paul's Church was diagnosed with breast cancer in September 1998. It triggered a round of journeys to Saint John for chemotherapy, radiation and surgery — journeys she could not have undertaken without the prayerful and practical support of her church family. By June of 1999 she thought she had won the battle and the community rejoiced in her return to health and service in the church.

Christmas brought new symptoms. She scheduled a checkup on January 17. A winter storm delayed it until February 21 — weather rules when travel includes a two hour ferry ride. The February appointment revealed the cancer had spread to Eileen's liver.

The initial course of treatment proved ineffective. A new medication prescribed in early April required trips for weekly administration, but by May it had enabled Eileen to again take an active part in Parish life. She asked for the continued prayers of her fellow ACW members, however, because now even that treatment is no longer viable and the search is on for something else.

Through this long and arduous journey, Eileen has felt the Lord with her and is comforted by the promises of 2 Corinthians 12:9 and Psalm 27:1-6. She shared these passages as well as a poem by Helen Steiner Rice.

Eileen's mother, Alice Somers, spoke of the many things for which she and Eileen are thankful, including prayer support and transportation assistance.

Others at the meeting also shared stories. Yvonne Park of Grand Manan told of her mother's diagnosis with cancer in the spring of this year, and of the strength

and comfort her family has received through prayer during surgery and chemotherapy treatments this summer. She read excerpts from Psalm 139 — a favourite of their family.

The Rev. Charles Smart spoke briefly but eloquently of his experience with cancer and healing, and of the many people in his parish who have been affected by this disease.

A time of prayer and silence followed these very stirring testimonies.

The Deanery Annual took place in mid-September at St. Paul's Church and Hall on Grand Manan. The total attendance of 50 included 37 members, four diocesan officers and guests, and nine clergy.

Those attending from the mainland were met at the 11:00 a.m. ferry and taken to St. Paul's Church for a service of Holy Communion. The rector, the Rev. Howard Anningson, celebrated.



Christmas

Coffee Party & Bazaar

St John's Anglican Church

McNair Drive

Nackawic

Friday, November 17:

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Craft, Bake & White Elephant Tables

with many items for your Christmas shopping

Coffee Cakes, Muffins, Biscuits,

Cheese and Homemade Jams

served in the hall downstairs (\$3)

A Display of

Afghans and Teddy Bears

in the church.



Saturday

November 18

Christmas Bazaar

Sponsored by the
Monday Evening Branch

ACW

at

Christ Church (Parish) Church

Westmorland & Charlotte Streets

Fredericton

Doors open at 2 p.m.

Sweet Treats are served at the

Café au Bazaar

beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Trinity: definitely not 'just a museum'

Trinity Church, Parish of Saint John, would make an outstanding museum. What it has always been and wants to continue to be, however, is: an active church which celebrates the Sacraments and proclaims the Word of God.

When the Loyalists landed in Saint John, one of their first concerns was a church. In 1786, the Parish of Saint John was incorporated and what we now call Old Trinity Church was built at the top of the hill that overlooks Market Slip. A simple Georgian structure, it was consecrated by Bishop Inglis on August 29, 1792 in a service which included the first ordination ever held in New Brunswick.

The Great Fire of 1877 destroyed Old Trinity. Only the silver Communion vessels, parish registers, and the Royal Coat of Arms that some Loyalists had brought with them from Boston survived.

The cornerstone of the present Early English Gothic church — the style most admired by Bishop John Medley — was laid on May 19, 1879. The 'School House' portion of the building was finished first and used for services until the magnificent 800-seat church was completed in late 1880.

Even though Saint John was not named the capital of New Brunswick for strategic military reasons, and Fredericton became the see-city of the diocese, Trinity Church of Saint John was at the heart of the New Brunswick Anglican community. Over the years it was attended and endowed by the city's wealthy industrialists, merchants and professionals.

Renovations over the years reduced the church's seating capacity from 800 to 650, but today only an average of 90 people — a dozen or so at eight o'clock, the rest at 11 — attend Sunday services. There are 320 souls on the parish list, 11 of whom are more than 90 years old.

Clearly a congregation of this size cannot maintain a massive historic structure that requires six furnaces to heat it, but don't count Trinity out yet.

"I did not come here to conduct a funeral," says the Ven. Stuart Allan who has been rector of the parish for just over a year. "I want this parish to be active and serve the community around it." That community has changed over the years. Young people tend to live in the suburbs, many of the people who live near Trinity are retired.

According to Archdeacon Allan, that really isn't a problem. "Seniors are living longer and healthier, they are active and involved. It is a segment of the population that is going to get bigger and bigger,

especially in the cities. We are going to minister to the senior population, and I don't mean drop in on them or send them a card."

Part of that ministry calls for the complete renovation of the 'School House' with its offices, library and choir rooms and large hall. The renovations will make the church accessible to seniors and others with mobility problems, and plans includes a common room for seniors.

"It will be a nice room, a very nice room, and it will meet all their needs." The renovations are possible because faithful past members of Trinity left the church well endowed "If it were not for them, we would not be able to carry on with our present congregation. The nature of some of our endowments means we can afford to do renovations, but we can't always pay our bills. We consider the renovations an investment in congregation building."

Local seniors are not the only ones who will benefit from Trinity's ministry.

"We get a lot of tourists, including a lot of passengers from the cruise ships that docked in Saint John. Some of them think we're a fine museum, others are looking for their roots — we have our original church records back to the 1830s. We employ a tour guide to show them around, but I think we need to look at some way to be more available to tourists as a church community."

The importance of ministering to youth is not lost either. There are three high schools within just a few blocks. "We're asking ourselves what can we do during week to reach out to these students, especially during the noon hour." In fact, Trinity is exploring all kinds of weekday possibilities. "The uptown is deserted on weekends, we need to be visible and available to people during the week."

Growth may be essential for Trinity's future, but it is not a church waiting to be rescued. It has a fine choir, a Guild and two ACW groups. It provides funding to the Inner City Ministry, donates to the food bank and other benevolent purposes to the tune of about \$20,000 per year.

Recently it even hired a qualified and bonded person to look after nursery on Sunday morning. There's an average attendance of four, but it's a way to support and encourage families.

Trinity Worship

Traditional Prayer Book, Revised Common Lectionary.

It acknowledges, where possible, appropriate liturgical changes over the past years.

The Ven. Stuart Allen is rector, the Rev. George Trentowsky is part-time, non-stipendiary, pastoral assistant.

Music ministry is a fundamental and critical part of the worship.

Music sources include the 1938 Blue Book, some appropriate contemporary music and settings for the Psalms.

A New Brunswick Anglican Parish Profile

by Ana Watts



Above, some of Trinity's silver that survived the Great Fire of 1877. Trinity in its Gothic Revival glory.



Winnie Walsh, Marge Long and Bertha Parsons, faithful members of the Young Women's Guild



Trinity's June Sunday School closing included the monthly cake with ice cream to honour those who had celebrated birthdays that month. Some choir members joined the Sunday school teachers and children for the occasion.

A glimpse of tomorrow

WENDY AMOS-BINKS

ANDREW HORNE

JAMES DUFFETT

JESSICA SWIFT

CHRIS HAYES

BONNIE LEBLANC

There was a time when the bishop of this diocese not only knew the young men preparing for Holy Orders, he knew their parents, grandparents and most of their extended families, because they had all been members of the New Brunswick Anglican community for generations.

Not any more.

Today the Diocese of Fredericton is sponsoring six candidates for ordination. Three of them are 'youngish' married men; three are women, one married with a mostly-grown family, another long-married with no children, the third young and single. Only one candidate is a 'cradle' Anglican; their home parishes are in Westmorland, Riverview, Fredericton and Saint John, but not one of them was born in

New Brunswick. It is almost correct to say five of them are studying at Wycliffe — for four of them that's Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, and for one it's Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University in England. The sixth is studying at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax.

Their ages and backgrounds may be as diverse as the paths that have led them to ordained ministry, but in common they share commitment, enthusiasm, talent and faith. That certainly bodes well for the future of our diocese.

Our two 'senior' students are in their final year at Wycliffe College. Both spend the school year apart from their partners, something made bearable by the grace of God and competitive long-distance calling plans.

WENDY AMOS-BINKS

Wendy Amos-Binks from St. John the Baptist in Riverview is married with three sons — one at university in Fredericton, one saving his money to go to Europe, and a 12-year-old who stays in Riverview with her husband Tim. Wendy grew up in the United Church, got a BEd and taught for a while, then went to England and studied to be a nurse. There she met and married her husband, a teacher.

Wendy joined the Anglican Church in 1994. "I was attracted by the style of worship and liturgy as well as by what I saw as more orthodox and clearly-defined theology. While I was preparing for confirmation the subject of women in ministry came up. Albert (her rector, the Rev. Albert Snelgrove) and I continued that discussion for a couple of years and I began to feel that I was called to ministry."

She became a layreader, was involved in Mothers' Union, the altar guild, youth group, Sunday school ... and loved it all. She took correspondence courses from Thorneloe University in Sudbury at the theological diploma level, and her feelings grew stronger. She was put forward by her parish for discernment for ministry.

Although she is in her third, or final year at Wycliffe, this is actually only her second year as a full-time student. Her first year was accomplished during three summer school sessions. She took that route because her husband is a teacher and was available during the summer to be home full-time with their youngest son.

"Because I only had to spend two years away it seemed manageable. This year the end is clearly in sight, but separation is still difficult sometimes, even though my family — especially my husband — has been very supportive. I get home every six to eight weeks and our long-distance plan makes it possible for me to call home every night."

She expects a field-placement in the diocese in May and hopes to be ordained after that. Her husband's career is fairly flexible and he will be able to move to accommodate her ministry.

"Next spring I am taking a course on different models of parish youth ministry

strategies — I have a real love of youth and was glad to hear Bishop Hockin's focus on youth in his charge to synod. I also discovered a real love for clinical pastoral work during my Clinical Pastoral Education placement this year. What I really want, though is a ministry that is fun and alive. Life should give us cause for celebration."

ANDREW HORNE

The early 1990s were exciting and enlightening for Andrew Horne from Prince George, British Columbia. He was in his late twenties then, and moved to Fredericton to do an MA in English at the University of New Brunswick. With the exception of some influence from his Baptist grandmother, he had no religious background at all.

At university reading and studying English poets like John Donne and George Herbert kindled a flame of faith in him. About the same time he discovered the beauty of their poetry he discovered the beauty of Christ Church Cathedral. He decided to attend a service.

"The first time I went there I felt immediately at home. I remember it clearly, it was a service of Evening Prayer with Elizabeth Northcott." The exquisite beauty of the building was eclipsed by the warmth of the people. He found a spiritual home and was baptized within a year of moving to Fredericton.

One of the people he encountered at the Cathedral he also encountered at university. Heidi MacDonald was finishing her PhD in history.

"Now I'm married to a doctor, my mother is so proud," he laughs.

It took Andrew 'years and years' to complete his MA. He kept running out of money so he would have to stop and work for a while, often as a gardener, sometimes caring for the grounds around Bishop's Court and the Synod Office.

"I enjoy physical labour, I think it is a healthy complement to the spiritual life."

During those years he also led a Cathedral youth group and found, to his surprise, that he enjoyed it and was good at it. He also participated in a lay preaching service. He was nervous, but discovered he liked preaching as well.

He eventually finished his MA in English, now he is in his final year of an MDiv. at Wycliffe in Toronto. His wife Heidi is a history professor in Alberta.

"It is difficult to be apart, but we both believe in what we're doing and believe God sustains us through what he calls us to do. We are being faithful to God and God is being faithful to us." In the meantime they take full advantage of their long-distance calling package and have accumulated a lot of frequent-flyer points.

"I'm not sure what the future holds. It would be wonderful if we could both get permanent work in New Brunswick, but the most important thing is for Heidi and I to be together. All I know is, when I finish at Wycliffe in the spring I will never have to write another essay for the rest of my life."

JAMES DUFFETT

Another student from St. John the Baptist in Riverview is James Duffett. The son of a Baptist pastor in Nova Scotia, he has been active in the church all his life, but only recently as an Anglican.

He studied church music at the Atlantic Baptist College (now a university) in Moncton. It was there he met his wife. Following graduation he set out to establish a career in music. St. John the Baptist needed an organist so Albert Snelgrove gave him a call.

"The Anglicans paid better than the Baptists, so I took the job. I had to learn the liturgy inside and out, in the process I fell in love with it and became an Anglican. My wife followed. Grudgingly at first, but she followed," says James.

Now he is a second year student at Wycliffe in Toronto and she works at the college's front desk, a job very different from the one she had with Blue Cross in Moncton.. They live in an apartment in the Wycliffe building with their young daughters Leah and Hannah.

"I always knew that I would have some kind of ministry, and I thought for a while that music ministry in a lay capacity would be enough. There came a time, though, when I had to look at what I was doing, and ask myself what God wanted me to do. That time was



Wendy Amos-Binks (second from left), is in her final year at Wycliffe College. In the above photo she shares a break with diocesan clergy at last summer's clergy conference held in Rothesay. From left to right they are David Perks, assistant curate in the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel

& Aberdeen; Ms. Amos-Binks; Howard Anningson, Rector of Grand Manan; Elaine Hamilton, assistant curate in the Parish of Fredericton; and Richard Steeves, rector of Tobique. Mr. Perks and Ms. Hamilton are deacons who will be raised to the priesthood on November 26.

during the adult confirmation classes we attended in the spring of 1998. I really had to face God down. I said 'Tell me what you really want and I'll do it.' So here I am, working toward ordination."

It is hard work for James.

"I am constantly challenged and have had to redefine my faith and my relationship to God. My God certainly looks a lot different today than a year ago. It is not an easy thing, but it is a good thing. One of my assessors at ACPO told me this would happen, that I would have to disassemble my theology and belief systems and put them back together in order to build a strong and enduring faith."

The Duffett family stayed in Toronto last summer in order to maintain their apartment. James used the time to do a Clinical Pastoral Education unit at St. Michael's Hospital in downtown Toronto. He's looking forward to a student placement in New Brunswick next summer, though, and eventually a parish here, where music will play a major role in his ministry.

JESSICA SWIFT

Jessica Swift is also a second year Wycliffe student, only instead of Wycliffe College in Toronto, she attends Wycliffe Hall at Oxford University in England.

"The privilege of living here, in this incredible classical setting in one of the world's spiritual 'hot spots' is beyond words. It is so exciting to be a part of it all, in an international forum that really challenges my notions. It is just wonderful," says the 25-year-old who came to Fredericton from Ottawa in grade seven.

One of her new friends, Stephanie Dysart, invited her to attend her youth group at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton where she was inspired by youth group leader Mary Anne Langmaid (now the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid of the Parish of St. George).

In grade eight she was baptised and confirmed.

"I had lots of great mentors at the Parish

Church. Mary Anne, John Galbraith, Paula Kristmanson ... they are all great spiritual leaders and all interested in youth ministry, as I am," says Jessica, who served as director for Camp Medley last summer.

Her road toward ordination is as unique as she is.

"Ministry has been in back of my mind since I was a teenager, but I took some detours. When I finished high school I went off to St. F.X. and hated it, only stayed a few days. I wasn't ready for university so I came back to Fredericton, worked at Cornerstone (a Parish Church family and youth outreach project) and took anthropology and math courses. I really enjoyed anthropology but I wasn't interested in an arts degree."

She enrolled in the University of New Brunswick's Forestry & Environmental Management program and convinced them to let her major in anthropology.

"I did the forestry degree because I was interested in the subject, but I knew I wasn't interested in working in the industry. In my fourth year I began to think of what I wanted to do for a career. My professors encouraged me to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship. I didn't get one, but in the process I had to decide what I would do with it if I got it. As I said, I have long thought I would have some sort of ministry so I decided to study theology. It has evolved into studying for the ordained ministry. God was definitely knocking on my door."

She looks forward to coming back to the Diocese of Fredericton which she sees as changing for the good, especially with Bishop Hockin's commitment to youth ministry, which is her passion.

CHRIS HAYES

Music plays an important role in Chris Hayes' life and ministry. In his first year at Wycliffe College he is yet another relative newcomer to the Anglican Church and another student who appreciates a good long-distance calling plan.



Chris Hayes (right), is a first year student at Wycliffe College. He, his wife Christine and their daughter Laura are seen above at one of the farewell events held in their honor by the Parish of Lakewood in Saint John.

Born a Lutheran and raised in the United Church, he became quite cynical about religion as an adolescent. He took this attitude with him to Mount Allison University where he enrolled in the music program, hoping to make a career as a composer in the movie industry.

It was there he met Christine Hopkins from Saint John. She stole his heart, challenged his attitude and ideas about God.

"We talked and talked, she made me look into myself, which is something I had never done before." He became a Christian, an Anglican and a husband.

Instead of a career in music after graduation, Chris found himself in a series of jobs that included washing pizza pans, selling books, managing a pawn shop. The latter job gave him insight into the lives of needy people.

"I came to understand that I was put on this earth to help people in some way so I began to

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Mothers' Union leadership to change in new year

BY GINNY McEWEN

As the year 2000 draws to a close and the coming year approaches, we will witness changes in many areas of our lives, including our Mothers' Union family.

For the past four years, Alice Kennedy of Hampton has served as our diocesan president. She has effectively dealt with all the levels of MU—local, national and international, and has made positive connections within the Anglican Church at large. Her deep faith, her sense of compassion and fair play, her boundless energy and good humour, have earned her a very special place in all our hearts.

We are grateful to Alice and her family for the gifts of time (more of it than most people realize), talent and love she has given us. They will be remembered always. Thank you, Alice.

In January Kathy Nason, our current diocesan vice-president, will assume the president's chair. A resident of Tracy and a member of the Gladstone and Blissville Branch, Kathy brings many gifts to the position. We are gratified that she not only willingly but enthusiastically steps into this position. Her gentle manner, deep faith and compassion will benefit not just the Mothers' Union within our diocese, but the national and international levels as well.

Thanks to you too, Kathy, for taking on this large commitment.

The MU members of this diocese would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank these two women for offering their faith and talents not just to our organization, but to our church in general. We are all the stronger for them.

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He was assisted by the Ven. Arthur Gregg, who also preached the sermon. During the service the names of five members who died during the past year were read.

Following the service and registration, a delicious fish chowder lunch was served by the hostess members and a book display, presented by Gwen McKnight of Anglican House, was enjoyed.

The afternoon business meeting began with roll call which indicated five of the seven deanery branches were represented. Copies of branch reports were distributed.

The Diocesan officers present spoke briefly, and the offering from the Church service was voted to assist a family on Grand Manan in need at that time.

An invitation to host the next meeting was received from All Saints ACW of St. Andrew's with a tentative date of September 14, 2001.

This was followed by a time of prayer, after which those who wished to return on the 3:30 ferry left the meeting.

Those remaining moved to St. Paul's Church for a time of

Greetings.

It seems like yesterday when I was asked to take on the job of Diocesan President of Mothers' Union. At the time I said my family was too young, that I couldn't find sitters. I said I would have to wait until they were older and could be left on their own when necessary.

I guess I was wrong.

My daughters are in grade 12 now and over the past four years some amazing things have happened in my life. The people I

have met through Mothers' Union have had a major impact.

I have fond memories of the visits I made during my time as president. My travelling companions have become special people in my life, and we had some lovely travel chats. It has been a privilege to represent the Diocese of Fredericton.

At the National Rally last spring I shared with the Canada Council and World Wide presidents that after four years I was just getting into the groove and the

job was beginning to make sense. I'm not sure I want to give it over, but I know God has other adventures planned for my life. That's why we call it a journey.

One of those is to serve with Kathy, our new president.

Time goes by, my journey goes on, and Mothers' Union continues to be a major influence.

Thank you Lord.

Alice Kennedy



An introduction to the in-coming MU president

Greetings

In the 1800s Mary Sumner, the founder of Mothers' Union, saw the challenges facing family life. She, through God's leading, established five objectives for our group:

To uphold Christ's teachings on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding;

To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;

To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;

To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;

To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

I believe all these objectives are still relevant and much needed today. I know the Mothers'

Union is a tremendous vehicle of help and support.

All families have joys and sorrows, peace and conflict, victories and failures. Relationships are not always easy — parent to parent, parent to child, child to child. With God's help, I pray that the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Fredericton will be everything God laid on Mary Sumner's heart.

We have the foundation for this building up of individuals, which strengthens families and churches and results in healthier communities. What a marvelous opportunity it is for parishes to have access to a branch of the Mothers' Union.

As incoming president, I look forward to seeing what God has in store for the MU in this diocese. And I look forward to seeing how God will use each one of us who is involved.

Kathy Nason

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attack some big questions — Why am I here? What does God want me to do?"

A summer vocations workshop organized by Bishop William Hockin in 1999 left him excited about studying theology. In the winter he discerned a call.

The first few weeks in Toronto were lonely for Chris, Christina and their little girl Laura. They had lived in an apartment in Christine's mother's house for all of Laura's life, so they missed having extended family around.

"We've got a good long-distance plan though, so Grammy talks to Laura every night. I feel that I have found my place here at Wycliffe, everything makes me excited to do more."

More includes distributing sandwiches to people on the street, playing his saxophone in a contemporary music group, getting involved with the school

newspaper — he and Christine were editors of the parish of the Parish of Lakewood's very successful newsletter.

When his three years of studying are finished, the Hayes family hopes to return to New Brunswick, be close to family and to serve the Lord in a rural parish that loves music.

BONNIE LEBLANC

The only 'cradle' Anglican among this diocese's students is new to this diocese. Bonnie LeBlanc and her husband Bob recently moved to the Parish of Westmorland where he has a half-time position as Priest-in-Charge.

Bonnie doesn't get to spend much time at the rectory though, as a full-time student at the Atlantic School of Theology (AST) in Halifax, she lives in residence there and has been placed at St. Mark's for her first two years of study. She, does, however, get to see her spouse

more often than Wendy Amos-Binks or Andrew Horne because Bob is also taking a couple of courses at AST. He spends a few days a week with her in residence.

With 20 years of marriage under their belts and no children to complicate their arrangements, it's a situation that works well for this couple from Nova Scotia who has volunteered in the prison chapel program for the past nine years.

"I was born and raised in Springhill, my family is Anglican, and I was 'brought up' in All Saints Church," says Bonnie, who was involved in Sunday school, choir and Bible study from her childhood through her teens. As a student at Acadia University she participated in university chapel services and attended the Anglican church in Wolfville.

Bonnie's professional life was devoted to work with the

mentally challenged, but her personal life continues to be closely connected with the church. The LeBlanc's lived in Alberta from 1979 until 1986, when they returned to Nova Scotia. She again got involved in the fellowship at All Saints in Springhill. She trained to be a layreader, was active in Bible studies, taught Sunday school and Confirmation class. In an effort to enhance her skills as a layreader she took the AST Diploma Program in Theology and Ministry.

In the meantime, her husband was answering a call of his own. He was ordained a priest just two years ago.

"I can't really identify the time when I felt 'the call' to ordained ministry, but I believe it started when I was a teen. Our high school music teacher took a small group of us to the Springhill Institution to sing in the chapel. I experienced a sense of joy at being used by God to

take His message into the prison. Since then, music has been a vehicle of ministry that has opened many doors for me, and it has provided many opportunities for me to witness and minister to people inside and outside the walls of churches.

"When I graduated from the AST diploma program, I realized that it was just the beginning. By that time God's 'call' on my life was getting stronger every day. Eventually I decided to take the next step and devote my life to learning and to ministry."

When she graduates in 2003, she and her husband hope to continue their ministry in New Brunswick. Chances are good another parish in the Diocese of Fredericton will benefit not only from their commitment to the Lord, but from Bonnie's musical abilities.

She studied classical piano, plays the bagpipes and guitar too.

Together as the Whole People of God

Anglicans and Lutherans in Full Communion at the beach on the trail

BY MICHAEL CANNING

Beach chairs, an umbrella, and clap-happy songsters was not all that was different in New Denmark, NB in June 2000. Not only did the Anglican and Lutheran churches worship together on Sunday morning, communion was presided by the Anglican priest, Pastor Michael Canning and the Lutheran minister, Pastor Kimber McNabb.

In New Denmark, as in many rural areas across Canada, there is a decline in the number of children in the community. Both churches, St. Ansgar's Anglican and St. Peter's Lutheran, have chosen for the past few years to have a joint Sunday school. Teachers from both churches use the curriculum, "The Whole People of God", to teach eager children about Jesus and the Bible.

This joint Sunday school venture has also opened new and exciting opportunities for the adults. A service at St. Ansgar's in June was a "Service of Celebration" where, as a church community, we thanked God for the children in our midst, their teachers,

the superintendent, and the gifts they offer. Highlights of the service included the children stomping, clapping, and singing and a dramatic homily by both pastors who were 'at the beach' instead of at church on Sunday morning.

Our worship was interactive and combined prayers and liturgy from both traditions. We shared in the celebration of the Eucharist, saying that we are brothers and sisters of Christ and we will work together as we follow our Lord. People in the community (not connected with the churches) saw this venture as a step in the right direction — Christian churches actually getting along and sharing.

As our fall settled on the hills of northwestern New Brunswick, it was once again time for us to worship together as brothers and sisters in Christ. On September 10th we celebrated a "Service of Re-covenanting" at St. Peter's. We dedicated our lives to God and promised to support all God's people. Sunday School teachers were installed, children had a prominent part in the



The Anglican and Lutheran churches in New Denmark run a joint Sunday School and regularly offer combined services, often with an entertaining twist. Above The Revs. Kimber McNabb (Lutheran) and Michael Canning (Anglican) spend Sunday morning 'at the beach'.

service, and yes the pastors once again did a dramatic homily. This time however, instead of beach chairs, an umbrella, and clap-happy songsters, the church service included walking sticks, cloaks, and moving multi-coloured streamers.

We dramatized the reading from James that Sunday and distinguished the role of rich and poor by the use of rich / poor cloaks and walking sticks. The multi-coloured streamers were given out at Children's Corner time for them to dis-

tribute to everyone in the congregation. The streamers represented the fact that although we as Christians who live in the world may look different or have different approaches to the faith, we are all part of the people of God.

Throughout the year we share together in joint Lenten services, Christmas caroling, pastoral calls, Vacation Bible School and Bible Study groups. And when Advent comes upon us, we will be doing our mid-week Advent serv-

ices together. As pastors in this community we feel that we are pastors to everyone — to both Anglicans and Lutherans.

The genius for this working-together-ministry was begun especially in the time of Canon Karl Fairweather and carries on with the present pastors.

Thanks be to God!

The Rev. Michael Canning is Rector of the Parish of Denmark.

Parish of Carleton ... a happenin' place

PHOTOS BY DAVID GOSS

In the photo on the left, the Rev. Vicars Hodge, Rector of St. George's Church in the Parish of Carleton (right), checks in with the church's new organist Peter Jackson. They were preparing for *Singspiration*, Jackson's inaugural public event on September 24.

In the photo on the left, workers apply a fresh coat of grey paint to the historic church's 1890 tower. The parish established a Millennium Fund in order to ensure the fine old building, which a vibrant congregation calls home, is maintained. The fund goal is \$30,000.

Those who would like to contribute to the fund may send donations to:
Mr. Ken Parks
St. George's Church Treasurer
100 Watson Street
Saint John, NB
E2M 1G2



Volunteers organized for Church Army college

BY JUDITH MOORE

A Friends of Taylor College volunteer base was officially launched on November 6 by Captain Bruce Smith, the National Director of Church Army in Canada.

The Taylor College School of Evangelism is the Church Army's national training school.

It moved from Toronto to Saint John two years ago with its principal, the Rev. Capt. David Edwards.

I am a Diocesan Layreader and part-time student at the college and serve as co-ordinator for the Friends association.

Its members serve in one or more capacities.

Parish representatives receive and disperse the college curriculum, notices of pertinent college events and the quarterly prayer calendar.

Members of the prayer support group make intercessions for college staff, officers in training and other students.

Members of the Friends Guild help to prepare the college for special events, like the Dr. J. I. Packer lectures hosted last spring. Included among their duties are refreshment preparation, room set-up and chair arranging.

Library Assistants volunteer one day a week during public hours and assist in the processing of new books. They also maintain a networking database that includes the names of people 'on tap' and available to meet other needs, like the updating of mailing lists and preparation of mail-outs.

In short, the Friends of Taylor College do everything except raise funds for the work of the college.

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At this point our members are from the Diocese of Fredericton, but we hope eventually that Friends will become a more national organization, particularly in the area of prayer support.

We hope you are interested in becoming a Friend of Taylor College. Please contact me at gamoore@nbnet.nb.ca; 506/832-1506; or 52 Nauwigewauk Loop, Nauwigewauk NB, E5N 6W1.



A Friends of Taylor College volunteer base was officially launched on November 6 by Captain Bruce Smith, the National Director of Church Army in Canada. Judith Moore, is a part time student as well as co-ordinator for the new association. In the photograph above she is shown with Captain Smith when he presented her with a course certificate on an earlier occasion.

Pre-Advent Quiet Day

The Advent of our Lord,
The hope of our God"

Christ Church Cathedral
Fredericton, NB

Saturday, December 2
10:00 am to 3:15 pm

Leader

Archbishop Harold Nutter

Bishop Emeritus
Diocese of Fredericton

Everyone is welcome to come for the whole or any part of the day.

Four talks followed by silence
Eucharist at noon followed by lunch

Silence is for personal time with God:
reflect, pray, rest, read, walk

Lunch break is time for conversation

Very simple lunch:
soup, rolls, coffee, tea, cookies
available in the Hall (free will donation)

bring with you anything else you want to eat and drink

(Information: (506) 450-8500 &/or office@christchurchcathedral.com)

"Be still and know that I am God."



Youth Service

Christ Church Cathedral
Fredericton

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME!

Sunday, November 19

7:30 p.m.

Speaker

Chris Stevenson

**"The joy and challenge
of being a Christian today"**

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The Cathedral Band

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Advent Carol Service

Christ Church Cathedral.

Sunday, December 3

4:00 p.m.

**In addition to leading
the congregation in singing
favourite Advent hymns,
the Cathedral Choirs will sing music by
Holman, Joubert, Warlock, Bach,
Stainer, and Handel.**

All are welcome.

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INTERCESSIONS

Pray for others overseas, in Canada, and in our own diocese

November

18: Parish of Hammond River, The Rev. Peter Gillies.

Sunday

19: Province I of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Archbishop Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye, Dioceses of Akure, Benin, Egba, Dkiti, Ibadan, Ife; Diocese of Yukon: Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene; Toad River; Alaska Highway mile 150-506: The Ven. Sean Murphy, Archdeacon of Liard; Bishop Terrence Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti.

20: Parish of Hampton, The Rev. Edward Coleman; The Rev. Capt. David Edwards, Taylor College.

21: Parish of Hardwicke, Rev. Don Hamilton.

22: Parish of St. Andrew's. Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, The Rev. Brent Ham; The Rev. Ernie Eldridge (R).

23: Parish of Kent, The Rev.

John Pearce, Priest-in-Charge. 24: Parish of Ketepec & Grand Bay, The Rev. Geoff Hall, Wendy Amos-Binks, Wycliffe College.

25: Parish of Kingston, The Rev. Dana Dean.

Sunday

26: Province I of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Archbishop Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye, Dioceses of Ibeju, Ikale-Ilaje, Ilesa, Kabba, Kwara, Lagos; Diocese of Yukon: Telegraph Creek - St. Aidan; Dease Lake; Glenora; Licensed Lay Incumbent Lesley Wheeler-Dame; Bishop Terrence Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti.

27: Parish of Lakewood, The Rev. Bruce McKenna; The Rev. Roy Embley (R).

28: Parish of Lancaster, The Ven. Arthur Gregg.

29: Parish of Ludlow &

Blissfield, The Rev. David Titus; Major John Fletcher, Chaplain to the Military.

30: Parish of McAdam, vacant.

December

1: Parish of Marysville, (Vacant), Andrew Horne, Wycliffe College.

2: Parish of Maugerville & Oromocto, The Rev. Keith Howlett.

3: Province I of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Archbishop Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye, Dioceses of Lokoja, Oke-Osun, Ondo, Osun, Owo, Remo; Diocese of Yukon: Whitehorse - St. Simon's Parish: The Rev. Mary Battaja, Lino Battaja, & family; Bishop Terrence Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti.

4: Parish of Millidgeville, The Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate; The Rev. Albert W. Garwood (R).

5: Parish of Minto & Chipman,

The Rev. John Cathcart.

6: Parish of Moncton, The Ven. David Mercer.

7: Parish of Musquash, The Rev. Chris McMullen.

8: Parish of New Bandon, The Rev. Garth Maxwell, James Duffett, Wycliffe College.

9: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, The Rev. William LeGrand.

Sunday

10: Province I of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), Archbishop Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye, Dioceses of Sabongidda - Ora, Ughelli, Warri, Yewa; Diocese of Yukon: Carcross - St. Saviour's; Tagish; Johnson's Crossing and Teslin - St. Philip, outreach from the Cathedral; Bishop Terrence Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti.

11: Parish of New Maryland, The Rev. Tony Bassett; The

Rev. William Forgrave (R).

12: Parish of Pennfield, The Rev. Keith Osborne.

13: Parish of Portland, Capt. Bonnie Hunt, The Rev. Gordon Thompson; Rev. Canon Len Galey (R).

14: Parish of Prince William, The Rev. Robert J. Barry.

15: Parish of Quispamsis, The Rev. John Tremblay, Chris Hayes, Wycliffe College.

16: Parish of Renforth, The Rev. Eric Phinney.

Sunday

17: Church of the Province of West Africa, Archbishop Robert G.A. Okine, Dioceses of Cape Coast, Freetown, Gambia, Guinea, Koforidua, Kumasi; Diocese of Yukon: Watson Lake - St. John the Baptist; Lower Post, Swift River: The Rev. David Kalles, Alice Kalles & family; Bishop Terrence Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti.

Do you love me?

We don't ask that question easily and, when we do, it is usually asked in a manipulative self-serving way.

It was a particularly disappointing Sunday afternoon — cold and raining. A new skateboard deck, purchased the day before and installed with old trucks, stood idly by the door. It wouldn't get broken-in today.

"I can go up and get a video, if you like," Jamie said, hoping to coax a few dollars out of my pocket for an afternoon's pastime and a packet of Twizzlers.

Easily persuaded, money was transferred and my son headed out for a movie. No telling what he would bring back. His tastes don't always reflect mine. I've become accustomed to a wide selection of films and thought I was ready for whatever he might bring back. I was not prepared for *The Big Kahuna*.

Oh, it began like a lot of videos found on the walls of convenience stores across the province. On the surface was pretty predictable. The characters, introduced in cameo entrances and came together in a lack luster story line, were typically lewd and vulgar.

The plot line was simple. Three lubricant salesmen attending a convention in

Wichita, Kansas, are preparing to host a hospitality suite for prospective customers. The story is short — starts at suppertime, is over by midnight.

Phil, played by Danny Divetto, is a 52-year old, divorced, chain smoker. Larry, a 40-something flirtatious braggart who, we discover, has never been unfaithful throughout his 15-year marriage, is played by Kevin Spacey. The two of them are fast friends, long-time colleagues — irreverent and offensive. Bob, the third character in the story, is in his early 20s, six months out of college, six months in to marriage, and a Christian.

About half way into the story Bob goes off in search of a signed contract. Phil and Larry are alone at a hospitality hour run out of time. The table lamps cast a low light as Phil taps tobacco in his cigarette, puts it in his mouth and, exhaling, asks "Larry, what do you think about God?"

I nearly fell off my chair! So did Larry.

Questions of life and death abound, wrapped in a disarming vocabulary seldom heard giving voice to faith and faith questions.

A late supper shared by the two as they wait for Bob's



the penultimate  WORD

BY JAMES IRVINE

return has Phil put down his napkin and slide his plate away with his fingers to indicate he is finished. He lights another cigarette and, as he exhales, asks: "Larry, do you love me?"

Shocked and unnerved, Larry is quick to respond: "Well, if you mean do I want to bear your children, Phil, the answer is no."

Isn't that typical? Men don't handle love well, and are often afraid of it, particularly when asked in such a way.

I was reminded of Jesus' question to Peter, following his resurrection. You know the scene. Perhaps we credit Peter with more piety than we should at first blush. Possibly Peter was as awkward answering Jesus as Larry was in answering Phil. In any event, Phil does not dismiss his question. And neither did Jesus.

Uncomfortable, Larry demurs.

When Bob finally returns to the suite Larry asks him another one of those love questions. Do you love your wife, Bob?"

"What do you mean by love?" responds Bob.

"I see you are a man of principle, Bob," Larry goes on. "Let me tell you a story about a man who had principles. One day, this guy with principles met a woman who had principles and you know, their principles got married, Bob."

An ensuing altercation between Larry and Bob, while bloodless, is shockingly unpleasant. Bob gets Larry down on the floor and wraps his hands around his neck, trying to strangle him. Eventually, shocked and embarrassed, the two of them recover their composure and Larry takes his leave, retires to his room.

Phil and Bob remain in the suite. Phil sits astride a chair, lights yet another cigarette, and tells Bob: "You don't know what regret is."

"You mean I have to do something that I have to regret to have a place in your eyes?" Bob asks as an awkward smile breaks over his face.

"Oh, no, Bob," Phil continues. "You don't understand. You've already done a great deal to regret. The thing is, you just don't know it"

Angry, confused and ashamed, Bob escapes. A phone rings to break the silence. Phil

picks up the receiver and says: "You just missed him ... he just left ... I love you, too." Larry, at last, was able to give his answer.

The question Phil asked Larry, and the question Larry asked Bob concerning his wife, are wonderful echoes of Jesus' words to Peter. We don't ask that question easily and, when we do, it is usually asked in a manipulative self-serving way.

"I love you," we say. "Do you love me?"

We want to hedge our risk of rejection, of ridicule. Oh, we know the new commandment Jesus gave us, but we are uncomfortable applying it. We can quote it, we can refer to it, and we can hold it up. But to ask it, without our fears getting in the way, is something we find difficult. There is a world of difference between asking the question and talking about the question. That difference gives life, vitality and allows for the trust to grow without weight or obligation.

The Big Kahuna is not your run of the mill evangelical film, but if you survive the vulgarities (and who among us has not heard or said them?) you'll be surprisingly encouraged in your pedestrian witness from day to day.

The Big Kahuna was worth every nickel!

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Make families with young children feel welcome

BY PAT DRUMMOND

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When I stopped teaching elementary school last June, a colleague gave me a beautiful gift. It was a pewter and glass cherub and on the tag was written: "The Irish say that a child smiling in it's sleep is having a talk with angels."

It seems to be a popularly held belief that little children are somehow very close to God. I have even heard it said that "they remember heaven." Be that as it may, researchers who have spent a lot of time working with and listening to children as they are taught the stories, liturgy and traditions of the Christian faith, seem convinced "there is a deep bond uniting God to the child ... it is a bond that cannot be explained as the result of any human work." (Cavalletti, 'The Religious Potential of the Child') In the foreword to this book, Rebekah Rojcewicz of the Christian Family Montessori School, Mt. Ranier, Maryland, adds: "children are capable of deep religious experience, which I believe means a deep relationship with God. They sense God's presence. They understand and enjoy God's closeness."

Surely, then, we should be encouraging even very young children to remain with us for at least part of each worship service, and expect that, as they do, they will indeed feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and absorb the atmosphere of worship.

Our difficulty in this is that children's worship may be more in the style of King David who showed his love and reverence for God by leaping and dancing before the ark of the Lord (2 Sam 6:14) and we may find this disruptive, noisy and irritating. David's wife certainly did not appreciate it!

Our BAS Baptismal service says, "Let us welcome the newly baptized." Perhaps, as we wholeheartedly welcome them and their families into our churches, we need to give a little encouragement, guidance and help to the parents so that the needs of all worshippers might be respected, and also to enable those other adults to understand today's children better and to react to them with love, tolerance and humour.

Perhaps some of the following ideas would be useful:

- * Encourage families with young children to sit near the front of the church so that the children may see as much of the "action" of the service as possible.

- * Carpet the seats of two or three pews at the front so that the noise of little feet climbing on the pews and toys brought from home is deadened somewhat..

- * Try to include things in the service which are visual and dramatic, and hymns with repetitive easily learned words and a good rhythm, especially during the parts of the service when children are likely to be present, usually at the beginning.

- * Suggest, respectfully, to parents that they might involve their child in the service by pointing out such things as candles, stained glass windows, the colour of the church season, the actions of those "at the front", and encouraging them to join in the "amens".

- * If a child is beginning to read, perhaps parents could help him or her to follow the words in the prayer or hymn book.

- * Make sure parents know where they may take children who become too disruptive, and where the bathroom is.

- * Offer all parents of preschoolers (or even older children) a play-bag or pew-pack as they enter the service (not just when the child is crying) for use at times when attention to the service wanes, and to be returned at the end of the service. Suggest that, instead of allowing their child to play with such things as noisy rattles, or sets of keys, they give them one item at a time from the bag.

These bags are a wonderful way for congregations to say "welcome" to families with young children. They say "we value you, we love to have you here worshipping with us, and we have made these bags to make it easier for you to have a good experience when you bring your child to church."

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'Recipes' for Play and Pew Bags

Play-Bags

For the very young

Fill a fabric bag with:

- * A simple board or plastic Christian book available from Gwen at Anglican House, Saint John, 693-2295.
- * A small puzzle — no more than 5 pieces.
- * A couple of small soft toys with different textures.
- * A toy or fit-together item that doesn't squeak or make a noise. Dollar stores often have wonderful 'finds'.

Pew-Bags

For Older Children

Fill a fabric bag with:

- * A simple Biblical story-book.
- * A simple jigsaw related to the theme if possible.
- * An animal or small puppet related to the theme.
- * A few small sheets of paper and half a dozen crayons in a plastic bag.

Bags should be labelled with a permanent fabric marker, and there should be someone whose ministry it is to replenish paper and crayons when needed and make sure everything stays clean and in good condition.



... from Maggie's kitchen

Bartholomew, this month's Saint-of-the-Turn-of-the-First-Millennium

Years ago I heard a riveting talk by Fr. William Ralston of Savannah, Georgia, on the Book of Judges. *Judges*, he said, presents a ghastly series of events in the life of Israel between the time of Joshua and the anointing of the first king, Saul. In depressing succession, idolatries lead to sinful behaviors, which lead to national disasters. Even Gideon, hero that he is, follows this pattern. With the spoils of war, he made an *ephod* (a kind of image or idol), before which the people "played the harlot" and which "became a snare" to Gideon and his family. Enough said — you can read all about it yourself in chapter 8, or listen to the evening news for the same sort of thing.

What brought *Judges* to my mind (other than the evening news) was the article in *Butler's Lives* on this month's Saint-of-the-Turn-of-the-First-Millennium, St. Bartholomew of Grottaferrata, Abbot, who died in *anno Domini* 1050.

This Bartholomew was obviously born in the 900's, since he was a follower of St. Nilus, who died in 1004. I can't tell you anything more about his birth or early years, only that he became attached to the Greek abbey Nilus had founded at Grottaferrata in the region of Tuscany, Italy. Nilus and his first two successors had cleared the land and begun building, but times were tough, and the monks of the abbey were scattered thither and yon by Saracen (Moslem) invaders. Bartholomew, the third successor as abbot, was able to complete the building and gather the monks back to Grottaferrata. Under Bartholomew, the abbey became a centre of learning and of manuscript copying. He himself was a skilled calligrapher, as well as the composer of a number of liturgical hymns.

People in our day, I think, show little appreciation for the work these monks and others like them did. We dismiss their times as "the dark ages", even though they showed greater respect for learning and books — and for God — than we do in our own supposedly enlightened age. We even sneer at their celibacy, as if it were something unnatural — and as if we weren't ourselves plagued with the consequences of "free" sex. Those monks were a civilizing influence from which we still benefit — though for how long, God only knows. Shades of *Judges*!

But what really brought *Judges* to my mind was another figure in this account of Bartholomew: Pope Benedict IX. The pope's grandfather, Count Gregory of

Tusculum, had donated the land on which the abbey of Grottaferrata was built. So when the pope fell into disgrace after a "stormy and scandalous reign" of twelve years (his final downfall came when he took a bribe to resign from the papacy and then tried to buy his way back), it was natural enough that he should retreat to Grottaferrata. There Bartholomew took him firmly in hand, telling Benedict that he had made himself unfit to be a priest, let alone a pope. He was to resign all claims, become a simple monk, and spend the remainder of his life doing penance — many years, since Benedict was only thirty-six! Remorse gradually became penitence, though the process was never quite complete: in the year of his death, 1055, five years after Bartholomew's, Benedict was still calling himself "pope".

Before his own death, Bartholomew succeeded in making his monastery a place of great importance, with considerable influence on the history of the mediaeval papal states. As you might however guess from the Book of Judges, this same importance became a snare to succeeding generations of monks, and the abbey entered a long period of decline. Only in the nineteenth century was it restored, returning to the saintly examples of its founders, Nilus and Bartholomew. If you go there today, you will be able to see an ancient mosaic of these two men, and may even be allowed to view some of the manuscripts Bartholomew copied by hand, now stored in the abbey's library.

An idea from Tuscany for the day which St. Bartholomew of Grottaferrata shares with St. Martin of Tours, November 11:

RIBOLLITA

In English, "reboiled" soup. This is peasant fare, so use whatever you have on hand in the way of vegetables, till you find a combination you like. Proportions aren't important. Dice an onion, mince 2 cloves of garlic; saute in 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil until wilted. Chop up or thinly slice other vegetables (suggestions: spinach or chard, green beans, cabbage, carrots) and add to pan. Add several peeled, seeded and chopped fresh tomatoes, 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil (or basil-marjoram mixture), and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer while you slice a baguette thinly and toast. Spread toast with a mixture of olive oil and mashed garlic; layer with vegetables in a deep casserole. Pour 4 cups homemade seasoned chicken broth over all; top generously with freshly-grated Parmesan cheese. Bake in 350-degree oven till bubbling hot.

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