



## NEW YEAR GREETING



DAVID WATTS

The Rev. Chris Hayes of Florenceville, his wife (second from right) Chris and their infant daughter Sarah, were among the many New Brunswick Anglicans and others who celebrated the New Year with Bishop Claude Miller and his wife Sharon at Cathedral Memorial Hall at the bishop's levee.

## Newly-structured Diocesan Council meets for first time

BY ANA WATTS

Members of a newly-configured Diocesan Council met at Cathedral Memorial Hall on Jan. 22 to begin their work as a key administrative body in the diocese and encompassing the roles and responsibilities of the former Board of Programme. The smaller body is structured according to the parameters set in the recently revised diocesan constitution and canons and members will work on standing committees.

"Our organizational structure must meet the needs of the church," said Bishop Claude Miller. "That's why this new structure is less hierarchical." At a visioning retreat at Villa Madonna on March 19 and 20 the council will begin to align and define ministries and responsibilities, identify ministry priorities, evaluate, reorganize and realign present ministries, identify new priorities, and look at administrative and stewardship issues like planning and budgeting, communication and reporting, evaluation and accountability. By the end of their session, they hope to be able to answer questions as basic as To whom do we report? and as complicated as How do we assess what we are doing?

To assist in this process, the council will be presented with a gospel-centred model with proclamation and the making of disciples as its defining elements. The model addresses seven major themes – stewardship, episcopal, mission, parish, administration, youth and formation. Many ministries are included under each theme.

In a small-group study and discussion period, members of council were asked to examine and share their skills, gifts and ministry interests in the diocesan context. They will take

these into consideration when they meet in March and identify their specific areas of concern and interest.

Council members will also consider the freedom of the New Brunswick Anglican to report on council meetings at their visioning meeting. A council member recently complained about being quoted in this paper and said he did not want to hesitate to express his opinions at council meetings in fear of having them reported.

Council meetings have always been considered public, as are synod meetings. Diocesan council acts as synod between synods.

Not all members of diocesan council attended the inaugural meeting, because not all have been elected. The council itself elects three additional lay members, a youth member and the finance committee. A nominating committee, chaired by Archdeacon Vicars Hodge, was struck to prepare a slate to be elected before the visioning retreat in order that all members of council will be able to participate in that process. A vice-chair of council and members of the executive council, who must be members of diocesan council, will be elected at the March meeting.

Archdeacon Hodge and his committee were asked to be cognizant of gender balance in their nominations. Of the 29 ex-officio and elected members of council in place at the time of the January meeting, only four were women. All territorial archdeacons are automatically members of council and they are all men. The seven elected clergy representatives are all men. The only ex-officio woman member is Heather Carr, the ACW diocesan president. Three of the seven elected lay representatives are women.

## Diocesan camp improvements depend on feasibility of capital campaign

New Brunswick Anglican Camp Ministry wants to raise about \$400,000 this spring in order to effect urgent structural repairs and renovations at Camp Brookwood and build new cabins with washrooms at Camp Medley in time for the 2004 camping season. Camp Medley also plans to build a large, multi-purpose main building and staff accommodations, costing about \$825,000, in time for the 2005 camping season. The improvements seem a fitting way to celebrate the camp's 60th anniversary.

These projects hinge on a positive report from Kenn Mainville Associates, a fundraising firm conducting a feasibility study on the success of a proposed \$1.25 million capital campaign.

Members of the camp ministry board and Judith Arbow of Kenn Mainville Associates outlined these plans for Diocesan Council at a meeting in January. They were

looking for support of the campaign in principle as well as council's insight into challenges and concerns that need to be addressed.

"The camps are well thought of, we have members of the corporate community and foundations behind us, and that is not just in the Anglican community," said Ms. Arbow. "Our feasibility study will include the amount and timing of the campaign and acknowledge competition, but at this point the response has been very favourable. Such a modest amount could be raised quickly."

If the final report is as positive as Ms. Arbow's current assessment and Council officially approves the plan, fund raising will begin in earnest.

Camp Brookwood would like to remain small and rustic, but Camp Medley would like to be able to accommodate more campers (it turns away hundreds each summer), and

become a centre for other diocesan events and activities in the off-camping season — September through November and April through mid-June. More than 20 diocesan groups interested in using such a facility have already been identified, and it is expected that parishes will want to use the camp for retreats. Outside organizations, like the Rotary Club, Scouts and others, are also interested. These activities will be incorporated in a business plan to be developed this spring.

Camp Medley now has 9 cabins to accommodate 14 people, for a total of 126. The new plan calls for 12 cabins, in pods of two with a night-use toilet between the two pods, that can accommodate 16 people each, a total of 192. The old cabins, complete with generations of graffiti, will be retained for use as pool huts, a tuck shop, art studios and storage areas.

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# Clergy college faculty announced

The fourth annual Clergy College will be held June 14-18 at the Hugh John Fleming Forestry Complex in Fredericton. Dr. Marva Dawn, Bishop William Hockin and Dr. David F. Allen are this year's presenters.

Dr. Dawn will open the 2004 college with a series of lectures on worship. Her theme is Worship in the Ups and Downs of Decline and Hope, and will address the topic from cultural, community, youth, scriptural perspectives.

Bishop Hockin, recently retired from this diocese, will

offer help for the preacher and will encourage clergy to explore the place of preaching in pastoral ministry. He will demonstrate ways to read the biblical text, develop illustrations and quotations that support the message and will offer a discipline and formula for sermon writing and preparation.

Dr. Allen is a classical psychiatrist who integrates psychiatry and Judeo-Christian values to facilitate a healing of the heart. His book *In Search of the Heart* is highly recommended reading for

anyone involved with the pastoral care and cure of souls. He will offer a presentation on his soon-to-be-published book *Contemplation: Intimacy in a Distant World* and will encourage clergy to consider issues like contemplation, intimacy, love and anger.

The college's primary goal is to expose diocesan clergy to the great minds of our day. It is an opportunity to exchange and gently challenge both long-held views and new approaches to ministry.

*The New Brunswick Anglican* will profile the faculty in upcoming issues.

## NB Anglicans continue to donate fine furniture

New Brunswick Anglicans continue to respond generously to a call for donations of antiques to furnish the foyer, parlor and dining room at Bishop's Court in Fredericton.

A mahogany banquet table with eight beautifully hand-carved chairs, circa 1850; an oriental carpet, a mahogany settee and two walnut grape-carved Victorian side chairs with needle-point seats, circa 1880, are the latest acquisitions.

They join a mahogany Empire sofa, a Victorian settee and chairs, a coffee table, tea wagon and mirrors.

"About all that is missing is a buffet and china cabinet for the dining room, another carpet or two, another mirror or two, and some appropriate prints or watercolours," says Keith Dow of the Diocesan Board of Finance.

The furniture constitutes a permanent collection for the

public areas of the bishop's residence at the corner of Brunswick and Church streets near the cathedral in Fredericton.

Tax receipts are available for donated items, and there is a budget in place to purchase furniture if that is necessary. To arrange for a donation or for further information, contact Mr. Dow at 506/763-3349 or by e-mail at [downore@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:downore@nbnet.nb.ca).

## ACW executive upholds traditional marriage

Whereas the 127th session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, meeting Nov. 8, 2003 affirmed and upheld the teaching of the church that

- marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others and
- no clergy person may bless any union or marriage of persons of the same sex:

We the executive of the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Fredericton do, without condition or equivocation, categorically support the aforementioned motion pursuant to the issue of marriage and same sex blessings passed unanimously at the 127th session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton.

## Toonies against AIDS campaign taking off across Canada

New Brunswick's Toonies Against AIDS campaign is proving a success here and being adopted elsewhere. Local donations to Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) to fight the pandemic are rolling in. The initiative was reported in the January issue of the Anglican Journal and the editor also commented on the plan in her editorial.

"Thanks to Dr. Hart's interest and creative thinking, we have found a successful way to play a role in the on-going fight against AIDS," says PWRDF Diocesan Coordinator David Watts. "People in the Parishes of the

Central Interior in British Columbia, formerly the Diocese of Cariboo, have been in touch with us. They said if we can do this on the east coast, they can do it in the west."

Parishes participating in the plan set aside all two-dollar coins in the loose offering, along with any other designated funds, to donate to the PWRDF AIDS relief cause. The diocese will present a cheque for the total raised to United Nations special envoy Stephen Lewis, who will speak on the AIDS in Africa situation at General Synod in May.

Parishes in this diocese who

have not notified PWRDF they are taking part in the program are asked to contact Mr. Watts at [wattsdf@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:wattsdf@nbnet.nb.ca) or 506-459-5358.



**DEADLINE**  
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**Feb. 2 for the March issue; March 1 for the April issue**

## Camp Medley chapel will be restored

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A new main building, designed by architect Peter Fellows, will include a dining hall/general purpose room, kitchen, offices, sick-bay and possibly an apartment. Staff accommodations will also be upgraded and the present chapel will be restored to its former simplicity.

"We don't do any advertising

for Camp Medley, yet we continue to turn children away each summer," said Bev Harrison of the Camp Medley board. "Our camp has the highest return rate of any camp in the province. Campers like what happens at our camp. They come now just for the program, because we certainly don't have great facilities."

## ARCHIVES CORNER



**S**aint Stephen's Chapel in Second Westcock Hill was consecrated by Bishop John Inglis of Nova Scotia on August 22, 1843. The land on which Saint Stephen's Church had already been constructed was sold (for £2, 10 shillings) to the Bishop of Nova Scotia (John Inglis) on November 23, 1842 by William Crane and Thomas Carter, Vestrymen at St. Anne's, Westcock.

Second Westcock Hill was a new settlement of about 150 souls within the Parish of Sackville and Saint Stephen's. The chapel was built five or six miles from the parish church (St. Anne's) to accommodate them. In 1844, 30 to 50 worshippers attended services.

Though repairs were done on Saint Stephen's in the 1880s, attendance gradually dwindled, and by January 1924, when the owner of the neighbouring property tore St. Stephen's down, "it had been many years since the building was used for church purposes".

Information about this church is scarce - with scant references to "2<sup>nd</sup> Westcock" in the Baptism Registers for the Parish of Sackville. Baptism Registers contain unique information about parishioners not found elsewhere and should be protected and given proper care. The Diocesan Archives holds the Parish Registers (including Baptisms, Marriages, Burials and Confirmations) for most Parishes in the Diocese of Fredericton. If your completed, or nearly completed, Parish Registers are still in your church, please contact the Diocesan Archives.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# Lent . . . a scheduled, life-giving interruption

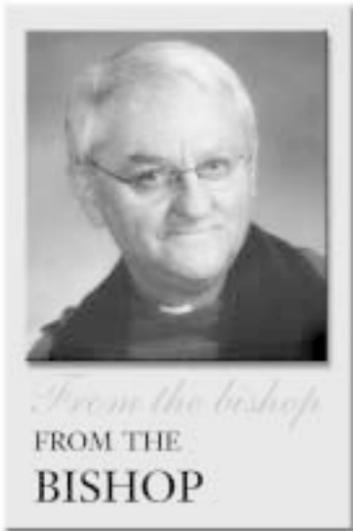
*Jesus full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.*

Recently a friend asked me how my day was going. I answered "I might have accomplished something had there not been so many interruptions."

The arrival of the unexpected in a longed-after routine; a plan that didn't come to fruition; a date that had to be set aside ... any unscheduled time out is frustrating. Personal calendars and electronic diaries divide our time into neat boxes aimed to help us manage our days, keep us punctual and efficient, seem to be very important these days. A strict routine and effective time management, however, offer little defense against the unexpected.

As much as we wish our lives would maintain a predictable course, interruptions are inevitable. As frustrating as they are, they sometimes play a very important role in our lives; they may even be a gift.

The story is told about a doctor in Florida who was



having dinner at a Coconut Grove restaurant. The good doctor was paged because one of his patients had gone into labor. Grumbling, the doctor rushed to the hospital in time to deliver the baby ... and save his life. Soon after he left the restaurant it burst into flames. More than 490 people died. The interruption that ruined his evening also saved his life.

Moses reluctantly accepted God's call to deliver His people from the bondage of the Pharaoh and lead them to the promised land. What followed was a 40-year interruption in the lives of God's people as

they wandered in the wilderness. We might conclude that interruption, while very inconvenient at the time, was necessary to deal with a heart condition. This condition had to be cured in order for God's people to understand that God, not self, must be central to their experience. The spiritual high that accompanied the knowledge of freedom from slavery was interrupted by a time of reflection and preparation that served to strengthen God's people for their future in the promised land.

We can draw a parallel with the 40-day period of Lent. The faithful, who take the tradition of Lent seriously, are already in the midst of a very busy schedule and routine. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and even the annual meeting are over. Now, once again, we must make provision for the 40-days that ask us to enter into an intentional process of repentance and reflection.

During this expected, even scheduled interruption, we are asked to walk with Jesus to the Cross. It is a journey that begins with Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. This baptism did not set out before Jesus an efficient routine for His earthly

ministry. Indeed, it included a monumental and unexpected interruption — a Spirit-led experience in the wilderness with the Evil One. It was an interruption that served to prepare Him, through the experience of temptation, for His work among us.

Routines offer a tempting lifestyle. However, I encourage you through faith, to allow room for the Spirit to lead you into the gift of Lent. This scheduled interruption is a time to walk with Jesus in the wilderness of life; a time to re-evaluate our relationship with God; a time to fast, pray and study God's word through attendance at mid-week services, Bible studies or focus groups. I highly recommend the video Bible series offered by Bishop Bill Hockin. (see below)

May your Lenten-time be a life-giving, perhaps even life-saving interruption.

Blessings and Peace,



+ Claude Miller

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

FEBRUARY 8

PARISH OF MONCTON

8 & 10 A.M.

FEBRUARY 15 - 22

VISITATION TO

DEANERY OF SAINT JOHN

FEBRUARY 29

PARISH OF

ST DAVID & ST. PATRICK

9:30 A.M.

MARCH 12-13

YOUTH CONSULTATION

APPOINTMENTS

The Ven. Arthur Gregg was named Honorary Assistant in the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John (Lower St. John River Valley), effective Jan. 19.

The Ven. Douglas Patstone is appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Lakewood, effective May 1.

This move leaves the Parish of Bathurst and the the position of Archdeacon of Chatham

vacant.

The Ven. Geoffrey Hall is appointed interim warden of layreaders until further notice. Contact him by e-mail, geoffrey.hall@anglican.nb.ca, or through the Bishop's Office.

The position of Rector at the Parish of St. Stephen the Martyr, Diocese of Edmonton, is vacant. Information is available at <http://community.anglican.ca/jobs/>

LEVEE GUEST



Fredericton Mayor Les Hull, right, was among the many people who gathered at Cathedral Memorial Hall on the afternoon of New Year's Day to greet Bishop Claude Miller and his wife Sharon at the annual Bishop's Levee.

INSTALLED AT CATHEDRAL



DAVID WATTS

Bishop Claude Miller and Dean Keith Joyce installed archdeacons and chancellors and recognized the work of the Constitutions and Canons Committee at a service of Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on Jan. 11. Seen here before the service are, left to right: Vice-chancellor Clyde Spinney QC, Bishop Miller, Archdeacon Vicars Hodge (St. Andrews), Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall (bishop's executive assistant), Chancellor Charles Ferris and Dean Joyce.

## Lenten study series now available

Bishop Bill Hockin's Lenten study More Tales of an Extravagant God: Studies on the Parables of Jesus is available in two formats: Windows Media Player (wmv on CD) for computer play; or VHS tape for VCR play.

For more information on the series and to download or view

both the study guide (includes lecture notes and session discussion questions for group study, and the wmv files) go to the Diocese of Fredericton Web site: <http://anglican.nb.ca/programs/04lent/>. Because the file sizes are large, only two sessions in wmv format are

available at any one time.

Order the six video sessions, also with a study guide, by mail through the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, 115 Church Street, Fredericton NB, E3B 4C8; by e-mail through doreen.smith@anglican.nb.ca, or by phone: 506/459 1801.

## COMMENTARY

## A pastoral to homosexuals

Dear Children of God,

In 1979 the bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada issued the following statement of belief: "We believe as Christians, that homosexual persons, as children of God, have a full and equal claim with all other persons, upon the love, acceptance, concern and pastoral care of the Church."

If you were born in 1979, you are soon to be 25 years old. Many of you will have been born before that date, and many since then. Some will have shared your life with another homosexual(s), in a variety of ways, and for different lengths of time. Some will have accepted, and lived out with grace, a discipline of celibacy or abstinence, while others will have found that to do so was an unbearable and intolerable burden. Some of you will have married people of the opposite sex. Some will have lived your lives in secret, or in fear, or in self-hatred. Some of you will have celebrated your sexuality as a great and life-giving gift.

Regardless of how you have lived your life, I want to ask you this question. As a person trying to sort out your sexuality, and also your belief that Jesus Christ died for you, and is present with you everyday in the Holy Spirit – how have you experienced "love, acceptance, concern and pastoral care" from and within the Church in these past 25 years?

During the past year, homosexuality had prominent news coverage over the issue of the blessing of same sex relationships within the Anglican Church of Canada, and same sex marriage within the Canadian government. During this past year you heard a lot of people express their views, some supportive, and some clearly hostile. You may have wondered what happened to the Church's statement to be loving, accepting, and concerned with pastoral care. This pastoral is written to say to you that although some voices have been hostile, there are voices that still uphold the statement of 1979.

We read in the *New Brunswick Anglican*, not long ago, about a member of the clergy in this diocese who told two homosexuals that they were not welcome in a particular parish. Thinking of the vastness of the Anglican Church of Canada, in all likelihood, this may not have been an isolated case. And although some clergy will not have gone so far as to intentionally send homosexuals away, the attitudes that they have expressed, in a variety of ways, undoubtedly has closed doors that might otherwise have been open and expressive to you of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some of you, I pray, will have found loving, supportive and nurturing clergy and congregations. I fear, however,

that messages of God's judgment have been your experience in the Church – long before the judgement day – and without the benefit of the love, acceptance, concern and pastoral care of the Church, which is the gift of God to a sinful world in need of redeeming, transformation, and light.

For 25 years the statement of our Bishops has been: "We believe as Christians, that homosexual persons, as children of God, have a full and equal claim with all other persons, upon the love, acceptance, concern and pastoral care of the Church. "And yet our witness to you has fallen incredibly short of this reality.

It is not the intention of this pastoral to denounce or extol any particular human sexuality – either homosexual or heterosexual. Sexuality, in and of itself, neither qualifies nor limits the life Christ gives as gift. The true person that God has breathed us to be needs to be found by God, redeemed by Christ, nurtured by the Holy Spirit. And that is true whether one is homosexual or heterosexual.

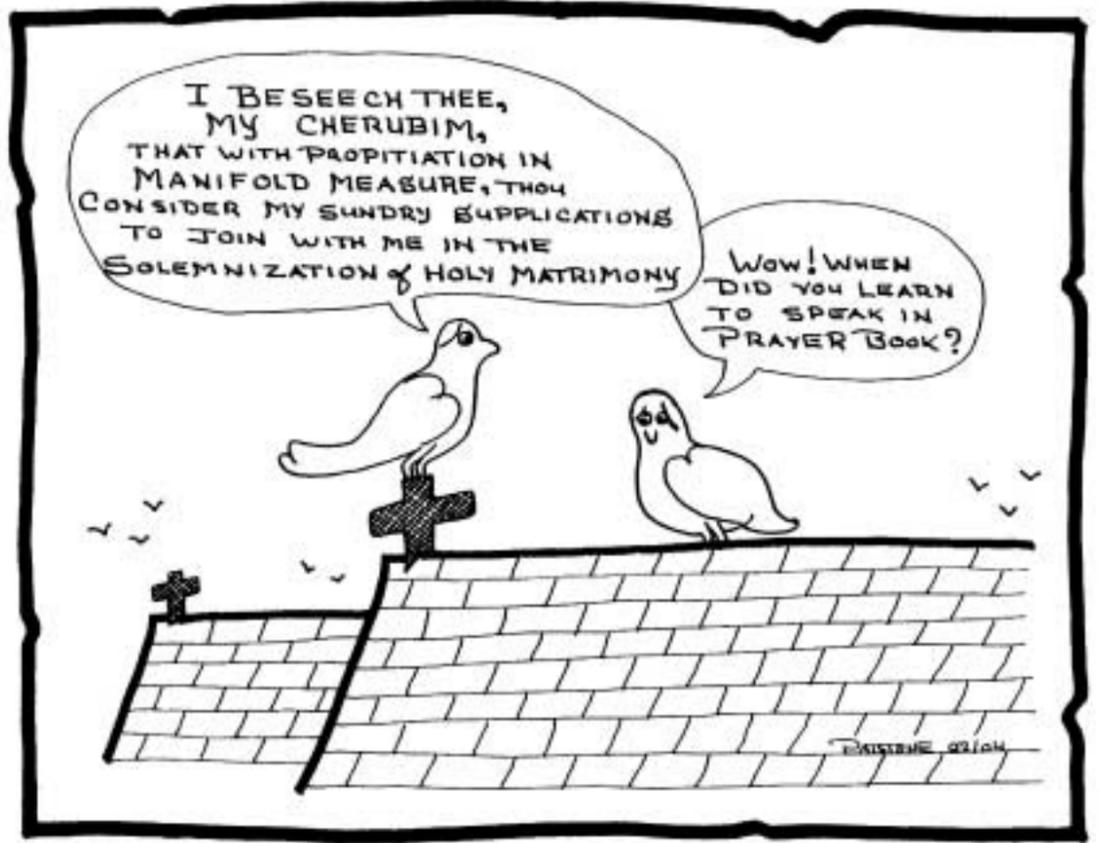
The message this pastoral attempts to express to you, my homosexual brothers and sisters in Christ, is the message that every person is intended by God to hear. It is a scriptural message. It is a gospel message. It is the truth as found in God and in the Christ. It is the message that you should have heard and received from our Church – Your life exists because it was God's will. The love of God expressed in sending Jesus is God's gift to you and to all.

God's love for you sent Jesus, and keeps sending Jesus by the Holy Spirit to affirm that you are loved by God more than you can ask or imagine. God does not ask you to proclaim your sexuality or deny it, but only to understand it as part of who you are in God's good and deeply loved creation. God will accept this offering with great compassion and will begin to reveal to you the depth, beauty, and holiness of the person you were breathed by God to be. You are precious in God's sight. God has called you to be a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

If those who are called to be the means by which the Church proclaims this message to you, show attitudes that suggest that you are not an important part of the body of Christ, or not needed, or not wanted, then try to forgive their lack of understanding, and pray that they may discover that part of their own life that needs to be offered to, and redeemed by God.

R. Keith Howlett

*The Rev. Keith Howlett is rector of Oromocto and Maugerville.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Setting the record straight on campus chaplaincy

I read with interest the front page article "Campus chaplaincy cuts concern council" in the January issue. I think that it is necessary, however, to address one implied inaccuracy.

The article reads, "In 2003 Bishop Bill Hockin struck a commission to assess the value of the chaplaincy program and make recommendations about its future. The committee was emphatic in its support for the university chaplaincy and recommended continued funding."

That is all true, but what is not stated is that the committee's recommendations were not binding on the Bishop – as he made clear to them and to me from the outset.

Bishop Hockin informed me

that the chaplaincy's long-term viability was in question when we met in February 2002. In the fall of 2002 he struck the commission. After months of meetings they made a very positive recommendation that it continue on a full-time basis. However, the Bishop could only guarantee one more year of employment the day he met me to discuss the committee's recommendations to him.

I am grateful for his honesty, as it led me to proactively seek out other ways to serve and minister to university students, and I am genuinely thrilled about my current position as Student Advocate at UNB.

I would be more grateful if that honesty had continued. I

did not have any indication of continued full-time employment as Anglican chaplain until the day I submitted my resignation on July 8, 2003.

My new appointment ends the uncertainty of work which has sure been a stressor the last couple of years, and it allows me to be really authentic as I work with an age group which I enjoy.

It is my sincere hope to continue to be of service to the Diocese while no longer under its employ, as I exercise another type of ministry.

Sincerely,  
Wilfred Langmaid  
Fredericton

*The Rev. Wilfred Langmaid is former campus chaplain.*

## Suggestions offered for creation for equitable stipends

Re: "Base stipend jumps \$1500", January 2004.

In a perfect world, all clergy would have equal stipends, with consideration for years of ordination, whether in a cardinal parish or a poor mission on the edge of the diocese or even a string of poor churches, so work-load is the same and mileage is much

higher. The "wealthy" parishes can put aside supplemental money toward poorer parishes and the diocese could keep its clergy longer in one place.

It would also require higher giving of the faithful.

We retired clergy are fortunate enough to see a two per cent adjustment in our pensions – but that is another issue.

Some of our spouses can work, others trying to raise a group of children, work at home for free.

Great newspaper, we look forward to each issue.

Trust everyone has a good new year.

Yours,  
Dave W. Plumer (the Rev., retired)  
Hartland

## Parents appreciate prayers and concern for son during recent illness

My wife Christine and I want to thank the people of the Diocese of Fredericton for their prayers and concern during our son's recent illness. After his birth in November, Timothy came down with a serious blood infection that required him to spend two weeks in the neo-natal intensive care unit at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

As only he can, the Lord

blessed us richly and generously. Not only was Timothy healed, but we were sustained spiritually during the crisis. We are happy to report that Timothy is now home and in excellent health.

Although we haven't lived in New Brunswick since 1999, we still feel very much a part of the diocesan family and we are so grateful that our friends and

former colleagues were so generous to us during those difficult days. We thank God for you and ask him to bless you in your life in Christ.

In His name,  
Robert Szo  
Toronto  
*The Rev. Robert Szo is Director of Program Development for Scripture Union, Canada.*

## COMMENTARY

# Deliver Us From Evil

BY PHILIP PAIN

After a church meeting, a pastor stayed behind to pray for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit. After a short instruction and prayer, he moved slowly down a row of people each waiting to receive the laying-on of hands.

When he laid hands on one woman's head, she began to speak beautifully in an unknown language. When he moved on to a man and laid his hands on his head, the reaction was the opposite. The man began to growl and flail his arms. He fell and went into a coma.

The atmosphere changed dramatically. Another power had been exposed by the Holy Spirit. While the pastor continued his laying-on of hands, the man was taken to the hall and agreed that it was necessary to expel these evil powers. Binding the enemy power, the spirits were commanded to leave in the name of Jesus, and the man was set free.

In addition to the general statements in the Gospels that Jesus healed demonized people, there are accounts of his ministry to individuals.

In the region of the Gadarenes, two demonized men were violent and difficult to restrain, but Jesus said to the demons: "Go". And they left. Jesus cast out a demon from a man in the synagogue (Luke 4:33-36); healed a blind and mute demoniac (Matthew 12:22); and healed a woman's demonized daughter from a distance (Matthew 15:21f). Jesus also cast a deaf and mute spirit out of an epileptic boy (Mark 9:16f).

In the synagogue, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity. She was bent over and couldn't straighten up. Jesus said that Satan had bound her for 18 years. The Lord loosed her and set her free (Luke 13:10f).

The Bible never talks about a person's being possessed. The New Testament refers to people "having an evil spirit", or being "demonized" (demonizomai). The usual

Greek word used is *diamonion*, the diminutive of *diamon*. In six places they're called "evil spirits", *ponera*, and in 23 "unclean spirits", *akatharta*.

Likewise the word *exorcism* is not used in the Bible. The word used is *ekballo*, which means drive out or throw out.

Sometimes a disturbing spirit comes from someone who is present in a church meeting. If questioned, that person may confess to holding on to a sin such as anger or unforgiveness. The aim is to help such a person, who may be depressed or oppressed, to come to repentance and freedom in Christ.

Jesus silenced the evil spirits and cast them out with a word, and this ministry continued in the church. Jesus gave the 12 power and authority to drive out all demons (Luke 10:17). The disciples understood the Great Commission to include driving out demons (Mark 16:17). In Philip's ministry in Samaria, evil spirits came out of many (Acts 8:6). Paul cast a fortune-telling spirit out of a woman in Philippi (Acts 16:16-18), and this liberating ministry continued in Ephesus (Acts 19:11-12).

How can we win the battle for ourselves, our families and others?

Detection is half the battle, but expulsion must follow.

A pastor was speaking in an Anglican church hall, and when he finished speaking he asked for silent prayer. The atmosphere was charged with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Suddenly, the stillness was broken by a woman who began to cry out. She was moaning as if in pain, and turned and clutched the person sitting next to her. At the same time, she gradually slipped from her chair and finished up lying on the floor. It was an attack of Satan, so the spirit was bound and cast out in Jesus' name.

Afterwards, hands were laid on her and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Her response was wholly different from the previous occasion.

The Rev. Philip Pain is rector of Upham.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Comments continue to arrive on same-sex blessings issue

### Different opinions need to be expressed and heard

Like you I was surprised and pleased at the diversity of opinion expressed in the letters to the editor responding to John Harvey's article.

It is important for New Brunswick Anglicans to recognize that all of us do not accept the current position of our church on the issue of the blessing of same sex unions. In appointing a group to study the issue before General Synod 2004,

our Bishop should ensure that both views are represented.

Dean Joyce, in leading the group, should ensure that both views are heard in the study process.

Our General Synod delegates should understand that they represent us all, and while they may have individual opinions, it is important that they listen to us all and be well informed on the arguments before going to

the Synod.

The preparation work done in the next few months will be crucial to achieving a satisfactory result at the Synod that will allow us to move forward together to serve all God's people.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Brittain  
Saint John

## We live united by the ties of charity and dialogue

Thank you for your excellent leadership as editor of *The New Brunswick Anglican*. I look forward to receiving it every month.

Just a brief comment in response to the rant from the political and religious "right" in the January issue. It does a very nice job of demonizing everyone who does not share those particular beliefs. I can be counted among that group of

unworthy Christians. I would just point out that the current very "conservative" Bishop of Rome has driven many thousands from that particular Christian denomination during his tenure. Of course they are probably liberal and of little consequence.

In closing, I will state my intention to remain in the Church side by side with my conservative friends. Yes, we do

"live united by the ties of charity" and, dare I say it, dialogue with each other.

Perhaps the Church would become relevant to a skeptical world if we stopped our eternal naval gazing and slandering of each other.

Yours truly,

Harry Palmer  
Upper Kingsclear

## The great commandment is to love one another

With "Peace on earth" echoing into the New Year, the bombings of the Second World War seemed a distant memory until, catching up on readings in past issues of the *New Brunswick Anglican*, I came across a Remembrance Day article in the November issue.

This year, 2004, might I suggest that the oft' quoted John 15:13: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends," be put in context. Immediately preceding the quote, in John 15:12 we read: "This is my commandment that you Love one another."

Immediately following, in John 15:14, we read: "You are my friends if you do what I command you." John 15:17 sums it up: "This I command you to Love one another."

When only verse 13 is quoted, blotted out/expunged is Christ's admonition to Peter to "put away the sword" when he was arrested by the Roman soldiers.

I was sickened to read in the *Catholic New Times* of Dec. 14 (Non-violence or Non-existence?) that on the night prior to the bombing of Iraq, Billy Graham prayed with Bush and the prayer went something like: "May the bombs hit the targets and kill the enemy, in the name of our Lord Jesus."

We ignore Christ's pleas to "Love your enemies" — for how can we love and bomb at the same time? We ignore "Pray for

those who despitefully use you." We ignore "Do no murder", for surely bombing is premeditated.

We bless nuclear submarines and bomber planes. With 30,000 nuclear bombs maintained there is now talk of building mini-nukes. Will we bless them also?

Will leaders of the church pray with leaders in government the bombs will incinerate only those they wish incinerated?

Do we place our faith in God, or in an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction?

Gandhi, who proved non-violence can work in our sad world, summed it up in words to the effect that Christians appear to be the only ones who do not realize Jesus was non-violent.

This Remembrance Day, 2004,

and all days — as we recall the millions of military and innocent civilians who died in the world wars, those wounded physically and emotionally, ongoing refugees of war, innocent men, women and children — let us also remember and include the great commandment found in Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-28 and the omitted verses and teachings which command throughout the entire New Testament scriptures: Love God and one another.

Peace,  
Gloria G. Paul  
Pilgrim House  
Hoyt



## PARISH NEWS

# Life-size crèche in McAdam a parish effort

BY MARGARET LAKING

There was a heart-tugging scene at St. George's in McAdam this past Christmas. It was a nativity scene, of course, and I found it especially poignant in the evening, lit by the floodlights. I imagined our crèche resembled the first "manger scene", created by St. Francis of Assisi in a cave on a mountainside in Italy in 1223.

Our crèche was new this year. In the winter of 2002, our rector, the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks, was driving to Saint John for a meeting accompanied by Hazel Gass and Barbara Doherty. Outside the pretty little Anglican church in Welsford they passed a life-sized scene. As they continued their journey, conversation centered around the possibility of having one at St. George's.

When they returned home, Mrs. Doherty searched through magazines and found a pattern, which she gave to Mrs. Gass, who took it to vestry and obtained approval to order one. Eventually the project was taken on by the Anglicans Working Together group.

Mrs. Gass purchased the plywood in early September and applied two base coats of paint. The patterns were traced on the plywood and Doug and Elaina Goss cut out most of the figures. Edith Thomas and Mrs. Gass added some details and painting began in November.

Rhonda Doherty, an expert at mixing colours, helped us get the right shades. Then she and her painting crew — Ms. Gass, Edith Thomas, Jim and Sadie



MARGARET LAKING

McCracken — got to work. Ed Garrett, a talented local artisan, put the finishing touches on the faces and hands and did the shading. He became quite involved with his work and Ms. Amos-Binks declared the

finished figures "literally came to life under his brush."

Mr. Garrett and Virgil Reagon then undertook the task of building a stable from old barn boards donated by Roger Gardner. They managed, with

great difficulty, on an extremely cold day, to secure it on the little knoll outside the church.

Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, two shepherds and three woolly sheep were braced with metal posts and placed in the ground.

On Christmas Eve we gathered around it in quiet wonder.

Next year we hope to be joined by three wise men and a camel.

## Henri Nouwen lived what he preached, got to the core of Christianity

**Henri Nouwen:  
The Passion of a  
Wounded Healer**  
a 57 minute video from  
the Christian  
Catalyst Collection of  
the 20th Century  
Available at the Diocesan  
Resource Centre  
Anglican House  
Saint John

REVIEWED BY PETER MILLS

It was my great joy to view this powerful video about a man who was used by God to touch many lives for the sake of the Gospel. Henri's appeal crosses a number of boundaries that few, in this age, are able to cross — boundaries like evangelical and catholic, liberal and conservative. In my estimation, the reason for his broad appeal is two-fold. He lived what he preached, so there



is an authenticity to his words. He also got to the core of Christian faith, what we might call bedrock Christianity.

The video is divided in two parts: the first is a documentary that was being produced by a Dutch film crew at the time of Henri's death. In fact the documentary was going to be called *Home at Last*, and before it was completed the Lord did indeed call him home. The second part is the eulogy delivered at his funeral by Jean Vanier, his friend and the founder of L'Arche, where Henri had lived since the mid 1980s.

Both parts are equally inspiring.

Part one illuminates several themes in Nouwen's writing. Dying in order to live is one of

them. Several times Henri explains that his desire is "to give my life in such a way that it bears fruit ... fruit that lasts." Another theme is the question of identity. He claims that his identity comes from being a child of God. Seeking our identity through power, prestige, or possessions only causes us to pursue them all the more. Our identity as a daughter or son of God is based not on our accomplishments or our status, but on God who chose us "from the foundation of the world." Henri proposes that "When you claim that identity you are able to live with self-confidence in the world."

I was misty-eyed as I listened to Jean Vanier speak of his departed friend. Jean spoke of Henri not as a kind of Super-Christian, but as a follower of Jesus who accepted and embraced suffering, weakness and anguish. In fact, Jean said it was Henri's anguish, that

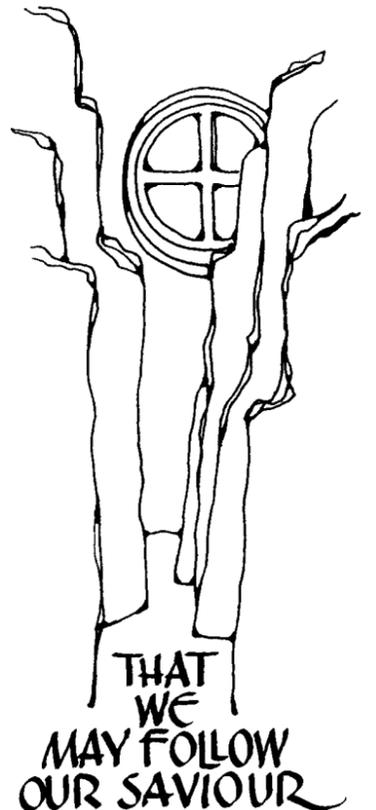
fueled many of his activities.

For Jean and countless others, Henri Nouwen will be remembered as a servant who reflected the life of our Lord Jesus, the "wounded and vulnerable lover."

The first part of the video is in Dutch with English subtitles. In our group someone volunteered to read the subtitles so the rest of us could enjoy the beautiful photography.

This video would be excellent for any fellowship group interested in learning about one of God's gifts to the Church in the 20th century.

*The Rev. Peter Mills is rector of St. Stephen. Before was ordained, he lived in a L'Arche Community in Ottawa for two years. It was there he met his wife, Trish.*



PARISH NEWS

# A visit from St. Nicholas



St. Nicholas filled the children's shoes with treats. CINDY PRICE



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Around 150 children from the community at large attended a St. Nicholas party sponsored by the Parish of Nerepis and St. John on Dec. 5. St. Nick, played by Archdeacon Arthur Gregg, was guest of honour and was interviewed by the Rev. Vicars Hodge, rector and intrepid reporter. Crafts, a video, songs, snacks (including a Happy Birthday Jesus cake) and lots of learning about Christmas were included in the party festivities, but the most exciting event came as the children prepared to leave. In true St. Nicholas tradition, they they found their

footwear filled with even more treats. The new parish in the lower St. John River valley encompasses four parishes whose aging and small church buildings were recently deconsecrated and the new parish is working toward building its own modern worship facility. Until the end of 2003 it used the Westfield United Church for worship. The congregation has now outgrown that facility and since the New Year has worshipped at the Grand Bay-Westfield Middle School.

## Lenten series to explore Bishop Medley and synod

The Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb will conduct a special Sunday afternoon Lenten study series on Bishop Medley and Synod at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Fredericton. His undergraduate degree in history, an MA in classics and a PhD in theology make his the ideal person to explore the topic.

The talks, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on March 14, 21 and 28 as well as April 4, will address issues such as: What were Synods to do? Who was to attend? What was considered beyond their jurisdiction? and Why such opposition to their founding?

Dr. Hebb is the author of A History of Holy Trinity Anglican Church St. Martins, written to mark the diocese's sesquicentennial in 1995. In 1997 he published Quaco/St. Martins 1783-1883 - the history of the settlement of the Fundy shore community and the rise, boom and bust of the wooden shipbuilding industry.

In 1998 he commenced his doctoral research which culminated in the successful defense, in the fall of 2002, of his dissertation entitled The Church of England in Loyalist New Brunswick: 1783-1825. Employing copious research in the original manuscript correspondence between the colony's missionaries and the London based missionary charity, The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, Dr. Hebb challenges received notions about the role of the Church of England in Loyalist New Brunswick. The supposed benefits of "Establishment", the notion of an 'elite' Church and the zeal and effectiveness of the early missionaries are all examined in detail. It is slated for publication in the summer of 2004.

St. Peter's Parish Hall is located at 2385 Woodstock Rd. in Fredericton. Refreshments will be served at the presentations.

## EVANGELIST INSTALLED



Archdeacon Douglas Patson installed Church Army Captain Rose Steeves as evangelist and youth worker for the parishes of Newcastle and Nelson at St. Andrew's Church in Miramichi in November.

The choir and youth group participated in the service, which was well-attended by members of her parish as well as friends from other parishes in the deanery.

# Link with partner parish a blessing to all involved

BY KEITH OSBORNE

The Rector and congregation of the Parish of Pennfield are grateful to their God for the blessings realized from a visit by their friends from the Parish of Olive's Garden in the diocese of Recife, Brazil, our Companion Diocese. The Rev. Estevao Menezes, Diego Campos (17), Nathalia Bittencourt (18) and Gustavo Rocha (16) arrived in mid-December. The link between our parish and theirs was firmly established on the basis of a mutual love and friendship very quickly discovered with these energetic youth and their assistant curate.

From warm encounters in the Saint John airport to a very evident acceptance at Sunday worship, all involved on both sides of the relationship were blessed. The things which impressed us the most about our visitors was the overflowing joy which radiated from a deep humility and transparency of spirit, and their very deep and evident faith in Christ, who called them to serve among us.

We were blessed by their messages in word and song and by the uninhibited effervescence which touched all the friendships they made. They created a

meaningful bond with the people of the parish, shared meals in homes of parishioners and joined in social events. We took them skating and curling and we made a snowman together, events guaranteed to give them a new cultural experience. They adapted well to a new culture and a climate which is somewhat more arduous than what they are used to!

They spoke and shared ministry in several venues within the area, including a youth service and coffee house in St. Andrews, worship and youth programs in the Parish of Renforth, youth programs in West Saint John, the Parish of Portland and the Inner City Youth Club in Saint John. They spoke at a Youth Service at the Cathedral and joined in worship in the Parish of Musquash.

Our visitors enjoyed a productive meeting with Bishop Miller, Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall and the Rev. Dr. George Porter at the synod office in Fredericton, and based on that meeting we trust that God might lead us in a continued shared ministry with the people of Recife as we learn from each other.

It was not a problem to fill their calendar. When they spoke or shared a message in song, it



Hosts Keith and Vivian Osborne and the young Companion Diocese visitors from Recife became close friends over the winter. Left to right above they are: Natalia Bittencourt, Vivian Osborne, Diago Campos, Gustavo Rocha, Keith Osborne, and Estevao Menezes. Estevao was ordained a priest on his return to Brazil.

came straight from the heart and filled listeners with the sense that God had just spoken and that to go away unchanged would be to miss the whole point.

Diego brought his expertise

in music, Nathalia touched hearts with a beautiful voice and Gustavo shared his talent for drama, and they all improved their English.

Our parish was changed by their visit and we pray that we

may embrace the discovery of this dynamic joy and commitment as a permanent feature of our own striving to serve our God in the future.

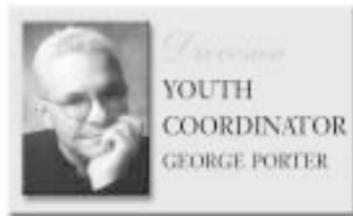
*The Rev. Keith Osborne is rector of Pennfield.*

## Relationships, spiritual encounters and discernment essential to youth ministry

*I'm Curious, George ... what is essential to youth ministry?*

The Anglican Communion has something of a preoccupation with essentials these days, even within youth ministry.

The essentials question is difficult to answer because ultimately there is no such thing as youth ministry, there are only youth ministries, and there is no secret formula that can be plugged in to make them successful. Youth ministries do not come in one-size-fits-all, they differ from parish to parish, from time-to-



time within the same parish and certainly across the spectrum of the diocese.

There are three things, however, that put flesh on living youth ministries.

One is the development and deepening of authentic, mutual relationships. In order to accomplish this we need to provide a safe and supportive

atmosphere in which young people can encounter the living person of Jesus, be drawn deeply into the heart of God and be immersed in God's Spirit. Such a primary relationship doesn't happen in a vacuum; it happens in the context of relationships with peers, parents and other Christian adults.

It is also necessary to cultivate the spiritual formation of both youth and adult leaders. This process includes those disciplines traditionally associated with spiritual formation, but it also goes beyond them. The whole person and all of life are spiritual realities — places of

encounter with God's Spirit where young people and adults find themselves pilgrims together in the spiritual journey, overcoming the generational barriers of "us" and "them" thinking.

Finally, we must release youth and young adults to serve in all areas of ministry. Youth ministry is not something that we do to young people. It is not even exactly something that we do for young people. It is more something that we do with young people. As we move along in the process of becoming more faithful followers of Jesus we become ministers — not necessarily in

the clerical sense, but in the sense of serving God and God's people in God's world. This isn't a matter of giving young people something to do so they will feel a part of something. It involves the exciting and risky process of working with youth to discern their spiritual gifts, equipping them to live-out those gifts, then allowing them the freedom to do so.

These lines of vision will be developed and given shape in different ways at various places and times, but they are essential as we engage in this vital and exciting process of 'doing youth ministry.'

Godspeed,  
George+

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### ACW FREDERICTON-YORK DEANERY EXECUTIVE



Archdeacon John Sharpe (left) installed a new ACW Fredericton-York Deanery executive at a meeting held at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton last fall. Left to right they are: Geraldine Chase, Book of Remembrance/honour roll; Betty Adams, secretary-treasurer; Beverley Ward, vice-president; Lois Baker, president. Retired Archbishop Harold Nutter was guest speaker for the occasion, which included a 100 Years Strong Deanery Anniversary Service.

## COMING EVENTS

# Worship conference in Toronto

Breaking Bread ... Breaking Boundaries, is a conference that will approach worship with intense theological reflection, and will help participants to examine the boundaries that exist in their own faith lives.

The big draws of conferences are usually the keynote speakers, and this one is no different. They are well-known experts in their fields. Paul Gibson will give a presentation on Human Boundaries: Ambiguity and Authentic Faith. He served for many years as the Liturgical Officer of the

Anglican Church of Canada where he edited the Book of Alternative Services, served as manager of the process which led to the publication of the new hymn book Common Praise, and designed educational programs which focus on worship.

Mr. Gibson is also the author of Say What You Mean, an early appeal for liturgical reform, three collections of sermons, Patterns of Celebration (an exploration of the theological implications of the structure of the Eucharist), and Discerning the Word: Homosexuality in

Anglican Debate. He was chair of the Consultation on Common Texts while that body was working on the Revised Common Lectionary. He serves as secretary of the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation and is a member of Societas Liturgica.

Breaking Bread ... Breaking Boundaries will be held in Toronto from July 21-25. Further information and registration materials are downloadable from <<http://www.worship.ca>> (Follow the BBBB links). Registration deadline is June 11.

## CALENDAR

Feb. 21

## How to Encourage the Christian Faith at Home

Christian Education Workshop for Parents & Grandparents  
With the Rev. Patricia Drummond:  
10 - 11:30 a.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Church, Fredericton,

## Feb. 21 Dessert Auction with Entertainment

sponsored by St. Ann's Mothers' Union  
6:30 p.m. at Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton  
Tickets \$5 per person/  
\$15 per family  
from Lilian Ketch  
506/457-1845 or  
ketch@nb.sympatico.ca  
and at the door

## March 14 - April 4 Bishop Medley and Synod

A Special Lenten Study Series  
Conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb  
2:30 p.m. each Sunday  
St. Peter's Parish Hall  
Woodstock Rd., Fredericton

April 21-23

## Clergy Spouses Conference Celebrating Ministry

With Capt. Bruce Smith, Church Army  
at Villa Madonna Retreat House, Rothesay  
Registrar Eva Morton 506/756 2296

April 29-May 1

## School of Pastoral Care

With Nancy Wiggins, RN, coordinator of the Parish Nursing Team, retired professor;  
Dr. Syd Grant, palliative care physician;  
retired Bishop George Lemmon;  
The Rev. John Harvey, clinical psychologist;  
Canon Jon Lownds, Order of St. Luke.  
At St. Margaret's Church, Fredericton  
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[http://anglican.nb.ca/events/#APRIL\\_2004](http://anglican.nb.ca/events/#APRIL_2004)

Oct. 2

## Diocesan Workshop for Church School Teachers

With the Rev. Patricia Drummond  
several workshops to choose from  
Christ Church (Parish Church), Fredericton.

## DNS WEEKEND Develop, Nurture, Serve lay weekend training event St. Thomas University Conference Centre Fredericton

June 11 - 13, 2004

### WORKSHOPS

**Drawing Near Through Prayer** Leith Box  
Exploring ways of being attentive to God through word, prayer and daily living.

**Now You're Talking** Bishop Claude Miller  
Discovering God's will for your life relationships

**A Brush With Time** The Rev. Canon Ed Coleman  
Seek the sacred in yourself and your world through painting

**Keeping Us In Stitches** Betty Kennett  
Releasing creativity within a spiritual framework.

**The Lord's Song In a Strange Land** Senator Marilyn Trenholme -Counsell  
Discover how to work alongside people who do not share or understand our Faith

**Walking in the Floodlights** Capt. Jonathan Springthorpe  
Growing together in the art of story-telling through liturgical drama.

**Sacred Movement** The Rev. Bev. Brazier  
Learning to dance with the creator for special celebrations

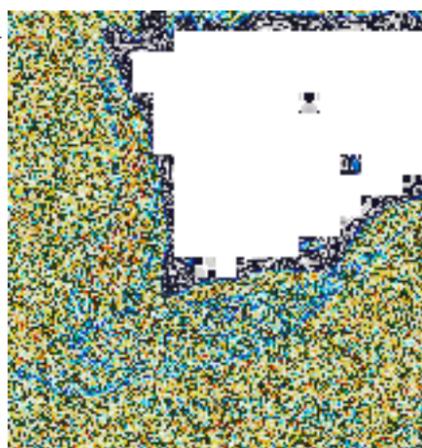
**Children & The Christian Community** The Rev. Pat Drummond  
Discover ways to encourage and enrich your children's spirituality

**Inside Pastoral Visitation** The Rev. Canon Don Trivett  
Strengthen relationships between church and home, using your own gifts.

**Mobilizing Our Youth** The Rev. Dr. George Porter  
Discover ways to help our youth take their rightful place in our church.

Registration forms available from your rector, wardens or from the net <http://anglican.nb.ca>  
Please register before 30th April so that we can plan for you.

Registrars:  
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Feb. 28

## For Such A Time As This: Finding our Way Forward

An Anglican Essentials Canada Live National Video Conference with  
Bishop Anthony Burton  
The Rev. Dr. George Sumner  
The Rev. Dr. Gary Thorne  
via satellite  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Hall, 3-6 p.m.  
Details:  
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# Taylor College offers The Turn Around Tour

Taylor College of Mission and Evangelism has a team of senior students available for parish ministry this summer.

Their July and August program includes Vacation Bible Club, the theme this year is All Aboard! Jubilation Station. It is a two-hour, Monday to Friday program for children five to 12 years old.

A Friday or Saturday area-wide youth event program called Turn Around, is appropriate for middle, junior and high school students.

Team members are available for Sunday preaching and children's talks as well.

Cost to the parish is \$300 for a week plus accommodation and meals for the team. Each team has four to five members, including a married couple. The parish is also expected to provide normal craft supplies like construction paper, scissors, crayons.

Taylor College reserves the right to give preference to the venues that provide the best educational experience for its students, and opportunities to do both morning and afternoon ministry.

Inquiries should be directed to: Reed Fleming, 506 693 8975 or toll free 866 693 8975.

## COLUMNS

# Godparents' gifts . . . story, faith and love

BY PATRICIA DRUMMOND

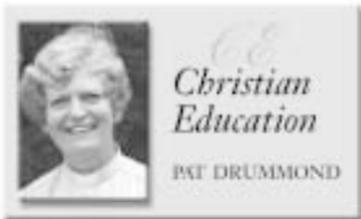
I was invited to baptise Sarah Elizabeth Regan as her mother and maternal grandparents have been friends of our family for many years. In preparation for the sermon I recalled the pantomines mentioned in my December column and was reminded how, in addition to the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus, fairy tales seemed to be so much a part of our Christmases.

There is actually a christening in *The Sleeping Beauty* — at least in the ballet and the version according to Disney, if not in the original. The fairies of the kingdom are invited and each brings a gift. But one fairy is omitted from the guest list. She is so outraged that she casts a spell on the child and, well, you know the rest.

If we were fairy godmothers with magic powers, what gifts would we give Sarah as her life begins to unfold?

I have limited my list to three things, but I would invite you to decide for yourselves what your hopes and dreams for her or for any of the children who are part of your lives would be if you were able to give them anything you chose.

First, I hope that Sarah will be given the gift of story. I hope that she will be encouraged to acquire a rich imagined world full of stories — Bible stories — of course, but also the fairy tales of our culture, myths and legends



and great children's literature, because these tales feed the spirit, and so often repeat the great themes of death and re-birth, and of victory over evil despite weakness and loss, and often because of sacrificial love. I hope Sarah will be given a good children's Bible and that the stories will be read to her over and over again. Then as she matures I hope that she will be taught the major themes of which the stories are part.

I also hope her spirit will be nurtured through the stories of the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. That she will be read *The Wind in the Willows*, *Peter Pan*, the stories of Narnia and of Middle Earth, the Little House series and *The House at Pooh Corner* and that she and her friends will be encouraged to act out the stories they hear, to draw them, and to gradually work out their meaning for themselves. It will be the work of a lifetime.

Gretchen Pritchard is a renowned speaker on children's spirituality and Christian education. She writes about her daughter Grace. One of Grace's favourite books at two-and-a-half was *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig. Sylvester is a young donkey who collects pebbles. One day he finds a magic pebble and

learns that when he holds it, whatever he wishes for comes true. He starts for home and finds a hungry lion barring his way. "I wish I were a rock!" he cries, forgetting the power of his pebble.

His parents search everywhere for him and Sylvester remains a rock throughout the summer, fall and then winter. In the spring Sylvester's father determines to cheer his wife — life must go on despite their great loss. They go off for a picnic and eventually spread their food on a great rock, the rock that was once Sylvester. The warmth of his mother sitting on him wakes Sylvester from his winter sleep, but he cannot speak. The magic pebble, though, is still lying on the grass. Sylvester's father picks it up for it somehow reminds him of his son. "Oh, how I wish he were here," says his wife.

"How I wish I were myself again," echoes Sylvester, and instantly he is reunited with his parents.

One day Gretchen and Grace were making Grace's bed. The child looked up at the crucifix on the wall and said, "That's Jesus. He can't get down."

"He could have got down," explained her mother, "But he loved us and wanted to save us, so even though it hurt, he stayed there."

"He died," said Grace. "Yes, he did. And he was buried, but do you remember what happened next?"

Grace thought for a minute. "He rose from the dead! He became himself again! Just

like Sylvester!"

Give Sarah the gift of story.

I hope she will also be given the gift of a life open to God's gift of faith. It is so easy to shut faith out. It is easy to crowd it out through too much noise and activity. It is easy to squash it through inattention to a child's comments and questions, or, as they become teens, to dismiss their arguments as part of a rebellious phase instead of seeking to work through them. Children come into this world spiritual beings, that spirituality needs encouragement to grow, encouragement found in a faith community and public worship.

Author Madeleine L'Engle tells of what she calls her first glimpse of glory.

As a young child she visited her grandmother who lived in a cottage near an uninhabited beach in northern Florida. "I remember being picked up from my crib in what seemed the middle of the night and carried from my bedroom and out of doors, where I had my first look at the stars."

"The night sky, the constant rolling of the breakers against the shore, the stupendous light of the stars, all made an indelible impression on me. I was intuitively aware, not only of a beauty I had never seen before ... I saw creation bursting the bounds of daily restriction, and stretching out from dimension to dimension, beyond any human comprehension. That first showing of the galaxies gave me

an awareness that the God I spoke to at bedtime was extraordinary and not just a bigger and better combination of the grown-up powers of my mother and father." I pray that Sarah, too, will be given opportunities to glimpse glory.

Finally, I hope that Sarah comes to know unconditional love, and to be able to give it. I hope that she knows that she is loved apart from her abilities, her achievements or her looks. She is loved because she is Sarah, a precious child of God. Let me quote Madeleine L'Engle again.

"One of our children when he was two or three years old used to rush at me when he had been naughty, and beat against me, and what he wanted by this monstrous behaviour was an affirmation of love. And I would put my arms around him and hold him very tight until the dragon was gone and the loving small boy returned. So God does with me. I strike against him in pain and fear and he holds me under the shadow of his wings. Sometimes he appears to me to be so unreasonable that I think I cannot live with him, but I know that I cannot live without him. He is my lover, father, mother, sister, brother, friend, companion, my love, my all."

I pray that Sarah will know unconditional human love so that she too can understand the unconditional love of God.

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

## We are uncomfortable with absence, emptiness and aloneness.

BY RUTH COLEMAN

At this time of year I hold a memory of Bay du Vin where, with the exception of a few million mosquitoes, the beach is quite isolated. Afternoons there are spent gathering wood for the evening fire, which burns into the early morning hours. I hold this memory dear for two reasons. It takes me back to a happy time and it moves me forward in the hope that not all days are spent inside seeking shelter from -40° temperatures.

Memory has the ability to slide us back and forth on the continuum of time, and as Martha Stewart says — this is a good thing. The cold reality of winter usually sets in during the post-Christmas season. If Christmas is the fullness of time, post-Christmas can be a time of isolation, despair and a sense of emptiness. It is sometimes difficult to hear God through the gusting winds and to see him through frosted glass. It is



not so difficult to see the whole earth charged with the grandeur of God when you live in Hampton, but try it from a small apartment, where it's so cold the cat won't step outside.

Our lives are affected by time and space and our physicality can influence how we feel emotionally, and spiritually. Can we reason that if God promises to be with us through all things, does that include the desolate period between Christmas and Easter? Surely God, who is with us in fullness, is with us in our emptiness. He does transcend time and space.

Being alone and feeling alone are two different things, but both go against our culture, our community and even our

basic instincts. Being alone is as important to our spiritual lives as drinking water is to our physical bodies. How do we maximize the experience of forced isolation that Canadian winters thrust upon us? It's fair to say we experience the Canadian equivalent to 40 days in the wilderness, without the heat and dust but worth plenty of temptation and deprivation.

When we are free to do what we like, most people seek out others, we fill empty spaces with things, and we fill in the blanks. We are just not comfortable with absence, emptiness and aloneness.

Do you remember "The Sound of Silence", the Simon and Garfunkel hit in the 60s? It begins "Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk to you again." Can darkness be a friend, can silence have a sound? I believe they can and through the experience of desolation we can become intimate with a God who seems remote but is as close as humidity on a hot summer's day.

I love the Prayer Book phrase "He hath filled the hungry with good things but the rich he has sent empty away." This is consolation because even in our hunger we can be satisfied. Weight loss specialists often advise their clients to become hungry and identify the feeling of hunger. This is part of a learning process. In order to know when to eat, you must know when you are hungry. Then you can learn to eat in response to hunger instead of eating to satisfy some other need.

With a virtual smorgasbord of spirituality offered through the media we could stuff ourselves on a spiritual diet with anything from Benny Hinn to the Dalai Lama and still come out spiritually lite. Media-based religion is no substitute for community or intimacy with God, but it is a temptation in the winter months. *A House of Blue Leaves*, a play by John Guare, tells the story of four people in a New York apartment. Bunny wants to get to Yankee stadium to touch the Pope during his

visit to the Big Apple. She is unable to get out to the event so she cleans the apartment and watches the coverage on television. She reaches out to the TV to touch the Pope but he feels cold and hard through the glass. Her response was "I don't mind not feeling anything as long as I remember feeling."

Faith is more than a memory, but memory is a useful tool when we feel alone or abandoned. In the Old Testament, the Israelites used to set up memorials to remind them of the good times and the victory they experienced on their journey. Walking alone with God can be a difficult and lonely place, but it gets easier as we become at home with ourselves. We may be called to live in solitude for a season, but we are never alone. Jesus promises "I am with you always, even to the end of the earth."

*Ruth Coleman lives in Hampton where she writes, dances in the rain and clogs in the snow.*

# Becoming better is not becoming whole

BY JIM IRVINE

*Written in the Coronary Care Unit of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, Fredericton, on a laptop borrowed from the Paramedic Association of NB.*



**F**ear. Because I was afraid. That's what finally brought me in — fear.

"You made the right decision," the cardiologist in the emergency room said, warming the diaphragm of his stethoscope in the palm of his hand. He placed it on my chest and continued, "You're in the right place."

"It wasn't indigestion after all," I observed with a smile. Men are slow when it comes to matters of the heart. I thought I was a failure in the kitchen.

Fear is critical to our survival. Sensing real danger and acting appropriately is an instinct that has served our species well. It led me to the emergency room four days before Christmas.

Now I occupy a corner room of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton. Leads from my chest keep me on a short leash, connect me to a monitor over my bed. I follow the graphic pattern across the screen, heart rate in green, respiration in white.

The doctor's question — more precisely, my answer to it — remains with me. The quiet of my room and the quiet of each passing day afford me the opportunity to lie peacefully and reflect.

Perhaps I was a bit glib, whistling in the dark. I considered my fear, began to weigh and assess it. Of what was I afraid? A sixth sleepless night? The unknown? The possibility of imminent death?

No. God is the steward of my heart — of my life. My fear had more to do with my lack of sleep and suffering the dull ache of incessant pain.

With the diagnosis my fear began to subside and, to my surprise, I found something else. I lay on my bed and said the beads. My forefinger and thumb fed them through my fingers one at a time. "Yea, though I walk through the valley..."

With each successive bead, the mantra became more familiar: "Thou art with me ..."

With fear abated, what did I want Jesus to do for me? Eventually my petition began to emerge and take shape.

I had not prayed to become better. As a goal it seemed somehow to be other than what I really wanted. Becoming better would remove me too suddenly from this place, from my present, suggesting another place, and another time. Escape provided no attraction — an empty prayer. I am in this place, and I am here now.

Becoming better is not becoming whole. My tomorrow is not preferred over my today.

Today is my failure. Home is not preferred to this unit. I dared not deny my failure and the failure of my heart.

More beads trickled through my fingers. What was going to happen would happen in the failure of this moment. I will find Jesus here. The redemption I will find, I will find here and now.

As for my healing, I will find Jesus' anointing salve for my soul here, now. Simply becoming better will only deny my shadows and the slender light in my room and rush me into tomorrow, or perhaps the day after tomorrow or even later, somewhere else. I sought not to become better, but to become whole.

Jesus' presence in my present transformed this space where I faced both my life and my death. His presence brought Shalom and made my living or dying irrelevant. My present became the moment of discovering Jesus in new and unexpected ways.

I discovered that more than life or death, it was the touch of Jesus that I needed. I found it here.

My nurse offered to wash my back the night I was admitted. I declined her offer, afraid of the intimacy. Later, in the darkened room I knew I longed for what I feared most. Was I trying to keep Jesus at bay? The knowing carefulness of the nurse persisted, beyond her surprise at my initial refusal. Another's hand on my back, warm and caring was life-giving. Bending as a supplicant on the side of my bed, I felt the washing away of fear and loneliness, sin and disease by a hand that had a healing touch.

Jesus' touch persisted with a nurse searching for a pulse in my feet. Cradling my feet with her hands, her touch reminded me of when Jesus' feet were held, caressed, washed and dried in Simon's home. He knew His disciples' need of His touch more than they.

Was I the beneficiary of a careful touch because I was good? Did grace touch my life because I am a Christian or because I am an Anglican or because I am a priest? Was anything withheld because of my sin? No.

The touch of physician or nurse, the touch of redeemer or saviour, remained as ever it has been in every generation: the knowing intervention to the timeless question that reveals grace and the presence of God where a matter of the heart displaces fear.

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## INTERCESSIONS

### February

**22:** Clergy and people of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil, the Most Rev. Glauco Soares de Lima, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Saviour Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, Assistant: Lay Minister Cláudio Luiz Figueiredo de Brito; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Pelly Crossing – St. James the Lord's Brother, Deacon Walter Majola & Olga Majola, Licensed Lay Minister, Betty Joe, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

**23:** Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, the Rev. David Edwards; the Rev. Wally Collett (R); Christ The Redeemer Anglican Mission Station, Lay Minister José Fernandes.

**24:** Parish of St. Martin's & Black River, the Rev. Dana Dean; House Of Prayer Anglican Mission Station, Lay Minister Roberta Araújo.

**25:** Parish of St. Mary's, the Rev. Ian Wetmore; the Rev. Wally Corey (R); Burning Bush Anglican Mission Station, Lay Minister Josenaide Maria Lopes Pereira.

**26:** Parish of St. Peter, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb; Peace Anglican Mission Station, Lay Minister Solange Cristina Pereira.

**27:** Parish of St. Philip's, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick; Paul Ransom, Wycliffe; New Life Anglican Mission Station, Lay Minister Marconi Alves de Oliveira.

**28:** Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. Peter Mills; Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, the Very Rev. Sérgio Andrade, Auxiliary: Rev. Edmar Carvalho Pimentel, osf.

**29:** Clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of Burundi, the Most Rev. Samuel Ndayisenga, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Good News Anglican Parish, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, Assistant: Lay Minister Eliane Cardoso, OSF; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Carmacks, Mayo – St. Mary with St. Mark, Interim Lay Leadership, Community of Kenos, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

### March

**1:** Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, the Rev. William Morton; the Ven. Thomas Crowther (R); Emmanuel Anglican Parish, the Rev. Ian Meldrum, Coadjutor: the Rev. Vera Nascimento.

**2:** Parish of Shediak, the Ven. Malcolm Berry, Capt. Hugh Bateman; Resurrection Anglican Parish, the Ven. Luiz Souza de França.

**3:** Parish of Simonds, (Vacant), the Rev. Wally Corey, priest-in-charge; the Rev. Montague Cutts (R); Good Samaritan Parish, the Rev. Manoel Severino Moraes, OSE, Coadjutor, the Rev. Fábio Vasconcelos.

**4:** Parish of Stanley, the Rev. Ranall Ingalls; Holy Spirit Anglican Parish, the Rev. Miguel Uchôa Cavalcanti, coadjutor: the Rev. Geison Sávio de Holanda, Assistant: the Rev. Fernando Acosta.

**5:** Parish of Sussex, the Rev.

David Barrett; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe; Saint Paul Anglican Parish, the Rev. Juciara Rodrigues.

**6:** Parish of Tobique, the Rev. David Perks; Redeemer Anglican Parish, interim rector: the Rev. Vera Lúcia Lins Silva, assistant: the Rev. Nadja Lins.

**7:** Clergy and people of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, the Most Rev. Bernard Amos Malango, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Nativity Anglican Parish, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, assistant: Lay Minister Rodson Ricardo, OSE; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Dawson City – St. Paul, Moosehide – St. Barnabas, Eagle, Alaska – St. John, the Klondike Creeks, the Dempster Highway, the Ven. John Tyrrell, Deacon Carol Tyrrell & family, Deacon Percy Henry, the Ven. Ken Snider (honorary asst.), Aldene Snider & family, licensed lay ministers: Mabel Henry, Shirley Pennell; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

**8:** Parish of Upham, the Rev. Philip Pain; the Rev. David Dean; Good Shepherd Anglican Parish, interim rector: Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, assistant: the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

**9:** Parish of Upper Kennebecasis, the Rev. Leo Martin; Christ the Saviour Anglican Parish, interim rector: Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, assistant: the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

**10:** Parish of Victoria, Canon David Kierstead; Canon Paul DeLong (R); Reconciliation Anglican Parish, the Rev. Claudio de Souza Linhares, OSF, coadjutor: the Rev. Lillian P. da Costa Linhares, OSF, assistant: the Rev. Claudio Norberto, OSF.

**11:** Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley; Redemption Anglican Parish, the Ven. Maria Gorete Correia, OSE.

**12:** Parish of Westmorland, priest-in-charge; David Larlee, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England; Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Parish, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF.

**13:** Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel & Aberdeen, (Vacant), the Rev. Chris Hayes; Sower Anglican Parish, the Rev. Quintino Orenge.

**14:** Clergy and people of the Anglican Church of the Central American Region, the Most Rev. Cornelius Joshua Wilson, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Old Crow – St. Luke, the Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll & family, the Rev. Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family, lay ministry team; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

**15:** Parish of Woodstock, the Ven. Walter Williams; the Rev. Terry Doncaster (on leave); Mediator Anglican Parish, the

Ven. Arthur Cavalcanti, Coadjutor: the Rev. João Cândia Peixoto, Assistant: the Rev. Gustavo Gilson.

**16:** Parish of Andover, the Rev. John Mills; Saviour Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, assistant: lay minister Cláudio Luiz Figueiredo de Brito.

**17:** Parish of Bathurst, the Ven. Douglas Patstone; Padre Richard Durrett, Oromocto; Good News Anglican Parish, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, Assistant: lay minister Eliane Cardoso, OSF.

**18:** Parish of Bright, (Vacant) the Rev. Patricia Drummond interim priest-in-charge; Nativity Anglican Parish, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, assistant: lay minister Rodson Ricardo, OSE.

**19:** Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough, (Vacant) the Rev. Brenda McKnight, priest-in-charge; Paul Ransom, Wycliffe; Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira.

**20:** Parish of Campbellton, (vacant); Living Waters Anglican Parish, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum.

**21:** Clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev. Michael Geoffrey Peers, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Arlene Kubica – diocesan administrative officer; Sarah Usher – Bishop's Secretary; Members of the diocesan executive committee; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

**22:** Parish of Campobello, the Rev. Charles Smart; the Rev. Ernie Eldridge (R); Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Maurício Coelho, Coadjutor: the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE, assistants: the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota and lay minister André Luiz de Souza.

**23:** Parish of Canterbury, (vacant) the Rev. Jane Arnott, priest-in-charge; Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, assistant: lay minister Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida.

**24:** Parish of Carleton, (vacant) the Rt. Rev. George Lemmon, interim priest-in-charge; the Rev. Roy Embley (R); Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, assistant: lay minister Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida.

**25:** Parish of Central Kings, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc; Christ the Liberator Anglican Mission, lay minister Flávio Adair.

**26:** Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Alan Reynolds; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe; Pentecost Anglican Mission, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcante.

**27:** Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, the Rev. Pat Drummond, the Rev. Dr. Barry Craig, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, Honorary Assistants; Hope Anglican Mission, the Ven. Quintino Orenge, Assistant: Lay Minister Manoel Nunes.

## YOUTH

# The Urbana experience

## Comments from some of the participants

I would recommend sending as many Anglican kids to Urbana as you can; it is very challenging and is a great investment in the next generation of Christians.  
Micah Peterson  
St. James the Less, Rothesay

My experience at Urbana has helped me to put my focus on God and will help to shape the rest of my life.  
Jamie Morell  
Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton

God gave me the

combination to next steps in my service to Him.  
Rob Langmaid  
Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton

Urbana was all about Jesus Christ and all about the passion that this generation has for the lost.  
Erin Stevenson  
Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton

I have never had such a strong sense of God's purpose in my life, and never felt so ready and able to recklessly pursue a path

in the conviction that God has prepared it for me to follow.  
Robbie Kingdon  
Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton

Urbana helped renew my heart's desires to help further the Kingdom of God.  
Meghan Mills  
Trinity Church, Perth-Andover

Urbana opened my eyes to the diverse cultures that worship our Lord Jesus Christ. The exhibits were very helpful in allowing me to realize that God has called each of us in different ways to minister to others.  
Naomi Atkins

Church of the Good Shepherd, Saint John

I intend to learn how to be a better leader so I can bring my gifts to my church and other churches around the diocese.  
Marie-Hélène Marmen  
Stone Church, Saint John

I am filled with hope for our diocese. Our youth are on fire for God! 21 young adults are returning ready to serve God as missionaries with each of the areas we came from.  
Caryn Crowe  
Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton



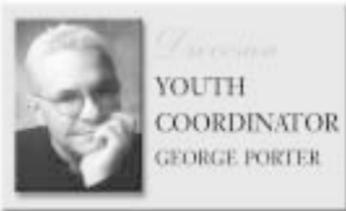
More than 20,000 young people, including 22 from this diocese, filled the meeting hall at Urbana 03.

## Want to be on the hip list?

Young New Brunswick Anglicans, and those who care about them, are invited to join an e-mail list. Send your e-mail address to [eric@renforth.net](mailto:eric@renforth.net).

Those already on the list who need to update their e-mail information should contact Eric as well.

## If you're curious ...



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## Looking for the latest news?

The New Brunswick Anglican Youth Page has a new address  
<http://nbay.ca>

## TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST TEC 11

Victoria Day Weekend  
May 22-24, 2004

For Youth ages 16-21  
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## New Brunswick story inspires participants

Wendy Jeans, a student at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, was featured in *Urbana Today*. It is reprinted here with permission

BY LYNDA MACGIBBON

Two weeks before Urbana, Wendy Jeans wasn't sure she would have enough money to make it to the convention. "I was in church and I prayed about it. The next day I sold my piano."

The \$200 Wendy earned from that last-ditch effort, was the culmination of months of saving and sacrificing in order to raise the money she needed not only to attend Urbana, but also to pay for her tuition and books.

That was the deal Wendy had with her parents – earn

enough money to cover her university costs as well as the convention fees, and attending Urbana would be possible.

Like most Canadian students, it cost Wendy about \$800 to attend Urbana once exchange rates, conference fees and travel were factored into the equation. The first year student at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick raised most of that herself, but she did have some help.

The Anglican Diocese of New Brunswick paid the travel costs for Anglican students in that Canadian province who wanted to attend Urbana. About 22 students took the church up on the offer, which was made as part of a year of celebration and emphasis on

the importance of youth to the denomination.

Wendy first heard about Urbana through the Anglican diocese. Now that she's at the convention, she says the sacrifices she made to get here seem small.

"I want to know what God's will is for me. I've been trying to discover that for a long time."

And as for the piano? Wendy isn't lamenting its loss. "I wasn't really good at playing chords anyway," she says with a laugh.

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## Second consultation set

BY JIM MORELL

Save Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, for our second diocesan youth consultation at St. Mark's Church in St. George. Every parish in the diocese is invited to send youth, youth leadership and clergy delegates.

There is no cost for delegates to attend and the people of St. George have offered billets. Young people can bring their sleeping bags to camp out in the brand new church hall. Food will also be provided.

This is an event for anyone in the diocese — youth and adults — with a heart for youth ministry. It will be a time to celebrate the progress that was made during 2003 and identify our priorities and plans for youth ministry at the

parish and diocesan levels over the next few years.

We need your ideas, your information, your prayers, and your presence.

Jim Morell chairs the youth action committee.

For information on the second youth consultation contact: Youth Action Committee chair Jim Morell 506/454-6495 Diocesan Youth Coordinator George Porter 506/459-1801).

Three ways to register for the second youth consultation: online — [www.renforth.net](http://www.renforth.net) and click on "youth action" by phone — Eric Phinney 506/847-7696 by mail — Eric Phinney 1760 Rothesay Rd, Renforth, N.B. E2H 2J5

## Cathedral Youth Service

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Sunday, Feb. 15  
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All Welcome!

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**MILLGEN** 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