

Miller elected coadjutor

BY ANA WATTS

Archdeacon Claude Miller was elected coadjutor bishop on the ninth ballot of the 126th Diocesan Synod of Fredericton (Electoral) on Saturday, March 15. In a brief address following the announcement of his election, he said he intended to build on the work and vision of Bishop William Hockin, who retires Oct. 31.

"This [election as bishop] is something that shouldn't happen often in a lifetime, and I am privileged it happened once in mine," said Archdeacon Miller, after he assured Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, he would accept the position. The archbishop will present Archdeacon Miller's name to the other bishops in the ecclesiastical province for concurrence.

Archbishop Hutchison described the electoral synod, the first over which he has presided, as a "painless and joyful exercise", a sentiment echoed by several other delegates.

"It was one of the friendliest and most spirit-filled synods I have ever attended," said J. T. Sharpe. "There's a lot of integrity in this church today."

Bishop Hockin said "There has been a spirit of goodness in our midst, there was no rancor today."

Archdeacon Miller, who is Bishop Hockin's executive assistant, led the 13 candidates from the first ballot when he received 17 clergy and 51 lay votes. At that time there were 100 clergy and 267 lay delegates present and voting with a two-thirds majority in each house required for election.

From the sixth ballot on, three candidates remained: Archdeacon Miller, Dean Keith Joyce and Archdeacon John Sharpe. The other 10 had either failed to receive the minimum number of votes (10 on the first four ballots, 25 in succeeding ballots) to remain in the running, or had withdrawn voluntarily. (See the complete results on page 7)

On the sixth ballot Archdeacon Miller received 39 clergy and 112 lay votes, up from the 33 and 99 respectively he received in the fifth ballot; Dean Joyce received 30 clergy and 65 lay, the same number of clergy votes as in the fifth ballot and 13 more lay votes; and Archdeacon Sharpe received 28 clergy votes, up four

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The Ven. Claude Miller (left), Executive Assistant to the Bishop and Archdeacon of the Diocese, was elected coadjutor bishop at the 126th Diocesan Synod on March 15. Seen here congratulating him is the Ven. Lyman Harding of St. Stephen. In the background is the Rev. Wendy Amos Binks of McAdam. Photo by Ana Watts.

Archbishop set tone for spirit-filled synod

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, March 15, before the opening celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison of Montreal declared the 126th Diocesan Synod of Fredericton (Electoral) open. "Worship and synod are not separate," he said to the nearly 400 clergy and lay delegates as well as observers who gathered at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton. "This electoral synod is prayerful work. It is not a time for partisanship and it is not a time for popularity. It is a time for discernment. Today you will elect a bishop for the whole church, a symbol of unity in community ... You choose not just for yourselves, but for the wider church."

His words effectively set the tone for the day, which many seasoned synod members dubbed especially friendly and spirit-filled. Nine ballots and nearly seven hours

later, the Ven. Claude Miller, executive assistant to Diocesan Bishop William Hockin, was elected coadjutor bishop.

It was the archbishop's first opportunity to preside at an electoral synod since his election as Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. He brought a sense of humour, a little singing and French as well as a great deal of patience and understanding to the task. He sang parts of the Eucharist, and used a bit of French in his opening remarks and the service.

Between the second and third ballots, when five candidates had already been dropped from the ballot for a lack of support or had withdrawn he remarked: "It takes a great deal of courage to allow your name to stand before the diocese and be voted upon." He also encouraged delegates to

"take a prayerful moment when you vote again. Open your hearts and wills to what God wants us to do in this diocese."

Following the sixth ballot, when the votes, especially among

the clergy, were close for the three remaining candidates, he asked the synod to sing Spirit of the Living God as a prayer to encourage the Holy Spirit to "move among us all and make us one in heart and mind."

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The Rev. Julie Armstrong of New Bandon counted votes at the electoral synod on Saturday, March 15.

LETTER

Wise men worship Jesus

Dear Ana,
Thank you for your last Getting There article. As always you write eloquently and with passion. Perhaps the wise men do represent many different gentiles but when these men found Jesus they bowed down and worshiped Him. Over the centuries countless other gentiles have done the same thing when they found Jesus Christ.

Yours truly,
Bruce McKenna

COMING EVENTS

Clergy Spouses Conference

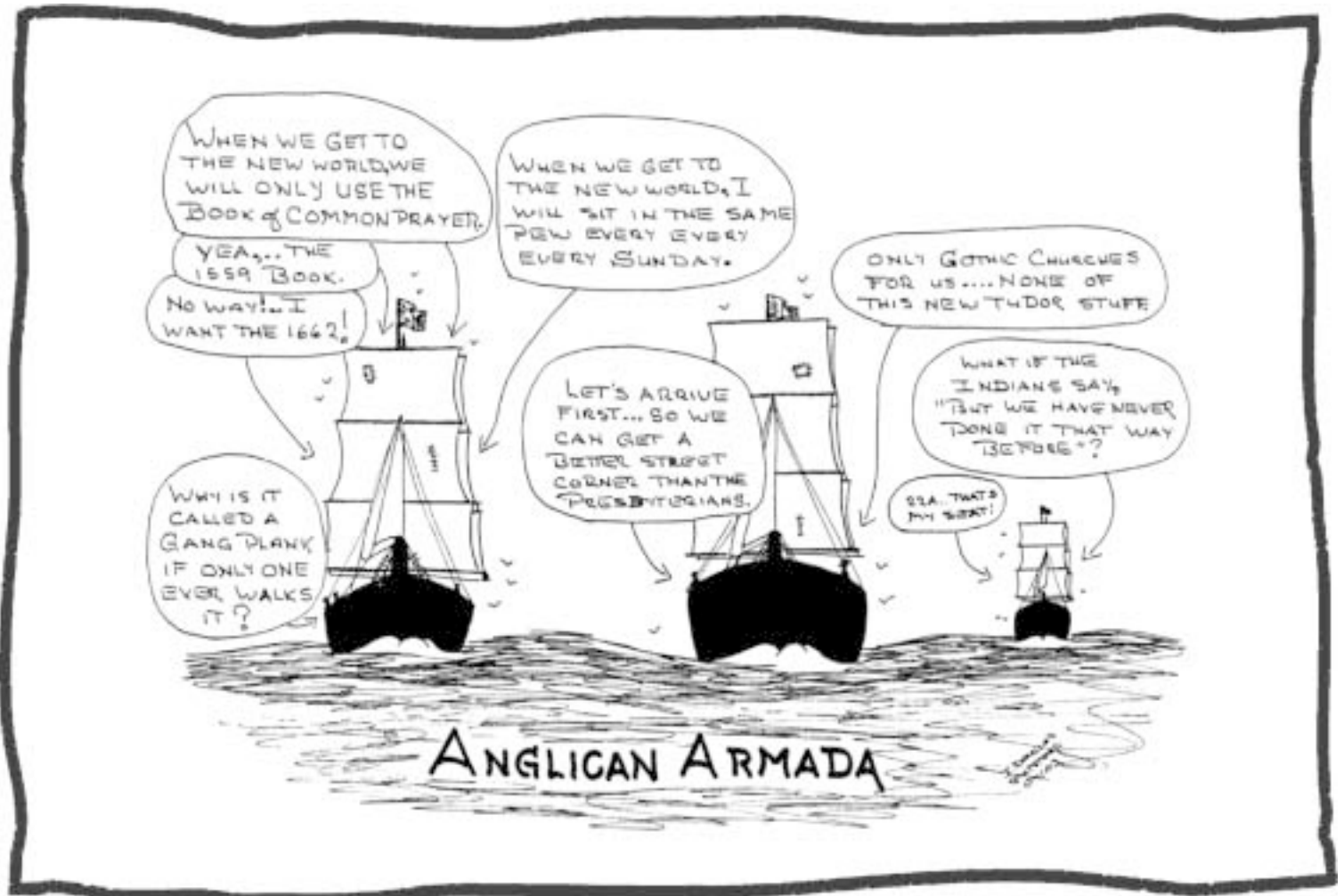
May 6-8, 2003
with Mrs. Emma Marsh and Bishop Eddie Marsh
Villa Madonna Retreat House
Rothesay (Renforth)
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\$15.00 non-residential Registrars
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OSL MISSION

Bishop Edward Marsh of Newfoundland will lead Finding Wholeness a Healing Mission presented by the Fredericton Chapter of the Order of Saint Luke the Physician at St. Margaret's Church 775 Forest Hill Rd., Fredericton, May 2 - 4.
Founded more than 60 years ago, the International Order of Saint Luke seeks to preserve and promote the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The Fredericton chapter holds healing services each month at St. Margaret's. For more information contact Margaret Saunders 506/474-0075 or Jacqueline Eaton, jveaton@nbnet.nb.ca
St Margaret's Church is a scent-free environment.

ROMANTIC WEEKEND AWAY

The FamilyLife Marriage Conference
May 2-4
Sheraton Fredericton Hotel contact
David & Jane Hubbard
455-4241
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www.familylifecanada.com



Obituaries

Canon Nicholas Prosser 1911 - 2003

A memorial service for the Rev. Canon Nicholas Prosser, who died in Nova Scotia on Feb. 13, was held at Saint John the Baptist (Mission) Church in Saint John on March 8, with Archdeacon Stuart Allan and Canon Alvin Westgate officiating.

Born in Parson's Harbour, Nfld., Canon Prosser was the third eldest of seven sons of the late Samuel and Lillian (Hill) Prosser. He graduated from Bishop Field teacher's college in St. John's in 1930 and taught school until 1936 when he entered Queen's Divinity College, also in St. John's. He was ordained a deacon in 1940, a priest in 1941. He married Gladys Roberts in 1942.

Canon Prosser ministered mainly in Belleoram Parish, a 28-church charge, until he decided to further his training at Trinity College (Anglican) at the University of Toronto in 1946. He went on to complete his masters level training under Dr. Michael Ramsay, who later became Archbishop of Canterbury, at Durham University in England.

Upon his return to Newfoundland in 1948 he served in

Harbour Breton Parish with its 14 preaching points. In 1955 he moved to the Diocese of Nova Scotia where he served congregations in Berwick-Auburn and Glace Bay.

In 1963 he moved to the Diocese of Fredericton where he served at rector in the Parish of Victoria (St. Jude's Church) in West Saint John. He retired from parish ministry in 1976 and was appointed regional Anglican chaplain with responsibility for the three hospitals in the Saint John area at that time, as well as for several nursing homes. In recognition of his outstanding work in this field as well as his previous extensive and varied accomplishments, he was appointed an Honourary Canon of the Cathedral in 1985.

Following his final retirement at age 80, he and his wife moved to Cape Breton where he designed the first and only home they ever owned.

Canon Prosser was predeceased by his wife in 1992. He is survived by his daughter Gertrude (Dr. James Carson), of Halifax; granddaughter Dr. Jane Carson of Victoria, B.C.; grandson John Carson (Claudia) The Hague, The Netherlands; and brothers Samuel and Bernard, as well as a nephew and several nieces.

The Rev. Kenneth Legassick 1916 - 2003

Bishop William Hockin, Dean Keith Joyce, Archdeacon Claude Miller and many other clergy of the diocese participated in a funeral service for the Rev. Kenneth Legassick at Trinity Church in Saint John on March 12.

Born in Knightsbridge, England, he was the son of the late Herbert and Winnifred (Steer) Legassick. He received his early education in England. During the Second World War he served with the 2nd Canadian Corps Signals in Canada, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Mr. Legassick worked for many years as a bricklayer. In 1960 he entered Medley Hall to study for Holy Orders. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop A. H. O'Neil at Trinity Church in Saint John on May 24, 1964. He was also appointed as assistant curate in that parish on that day. On Nov. 30, 1965, he was ordained to the priesthood, again by Bishop O'Neil and again at Trinity Church.

In 1970 he was awarded an A.Th. from King's College and appointed rector of the Parish of Addington (now Restigouche/Campbellton). In August of 1973

he returned to Trinity Church as rector. He retired from active ministry in 1983.

Mr. Legassick is survived by his wife Pauline (Seeley); two sons, David of Willow Grove and Stephen (Mary Jane) of Napean, Ontario; one daughter, Ann MacEacheron (Ian) of Fredericton; grandchildren Matthew, Andrew, Julia and Kathleen Legassick, and Allison and Carly MacEacheron; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one daughter, Janet Lynn, and three brothers.

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BISHOP'S PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

April 6

Parish of St. Andrews,
Sunny Brae 11 a.m. *
Parish of Moncton 4 p.m. *

April 7

Bishop's Lenten Series
12:15 p.m.
Playhouse, Fredericton

April 8

Bishop's Lenten Series
11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Mary Oland Theatre
New Brunswick Museum
Saint John

April 9

Parish of Hillsborough
7 p.m. *

April 9-11

Lenten Talks
12 noon
St. George's
Moncton

April 12

Wardens Day
St. Mary's (York)
Fredericton

April 13

Parish of Riverview
11 a.m. *

Parish of Kent
4 p.m. *

April 15

Bishop's Lenten Series
11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Mary Oland Theatre
New Brunswick Museum
Saint John

April 16

Bishop's Lenten Series
12:15 p.m.
Playhouse
Fredericton

April 17

Blessing of Oil
11 a.m.

Christ Church Cathedral

April 19

Christ Church Cathedral *

Easter Sunday

April 20

Christ Church Cathedral

April 26

Convocation
St. Stephen's University
St. Stephen

April 27

Parish of St. Philips
Moncton
10:30 a.m. *

Parish of Shediac
4 p.m. *

April 28

3rd Annual Bishop's Dinner
7 p.m.

Sheraton Hotel
Fredericton

April 29-May 2

House of Bishops
Toronto

May 2-4

53rd Weekend
Diocese of Huron

May 6

ACW Annual
Riverview

*Denotes Confirmation



From the Bishop

It all happened on a Sunday morning just after dawn. We see a woman walk alone through a cemetery. Her name is Mary. She is probably carrying some flowers. No doubt she has been awake for hours, stressed by the violent images of the previous Friday. A man whom she had known, loved; a man who had given her a second chance to live; probably the only man she had ever trusted — was dead. Gone. She wonders how she will ever make it without him. Overcome by this terrible sense of helplessness, she comes to this place of his burial just to catch a memory — to be with him one last time. In today's jargon she is working at her grief and looking for closure. She finds no closure in that cemetery.

Easter Sunday ... a day worth waiting for

She approaches the grave and is shocked to find it open. The stone that had covered the little hillside mausoleum has been moved away. Inside there is no body. The record tells us that she runs, I am sure half hysterical, and she finds two friends, Peter and John.

"You won't believe this," says Mary, "but the Lord's body is gone, they have taken Him away."

The next time we see her, Mary is back in the cemetery, crying. A man says to her "Woman why are you weeping?" Then follows a series of encounters and experiences that take her on a roller coaster of emotion. Finally, when it all settles down, only one inescapable conclusion remains — the man is Jesus. The same Jesus she watched die in agony on Friday is alive this Sunday morning.

She is not afraid any more. She doesn't feel alone any more. She sees a future she didn't have before. Somehow, between Friday and Sunday morning, between crucifixion

and resurrection, a new God-given energy was born, and it is available to those who can believe in a God who raises the dead.

The image of the stone that was rolled away is common to all four Gospels in the telling of the Easter story. After the burial of Jesus the stone with a seal on it was rolled into place. It was certainly meant to be secure, to make the grave secure and permanent. Yet the stone is rolled away. It is a symbol of things that we can't do by ourselves.

We all have big stones in our lives, heavy things that we can't handle alone — addiction, fear, loneliness, guilt; problems with a neighbour or someone at work; a problem in our marriage. Where do we go to find enough energy to roll the stone away? According to Matthew's account of the Easter story it was an angel that moved the stone, then sat on it in triumph.

We cannot buy that kind of power anywhere. WalMart does not carry it. We can't put it on a Visa card. Self-help books

and courses can't begin to comprehend it.

Easter power is found when people are prepared to get down on their knees, admit their weakness and their need, and depend on God alone to raise them up. That kind of Easter power is found when we pray. That kind of Easter power is unleashed when the Word of God is opened, read and preached; when we kneel and consume the bread and the wine.

As the prophet Isaiah said so long ago: "those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."

A happy Easter to all of you.

In Christ,

William Hockin is
Bishop of Fredericton

Youth expert guest speaker at Bishop's Dinner

BY JIM MORRELL

John Wilkinson, one of the Anglican Church of Canada's recognized leaders in the area of youth ministry, will speak at the third annual Bishop's Dinner. Proceeds from the event will go toward youth ministry in the diocese.

The dinner will take place at the Sheraton Fredericton Hotel on Monday, April 28th starting at 6 p.m. The organizing committee, which is chaired by Keith Dow of the parish of Kingston, is expecting an increase in attendance over last year's 270, especially since it is Bishop Hockin's last dinner before retirement in the fall. Tickets are available from the synod office (506/459-1801), the Anglican House Bookstore in Saint John (506/693 2295) or from committee members. They are \$100 each, of which \$65 is tax deductible.

The main course will feature Atlantic salmon.

The Bishop has designated 2003 as Youth Action Year in the diocese. "Synod has been strongly supportive of the priority being placed on youth ministry at both the parish and diocesan levels," says Bishop Hockin. "This will be a pivotal year for all of us — clergy, lay leaders and our youth."

Dr. Wilkinson's talk will be the first of several important youth ministry events this year. At the parish level, clergy and vestries are now working on their youth action plans. The diocese will hire a new diocesan youth coordinator this spring. The Clergy College will include a special session on youth ministry on June 19 and 20, there will be a workshop for clergy and youth leaders on

June 21 in the Saint John area, and a special service for youth is planned for June 22 at Christ Church Cathedral. In the fall, parishes will likely have their youth action plans up and running.

"We're also looking into a year-end event, and a second youth consultation is planned for the spring of 2004," says Bishop Hockin. "With all that is happening this year, I am very optimistic about youth ministry in our diocese, and I am looking forward to hearing what Dr. Wilkinson has to tell us."

Dr. Wilkinson is a much sought-after speaker and conference leader. He is an adjunct professor at Wycliffe College in Toronto where he specializes in faith development issues of Anglican youth and families. He has been a leader in the church and in youth

ministry in Ontario, having founded and directed youth-related summer camps, hosted many conferences and institutes, and given freely of his expertise to hospital boards and street-level ministries.

Planning Committee Chairman Keith Dow says: "The Bishop's dinner is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the diocesan family to gather together over a lovely meal, and to support our Bishop in his efforts to boost youth ministry. We have sent letters and ticket forms to those who have attended in the past, and we've issued a special invitation to clergy and wardens in all parishes, with the suggestion that parishes consider sponsoring their rector and/or youth leader to attend. I'm optimistic we'll have a great turnout."

Tales of an Extravagant God headed for Huron

Bishop Hockin theme speaker at 53rd weekend

Bishop Hockin will present his reflections on the parables in his *Tales of an Extravagant God* series as theme speaker at the 53rd Weekend in the Diocese of Huron in early May.

Billed as an intergenerational experience of learning, worship, music and fel-

lowship, 53rd Weekend takes place at Huron College in London. It's a homecoming of sorts for the bishop, who was born in London, ordained there and served in the diocese from 1962 until 1986.

Established in 1972, 53rd Weekend is the model for Definitely Not Synod, held last year in the Diocese of Fredericton and offers specialized programs and events for children, young people and clergy as well as programs and workshops of general interest like expressing creativity

through pottery, using a labyrinth as a tool in meditation, nurturing body, mind and spirit through therapeutic touch and meditation.

Bishop Hockin intends to compile his *Tales of an Extravagant God* in book form. He is the author of three other books: *God for a Monday Morning* (1987), *Twelve Stories You and Your Children Need to Know* (1994), and *The Habit of Hope* (2001). His second book is the basis for the children's program at this year's 53rd Weekend.



Still praying for peace

BY MARIAN LUCAS JEFFRIES

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me*

... lyrics by Sy Miller and Bill Jackson

I don't know what state the world will be in by the time you read this article. I began to write it on my way to a peace demonstration, one of hundreds taking place around the world that day. I finished it on PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) Sunday. Appropriate perhaps, because its Mission Statement says: "PWRDF walks together with partners in Canada and overseas, to share in the creation of a more just and peaceful world."

There have been many opportunities to call for a more just and peaceful world as the war on Iraq looms, including world-wide vigils — people praying for peace around the globe.

My son asked the other day if I thought all the demonstrations made a difference. I thought for a moment and decided I thought they had. That demonstrations, vigils and prayers had played a part in holding off the war. So far anyway. By the time you read this, that could have changed, but when you think about it — every single day that the people of Iraq are not bombed, are not killed in a war, a war that the Primate Michael Peers calls unjust, is a blessing. A gift.

In his January letter in the Journal the primate said: "It is abundantly clear that the intention of the United States to invade Iraq fails to satisfy these conditions for understanding a war as 'just'." He calls on us to "find ways to participate in the international and ecumenical consensus opposing an invasion of Iraq." And goes on to say: "If we must risk, let us consider taking a risk that is consistent with our humanity, with our vocation to be God's agents of healing and reconciliation."

While I stood shivering in the cold at the demonstration, I listened to a man, a Muslim, who spoke passionately about his deep admiration for Jesus and the way he promoted peace and justice. He wondered why we all can't act that way. But when I watched the demonstrations around the world on the news in the evening, I felt hopeful because there are millions of people in this world who are acting that way. These past few months, there has been a tremendous outcry from people. Those people understand

that killing does not create peace.

You cannot improve the lives of women and children who are oppressed and live in poverty and in oppressive regimes by killing those very people you profess to be protecting. You can only accomplish that through the creation of a fair and just world.

On the evening of PWRDF Sunday I lit a candle. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who has clearly spoken out against war with Iraq, called us to be involved in that night in a Global Vigil for Peace. "People in every corner of the globe will shine beacons of light throughout the world. May our candles rekindle the light of reason and hope so that war will be averted in Iraq and peace will prevail in the world," he said.

Did it make a difference? Certainly. We were brought together around the globe as never before, to stand in solidarity for justice and peace. That creates hope.

Let there be peace on earth — and let it begin with us.



The Rev. Patricia Drummond, Diocesan Director of Christian Education, recently spoke to a luncheon group in McAdam on prayer. Photo by Margaret Laking

Prayer should be part of daily routine

BY MARGARET LAKING

The Rev. Pat Drummond, our diocesan Christian education director, now speaks to adult groups as well as Sunday school teachers. The Tuesday Lunch Group of St. George's Church in McAdam was pleased to be host for her first prayer session.

Fifteen of us gathered around a beautifully set table at St. George's Memorial Hall on Feb. 18, the feast of St. Simeon (Simon). Two candles were lit, as they are every week, as a reminder of the presence of the Lord. The blessing was offered this day by our rector, the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks.

Mrs. Drummond's, topic was two-fold: personal/private prayer and unanswered prayer. She stressed the fact that there was no special time to pray. If prayer isn't part of our daily routine, as it should be, she suggested we could start out with five minutes at a time and work our way up to a half hour. She also suggested the use of things like candles, music or prayer journals to prepare ourselves to enter into prayer. She also recommended a book called *The Practice of Prayer* by Margaret Guenther and shared some simple tips with us.

The word prayer has an acronym, an easy formula to use for prayer order. It is ACTS — adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. There is also the hand prayer. The thumb is the most important finger of your hand, so on it pray for those who are most important to you. On your pointer or index finger, pray

for those who lead you to God. On your tallest, middle finger pray for people governing our community, province and country. Your ring finger is weakest, on it pray for those who are ill, imprisoned, poor — anyone going through a rough time. On your little or baby finger, pray for yourself.

Prayer is a word with strength and for so many people it is a word that provides strength.

Mrs. Drummond distributed a number of hand-outs: Entering the stillness, How do we intercede?, Prayer Journals and Unanswered Prayer. She also gave each delighted member of the luncheon group a Lenten Daily Devotional booklet.

Mrs. Amos-Binks suggested homework for the group. We were to make a list of seven people to pray for that week. The list could include people we know well, like family members, people we don't particularly like and people we don't really know, like missionaries or world leaders. We were also encouraged to choose another person from the lunch group to pray for that week.

We enjoyed Mrs. Drummond's thoughtful teachings and presented her with a white hyacinth and card as a gesture of thanks. We also enjoyed the fellowship and food, including the sandwiches made by a few of the parish ladies, apple pie made by our organist, Ev Cleland, and shortbread cookies made by Rita Roberts.

Our lunch time ended with prayer.

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Dallas Hawkes: 50 years a parish treasurer

“... I enjoyed it. No one else ever challenged me for the job!”

BY DAVID BARRETT

In 50 years as treasurer for the Parish of Sussex, Dallas Hawkes saw a lot of changes, but he always paid the synod assessment and he never saw a decrease in the parish budget. When he took on the job in the early 1950s, it was less than \$10,000. At the parish annual meeting on January 27, the 2003 budget came in at nearly \$177,000. At that same meeting, Dallas retired.

Had he been able to attend the meeting, he might literally have set aside his pencil and ledger at its conclusion, then been surprised by the presentation of a plaque, pin and cake at a party planned in his honour. Ill health kept him at home however, so the rector and wardens made the presentations there earlier in the evening. Then at the meeting he was elected an honorary warden of the parish as a small token of appreciation and affection for his 50 years of service.

In about 1950, a young Dallas was elected to serve on the vestry of Trinity Church, Sussex. A year later he was approached by then rector, the Rev. Canon Mansel Shewen, and asked if he would be parish treasurer. Dallas recalled that at previous church meetings he had heard Canon Shewen ask the then treasurer Lorne Parlee, how much money the parish had. Mr. Parlee would get out a piece of paper and figure it out from his head.

“There was no way I could do that, so I turned him down,” says Dallas.

In 1952 he was again invited to serve as parish treasurer. Not one to ever let his church down, this time he said yes. Why? “No one else would do it,” says Dallas in his typically honest way.

He certainly had the skills for the job. After high school (he graduated a year late because he had to wait for his older brother, the late Rev. Earl Hawkes, to graduate because his parents could only afford to board one child at a time in Sussex to attend high school) he went to work as a bookkeeper and accountant with Wallace's, which became Wallace Woodworkers, then Wallace Manufacturing. He stuck with the company from beginning to end, working under four or five different managers and eventually running the business for the owners as the company wound down.

“I was a man of figures,” says Dallas, who wasn't ready to retire when the company closed. He went to work for Grover Crothers of G. A. Crothers Ltd., a pulpwood brokerage firm, where he served as bookkeeper and handled all the money. When Mr. Crothers died, Dallas Hawkes finally retired, which just gave him more time to do what he enjoyed,

like play cards and manage the church's finances.

When he took over as treasurer he set up a new accounting system that wasn't replaced until computers took over. The system was so simple and so efficient that computers notwithstanding, the parish re-adopted it this year for parish account reports.

In the days before a parish secretary, Dallas ran off financial statements on an old Gestetner machine in the Medley Hall on Main Street. On 50 years he didn't miss one monthly statement, not even when he was seriously ill, thanks to his wife Eleanor.

Diocesan treasurer Fred Scott has been known to mention that it is difficult to keep parish treasurers, so what made Dallas stick with it for 50 years?

“The number one reason, I enjoyed it. No one else ever challenged me for the job! I just never saw a reason to give it up, no one complained about me doing it wrong. Besides, everything I have ever done has been long term.” A good working relationship with the clergy (he served under 10 of them) was also helpful.

In the late 1980s or early 1990s, when the Rev. Canon Wally Corey was rector, Dallas decided that the time had indeed come for someone else to do the job. He informed the rector of his decision and he and his wife left for Winnipeg to spend Christmas with their son. When they returned Canon Corey said they had been unable to find a new treasurer and asked if he would stay on for just one more year.

Here it is, 13 years later, and Dallas is really retiring this time, mostly for health reasons.

In 50 years he has kept 50 ledgers and seen the budget and the treasurer's work load grow exponentially. “There is more money to deal with and a larger staff, there are more forms to fill out for the synod office and the government, and as the number of forms increases the more complicated they become.” He has seen the advent of computers and calls the one in the parish office “the machine” in a tone devoid of fondness, although he does admit to having one at home now. He uses it for playing games, not keeping accounts.

He's had a front row seat from which to observe parish fights — like the time they tore down the old memorial hall and built a new parish hall; and the time they cut down the pulpit. “It was during Mr. Pepperdene's time. He was so tall that people got sore necks during the sermon. One family left the church over that one.” In recent years the fur flew when government and diocesan requirements for a wheelchair ramp

pushed the price tag to more than \$25,000.

Through it all, Dallas maintained an even keel and always paid the synod assessment. “The parish didn't always have the money to do it. Sometimes it was borrowed from an individual or the cemetery committee, but it was always paid back with interest. Once, the parish was going to borrow from the bank, but they wanted all the church's financial records. We borrowed from an individual again instead.”

Dallas taught Sunday school for many years, was a synod delegate on many occasions, and still is active in the Trinity Chi Rho Fellowship and Men's Brotherhood. He attends Bible study and other special programs in the parish, like Alpha. He was and is active in the community too. He's been involved with Boy Scouts for more than 50 years, was once named Kiwanian of the Year and is now a Golden K. He's been the Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year and has spearheaded the MS Society fund raising campaign for the past 10 years.

He enjoys curling and golf, is an avid bridge and cribbage player, but has a passion for auction 45's, which he plays with seven other men from the parish on Thursday nights.

Clearly the parish treasurer job didn't take all his time. His



Dallas Hawkes, with some of the gifts he received in appreciation of his 50 years as treasurer in the Parish of Sussex.

wife plays bridge, and he did his weekly tasks while she was out.

“It didn't really take away from other things. I'd be there now, if it weren't for health problems.”

The little surprise party following the AGM was planned so the parish could say thank you for 50 years of faithful service from Dallas Hawkes — a man

who loved his work, a man of figures, and a man of God.

The Rev. David Barrett is rector of the Parish of Sussex.

TEACH ME, LORD, WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO, AND I WILL OBEY YOU FAITHFULLY. Psalm 86



Religion in Life

It is not unusual to see Cubs and Scouts, Brownies and Guides receive Religion in Life badges at the annual Baden Powell service in February. It is unusual, however, to see a whole family working on the different badge levels. This year each member of the Jacobs family of Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton moved up a level. Seen here following the service are left to right, back row: Christian Education/Youth Director Capt. Bonnie Hunt who presented the badges, Emily, Cheryl and Peter Jacobs; front row Kate Hawkins, who also received a badge, Mark and Michelle Jacobs.

Rector arrested

Charged with impersonating a basketball player

BY MICHAEL CAINES

Hello Sports Fans! Saturday night (Feb 22) saw extreme basketball action between the Church of the Good Shepherd Rams and the St. George's & St. Jude's Raiders at the Good Shepherd Gym.

The evening began with enthusiastic trumpet and snare drum solos, a declaration that the funds raised from the evening were to go to the food bank program and finally a prayer for safety and sportsmanship. Then the serious business of "ball" began.

Now both teams had gone to great lengths to "one-up" the other in terms of player ability and prestige. The Good Shepherd Rams claimed to have many talented and energetic university students and even a judge among their ranks! The St. George's Raiders might not have been able to boast any university ringers, but they boast the talents of Mayor Shirley McAlary, and the active support of the long arm of the law (so useful in basketball) — members of the Saint John Police Force.

The first half saw intense action as both teams strived to gain control of the game. Each point scored was matched by the other, end for end. Meanwhile dedicated and energetic cheerleading rang out for both teams, banners waved, tambourines shook, and trumpets sounded.

At the end of the first half, things took a turn for the worse for the Good Shepherd Rams. With just minutes to go, two of the city's finest boys in blue arrived and arrested the Rev. Chris McMullen of Good Shepherd for impersonating a basketball player! Bail was set at \$100 with the assurance that the proceeds would go to the food bank. With Mr. McMullen in handcuffs and on his knees begging for mercy, a total of \$210 was collected to make bail so the game could continue.

The second half was as flamboyant as the first and in the end the final score saw the Rams up by one point. The pre-game agreement was that the losing team would donate \$100 to the food bank but in the end both teams generously gave cheques for \$100, putting the night's final and successful total at \$410 for the Saint John Food Bank.

Bagpipes from on high sounded Amazing Grace, food and fellowship followed the game. When the weary players finally left the gym to go home, they were greeted by the first snowflakes of yet another one of old man winter's many "treats" of the season. With visions of shoveling in the morning dancing in their heads, they were able to breathe a sigh of relief that at least their job for that night was done.



Two of Saint John's finest arrested the Rev. Chris McMullen and charged him with impersonating a basketball player during an extreme game between the Good Shepherd Rams and the St. George's and St. Jude's Raiders in Saint John recently. Spectators passed the hat and raised enough money to get him released. Photos from the basketball game by the Rev. David Kierstead.



The St. George's and St. Jude's Raiders with 'ringer' Mayor Shirley McAlary



The Good Shepherd Rams, complete with university students and a judge.

Electoral Synod Candidates and Results

The election took nine ballots with a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in both the clergy and lay houses required to win. On any of the first four ballots, a nominee had to receive at least 10 votes from the combined orders of clergy and laity, with at least one vote in each house, in order to stay on the ballot. From the fifth ballot onward a nominee had to receive a total of 25 votes from the combined orders, again with at least one in each house.

The vote totals for each candidate are listed by ballot. 12/26, for example, means 12 clergy votes and 26 lay votes.

The Rev. Stephen Andrews
President and Provost of
College of Thornloe University,
Sudbury, Ontario
Nominated by the Rev. Ian
Wetmore and Mr. Peter Irish.
12/26, 13/26, 13/33, 11/21, 6/9.

The Rt. Rev. Donald Harvey
Diocesan Bishop, Eastern
Newfoundland and Labrador
Nominated by the Rev. Philip
Pain and Mrs. Elinor Allaby
5/5, 2/3.

The Rev. Murray Henderson
Rector, Church of the Ascension,
Don Mills, Ontario
Nominated by the Rev. Donald
Hamilton and Ms. Frances Reid
7/32, 10/35, 11/32, 8/27, 4/11.

The Rev. Vicars Hodge
Rector, Parish of Carleton
Saint John
Nominated by the Rev. John
Cathcart and Mr. Ken Lewell
7/8, 4/5.

The Rev. Ronald Horst
Rector, Trinity Church
Brockville, Ontario
Nominated by the Rev. Jane
Arnott and Murray Arnott
1/11, 1/4.

The Very Rev. Keith Joyce
Dean of Fredericton
Nominated by the Rev. David
Titus and Mrs. Isabel Cutler
11/29, 15/34, 20/43, 22/49, 30/
52, 30/65, 28/58, 19/44, 12/13.

The Rev. Canon Jon Lownds
Rector, Parish of St. Margarets
Fredericton
Nominated by the Rev. John
Harvey and Mr. James Chandra
3/4.

The Rev. Canon John Matheson
Rector, Parish of St. Andrews
St. Andrews
Nominated by the Rev.
William Sheppard and Mrs.
Alexis Hart.
9/11, 4/8, 3/7, 2/7.

The Ven. Richard McConnell
Rector, Parish of Rothesay
Rothesay
Nominated by the Rev. Robyn
Cuming and Mr. Malcolm
O'Donnell
4/15, 2/11, 1/6.

The Rev. Canon David Mercer
Rector, Parish of Moncton
Moncton
Nominated by the Rev. David
Barrett and Mr. Ralph Black
8/23, 5/22, 2/15. Withdrew.

The Ven. Claude Miller
Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Fredericton
Nominated by the Rev. Howard
Anningson and Mrs. Debora
Kantor
17/51, 20/59, 26/70, 30/85, 33/
99, 39/112, 43/134, 52/172,
62/207.

Elected

The Ven Douglas Patstone
Rector, Parish of Bathurst
Bathurst
Nominated by the Rev. Andrew
Fraser and Mr. Robert Gulliver
4/9, 5/7. Withdrew.

The Ven. John Sharpe
Rector, Parish of Fredericton
Fredericton
Nominated by Canon Alvin
Westgate and Mrs. Nancy Cook.
12/42, 17/52, 21/59, 24/77, 24/
96, 28/86, 26/75, 24/50, 19/43.

Photos on this page by Rachel Tapley



Canon Basil Buckland was present for the election of Bishop W. H. Morehead in 1939 and hasn't missed an electoral synod since. He's shown here casting his ballot on March 15.



With chancellor Charles Ferris (left) at his side, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison of Montreal presided over his first electoral synod since becoming Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

A brief introduction to our coadjutor bishop elect

Time did not permit the NB Anglican to interview Coadjutor Bishop-elect Claude Miller for this issue. Following is the information that appeared on his nomination documents. A fuller profile will appear in the May issue. —ed.

The Ven. Claude W. Miller

Born June 26, 1944
Current Ministry Appointment:
Executive Assistant to the Bishop
of Fredericton

Ordination

As deacon on June 11, 1988, Christ
Church Cathedral, by the Most
Rev. Harold Nutter; as priest, July
25, 1989, Trinity Church, King-
ston, by the Rt. Rev. George
Lemmon.

Formal Education

NB Institute of Technology: Di-
ploma Civil Engineering Technol-
ogy, 1964
Appraisal Institute of Canada:
Accredited Real Estate Appraiser,
AACI, 1974
Atlantic School of Theology:
Bachelor of Theology, 1988
Bangor Theological Seminary:
Doctor of Ministry Degree Program
(graduating in May of this year).

Clerical Appointments

Assistant Curate, Parish of King-
ston 1989 – 1991
Rector, Parish of Bathurst 1991 –
1995

Appointed Canon of Christ Church
Cathedral and Archdeacon of
Chatham, 1995

Executive Assistant to the Bishop
of Fredericton and Diocesan Arch-
deacon, 2000 – present

Honorary Assistant, Christ Church
Cathedral

Additional Ministry Activities

In addition to traditional ministe-
rial duties, Archdeacon Miller's
ministry has involved community
and ecumenical participation and
outreach through local ministerial
associations, food banks and chap-
lain's duties.

He has been chair and
member of the diocesan youth
committee, diocesan council and
executive council; served as a de-
legate to Provincial Synod, Cana-
dian Council of Churches, Stew-
ardship and Planned Giving, and
national consultations on Finan-
cing for the Future.

As executive assistant to
the bishop, Archdeacon Miller's
main focus for the past three years
has been administrative support
and participation in the program
life of the church throughout the
diocese at every level.

He has been intimately in-
volved with the action teams that
are working to facilitate the dioc-
esan vision as defined by the syn-

ods of 2000 and 2001, has planned,
secures resources, presented and
facilitated several conferences and
workshops; he has worked with
parishes on visioning, partnerships
and interim ministries.

He is chair of the Bishop's
Vocational Chaplains Team and on
the Board of Governors of the At-
lantic School of Theology.

Other Activities/ Personal interests

Prior to ordination, Archdeacon
Miller had a successful career in
civil engineering, real estate ap-
praisal, development and property
management and held executive
positions on several provincial and
national professional institutions.

His Doctor of Ministry
project paper, Companion Spir-
itual Growth, outlines a diocesan-
wide project to focus on the area of
spiritual formation in the tradi-
tions of spiritual direction, com-
panionship and mentorship.

His hobbies and interests
include reading, study, carpentry,
woodworking and refining his
computer skills.

Archdeacon Miller is mar-
ried to Sharon. They have two
daughters and await their third
grandchild.

Consecration set for June 24 continued from page 1

votes from the fifth ballot, and 86
lay votes, down 10 from the previ-
ous ballot.

On the seventh and eighth
ballots Archdeacon Miller's sup-
port continued to grow and both
the other men lost ground. On the
ninth ballot, with 93 clergy and

263 lay delegates present and vot-
ing, Archdeacon Miller received
62 clergy votes, exactly the two-
thirds majority to win in that house,
and 207 lay votes, well over the
176 required to take that house.

Coadjutor Bishop-elect
Miller will be consecrated on June

24 and installed as diocesan bishop
in early November.

Bishops are usually elected
in Christ Church Cathedral, how-
ever renovation and restoration
work there made it necessary to
hold the synod at nearby Christ
Church (Parish) Church.

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April 11

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The Christian Education Committee



Mothers' Union Chaplain

The Rev. Peter Mills of St. Stephen was recently commissioned as Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain at a service at Christ Church Cathedral. Bishop William Hockin, assisted by Dean Keith Joyce (a former MU Chaplain) led the service. Mothers' Union, an international organization which originated in England, is dedicated to the advancement of Christian beliefs in marriage and family life. Members pray for the same people each day at noon creating a Wave of Prayer around the world. There are 150 members of MU in the Diocese of Fredericton. Seen here following the commissioning service are Dean Joyce, Mr. Mills, Bishop Hockin and MU diocesan vice-president Elaine Robichaud.

What brings me back to choir school?



BY RICHARD MCCONNELL

I have been involved personally in Choir School since 1992, so this will be my eleventh year. I often find myself asking: What brings me back?

I used to say the big attraction to Rothesay was to be close to Choir School, as the first few times I was ever in St. Paul's Church was for Choir School events. I will remember sitting in the chancel of the church during one of the hottest Thursday evenings ever recorded.

My family's connection actually goes back even further. Our daughter Megan has literally come to Choir School with one of us since she was an infant-in-arms. We even brought our dog one year — big mistake.

I think our attraction to Choir School falls into three categories. First there is the Anglican spirituality. There is almost no other place in this province (the exception would fittingly be the cathedral in Fredericton) where the full glory of Choral Evensong can be experienced.

At Choir School the magnificent co-incidence of word and music is focused around a particular devotional theme. The whole

week gives the participants the chance to grow into that office, which is celebrated in three truly lovely settings, the chapel at Rothesay Netherwood School, St. Paul's Church in Rothesay, and Trinity Church in Saint John. It is really an opportunity to know gracious and good Providence.

While the traditional choral form of the divine office might seem to come from a past and more leisured age, the actual music used each year at Choir School — the settings of the canticles, anthems and hymns — cover the Christian centuries, including our own. The deep beauty of the office and the treatment of themes in anthems and hymns, testifies to the contemporary knowledge of the same gracious God who also inspired the Biblical writers and those who, over the centuries, brought the divine office to its current shape. It is a privilege and a joy to see this magnificent expression of God's goodness take shape.

Secondly there are the staff and the choristers.

Just as the combination of word and song is gracious, so those involved in directing and singing the music grow together into a courteous and appreciative community. We are accustomed to a cultural insistence on the individual, even when it comes to the

individual's experience of faith. It is entirely different to see a community focused on their common life in Christ. There are hardly any microphones (only at the talent show), no solos, no singling out of personalities (except for the awards, but even those recognize the individual's contribution to the whole), yet there is just as much joy and satisfaction as in any other more modern celebration of the nature of faith.

This is not to discount the value of the individual experience of faith, but to celebrate that there is another, centrally important way of apprehending faith, one that is essential to the future of the catholic nature of the church.

Thirdly is the setting and the summer. To spend a week in one of the most beautiful corners of a beautiful province, indoors and out, with an energetic and positive crew, is sheer pleasure. The affection shared among choristers and staff is a deep testimony to the too seldom experienced joy of celebrating faith together.

I am looking forward to what seems like much more than a week immersed in the beauty of holiness in such a community and such a place.

The Ven Richard McConnell is rector of the Parish of Rothesay and Choir School chair for 2003

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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12



At Synod

Young New Brunswick Anglicans were among the voting delegates at the electoral synod on March 15. From left to right they are David Fleming, Riannon Eves, Gray Gillies, Jamie Morell and Jon Phillips. Photo by Rachel Tapley.

Thinking about eternity

For Lent I decided to give something up — some thing that, as silly as it sounds, I love and cherish, especially in the brief time before I inhale it like a melting ice cream cone on a hot day. It's chocolate.

I also decided to spend more time every day in prayer. Give something up, and take something on. Good plan. Until I went to the market one Saturday morning and it seemed

BY RACHEL TAPLEY
that everything was made of chocolate, and boy did it all look delicious. I think I even heard some of it calling out to me "Rachel... Rachel."

You'll be happy to know that I didn't cave, I didn't even blink, or walk toward it, but as you can tell the thoughts and smells of that chocolate remained with me. I didn't even give in when I accidentally ordered hot chocolate later that day. I actually said that I didn't want it. The lady gave me the

funniest look, I just shrugged my shoulders.

These last few weeks have proven to be very thought provoking. I get a craving and I think of Jesus alone in the desert, thirsty and hungry, and I am reminded of how lucky I am and how loved I am. I am so thankful to God. It makes me think of the people of this world who have nothing, and I pray for them, and I decide to volunteer at the soup kitchen. Don't

Please see Rachel on page 10

Camp Medley Memories

As the summer approaches we look forward to the sunny days of warm weather, we remember different summers and weeks at summer camp ... and then we think, perhaps they're not so very different after all.

In 1969, when I was 17, I was a counselor at Camp Medley under the direction of Peter and Alexis Hart. Together we watched Neil Armstrong walk on the moon on an old, grainy TV. Peter and Alexis were a young, fun-loving couple. Each of them had a great sense of humour and I loved them both because they were so much fun.

BY WENDY (FAIRWEATHER) BIRCH

At Medley there was swimming in an outdoor pool (a big deal), canoeing in the Saint John river, softball and volleyball in the field, and lots of wonderful camp music. I loved swimming in the

pool — I know we were so lucky to be able to swim in the river but an OUTSIDE pool! That was something. Jane and I swam across the river once with Peter beside us in a canoe. We did it just so we could say we swam the

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Teens Encounter Christ Prayer for TEC 10, May 17-19, 2003

Heavenly Father, we ask that the light of Christ shine on TEC 10 so that all the candidates may come to know you and so shine the light of Christ to the world. We ask your blessing on the team as they prepare and offer themselves as servants on the TEC weekend. We ask that your light be the guide for each of the young people at TEC 10. We pray that you will watch over and protect all those involved with Teens Encounter Christ. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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April 6 and April 13 at 7 o'clock

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Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact

Terry Condran @ 693-8558

WAY Worship

Westside Anglican Youth
St. George's Church

100 Watson Church, West Saint John
April 27, 7 o'clock

For more information, contact
Michael Caines 650-4892

Christ Church Cathedral

Sunday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.
Music by 3rd Sunday 2000

Come and worship in word, prayer and music!
For more information call 450-8500 or write
dean@christchurchcathedral.com

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Don't forget

### The Youth Ministry Teaching Summit

June 20 & 21 at St. James the Less, Rothesay  
and

### Alternative Worship Celebration

June 23 at a place to be announced  
with

Pete Ward and Jonny Baker from London, England.

## Share the Page

Know a young person who would enjoy Millgen?  
Cut it out and pass it along.



# College to explore theological and practical account of praise

The Rev. Dr. John Webster, Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford, and a Canon of Christ Church, is the first presenter at the 2003 Clergy College in June. His three lectures will give a theological and practical account of praise, centered on exposition of the Te Deum Laudamus from the Book of Common Prayer service of Morning Prayer.

"It will be a delight to be back in Fredericton. Having lived for ten years in Canada, I visited New Brunswick a couple of times, and on one visit preached in the cathedral and led a clergy conference," says Dr. Webster.

His work in Oxford has

two main focal points. As a university professor he is responsible for teaching Christian doctrine to undergraduates and especially to graduate students. "We have a large international community of research students here, and a great deal of my time is taken up with training future theologians. Alongside my work in the university, I am also a residentiary canon of the diocesan cathedral, where I take part in the full round of daily worship, preaching and some pastoral work. This way of linking the teaching of theology to the worship of the Christian community offers a unique opportunity."

He considers theological

work is properly in the service of the church, and is a ministry of edification through which the life of the people of God is built up for worship and witness.

"Worship is at the heart of the church, because God is at the heart of the church. Worship is praise: that is, the church delights in God for what he is as, the one who has made us, who has reconciled us to himself, and who will bring us to perfection. Worship is confession; that is, the church acknowledges its failures in living as God's people. Worship is intercession: that is, the church looks to God for his merciful goodness.

Because hearing the Word of God and receiving the sacraments is at the centre of worship,

Dr. Webster says: "In both Word and sacrament, God is acting among us, nourishing us in the truth of the gospel and making its promises real. Though we have spent much time in recent years on forms of worship, in the end what is most important is that — whatever form we may use — in worship God in Christ comes to us, mercifully renewing our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. The real business of worship for any congregation is always making sure that we are ready to hear and receive what God gives in Word and Sacrament. But hearing and receiving are always God's gifts: and so the life of praise and worship is always a matter of God's grace."

He believes worship is always a struggle. In the end that is

because our hearts and minds are only just coming alive to God, and we spend a lot of time resisting God in all sorts of ways.

"There is no quick fix: we need to learn patience, the wisdom of keeping going for the long haul. Renewing the church and our individual Christian lives is not a momentary spasm, but has deep roots in the unspectacular business of habits of prayer, hearing the Word and receiving God's grace through the sacraments."

Dr. Webster leaves Oxford in the summer to take up a new position in the north of Scotland. The new position offers more scope for research and writing, including, a book on the Te Deum Laudamus.

## Spring courses at Taylor College

Be challenged! Be inspired! Attend a course at the National Church Army Taylor College of Mission & Evangelism in Saint John.

• Healing and Evangelism

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.— 3 p.m.

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Discover how to help your friends find the God of healing and wholeness.

Course Leader: Reed Fleming.

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May 2 & 3

A weekend of training and practical opportunity for effective ministries. Friday evening will feature hands on service and a Celebration of Good News. Saturday will focus on a smorgasbord of workshops designed to equip you for your ministry. These workshops will be led by seasoned Church Army officers from across Canada.

• On The Road: A Spiritual Journey

May 13 – 15

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Cheques are payable to Taylor College.

If cost is a problem with any course, telephone the college.

\* Reminder

The Annual Church Army Commissioning Service

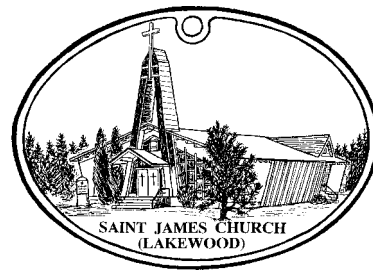
Monday evening, April 28, Saint John's (Stone) Church

Carleton Street, Saint John

## Ornament struck to commemorate Lakewood anniversary

Past members and friends of Saint James, Lakewood are invited to a great Regathering on Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. Special guest preacher will be Bishop Harold Nutter.

The year 2003 marks forty years of worship on the present church site on Loch Lomond Road in Saint John. A commemorative ornament has been struck and the



parish will compile a Book of Memories so please forward pho-

tos of past events to The Rectory, 1988 Loch Lomond Road, Saint John, NB E2N 1A2. Greetings and stories to be shared on the special day may be sent by email to [mdstuart@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:mdstuart@nbnet.nb.ca). We are planning a day of displays, special music, great food, and fellowship with old friends, so please plan to come "home" to Lakewood on May 25th.

## Canadian parish nurses to meet in Moncton

The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry will offer educational programs and hold its annual general meeting May 30 to June 1 at the University of Moncton.

Hope for the Future is the theme of the weekend, which includes an address by theologian

Dr. Roger Hutchinson on what parish nursing has to teach the church about ministry. There will also be a panel discussion on promoting educational programs in parish nursing ministry throughout Canada.

Early registration (before April 25) is \$60 per day for Friday

and Saturday, \$40 for the Saturday lobster banquet only, or \$160 for all three days, including the lobster banquet.

Cheques or money orders, payable to Nursing Paroissial may be sent to Roland Roussel, 988 Centennial St., Bathurst, N.B. E2A 3W4.

## Bishop to lead men's conference

BY BILL MACMULLIN

Good Man! What ideas spring to mind when you hear that expression? Hard to find? Valuable? Worthwhile example?

Bishop Bill Hockin will explore this theme as men from around the diocese gather at the Fredericton Motor Inn on Oct. 24 and 25 for the fifth annual New Brunswick Anglican Men's Conference.

The Rev. Barry Parker,

successor to Bishop Hockin at St. Paul's, Bloor Street in Toronto, was speaker at the 2002 conference attended by 100 men from around the province. He maintained the high standard set by previous speakers, Don Posterski, Harold Percey and Gordon MacDonald as he explored the question Will this be on the exam? Worship, led by Fredericton worship Band ReJOYce, lifted our hearts to God in song and prepared us to hear Him through Dr. Parker.

The conference committee is thankful that Bishop Bill was available when they unanimously chose him. They recognize that men's ministry continues to be on his heart as he nears retirement. Men — mark your calendar for this conference. Women — pray for the men in your life as this conference approaches.

*The Rev. W. R. MacMullin is rector of Douglas and Nashwaaksis*

## Rachel ... continued from page 9

get me wrong, I'm not perfect. I had my plate-load of pancakes before it all began, and I look forward to the day when I savour that sweet taste again — but now I'm thinking of bigger things. I'm thinking of heaven —

thanks to the mystery of Easter and the awesome power of God!

These past forty days are not that long in the grand scheme of things ... in the grand scheme of things I look forward to forever with my God.

## Medley ... continued from page 9

Saint John River.

I remember the cook Mr. Goodspeed and his wife with such fondness. He was a kind, funny man, who was always happy. The food at this camp was not your regular camp fare. We had pies, cookies, cakes and when my friend, another counselor, had her birth-

day we had a baked Alaska in the kitchen after the campers went to bed — something I had never had before!

Whenever I ran in the kitchen at Camp Medley Mr. Goodspeed would let me have a cookie. One time I decorated pies with him and put my initials on the

top of one. I sure loved that kitchen.

Although I only spent one summer at Camp Medley, I will always remember how much fun we had.

*Here's a PS from Gordon Fairweather, Wendy's Dad:*

I drove Wendy and Jane to Med-

loved. Let's do our best to live as examples — be kind, compassionate, merciful, generous ... and the list goes on and on. Then we won't be thinking of giving things up for only forty days, we'll be thinking

about eternity, and we'll smile.

Jesus Is Risen!

Take care and God Bless,

PS. If you get the chance, rent the Veggie Tales Jonah movie. It's worth the couple hours. I love the pirates!

called." I said I very much doubted it but does Cabin Moorehead sound right?

"Yes that's it," Jane replied.

*For more Medley Memories and all kinds of Camp Medley information, go to [www.campmedley.ca](http://www.campmedley.ca) Applications for the 2003 camping season are out. You'll find them at any Anglican church.*



# INTERCESSIONS

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

### APRIL

14: Parish of Madawaska, The Rev. Marjorie Murdoch; Rev. Canon Gordon Smith (R); Pentecost Mission (Missao de Pentecostes), Lay Ministry Jardson Tenorio, Jaboatao, Brazil.

15: Parish of Marysville, The Rev. John Cathcart; Zion Mount Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Monte Siao), Rev. Leonides Menezes, Umburetama, Brazil.

16: Parish of Maugerville & Oromocto, The Rev. Keith Howlett; Rev. Canon Dr. R.B. Smith (R); Resurrection Parish (Paroquia da Ressurreicao), Rev. Luiz de Souza Franca, Joao Pessoa, Brazil.

17: Parish of Millidgeville, Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate; Rev. Canon Tom Smith (R); Saint Paul Parish (Paroquia Sao Paulo), Rev. Nadja Maria Lins da Silva, Rev. Juciara Nascimento, Recife, Brazil.

18: Parish of Minto & Chipman, The Rev. Eileen Irish; David Larlee, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England; Strong House Life Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Casa Forte), Rev. Ricardo Mucio, Recife, Brazil.

19: Parish of Moncton, Canon. David Mercer.

### EASTER SUNDAY

REJOICE NOW, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our Eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts,

in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

21: Parish of Musquash, (Vacant); Donald Snook, Director, Saint John Inner City Youth Ministry; Holy Trinity Cathedral (Catedral da Santissima Trindade), Dean: Rev. Paulo Ruiz Garcia, Recife Brazil.

22: Parish of New Bandon, The Rev. Julie Armstrong; Living Waters Mission (Missao Agua Viva), Rev. Simea Meldrum, Jardim Brazil.

23: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, The Rev. Richard Steeves; The Rev. Ted Spencer (R); Bethel Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Betel), Lay Ministry Evilasio Tenorio, Recife Brazil.

24: Parish of New Maryland, (Vacant); Bethany Parish (Paroquia Betania), The Rev. Leonides Menezes, Recife Brazil.

25: Parish of Pennfield, The Rev. Keith Osborne; Bonnie LeBlanc, Atlantic School of Theology; Christian Love Mission (Missao do Amor Cristao), The Rev. Washington Franco, Maceio Brazil.

26: Parish of Portland, The Rev. Gordon Thompson; Beatitudes Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario das Bem Aventurancas), Lay Ministry Armando Fiel da Costa, Timbauba Brazil.

27: Bishops, Clergy and Laity of The Scottish Episcopal Church; Diocese of Recife: Bishop D. Edward Robinson de Barros Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Those retired Isobel Greenwood; The Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall; The Rev. Dorothy

Thorpe; The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard, The Rev. Don Sax & Deacon Lee Sax, The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM, Marion Carroll, Licensed Lay Minister Edith Josie; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti, and their families.

28: Parish of Prince William, The Rev. Robert J. Barry; The Rev. David Staples; Good Shepherd Parish (Paroquia do Boom Pastor), Rev. Josafa dos Santos, Salvador Brazil.

29: Parish of Quispamsis, The Rev. John Tremblay; Good News Mission (Missao Boas Novas), Lay Ministry Israel Cardoso, Caopora, Brazil.

30: Parish of Renforth, The Rev. Eric Phinney; Canon Ron Stevenson, Chancellor to the Anglican Church of Canada; House of Hope Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Casa da Esperanca), The Rev. Miguel Uchoa, Jaboatao Brazil.

### MAY

1: Parish of Restigouche, The Rev. Andrew Fraser; Good Samaritan Parish (Paroquia do Bom Samaritano), The Rev. Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, Recife Brazil.

2: Parish of Richmond, The Rev. Roderick Black; Paul Ransom, Wycliffe College; Christ Liberator Mission (Missao Cristo Libertador), Rev. Jorge Aquino, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

3: Parish of Riverview, The Rev. Albert Snelgrove; Communion Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Comunhao), Rev.

Marcio Meira, Joao Pessoa Brazil. 4: Theological Education Sunday - Pray for seminaries and schools of theology that train clergy and laity in the Christian faith; Diocese of Recife: Bishop D. Edward Robinson de Barros Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene; Toad River, Alaska Highway mile 150-506, The Ven. Sean Murphy, Archdeacon of Liard; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti, and their families.

5: Parish of Rothesay, Rev. Canon Richard McConnell; The Rev. Barry Cohen-Thorley (R); Calvary Parish (Paroquia do Calvario), Rev. Adonias Ramos, Paulista Brazil.

6: Parish of St. Andrew's, Rev. Canon John Matheson; Hope Mission (Missao da Esperanca), Lay Ministry Claudio Linhares, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

7: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, The Rev. Brent Ham; The Rev. Donald Trivett (R); The Comforter Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario O Consolador), Lay ministry Antonio Costa, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

8: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, The Rev. Canon John Matheson, Priest-in-Charge; Christ The Saviour Parish (Paroquia Cristo O Salvador), The Rev. Josafa dos Santos, Ilha de Itaparica Brazil.

9: Parish of St. George, The Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe College; Jesus of Nazareth Mission (Missao Je-

sus de Nazareth), The Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, S. Goncalo do Amarante Brazil.

10: Parish of St. James, Moncton, The Rev. Donald Routledge; God Liberator Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario, Deus Libertador), Lay Ministry Carlos Alberto Tome, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

11: Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Anglican Church of Korea; Diocese of Recife: Bishop D. Edward Robinson de Barros Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Telegraph Creek - St. Aidan, Dease Lake; Glenora, Licensed Lay Incumbent Lesley Wheeler-Dame; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti, and their families.

12: Parish of Saint John, The Ven. Stuart Allen, The Rev. George Trentowsky; The Rev. Canon Philip Ward (R); Emanuel Parish (Paroquia Emanuel), The Rev. Ian Meldrum, Rev. Edgar Batista, Olinda Brazil.

13: Parish of St. Margaret's, The Rev. Canon Jon Lownds; Liberty Mission (Missao da Liberdade), Rev. Stephen James Taylor, The Rev. Evanilza Loureiro, Jaboatao Brazil.

14: Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, The Rev. David Edwards; Ana Watts, Editor, NB Anglican; Olives Garden Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Jardim das Oliveiras), Rev. Mauricio Coelho, Recife Brazil.

*Intercessions are available on-line at [www.anglican.nb.ca](http://www.anglican.nb.ca)*

## Following the familiar path to the cross yet again

What is truth? Pontius Pilate asked this of Jesus. The question is timeless. I read the passion narrative and thrill at my omniscience. I know the story better than Jesus. At every passing verse the vivid picture of the arrest, trial and sentence unfold as I know they will. At every reading each character in the unfolding drama of redemption is drawn inexorably toward a worn path that led out of the walled city to a near-by hillside.

Pilate asks the question that every generation before and since has harboured in silence — afraid to speak its name. Truth and reason, its close companion, appear illusionary. As a magistrate, he was accustomed to weighing right and wrong, innocence and guilt, good and evil. I suspect the scales of justice weighed heavily for him. I hear that in his question. Good and evil are, equally, illusionary for the cynic.

I hear Pilate asking the question, demanding a decision. Muttered under his breath, Pilate addresses the vapours, and Jesus overhears him.

Worn down by innocence, Pilate knows only that there is but one's will, and the power to realize one's will. All else is a linguistic illusion and the bother hardly seems worth the effort of search-



the penultimate  Word

BY JAMES IRVINE

ing out truth. One witness's testimony is counter-balanced by another. Good is perceived as evil in the fog of deception. Guilt is disguised as innocence, but justice is demanded and justice will be exacted.

The nearby pitcher of water provides little refreshment. A bowl is splashed full, hands rake through the tepid water and impatiently dried, the towel carelessly, absently tossed aside.

Bar Abbas proclaimed his innocence. This felon simply stands mute. The startling silence of Jesus challenges him.

Pilate's judgment is clouded. For him there is no difference between "I want to do this" and "I have the right to do this." He may grant life or he may

extinguish it — as he sees fit. The distinction is not as clear as courtiers might imagine. Ability is confused with will and hands are wrung with perspiration again. The naked expression of one's will is clothed in the disguise of power and righteousness.

The scene plays out every year, and every year the characters act predictably, seemingly unaware of the dramatic climax approaching. I almost want to blurt out and caution Jesus, protect him from the deceit of man's heart. But I cannot. Nothing may prevent this unfolding. As much as I know the story, the scene unfolds predictably, with each character acting out his role. It's a well worn tale cherished by every generation that rehearses it.

Cherished neither for its beauty nor its high drama, for the scene is cunning. Cherished, rather, for its faithful witness of man's primeval will stripped bare of illusion. The willfulness of Pilate is echoed in every age in small ways and in large ways and his ambivalence reflects traits familiar to us all.

We know it as sin. It's a distortion of truth.

In small ways we see no difference in saying "I want to do this" and "I have a right to do this."

The expression of our will is disguised. Willfully we distort truth. Considering truth illusory, good and evil become amorphous servants to our aims and ambitions.

Pilate's question disallows our deflection of the question to others. He disallows the linguistic illusion of transference. He owns his ambiguity and wrestles with the inner turmoil of his own willfulness. The temptation is to look for the mote in the other's eye, to find failed standards in others. Pilate does not do that. Pilate knows his own illusion of truth and justice and takes ownership of his own sin. He does not claim the high moral ground and impose absolutes on others, beyond himself. He does not hold others to a standard that he himself avoids, evades.

The scene is too intimate to allow that.

Here we see Pilate in the confessional, his priest-confessor is before him, mute.

"I have the right to grant life, or take life" sounds like "I want to do this", only dressed up.

Every voice in every generation has breathed this. I hear Pilate's breath voicing this for me. I hear others breath echoing Pilate's question daily. I hear it in the coffee shops. I hear it in the

shopping centers. I hear it in churches, and I hear it in homes. I hear it on the radio. I hear it on the television. I hear it in familiar voices, and I hear it in stranger's voices.

Most recently I have heard it voiced by politicians and militarists. I have heard willfulness in the voices of presidents and prime ministers, in the voices of colonels and generals and admirals. The illusion of truth beguiles and seduces even those who claim a faith — especially those who claim a faith!

Still stands before Jesus. Jesus remains mute. He still follows a worn path that leads outside a city wall to a near-by hillside. It has ever been so. It is the cost of redemption in a world jaded by willfulness: of Pilate's as well as mine, of those we love and those who cause us to be afraid and those whom we distrust. The vapour of our illusions evaporates and we are left in silence, with a Cross.

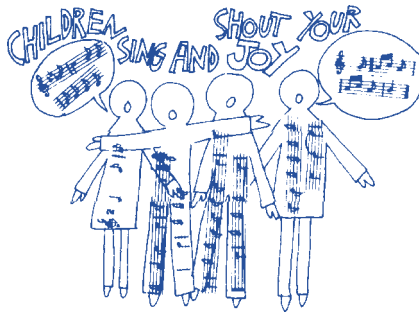
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# Summers Coming

A whole new crop of Vacation Bible Club materials is already in bloom... here are Pat Drummond's picks.



Yet again children's curriculum publishers have come up with exciting new ways of sharing the Bible with youngsters - from the farm-fresh fun of a county fair experience to the excitement of time travel to solving the problems of extra-terrestrials living on far-away planets. Sometimes, in fact, I wonder how they will ever fit a Bible story into the theme!

There is something for every budget here - one can spend a fortune on all the bells and whistles, just-assemble-it (and pretty non-creative) craft kits, name tags, baseball caps, t-shirts, certificates, take-home goodies, buttons, puppets, posters and so on and so on, or one can opt to go for the basics - a director's guide, some teacher's guides and possibly take-homes for each child, and come up with one's own theme based crafts and one's own decorations. My bet is that the latter might be far more satisfying for all concerned. Last year one or two churches even decided they had enough know-how to do it entirely on their own. They came up with a theme, or used old unused curriculum as a starting point, and had a home grown Vacation Bible Experience or, as one publisher called it this year, a Very exciting Bible School. The point is to play games, to do crafts, to eat together, and to sing, while meeting some of the most memorable Bible characters and hearing some of the 'must-know' Bible stories. While doing all this it is our hope and prayer that many of the children who come will encounter Jesus himself.

While the following is far from being a complete list of the Vacation Bible curricula for 2003, I believe these to be available in local Christian bookstores.

## David C. Cook - The Jesus Expedition

This VBS explores Jesus' awesome love and power through some of his miracles. As they do this, children visit the Antarctic, the Brazilian Jungle, Mt. Everest, the Pacific Ocean and the Egyptian Desert.

This is a five day program, expandable to 10 days through re-visiting each site. There is an interesting option for running the VBS as a Backyard Bible Club, with 5 families hosting the children in turn. Each home is developed as one of the sites. This would work very well for a church with a small number of children attending. All in one kit - everything in one binder - \$129.99. [www.CookVBS.com](http://www.CookVBS.com)

## Augsburg Fortress - Zoom Zone

Children carry 'passports' and zoom from the present to the past and the future to discover that Jesus' love is forever. The stories taught all come from the New Testament.

This is a 'site-based' VBS, through which the children travel in groups, each with its own tour guide. While a number of the songs were newly composed, several were old favourites e.g. If anybody asks you who I am?, Zaccheus, and Siyahamba (We are Marching). Director guide - \$39.95, tour guidebooks for small group leaders - \$8.95 ea, travel games and activities - \$3.50 per child, passports - 4.95 per child, cassette - 4.95. [www.augsburgfortress.org.vbs](http://www.augsburgfortress.org.vbs)

## Concordia - Rancho Roundup

This is based on Psalm 23 - the Lord is my Shepherd, and the VBS is built around a SW ranch in the US. The stories used to illustrate phrases from the psalm are from Luke and John, e.g. For "I will fear no evil," the story of Jesus calming the storm is used.

There are options for same age classes, site rotation by task or by lesson, or for a family VBS. Teachers' guides - 7.95, take-home books - 4.50 per child, craft ideas book - 23.95, music leader guide with scores - \$15.95, CD - 31.95. [vbs.cph.org](http://vbs.cph.org)

## Gospel Light - Son Harvest County Fair

As children take part in the events of a County Fair, New Testament stories are used to illustrate the fruit of the spirit - Gal 5:22-23.

There is a very good 'opening day' promotional event for families with lots of fun and games.

Some of the activities include planting seeds and plants, making jam, using natural dyes, and making butter and bread. Although opportunities for 'bringing children to Christ' were mentioned, they were not over stressed. Director's guidebook - 21.50, teachers' books - \$8.50, Grower's guides (i.e. children's take-home books) - \$4.50 ea. [MyVBS.COM](http://MyVBS.COM)

## Veggietales 3 2 1 Penguins!

In a Basic Interplanetary Bible Learning Expedition, children travel through space with four penguins. As they do, they help the inhabitants of other planets who are experiencing problems. To do so they pray, relate the problem to their own lives, check the Bible for answers, and use a time machine to get help from a Bible character. Passages from Paul's letters to various churches are used to help solve the problems. Sold as a complete kit which includes guidebooks, music CD, teachers' training video and video to show children, for \$299.99. Children take home a 'family connection' page which is photocopied from a guidebook. [www.bigideasvbs.com](http://www.bigideasvbs.com)

*The Rev. Patricia Drummond is diocesan director of Christian Education*

# The path to heaven must be sprinkled with salt

Spring is like faith. "The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen."

This been a long winter and I have found it difficult to find solace in the usual places. It has been a winter of discontent and there is cold comfort in Keats, charming line "If winter be here can spring be far behind?". So I have taken to looking at pictures in seed catalogues and musing about the small things in life that seemed unimportant until we were housebound. Things like duct tape, safety pins and those little washers that stop the incessant dripping of the bathroom taps.

The least but greatest thing to occupy my saline soaked brain this winter was that lowly ingredient ... salt. What anti-freeze is to the radiator, and coffee is to the clergyman, salt is to the body. But a little goes a long way. Like many of the things that kick-start and keep us going, the usefulness of salt depends on its application.

When I think of salt, a few images spring to mind. Being sentenced to the salt mines of Siberia for one. Bodies adrift and floating in the Dead Sea for another. Even

## DANCING IN THE RAIN

BY RUTH COLEMAN

Lot's wife, whose blood pressure must have gone through the roof when she left Sodom and Gomorrah. Not exactly the positive association you might expect when you consider that Jesus said "you are the salt of the earth."

He goes on to say if salt has lost its flavor it is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown underfoot. This is what I mean by the application. Jesus was a Maritimer, in a Mediterranean kind of way. He would think of salt as seasoning, as a preservative. Put yourself in his place. What would an olive be without salt brine? On the other hand being a Maritimer in the Atlantic kind of way, I recognize the value of a little salt thrown underfoot. This winter alone I've walked and driven through at least a metric ton of the stuff and it has kept me on the straight and narrow.

There is redemption in this cast off commodity. In fact, had I been a little more generous with

the salt, I might have spared a close family member a few broken ribs. Far-sighted environmentalist that I am, I was thinking about water tables, my garden and the stonework on my walkway and overlooked the immediate danger of the icy, slippery slope leading up to my door. Bones are so unforgiving.

They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions ... well the path to heaven must be sprinkled with salt, but before you run out and buy shares in the Windsor Salt Company consider this. Moderation is found somewhere in the middle of the salt pile.

A few years ago our church in Renforth decided to host a Newfie night. Good Newfoundland entertainment and a Jiggs dinner were on the menu. Now a Jiggs dinner is basically a good sized chunk of salted beef, boiled with as many root vegetables you can fit into a pot, and a peas pudding boiled in a bag.

I know this sounds "some good" and it is, especially when it's served with the pot liquor, but the secret to the recipe is to follow

the directions. To ensure quality control for our church meal, we ordered in the best Newfoundland meat from Moncton and distributed it to several cooks in the parish with the following instructions: Step # 1. Soak the salt beef for 24 hours, changing the water at least two or three times.

Step # 2. Boil the meat for two to three hours.

Step #3 add vegetables and bag of peas.

Some of the cooks omitted the first step, the soaking and the rinsing of the salt meat. People who ate dinner from those pots were the first in line to request healing prayer for hypertension and stroke. This meal created quite a thirst in the people of Renforth. A little salt goes a long way.

When Jesus tells us to be the salt of the earth, I think He means to enhance and flavor our society, not to leave it with a bad taste. By bringing out the good in others and exercising a little grace with people who are different, we can extend the kingdom of God from heaven to earth. We all need to exercise some reciprocity in our world, the Christian is often directed to spread the salt the extra

mile but to do it in a way that doesn't kill the growing space. Moderation, like salt, is not a concept to be measured by exactness but rather by the effect of its application. There are a number of ways to season the world with God's presence. The church's recent residential schools settlement is a good example of owning up to our Christian responsibility as opposed to throwing more salt on an open wound.

We must be sensitive about how we respond to the needs around us. The message I hear from the gospel is to be willing to be the salt of the earth, to be generous in all things but smart enough to know there are times when too much of a good thing can be harmful. It's all in the application.

*... a Maritimer in the Atlantic kind of way, I recognize the value of a little salt thrown underfoot.*

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