



## Oxford scholars facilitate clergy discussions



ANA WATTS

Diocesan clergy spent a day in December discussing same-sex blessings with two Oxford scholars, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Westberg of Nashotah House seminary, and Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. Dean Keith Joyce organized the clergy day. Seen here during the lunch break are, left to right; the Rev. Anthony Arza-Kwaw, parish of Bright; the Rev. Dr. Westberg; Dr. Keesmaat; the Rev. Bill LeGrand, Saint John hospital chaplain; and Dean Joyce.

BY ANA WATTS

Diocesan clergy engaged in Biblical and theological discussions around same-sex blessings at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton on Dec. 9. Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Westberg of Nashotah House, an Episcopalian seminary in Wisconsin, facilitated the clergy day organized by Dean Keith Joyce.

"We were extremely pleased with the turn-out," says Dean Joyce. "We had 65 clergy and we discussed the issue with freedom and ease. The day unfolded differently from what we expected. We set aside time for small-group discussions but the clergy preferred to continue in a more general session and use that time to ask the presenters specific questions. It worked well, the questions were well-phrased and people were respectful of each other and the speakers."

Dr. Keesmaat received her D.Phil from Oxford University

working with N.T. Wright in the area of Paul's use of the Old Testament. She has taught at Tyndale Bible College and Seminary and for the last ten years she has been associate professor of Biblical studies and hermeneutics at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto.

Because she recently resigned from her position in order to stay home with her children, whom she home schools, she is now adjunct faculty at the Institute for Christian Studies and at the Toronto School of Theology.

Dr. Keesmaat speaks frequently on reading the Bible in our contemporary context, and is the editor of *The Advent of Justice* as well as author of *Paul and His Story: (Re)Interpreting the Exodus Tradition*. With her husband, Brian J. Walsh, she wrote *Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire* (Intervarsity Press, 2004). She attends Church of the Redeemer in Toronto where she is coordinator of the Sunday school.

Dr. Westberg received his Please see "Theologian" on page 2

## Budget and stipends up for 2005

At a meeting in Saint John on Nov. 17, Diocesan Council approved a \$2.5 million ministry budget for 2005, about \$160,000 more than 2004. A narrative form was presented for consultation throughout the diocese in the fall. It focused on the mission and ministry accomplished through the budget rather than line-items and dollar figures.

Preparation of the budget saw all items and programs assessed according to their contribution to synod-

established priorities including youth ministry, spiritual formation, stewardship and parish support. The budget increase accommodates improved data-management, record-keeping systems and communications as well as the rising costs of employee/clergy benefits. Fully 80 per cent of the diocesan budget is funded by the parishes, whose 2005 assessments will go up by an average of 13 per cent.

Council also approved an across-the-board increase to the

clergy stipend base of \$300 plus an increase of 2.5 per cent in each scale level. These increases continue a recent effort to upgrade clergy stipends and set the minimum stipend at ordination at \$27,906 per year. The minimum stipend after 11 years of ordination is \$33,216. This is the upper end of the scale. Basic clergy travel allowances were increased by \$180 to \$3,780 per year and the car replacement allowance was increased by \$300 to \$3,900 per year.

## Mothers' Union not just for women

BY ANA WATTS

The aim of the Mothers' Union (MU) is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. Its purpose is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life — but it isn't just for mothers. It isn't even just for women, as members of the Christ Church Cathedral branch know so well.

When Dean Keith Joyce is

installed as national MU chaplain this month, he will also be enrolled as a member of the Cathedral MU branch. He is the third man to join that branch and the 16th man to be enrolled in Canada. More than 850 Canadian women belong to Mothers' Union.

Most of the men who belong are, or have been, MU chaplains. They got involved with MU on a clerical level, came to appreciate the value of its aims and objects on a personal level, and made the personal commitment to MU

through enrollment. That's the way it is for Dean Joyce.

The first men of the Cathedral branch joined in the early 1990s when their children were small. The Rev. David Smith also came by the clerical route and had experience with MU in Africa when he served in Kenya with the Companion Diocese program. He was an active branch member for a time but later moved to other parishes and eventually to another diocese.

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## Primate to visit

The Primate will visit the Diocese of Fredericton later this month.

Archbishop Andrew Hutchison will arrive in Fredericton on Saturday evening, Jan. 29 and preach at Christ Church Cathedral the next morning. That evening he will also preach at the Cathedral youth service.

On Monday he will travel to Saint John to visit a parish social outreach program and spend some time with the Church Army.

Monday evening he returns to Fredericton to meet with national and diocesan Mothers' Union executives.

The Primate will spend Tuesday, Feb. 1 with the clergy in Fredericton.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

# Synod office staff integral to diocesan mission

The ministry of Diocese of Fredericton office staff is to support the bishop and the parishes, through leadership and coordination, in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ for the making of disciples. A visioning day spent at Pilgrim House Retreat Centre in Hoyt on Dec. 2 was devoted to exploring ways in which they could more effectively and efficiently fulfill that ministry.

Bishop Claude Miller and the six, full-time diocesan staff members started the day by analyzing what they do, for whom, when and why. They discussed how they could best support each other and enumerated the tools and resources available to help them do their jobs. They also identified some long-term issues and initiatives that they feel require strategic planning — like replacement of the many clergy scheduled to retire over the next five to 10 years, and a need for increased office space. Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall,

the bishop's executive assistant, and Phyllis Cathcart, the bishop's secretary, support the bishop most directly. Canon Fred Scott, diocesan treasurer, and his assistant Doreen Smith, support the parishes most directly and in many ways, including administration of all payroll and benefits for staff as well as for clergy in parishes. These four people constitute the core office staff at 115 Church St. in Fredericton. Because it is such a small staff, each member needs to know something about the other three positions and responsibilities in order that business can continue when someone is absent.

The Rev. Dr. George Porter, Diocesan Youth Action Director, maintains an office in the building, but much of his work is done in parishes, on the university campuses and outside regular office hours.

Ana Watts, director of communications and editor of the New Brunswick Anglican, works off-site.

There is a seventh staff position, a half-time director of Christian education. It was held, until recently, by the Rev. Patricia Drummond, who also worked off-site. Working arrangements for her replacement will be determined at the time of hiring.

Jim Morell, an active layperson in the diocese with a talent for organization, facilitated the meeting in Hoyt. It was actually the second meeting of the group facilitated by Mr. Morell. The visioning day

was planned in July when an overall action plan for the office was prepared. Dubbed "Toward a More Effective Synod Office", it called for a formalization of some office practices and procedures, an improved telephone system, a communications strategy, and creation of a diocesan information management system. Most of the action items identified at the summer meeting have been accomplished or are in development.

## Meet the Synod Office Staff

The New Brunswick Anglican will profile Synod Office staff beginning in February. We begin with Doreen Smith, whose friendly face is the first most visitors to the Synod Office see.



# Attention layreaders

In recognition of Canon Jim Irvine's many years of service as warden of layreaders for the Diocese of Fredericton, a service of Choral Evensong will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton on April 3. Canon Irvine will deliver the sermon on that occasion, but layreaders in the diocese want to deliver something too — an album of mementos, photos and letters from layreaders who have been influenced by his ministry.

Please send your submissions to Bob Brittain (506/696-5250 <[bbrittai@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:bbrittai@nbnet.nb.ca)>) by the end of February.

"Please feel free to share this request with former layreaders — clergy or lay — and others who may wish to contribute," says Mr. Brittain. "This is a wonderful opportunity to thank Jim and recognize his considerable efforts on our behalf."

# Father attracted to MU by aim and objects

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John DosSantos, however, may well be unique in Canada. He is not a cleric and therefore was never a chaplain. He was personally drawn to Mothers' Union as a father, joined in 1990 and remains a dedicated and active member.

"I joined MU after seeing their literature on display at a church conference held at the University of New Brunswick. The aim and objects were what I had been looking for in a church group, and as there was no mention of MU being for women only, I checked into it.

"I was enrolled as a member on 11 March 1990. I believe it has made a difference to my family because I am constantly being reminded to attempt to meet the aim and objects, although my family may not consciously notice the difference."

His wife, who was the only woman working with men on the midnight shift when they got married, gets a kick out of John attending the annual autumn retreat for MU members. "She calls it a sleep-over. I guess the shoe is on the other foot now," says John.

Kathleen Snow, a long-time member of the Cathedral branch, a former enrolling member and the incoming MU Canadian president, cherishes John's dedication to the branch and to Mothers' Union. She is occasionally asked if having a man at their meetings "cramps their style". She doesn't think so at all and believes the branch benefits from his contributions and his insight.

John isn't convinced he has made the close friendships within the branch that some of the other members have, but he

believes that is more due to his shy nature than to being a man among so many women. He is certain, however, that he has learned a lot from branch programs and meetings.

"I particularly appreciate the international aspect of MU," he says. "When I visited my relatives in Trinidad three years ago, I arranged to meet with the MU group at the church my family attends there."

Dean Joyce's first encounter with MU was in the Diocese of Toronto. Members in his first parish were women in their 80s and 90s, hold-outs of the amalgamation of Anglican women's groups into the ACW during the 1960s. When he came to the Diocese of Fredericton he met young and vibrant MU members in his parish in Hampton. His MU perspective changed. He served a term as MU diocesan chaplain and is now poised to be the national chaplain.

"There is a phrase that goes something like 'Put your body where your mouth is,'" says the dean. "While I do not practice this as consistently as I should, I believe being enrolled in Mothers' Union is a good opportunity to do that. I want to take a more definitive stand in support of the MU objectives, namely to support Christian marriage and family life."

Executive responsibility for MU in Canada is concentrated in the diocese where the next national conference will be held. The most recent conference was held in the Diocese of Niagara in the spring of 2004. The national executive resided in that diocese from 2000 and members of that outgoing executive will be in attendance

on Jan. 22 when Archbishop Bruce Stavert, Metropolitan of the Province of Canada, installs the new Canadian Council at the Cathedral at 2:30 pm on Jan. 22.

Members of the Canadian Council to be installed are: Ms. Snow, president; Shara Golden, vice-president; Dean Joyce, chaplain; Ana Watts, secretary; Bonnie Greenwood, treasurer; Val Nason, historian; Yvonne Lyons, link secretary; Pat Arnold, indoor members prayer circle; Susan Goguen, literature secretary; Ann Caines, lone member secretary; Kelly Duffett, newsletter editor; Mary Ann Dicks, Northern Clergy Families Fund; Alice Kennedy, conference coordinator.

The next quadrennial Mothers' Union national conference will be held in Fredericton in 2008.



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# Theologian facilitates discussions

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D.Phil in Moral Theology from Oxford University where his supervisor was Fr. Herbert McCabe, OP for his work on Thomas Aquinas. He was ordained deacon and priest in the diocese of Toronto where he served in a number of parishes as assistant or rector. His last pastoral position was at Little Trinity, Toronto.

Dr. Westberg currently is an associate professor in moral theology and Christian ethics at Nashotah House. Previously he taught in the Faculty of Theology, Queen's College at Memorial University, in the Department of Religious

Studies at the University of Virginia, at Wycliffe College and in the Church Army Training College when it was in Toronto.

He is the author of *Right Practical Reason: Aristotle, Action, and Prudence in Aquinas* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994.) Along with a number of other scholarly articles, he also has a few short ones in the *New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology* (Leicester, UK.: Inter-Varsity Press, 1993). He is married with four grown children. His time is split between the US and Sweden where his wife works as a physician.

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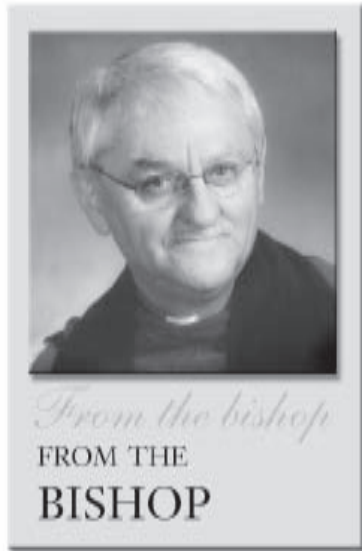
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# We have seen the star, he awaits our homage

*Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory ...*

These few words from the collect for Epiphany are a wonderful prayer for the New Year. Take a few moments to reflect on the story of the Magi in the second chapter of Matthew, it will put the words of the collect into context. Wise men from the east observe a star that signifies to them that a king is born. The wise men travel to Jerusalem where their inquiries make King Herod curious. He summons the chief priests and scribes who quote the prophet Micah: "[Judah] for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel."

Threatened by this news, the devious Herod encourages the wise men to travel to Bethlehem to find the child and instructs them to return with news as to the child's whereabouts. He tells them that he too would like to



go to Bethlehem and worship the baby.

The story is significant because the prophet Micah prophesies that a ruler will be born to "govern my people Israel." The collect, on the other hand, represents our tradition and points to the universal

significance of the birth of the child, as symbolized by the wise men representing "the nations." This sets the stage early for Jesus' ministry. He is made manifest so the whole world might know the glory of God.

So, in our context, what is the importance of the prophesy, the story and our prayer? We could spend a great deal of time analyzing the response to the good news of Emmanuel. Down through countless ages, women and men of all nationalities have heard the good news of the Saviour's birth, and it is true that our prayer is that the whole world might be brought to God through Jesus Christ — but it is our individual willingness to follow the star that takes us to the Christ Child.

There are few in our context who have not heard the story. Multitudes have heard the story and understand its significance, yet it is the few who respond. We don't know that the wise men were joined by others as they journeyed to Bethlehem. Would

that have been important? Perhaps. I believe what is more important is that God revealed the truth of the event to the nations. We have seen the star, he awaits our homage.

My prayer for the new year is less ambitious than the collect wills. My prayer is that every Anglican in our diocese might be brought to the full light of His presence in our parishes and in our lives.

Jesus commissioned each one of us by our baptism to go boldly into the whole world and make disciples so that all might share his glory. May the knowledge of his love strengthen you in the days and weeks ahead, for the journey that is before us, for a journey that will require the prudence of the wise.



Claude Miller is bishop of Fredericton

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Bishop's Counsel

Jan. 13 - 22  
Canterbury, England

Jan. 23 - 25  
Bangor Theological

Jan. 26  
Diocesan Council

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1  
Primate's Visit

Feb. 6  
10:30 a. m.  
Parish of St. Margaret's  
10th Anniversary

Feb. 8 - 19  
Visitation  
Deaneries of  
Chaleur and Miramichi

## Diocese launches independent investigation

In court in Sussex on Dec. 3, the Rev. Ed Coleman of Hampton pleaded guilty to a charge of communicating for the purpose of engaging in prostitution. He received a summary conviction and conditional discharge. Following that court appearance, Bishop Claude

Miller announced the diocese would commence its own review of the offense.

"I am deeply saddened and troubled by the events that led to the charges and my prayers remain with the victim as well as with Mr. Coleman and his family," says Bishop Miller.

When charges were laid in August, Mr. Coleman was placed on medical leave of absence and sent to the Southdown Institute in Ontario, which offers holistic psychological, medical and spiritual diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for religious professionals. He remains on leave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Canon Philip Ward (retired) was appointed interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Fredericton Junction on Dec. 19.

The Rev. Robert Barry, priest and rector of the Parish of Prince William and Dumfries, retired on Dec. 31.

## Cathcart named Warden of Layreaders

Bishop Claude Miller appointed the Rev. John Cathcart as Warden of Layreaders for the diocese on Nov. 28. In his charge to synod in 2003, Bishop Miller acknowledged spiritual formation, education and development play a significant foundational role in the church.

"John brings a sincere commitment to spiritual formation and development to the position," says Bishop Miller. "His own experience as a layreader, and its profound influence on his life and ministry, make him the ideal person to support and inspire this dedicated group of people within our church."

"Working with clergy and other layreaders just beginning their journey helped my spiritual formation and education," says John. "It also enabled me to discern God's call

on my life and lead me towards ordained ministry — something that had never entered my mind when I left school at the age of 15. I consider it a privilege to serve as warden to the more than 400 men and women across this diocese who willingly offer themselves to their parishes. I know how vital it is that the laity take their rightful place in the proclamation of the Gospel."

As a young man, John emigrated to Canada from Northern Ireland with his wife Phyllis. The Rev. Ted Spencer, then rector, invited him to join the layreaders' group. It was the beginning of his long journey to the priesthood. Today he is rector of Marysville and Durham Bridge. He is also a member of Diocesan Council and chairs Spiritual Development Team. He can be contacted at jc8@nbnet.nb.ca.

RECTOR AND ARCHDEACON



ANA WATTS

The Rev. Patricia Drummond, above right, is the first woman in the Diocese of Fredericton to be appointed an archdeacon. Bishop Miller announced her appointment as Archdeacon of Chatham (Archdeaneries of Chaleur and Miramichi) at a Sunday service in New Bandon on Dec. 12. Ms. Drummond was recently appointed rector of that parish and was installed at a service of Celebration of a New Ministry and Induction at the Sunday morning service. Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall (centre) officiated at the service, the Rev. Leo Martin of Upper Kennebecasis, preached. Ms. Drummond will be installed as archdeacon at Christ Church Cathedral later this winter.

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- When you call the Synod Office in Fredericton with general inquiries:
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  - Press 2 for the Synod Office.
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  - 3 - Geoffrey Hall (bishop's executive assistant)
  - 4 - George Porter (youth action director)
  - 5 - Fred Scott (treasurer/administrator)
  - 6 - Doreen Smith (administrative assistant)
  - 7 - Phyllis Cathcart (the bishop's secretary)
  - 8 - Ana Watts (communications officer)

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COMMENTARY

# OPINION



## Refugee coordinator needed urgently

The Mission and Outreach Team of Diocesan Council is searching for a person who would take on the role of Refugee Co-ordinator for the diocese, receiving and processing requests from refugees seeking sponsorship to come to Canada.

There is currently one such request and several are praying about a parish or a group of parishes to support this person for 12 months, a large undertaking with full financial

and material support. He is a Hutu from Rwanda who, if deported back home, would face imprisonment or possible death. He is well educated and has bright prospects for a career here in some form of the engineering field.

Due to the involved task of receiving and sponsoring refugees, a co-ordinator is a top priority at this time. Please assist us to locate the person God would want to fulfill this

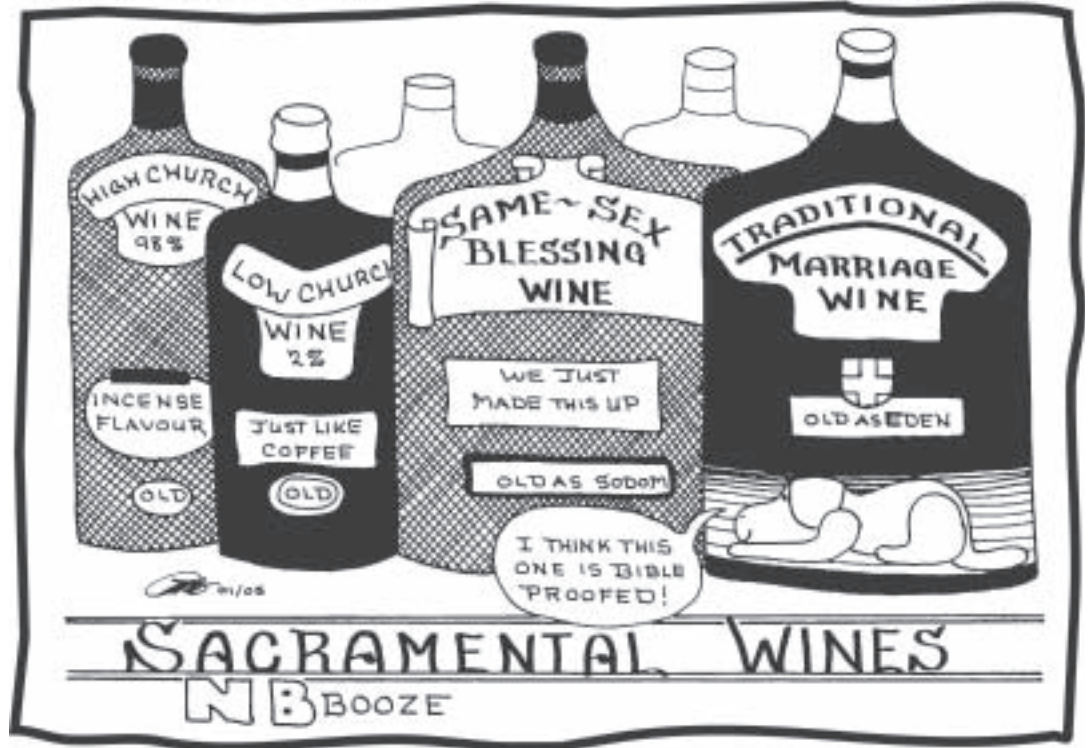
position, and a parish which might feel led to be a sponsor.

Please contact the Rev. Keith Osborne at pennfld@nbnet.nb.ca or kenosis@nbnet.nb.ca or (506) 755-2972 with offers and ideas.



### DOG MATTICKS

by Doug Patstone



### LETTER

## Academic seeks Medley charges

Dear editor,

In 1895, three years after Bishop Medley's death, excerpts from a number of his charges were gathered together under the title "Counsels to Preachers". The volume was prepared by John de Soyres, rector of the Stone Church, Saint John.

I cannot locate this volume in any library and am wondering if someone has a copy that I might see.

I can be contacted at PO Box 523 Fredericton E3B 5A6 or (506) 453-4721 or dbell@unb.ca

Thank you.  
David Bell  
Faculty of Law  
University of New Brunswick

### WHERE'S WALDO? OR WALTER?



DAVID PLUMER

The (very retired) Rev. David Plumer of Hartland offers this belated and rare photo of "assorted clergy in relaxed positions" taken at the clergy conference in Rothesay last August. He challenges you to find your rector.



## COMMENTARY

# Essentials chair rejects stereotypes, embraces hope

BY BRUCE MCKENNA

Watch how people react when you inject the words same-sex blessings in a conversation. Without exception, the conversation becomes tense as the people in the conversation wonder what will be said next.

People on both sides of this controversial issue in the church find themselves being portrayed as stereotypes. Those who want to affirm same-sex marriage and/or blessing often characterize those who want to affirm the tradition of the church as unthinking, uncaring, and mean-spirited individuals. Those who want to affirm the Church's tradition of heterosexual marriage and/or

blessing often characterize those who want to have same-sex blessings as manipulative, destructive, and mean-spirited individuals.

Stereotypes of any kind are offensive because they always unfairly place people in a 'box' that doesn't fit. People who stereotype unfairly select part of a phrase that backs up their position and say to anyone who will listen: "This is all that group has to say on the issue." Simplistic bumper sticker slogans hurled at people you disagree with are unacceptable, especially in the church.

Anglican Essentials New Brunswick (AENB) seeks to be a catalyst in the diocese to encourage people to break down the walls that

stereotypes build and move the discussion beyond emotional or 'correct' slogans. AENB affirms the Church's tradition of heterosexual marriage and/or blessing but refuses to be placed in a stereotypical box. We may agree to disagree with those who want the affirmation of same-sex blessings, but we do so with respect and, we pray, with God's grace.

I am full of hope about the future of our church.

I remember years ago listening to a conversation Archbishop Michael Peers had with some people at a citywide mission held at Trinity Church Saint John. In that conversation the primate said people were willing to talk about anything except death

and dying. A person replied that in reality people did speak about anything except sin. He responded with silence!

We now have an opportunity to rediscover the great themes of the Bible, including sin of all kinds, personal and corporate. We also have the opportunity to rediscover the power of repentance that leads us to the joy of God's forgiveness and breaks the power of sin and death in us.

Anglican Essentials New Brunswick is currently developing a diocesan-wide conference to be held in early April. The conference will affirm the church's tradition of heterosexual marriage and/or blessing, but there will also be a service of repentance, repentance for unacceptable

attitudes and actions directed by the church towards homosexual people.

I am full of hope about the future of the church in our diocese. The issue of same-sex blessings is an opportunity for people on both sides of the issue to move away from unfair stereotypes and rediscover the major themes of our faith. As we seriously examine major Biblical themes, God's word will give us fresh hope, renewed faith, and deeper love that will set us free for God's ministry in New Brunswick.

*The Rev. Bruce McKenna is rector of New Maryland and chair of Anglican Essential New Brunswick*

## Writer offers a Biblical prescription for informal worship

BY PHILIP PAIN

The two main words for worship in the Old Testament are \*shachad\*, which means to prostrate oneself, and \*yadah\*, which means to worship with extended hands. \*Proskuneo\* is the primary Greek word for worship in the New Testament. Pros means to come towards, kuneo means to kiss. Kissing involves closeness and intimacy. Praise and worship in the Bible strongly emphasize the visual, what the body does.

In the Scriptures we're told to "Enter his courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4) "You are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people." (Psalm 22:3). The \*shekinah\* is the weight of God's glorious presence, which occurs in response to our wholehearted praise of the Lord. (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)

In addition to formal worship, a number of Anglican churches also offer informal

worship. First, there should be much beautiful praise of God. Let the spirit of praise dominate. Praise God until we are with him, using songs that are alive and that worship God. This is so much needed. We encourage people to praise God for at least 30 minutes at the start of worship, with perhaps six songs moving from praise to more intimate worship.

Lifting up hands is an outward expression of our offering ourselves to God. It has a liberating effect. "Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord." (Psalm 134:2) It's hard to do at first. You could try it privately at home. But forget your embarrassment and just go ahead and worship and praise God freely. Praise does something. It is releasing and healing and freeing, and pretty soon, people will do it automatically.

"Let them praise his name with dancing," says Psalm 149:3. When the prodigal son

came home to his father, there was music and dancing in the father's house (Luke 15:25).

"Clap your hands all you people, shout to God with the voice of joy." Psalm 47:1. Applause can express praise to God. So can shouts of joy — "Shout with joy to God" (Psalm 66:1) — and playing instruments. Guitars can serve well for leading a large group worship they they are adequately amplified. Worship teams typically include a worship leader, a keyboard player, a drummer and a bass guitar player, though the mixture of instruments and singers can vary. (See Psalm 150.)

The congregation is our first and foremost choir, and the congregation has an active role in the offering of praise to God. C. S. Lewis said the most balanced minds praise most. Praise is inner health made audible. We're tuning our instruments to play the symphony. We're digging

channels, so that when the water comes it will find us ready. When we worship in churches that are really filled with the Holy Spirit, our own personal Christian lives really grow and flourish. Christians are in a sailboat, and the wind of God is blowing all around. All we have to do is keep the sails out and let the wind of God carry us along.

Silence is also an important part of worship. There was silence in Heaven for half an hour. (Revelation 8:1). There is a time to be silent, (Ecclesiastes 2:7) as well as to celebrate (Psalm 46:10). Silence is encouraged for the purpose of giving God our whole attention. Often, after a time of vigorous praise, there will suddenly be a strong silence in which we feel the presence and holiness of God. Such a silence is alive and is filled with the presence of the Spirit. We can wait in God's presence.

After the praise may come a welcome, notices, perhaps a

brief testimony, an offering and a prepared teaching. Then a team of people may pray with the laying-on of hands for those who desire.

I close with an example someone shared of part of a moving and joyful worship service. At the end of the morning Communion service, unannounced, the people began to sing the song "Alleluia, Alleluia." It started low and grew stronger. "How I love him." "Blessed Jesus." And so on. At about the third verse a sprinkling of hands went up. On the last verse all the hands in the place went up as the people sang "I will praise him."

God invites us to worship and enjoy him; not only his outer courts, but the Holy of Holies itself is thrown open, and we are welcome.

*The Rev. Philip Pain is rector of Upham.*

## A Californian visits the Diocese of Fredericton

BY SHARON OBUCHON-STAU

On a bright, clear weekend in late September, I visited the Rev. John Pearce in Brown's Yard, a lovely spot on the Richibucto River, to hear about his experiences doing mission work on the Alaska Highway in 1946. While in Brown's Yard I was delighted to be invited to two services in the parish, one at St. Matthew's, Harcourt, and later in the day, a memorial service at St. John the Evangelist in Rexton.

Heading up to Browns Yard on Saturday from the airport in Moncton, where I had flown from Montreal, we passed

barns and white frame houses set on wooded lots and, a thrill for me, drove under an old covered bridge on Graham Creek. I bought some lobsters in Shediac to take to Browns Yard and, once settled in at the rectory, strolled through the churchyard at St. Paul's in the dusk of early evening.

Sunday afternoon I took a tour of St. Paul's and enjoyed the flower arrangements and wreaths in the sanctuary. By the river, maples were just turning red amid the evergreens and an early autumn hush was in the air. Would the sound of geese flying be far behind? I live in southern California, so I revel

in the changing seasons and northern beauty of Canada.

I left for Montreal on Sunday evening to continue my research work in the Anglican Archives and my stay at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

I'd like to return to eastern New Brunswick in the winter when the river is frozen and all the white churches blend into the colour of snow — but I live in a warm, dry valley in California, so the shock might be too great. Perhaps I should wait until the first harbingers of spring, green leaf buds and the cries of wild geese flying back north.



Sharon Obuchon-Staub of Hemet, California, visited the diocese on research last fall and enjoyed the hospitality of the rector and people of the parish of Kent. She considered coming back for a winter visit, but has decided to wait for spring instead.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

## CONFIRMATIONS



KENNETH CAMPBELL

Bishop Claude Miller confirmed Cassandra, Jessica and Desmond Brown at St. John the Baptist Church in Edmundston on Sept. 19. Seen here following the service are left to right, back row Bishop Miller; the Rev. Fran Beddell, priest-in-charge; Cassandra Brown and layreader Russell Staples. Front row, Jessica and Desmond Brown.



SUBMITTED

Ten people were confirmed on the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday Next Before Advent) in the Parish of St. Mary, York, in Fredericton, in the context of a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Claude Miller, assisted by the Rev. Ian Wetmore (deacon of the Mass) and theological student John Palmer, as subdeacon. In the photo above, David Garland is in front. In the row behind him are Alex McTiernan, Becky Turgeon, Mark Garland (partially obscured), Greg Hearn, Chris McConnell, Andrew Mathis and Tyler Donovan. In the back row are Hazen Haines, Mr. Wetmore, Bishop Miller, Stephen Gilbert, and Mr. Palmer.

## FIRST PLACE



MURIEL PALIN

The St. Luke's Vacation Bible School float won first prize for best overall theme at the Old Home Week parade in Woodstock last summer. The float theme of Power Up promoted a healthy body and spirit through nutrition, exercise and religious education. Teachers and children planned and populated the float and took home a plaque and ribbon for the efforts.

## Camp Medley A Ministry of the Diocese of Fredericton

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## Calendar

**JANUARY  
15**

Taylor College presents  
A Woodstock Workshop  
Lectionary Preaching  
With Bishop Bill Hockin  
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
St. Luke's Church  
Fee: \$25, includes lunch.  
Register at  
(506) 693 8975 or  
[edwa@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:edwa@nbnet.nb.ca)

**21 & 22**

Living Waters Canada  
workshop  
Pursuing Relational and  
Sexual Wholeness  
Sponsored by the Parish of  
Renforth and Essentials NB  
At St. James the Less Church,  
Rothesay  
Registration & resources  
[livingwaters.renforth.net](http://livingwaters.renforth.net)

**22**

2:30 p.m.  
Installation of  
Mothers' Union  
National Council  
Christ Church Cathedral  
By Archbishop Bruce Stavert,  
Metropolitan of the  
Province of Canada  
With Lt.-Gov.  
Herménegilde Chiasson  
in attendance  
Reception to follow  
Cathedral Memorial Hall  
Diocese of Fredericton  
Mothers' Union members form  
the new national council.  
Everyone welcome

**26**

7 p.m.  
Camp Medley Board  
Annual General Meeting  
St. Paul's  
Rothesay  
Refreshments will be served

**Jan 29 - Feb. 3**

Primatial visit to the Diocese  
of Fredericton

**FEBRUARY**
**1**

Clergy day with the Primate.  
Details to be announced.

**10-13**

Anglican Renewal  
Ministries Canada  
Leadership Training  
Institute for Laity

**13-18**

Anglican Renewal  
Ministries Canada  
Leadership Training  
Institute for Clergy  
Both events take place at  
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Bathurst.  
With leaders  
Bishop Malcolm Harding,  
Bishop Eddie Marsh, and  
Emma Marsh.  
Contact the Rev. Don Hamilton  
(506) 228 4514,  
[donjean@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:donjean@nbnet.nb.ca)

**Feb. 15-March 8**

Tuesday evenings  
Who Is God,  
and what is that to us?  
St. John's  
Nashwaaksis



SPECIAL EVENTS



# Cursillo

## Day of Deeper Understanding Oct. 16, 2004

*Cursillo "Day of Deeper Understanding" workshops were held simultaneously in Saint John, Moncton and Miramichi on Oct. 16. The day consisted of five talks and discussion groups:*

- the instructed Ultreya; • the role and structure of the movement in the church;
- the Fourth Day (the group reunion, environmental group reunion, rule of life, and spiritual direction);
- personal contact technique;
- sponsorship.

The Moncton workshop was held at St. James Church, the Miramichi workshop at St. Mary's and the Saint John workshop at St. Luke's.



Participants in the Moncton Day of Deeper Understanding workshop are seen in the photo to the left. They were, left to right: back row Ray McEachern, Norma Weaver, Stan Weaver, Ron Collins, Mike Lipton, Ed Graham; middle row Barb Dinelle, the Rev. Brenda McKnight, Levita McEachern, Joan Daigle, Katherine McDonald, Paul McDonald, Jeanne Lipton, Lynn Welling, Carol McNaughton, Sharon Day, Robert Foster; front row Rod Langis, Debbie Kantor, Marge Lutes, Jackie Straight, Leslie Johnson. Names of participants in the Saint John and Miramichi workshops were unavailable.





## NEWS &amp; EVENTS

## ARCHIVES CORNER



Frank Morehouse, our diocesan archivist, bought the above picture at a yard sale. It is a "composite photograph" made by the Notman and Sandham studio of Montreal on the occasion of a meeting of the Provincial Synod of Canada held in September of 1877. Our first bishop, John Medley, preached a sermon there on Sept. 12. Composite photographs were created in the 1800s. Each subject (sometimes there were 20 or more in a photograph) was photographed individually in the studio. The negative was developed and printed on photographic paper. The main subject was carefully cut out from the studio setting in the background. The edges of the main subject were feathered, and then placed on a canvas studio background that already had a rough sketch on it. The background was carefully painted in. Finally the entire thing was rephotographed to make the composite appear seamless. In this photograph, each bishop is identified by the name of his diocese, which is written underneath the photograph. Algoma is Frederick Fauquier; Nova Scotia, Hibbert Binney; Niagara, Thomas Brock Fuller; Toronto, Arthur Sweatman; Huron, Isaac Hellmuth; Montreal, Ashton Oxenden (he was also the Metropolitan); Ontario, John Travers Lewis; Fredericton, John Medley; and Quebec, James William Williams.

## ASSOCIATES OF SISTERHOOD



On Oct. 30, associates of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine from the diocese of Fredericton met with Sister Beryl. The eastern associate director of St. John's House in St. Lambert, Quebec, was at Christ Church (Parish) Church for a day of prayer and quiet time. Seen here during the meeting are, left to right, front row Shirley Tapley and the Rev. Brenda McKnight; back row are Carole-Anne McGee, Marguerite Barry, Sister Beryl, Hope MacMullin and Emily Matchett. Also in attendance but missing from the photo, the Rev. Robert Pratt and Nancy Dobson.

## Register now for Christopher Leadership Course

Southern New Brunswick Christopher Leadership Course Inc. is now accepting registrations for their next ten week effective speaking course.

This course is designed to help an individual gain confidence

and develop essential speaking, communication and leadership skills. The next course in the southern New Brunswick area will be held in Rothesay beginning Feb. 21.

Enrolment is limited - please

register early. For more information call 635-1630 in Saint John or 1-866-994-8255 for the southern New Brunswick.

Registration is also available via <<http://www.thelumen.com/>>  
>[www.thelumen.com](http://www.thelumen.com/).

ACW Annual Meeting  
Kingston & Kennebecasis Deanery

BY JOAN BUCKLAND

The 51st annual meeting of the Kingston and Kennebecasis Deanery ACW was held on Sept. 16 at St. Paul's in Rothesay. The day began with registration, coffee and muffins, followed by a service of Holy Communion celebrated by Archdeacon Richard McConnell, rector of the parish. The Rev. Bonita LeBlanc offered the homily and spoke of her journey of faith. She closed her message with a moving rendition of the hymn "Take Me As I Am." She invited members who knew the words to join her.

Following the service, host branch president Elaine Brown welcomed the gathered members and said she hoped they would enjoy themselves so much they would return for the diocesan ACW annual meeting in May. Deanery president Heather Dow presided over the morning meeting which she opened with prayer.

Secretary-treasurer Joan Buckland read condensed minutes from the 2003 annual meeting and reported all dues were paid. Correspondence was read from Margaret Petrie, the family of the late Agnes Woodley, and Canon Basil Buckland. Roll call was answered by 83 members and Barbara Miller and Bev Sayre agreed to act as the courtesy committee.

Ms. Buckland read a report on the activities of various deanery branches based on answers to a recent questionnaire. She also reported that the Farraline Home was fully occupied with a waiting list of 44 and invited members to visit the home in Fredericton to see the recent and wonderful changes. Mary MacDonald reported on Quiet Day held in Petitcodiac on Sept. 9.

Archdeacon McConnell offered a blessing before the noon meal shared by deanery clergy also meeting that day.

Fundraiser Judith Arbow addressed the ACW on the renovations and future of Camp Medley. The Rev. Paul Jeffries, a missionary from this diocese working at Bishop McAllister School in Uganda updated the group on his efforts and the several projects at his school supported by this diocese. His presentation was received with enthusiasm and members asked him lots of questions. Mr. Jeffries also thanked the ACW members for their help and said without it several projects at the school would not be possible.

Elizabeth Walton offered afternoon prayers. Beverly Sayre conducted the memorial service on behalf of memorial secretary Pauline Long. Ms. Dow explained the symbolism of the W. A. pin as she learned it from a document found among her grandmother's memorabilia.

Ms. Dow also introduced members of the ACW diocesan executive present for the meeting. Heather Carr, the diocesan president, then addressed the gathering and issued an invitation to a Harvest Tea at Farraline Place.

By unanimous vote, the day's offering of nearly \$360, augmented by about \$140 from deanery funds, for a total of \$500, was voted to support the work of Paul Jeffries.

Finally, a new executive was installed by Archdeacon McConnell: Elizabeth Walton, president; Martha McCully, first vice-president; Mary MacDonald, second vice-president; Joan Buckland, secretary-treasurer.

The meeting adjourned with the Grace.

MU hosts First Fun  
Sunday in Advent Party

BY ALICE KENNEDY

In recent years, the Mothers' Union at St. Paul's in Hampton has organized a First Fun Sunday in Advent Party. The families bring a bag lunch and stay after service. MU provides drinks and dessert — lately that's been marshmallow Rice Krispie squares made with red and green cereal.

Then the fun begins.

Families work together to make crafts to reflect the four Sundays of Advent — hope, peace, joy and love. The level of difficulty of the crafts varies so everyone can do something. This year's family craft was an Advent candle holder made of candy canes. A single candle marked off the days until Christmas. Parents handled the glue guns and children selected the candy canes and ribbon.

About 20 families participated this year and everyone had fun. Children especially look forward to spending time with their parents in a fun atmosphere.



ACW & MU

# Diocesan president's report on ACW national conference

BY HEATHER CARR

History was made at this year's ACW conference held at the St. Francis Centre in Hamilton Ontario in October — four ACW ladies were enrolled into Mothers Union by national MU president Annette Graydon. The Rev. Alice Metcalf and I witnessed the event.

Theme for this year's conference was Who Do You Say That I Am? Guest speaker Bishop Colin Johnson gave us an accurate history of Toronto, its many ethnic groups and religions and an overview of his work as bishop in a many-cultured city.

Speakers Ruth Vince and Catherine Pait, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Women's Group, told us what it was like to attend an Anglican Church in full communion with the Lutherans. Catherine's husband is an Anglican priest.

The Rev. Alice Metcalf representing the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) gave us an overview of the work being done for women in need around the world.

Annette Graydon gave a glowing report of MU work worldwide and spoke to us of her four years as national president. She said she hoped we would welcome the next national president as warmly as we did her.

Rita Parsons, formerly of this diocese, visited us from the north. She and her husband, Captain David Parsons, are on their third trip to the north to minister there. She spoke to us about the work they are doing and told us the rewards are great.

June Dyer gave a report on the work of the Women's Inner Church Council (WICC). She said this year's World Day of Prayer is from Poland and is titled Let Our Light Shine.

Annette Graydon and I reported on the MU National Conference in Hamilton last May. The business centred around the new by-laws constructed at the 2003 conference. We also enjoyed a skit called Birdwatching which used different species of birds to describe people who attend our churches.

Guest speaker Elaine Wood explored the theme with Socks. She says she has many pairs, all colors, sizes, types and patterns, old and new. Using one pair at a time she compared the socks to people, using the patterns and colors to reflect lifestyles and how they are reflected in the church. It was very humorous and she had some unique theories about how socks relate to their people.

Our new Primate, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, talked to us at length about women's work and role in the church, how it has changed and developed over the years. He praised our work and our value to the ministry and growth of the church. He opened the floor for questions and answers. Being somewhat brave, I decided to speak first. I thanked him for his eloquent description of women's work then placed before him two major problems we have been working hard to resolve for several years and asked for his assistance. ACW national president Sally Harrison confirmed we needed his assistance. He pledged that he would be happy to bring these problems to the table of the House of Bishops.

The Primate joined us for our service of Holy Communion and delivered a very heartwarming sermon.

*Heather Carr is ACW Diocesan President, and ACW National Vice-President.*



We made history this year at the ACW National Conference. Annette Graydon, Mothers' Union national president, the Rev. Alice Metcalf and Heather Carr, our ACW diocesan president and ACW national vice-president were very pleased to be able to enroll four ACW Ladies to Mothers Union. They are Norma Riley, Diocese of Toronto; Betty Nadruack, Diocese of Edmonton; Rita Parsons, Church of the North (formerly Diocese of Fredericton); and Mary MacDonald, Diocese of Fredericton. The Primate gave them his blessing as Annette gave them their pins. It was a very emotional service for all and a very historical moment to be sure.

## ACW branches support camps project

BY HEATHER CARR

Since last May, ACW branches have been raising money in support of the Diocesan Camps Project and I want to thank them for their hard work. The numbers are not in yet but I know their generosity will be put to wise use.

Camp Brookwood is a small facility where campers who need it can get one-on-one attention.

It also offers unique camping experiences, like the Servers Camp, where young people find the joy of hands-on server experience and go back to their parishes ready to help. Camp Medley is, and always

will be, a camp to be reckoned with.

It has everything to offer young people who enjoy large groups and to meet new challenges.

I look forward to hearing from those ACW who are still working on their contributions.

### Support the Camp Ministries Capital Campaign with a generous donation.

Donate on-line  
www.campmedley.org/  
Or send a cheque to the

Camps Project  
Synod Office  
115 Church St.  
Fredericton, NB  
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## New MU diocesan executive installed

BY HAZEL MACKENZIE

Elaine Robichaud of Hampton was recently installed as Mothers' Union diocesan president by the Rev. Peter Mills, the MU diocesan chaplain. Past president Kathy Nason presented Elaine with the diocesan president's pin. With the new MU Diocesan Council, Ms. Robichaud will provide leadership to the 15 branches and 225 members throughout the diocese. There are more than three million MU members in more than 70 countries around the world. United in prayer, worship, love and service, their aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

### Mothers' Union Diocesan Council

- President - Elaine Robichaud
- Past President - Kathy Nason
- Vice President - Lynn Walsworth
- Secretary - Deanna Morrison
- Treasurer - Bonnie Torunski
- Literature Secretaries - Debbie Jarvis and Carla Ward
- Link Secretary - Valerie Nason
- Lone Members Secretary - Susan Colpitts-Judd
- Indoor Members Prayer Circle Secretary - Pat Arnold
- Press Secretary - Hazel MacKenzie
- Historian - Patricia Margison
- ACW Representative - Heather Carr
- Program Resource Co-ordinator/Secretary - Dianne Phillips
- Directory - Diane Radford
- Area Spokespersons:
- Fredericton - Yvonne Lyons
- Moncton - Vacant
- Northern New Brunswick - Alice Kennedy
- Saint John Area - Bonnie Torunski

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## COLUMNS

# Celebrating Christian expression in public places

## Columnist finds moving Christmas pageant at Radio City Music Hall

In early December I spent a week in New York City. The reason for the trip was to attend the Carnegie Hall debut of Measha Brueggergosman, an acclaimed young soprano from Fredericton. There were other events on the tour, including a visit to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. It was fabulous Christmas family entertainment of the sort my parents would have taken my sister and me to see when we were a children — a very special treat.

The program began with a three-dimensional film of Santa's ride. We donned the special glasses inserted in the program and enjoyed state-of-the-art video technology that moved seamlessly into live theatre — all of a sudden we realized we were watching real life actors instead of a screen. There followed a number of scenes like the Nutcracker, the Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, the North Pole and Santa's



Workshop, most of them featuring the famous Rockette kick line featuring young women with perfect legs and pretty faces.

The Living Nativity was announced as the grand finale. My heart sank. I imagined 36 precision-dancing angels. I needn't have worried.

There were no dancing girls. Instead, a wonderful tableaux style scene emerged, complete with live animals, ethereal lighting and glorious music ... Silent Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem, O Come All Ye Faithful and Hark, the Herald Angels Sing ... all played by the 38-piece orchestra.

When the tableaux was complete there was a reading of One Solitary Life, adapted from a 1926 sermon by the Rev. James Ferris. (The complete text is on the Internet

www.anointedlinks.com/one\_solitary\_life.html.) It begins by listing the things that usually accompany greatness that Jesus didn't do, like go to a big city, travel more than 200 miles from the place he was born, write a book, or hold an office. The point is, however, that even though more than two thousand years have passed since Jesus was born, he remains the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of anyone upon this earth as powerfully as his One Solitary Life.

It was moving stuff. Then the orchestra broke into Joy To the World, a fitting end to the Christmas show.

The Nativity is always part of the Radio City Music Hall Christmas performance and regulars look forward to it. The six sheep, three camels, two donkeys and horse featured in the performance come from a farm a hundred kilometres

from the city and are taken for daily walks round the Rockefeller Center during the show's nine-week run of the show. They have been known to cause a bit of a stir among early morning commuters.

As the audience filed out of the Music Hall, I heard a number of the Canadians in the group say what a shame it was that this sort of performance couldn't take place in Canada today because too many voices would complain. It would be considered too politically incorrect. Yet it seems to me that New York City is populated by as diverse a group of people as any city in the world. I believe by allowing such performances they demonstrate greater tolerance than we show here with our ban of overt expressions of religious belief.

People are free to attend such performances or no, and there are certainly lots of other shows available with no Christian content. People who do attend should be able to make up their own minds about what they see, rather

than have some nameless body censor material before it appears.

Have we gone overboard in this country and, in so doing, thrown out the beliefs which are the very foundation of our nation?

Soon after I returned from New York, I heard Shelagh Rogers interview a marketing rep from the multinational store, IKEA. Its Etobicoke store features room displays for several different faith groups' winter celebrations, Diwali, Hannukah, Christmas and the Eid. They are assembled with advice from their staff members who belong to the faith groups represented. Apparently in this multi-ethnic community, these rooms were met with nothing but approval.

Perhaps in this New Year more of us will speak up when we hear intolerant attitudes condemn Christianity and refuse to allow its expression in public life.

*Archdeacon Patricia Drummond is rector of New Brandon.*

# Abused children protected by God and guardian angels

## Counselor considers her profession a vocation

I have very fond memories of the very first person I treated as a counselor. I walked toward her hospital room quaking in my boots and thinking, "God, what do I say after 'Hello, my name is Joan Teed?'"

"Did you say Joan Teed?" The woman sat bolt upright in her bed.

"Yes", I said, very surprised.

"My friend told me you were the only one here who could help me," she continued. "She said you know all about childhood sexual abuse. I prayed you would come."

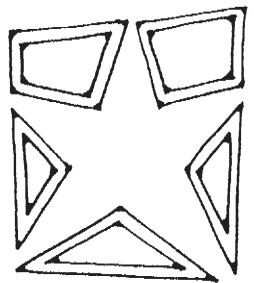
I was amazed by the response. Obviously someone had heard both our prayers. That fact sure helped to break the ice.

I regard my job as a vocational calling and each session as a deeply spiritual sharing time, sometimes confessional, often producing growth for both of us. People, mostly women because girls are abused more often than boys, come with wounds of the mind, heart and spirit that are all connected to their bodies,

## Beauty for Ashes

by Joan Teed

LET THE  
LIGHT  
OF OUR  
FAITH



SHINE  
IN ALL  
THAT  
WE DO

but few have any understanding of that relationship, and fewer have the words to articulate their issues.

In the many years since I treated my first patient I have heard excruciating stories of abuse at the hands of parents, even premeditated acts of torture carried out by groups of adults. The stories are monstrous and the biggest place in my heart is reserved for the sad children denied a loving start in life, but I

celebrate their survival. Sometimes they credit their guardian angels. One person I treated remembered seeing Jesus and angels at a very young age. Another said a large woman wrapped her in a cloak and kept her safe in a corner. Visions like these have kept little spirits alive in basements with drunk predators and through Satanic rituals.

Often these are children who had not been taught about God. They found the angels and Jesus and God on their own. Perhaps, more accurately, the angels, Jesus and God found the children.

All this gives me a profound respect for one of God's most amazing creations, the human mind. What it cannot handle it does not hold. If something is too shocking, it is forgotten, repressed. We cannot always physically escape trauma, but we can go somewhere else in our heads so as not to be present.

The trouble with this kind of dissociation is people get very good at it. Out of necessity, abused children overlearn it. Their development is warped. As adults they eventually cry out for help. They come to the hospital or to therapy in crisis when their long-repressed memories begin to intrude on their lives. They believe they are going crazy. They deny these intrusive

memories because surely if these things were true they would have known them all along.

The healing process begins. They recognize they are not crazy but badly injured, they embark on a journey to reclaim themselves and wholeness through questions, journals and prayer that touch the heart of God.

Freud denied childhood memories of sexual abuse. He refused to believe what nice Victorian Austrohungarian daddies were doing to their daughters. He bowed to the pressure of his colleagues. He diagnosed hysteria. He set our field back a hundred years. Today there are those who still believe released childhood memories are false, or worse, planted by counselors. While it is true that anyone can hang out a counselor shingle (so buyer beware), those of us with credentials are too well trained to be so inept.

Sadly, the world has shown us its propensity for evil on a grand enough scale. Childhood sexual abuse does exist and the memories are often repressed. Recent research indicates these memories may be trapped in the primitive part of the brain by a flood of fight/flight/freeze chemicals. They do not get processed in the thought center of the left hemisphere that tempers the memory with ideas. They are

not placed with similar memories and do not fade like normal memories. Trapped traumatic memories retain their horror in vivid technicolor. In therapy it is the counselor's job to process the pictures of these memories into the thinking part of the mind, where they can fade to manageable proportions.

Survivors of childhood sexual abuse may cry for help through profound need, loneliness and desperation, but we all seek to fill the God-shaped hole inside us. We explore many routes in our search for answers to ponderous questions, like "why me?" We may know the answer is "Why not?", for God did not spare his only son, but to understand that requires a long journey of healing.

My first patient left me with a poem that I posted in my office. It has inspired me and many patients since. I hope it speaks to you.

Pieces of me  
Broken and Shattered  
Pieces of me  
Torn and Tattered  
Pieces of me  
Go on to Find  
More Pieces of me.

*Joan Teed is a Bishop's Vocational Chaplain, an ACPO assessor of candidates for the priesthood and a social worker/counselor in private practice in Fredericton.*



# An Epiphany Litany of Redemption

BY JIM IRVINE



Let us affirm what God in Christ has done for us by saying...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only made himself known as the Word made flesh to shepherds and stable boys yet not submitted to the Law of Moshe on his eighth day ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only submitted to the Law of Moshe on his eighth day yet not welcomed the weary Magi...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only welcomed the weary Magi yet not lingered in the temple precincts with the doctors ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only lingered in the Temple precincts with the Doctors yet not been baptized in the River Jordan. ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only been baptized in the River Jordan yet not struggled with temptation in the wilderness ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only struggled with temptation in the wilderness yet not invited us to follow him ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only invited us to follow him yet not given sight to the blind and enabled the crippled to walk ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only given sight to the blind and enabled the crippled to walk yet not given us his new command to love one another ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only commanded us to love one another yet not given us his body and blood to strengthen us ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only given us his body and blood to strengthen us yet not accepted his cup in Gethsemane ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only accepted his cup in Gethsemane yet not carried his cross to Golgotha ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only carried his cross to Golgotha yet not borne our brokenness on that cross ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only borne our brokenness on the cross yet not greeted Mary Magdalene in the garden early on the morning of the first day of the week ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only greeted Mary Magdalene in the garden early on the morning of the first day of the week yet not breathed into us his breath ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only breathed into us his breath yet not given us the Great Commission ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only given us The Great Commission yet not anointed us with the Spirit on Pentecost ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only anointed us with the Spirit on Pentecost yet not made of us a chosen race ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only made us a chosen race and yet not made us a royal priesthood ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only made us a royal priesthood and yet not made us a dedicated nation ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

Had Jesus only made us a dedicated nation and yet not made us into a people claimed by God for His own ...

*It would have been enough for us.*

We have much to be thankful for ... the manifold and unbounded blessings of the all-present God, revealed to us in his only begotten Son!

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Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton

## INTERCESSIONS

### JANUARY

¶17: Parish of Kingston, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc; the Rev. Paul Jeffries, missionary priest in Uganda. Mediator Anglican Parish, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcanti, coadjutor; the Rev. João Cância Peixoto, assistant: the Rev. Gustavo Gilson.

¶18: Parish of Lakewood, the Rev. Douglas Patstone. Saviour Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, assistant; Cláudio Luiz Figueiredo de Brito, lay minister.

¶19: Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen; the Ven. J. F. N. Jones (retired). Good News Anglican Parish, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, assistant; Eliane Cardoso, OSF, lay minister.

¶20: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. David Titus; Nativity Anglican Parish, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, assistant; lay minister Rodson Ricardo, OSE.

¶21: Parish of McAdam, the Rev. Eric Caldwell, interim priest-in-charge; Marian Lucas-Jeffries, Atlantic School of Theology. Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira.

¶22: Parish of Madawaska: (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry) the Rev. Fran Bedell, deacon-in-charge. Living Waters Anglican Parish, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum.

¶23: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Lokoja, Nigeria, the Rt. Rev. George Bako. Diocese of Recife, Good News Anglican Parish, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, assistant; Eliane Cardoso, OSF, lay minister; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Haines Junction - St. Christopher's, Beaver Creek - St. Columba, Alaska Highway mile 918-1202, Canon Geoffrey Dixon, Rosalind Dixon, & lay ministry team; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶24: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. John Cathcart; the Rev. Tom Knox (retired). Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Maurício Coelho, coadjutor; the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE, assistant; the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota; André Luiz de Souza, lay minister.

¶25: Parishes of Maugeville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett. Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, assistant; Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida, lay minister.

¶26: Parish of Millidgeville, Canon Alvin Westgate, priest and rector; the Rev. Canon Brian Campion, honorary assistant; the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistant; Canon Lloyd Lake (retired) chaplain, Loch Lomond Villa & Saint John Regional Correction Centre. Freedom Anglican Mission, Júlio Gomes, lay minister.

¶27: Parish of Minto & Chipman, the Rev. Eileen Irish. Christ The Liberator Anglican Mission, Flávio Adair lay minister.

¶28: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk; Paul Ranson, Wycliffe. Pentecost Anglican

Misison, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcante.

¶29: Parish of Musquash, the Rev. Bonnie Baird. Hope Anglican Mission, the Ven. Quintino Orengo, assistant; Manoel Nunes, lay minister.

¶30: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Long Island, USA, the Rt. Rev. Orris J. Walker, the Rt. Rev. Rodney Rae Michael. Diocese of Recife, Nativity Anglican Parish, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, assistant; Rodson Ricardo, OSE, lay minister; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Church of the Northern Apostles, the Ven. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard) & lay ministry team, Mal Malloch, Sarah Usher and George Richardson; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶31: Parish of Nerepis and St. John, the Rev. Vicars Hodge, the Ven. Arthur Gregg, honorary assistant; the Rev. Wilfred Langmaid. Consoler Anglican Mission, the Rev. Antonio Costa de Oliveira.

¶1: Parish of New Bandon, the Rev. Patricia Drummond. Salvation Anglican Mission, Jeane G. Arruda de M. Coelho lay minister.

¶2: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Rev. Richard Steeves; Padre Steele Lazerte, chaplain, CFB Gaagetown. Saint Francis Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF.

¶3: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Bruce McKenna. Bethel Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Evilásio Tenório da Silva Júnior.

¶4: Parish of Pennfield, the Rev. Keith Osborne; Michael Amirault, student. Saint Stephen Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Carlos Alberto Tomé da Silva, OSE; ML. Frei Hélio Holmes, OSE, assistant.

¶5: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Gordon Thompson. Saint Luke Anglican Mission Station, Evangelist Samuel Hansen.

¶6: The Archbishop of Canterbury - ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon the Archbishop of Canterbury, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that he may continually please thee, pour upon him the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAY for the work, ministry, and witness of the Most Rev. Rowan Douglas Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. Diocese of Recife, Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Pelly Crossing - St. James the Lord's Brother, Deacon Walter Majola & Olga Majola (on sabbatical); Betty Joe, licensed lay minister; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶7: Parish of Prince William, vacant; the Rev. William LeGrand, chaplain, Saint John Regional Hospital. Mount Zion Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Sérgio Andrade; Adilson Ferreira da Silva, OSF, assistant lay minister.

¶8: Parish of Quispamsis, the Rev. John Tremblay. Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Fernando Acosta.

¶9: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney; the Rt. Rev. George C. Lemmon (retired). Bethesda Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Juciara Crasto.

¶10: Parish of Restigouche, the Rev. Andrew Fraser. Martin Luther King Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Israel Pereira Cardoso, OSF.

¶11: Parish of Richmond, the Rev. Chris Hayes; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe. Nativity Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

¶12: Parish of Riverview, Canon Albert Snelgrove. Ipojuca Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Geison Vasconcellos.

¶13: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Maine, the Rt. Rev. Chilton Abbie Richardson Knudsen. Diocese of Recife, Living Waters Anglican Parish, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Community of Carmacks, Betty Joe, Mayo, licensed lay minister; St. Mary with St. Mark, the Rev. Dr. Lee & Susan Titterington; Community of Kenos; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶14: Parish of Rothesay, the Ven. Richard McConnell; Canon Elaine Lucas (retired). Mount Moriah Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Miguel Uchoa, assistant; Márcio José de Sousa Simões, lay minister.

¶15: Parish of St. Andrews, Canon John Matheson. Mandacaru Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE; Jocelenilton Gomes da Silva, assistant lay minister.

¶16: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, the Rev. Robert Salloum; the Rev. Garth Maxwell (retired). Christ The Redeemer Anglican Mission Station, José Fernandes, lay minister.

¶17: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge; House Of Prayer Anglican Mission Station, Roberta Araújo, lay minister.

¶18: Parish of St. George, the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid; Ellen Curtis, Wycliffe. Burning Bush Anglican Mission Station, Josenaide Maria Lopes Pereira, lay minister.

¶19: Parish of St. James, Moncton, the Rev. Donald Routledge; Peace Anglican Mission Station, Solange Cristina Pereira, lay minister.

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## YOUTH

# First Manna a great success

BY GEORGE PORTER

Around 130 younger adolescents (11-15 years old) and their leaders from various parts of the diocese (as well as from some other denominations) gathered at Christ Church (Parish) Church on Saturday, Nov. 6 for the first Manna. This event was built around the theme 'Have You Heard Yet?' Throughout the day various aspects of the Christian gospel were presented in song, talks and games. The young people made bracelets with various coloured beads to remind them of the messages they had heard. Worship was led by *As UR*, a Saint John based music ministry. A scavenger hunt through downtown Fredericton was one of the highlights of the day – a day which ended with a swim party at the YMCA.

Some comments from participants include:

'The event made the Christian faith seem like an

adventure which is impressive!

'Great content! I have been to many other youth events that were heavy on entertainment but thin on actual content, but this one had a good balance, and the content was rich.'

'It was a long day and they were tired by the time we drove home, but all they could talk about was the day. The next day in Sunday school, the ones who didn't go really felt that they had missed something fun.'

We have already booked the first weekend in November for Manna 2005. Not only do we hope this will become an annual event, but we hope that it becomes a springboard for similar regional or local events. It also reflects the need to focus on ministry with this age group.

*The Rev. Dr. George Porter is  
Diocesan Youth Action  
Director*

## Keepin' Current

**Worship for UNB (Fredericton) & STU students, staff and faculty, Tuesdays at noon in the Edwin Jacob Chapel in Sir Howard Douglas Hall (the Old Arts Building).** A half-hour celebration of Holy Communion (BCP) with presiding celebrant the Rev. Dr. David Mercer of the STU faculty. The Rev. Dr. George Porter is usually in the UNB Campus Ministry office on Tuesdays. Contact him at [porter@unb.ca](mailto:porter@unb.ca) or [george.porter@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:george.porter@anglican.nb.ca)

**Anglicans & Friends Crabbe Mountain Day:** Saturday, Feb. 19. Skiing and riding at the resort, a rally in the nearby Parish of Bright. Details (including cost) at [www.nbay.ca](http://www.nbay.ca) or from the Youth Action Director at the Synod Office, (506) 459-1801, extension 4.

**Youth Mission 2005: C2C** The teen/adult team for Cuatro Esquinas in the Diocese of Cuba (June 25 – July 3) is in place. It will work on an agricultural project in support of seniors in need. Lack of response has led to the cancellation of a proposed intergenerational second team.

**Growing Youth Ministries Classes** continue to train youth workers through May. 'Growing YAMS' (Jan. 22, 9:30 – 3:30, Parish Church, Fredericton) will expand on material introduced at last fall's Christian Education Day dealing with middle and junior high youth. See [www.nbay.ca](http://www.nbay.ca) for information, registration materials and a complete listing of classes. You DO NOT need to have attended the first event to be part of this one.

**Ask & Imagine – Training Anglican Youth for Leadership and Ministries** In partnership with Huron College we will send young people to this event. 18–24 year-olds go May 4–14, high school youth go August 17–27. Travel costs are covered. Fees are covered by a partnership between individuals, parishes and the diocese. Contact the Youth Action Director at Synod Office for a brochure, (506) 459-1801, extension 4.

## Special Cathedral Youth Service with The Primate

Archbishop Andrew Hutchison

Head Bishop for the Anglican Church in Canada

6:30 Sunday night, Jan. 30 (note the special date too)

Same great music Everyone Welcome

## CHRISTMAS IS FOR GIVING TOO



ANA WATTS

The entire congregation at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton participates in an ambitious White Gift program that serves nearly 50 families from the church and community. Youth group members Michelle Jacobs, Rosemary Judd, Alicia Bawn, Emily Jacobs and Jonah Tremblay sorted tons of groceries and packed presents.

I'm curious, George ...

## What impact can parents have on their children?

Paul wrote to Timothy about the potential impact of parents on children. In 2 Timothy he said: 'I know that you sincerely love the Lord, for you have the faith of your mother, Eunice, and your grandmother, Lois.'

In the middle of the 4th century, a young wayward son discovered the impact of a faithful parent. Augustine's mother, Monica, wanted above all things for her son to become a faithful follower of Jesus. She did all that she could to expose him to Christian teaching and worship. She also prayed for him every day. Augustine, however, didn't get it. At age 17 he sired a child and, though he cared for both child and its mother, he did not marry. He spent his time in wild party scenes. In the course of his studies he became involved in another religious philosophy (Manichaeism).

His mother, however, never gave up. She persisted in her daily prayers. Then one day Augustine heard



Ambrose of Milan preaching, and the Holy Spirit stirred in his heart. A short time later he heard an inner voice calling him to read the Christian scriptures, where he encountered the Letter of Paul to the Romans – and through it, encountered Jesus.

This unlikely young man became a follower of Jesus. He was ultimately chosen Bishop of Hippo and penned some of the most influential theological and devotional writings in church history.

I know something of what that experience is like, both from my own life as an 'unlikely young man' and as the parent of two challenging children. My mother prayed daily for me. A couple who

were youth leaders told me that their friends said to them many times: 'Why don't you give up on that Porter kid? He's hopeless. But we never gave up on you.'

Nancy and I pray daily for both our children -- many times through very hard circumstances. They may or may not become heroes of the faith, but God is at work in them drawing them ever more deeply into loving relationship.

Parents, take courage! Even the most unlikely son or daughter isn't beyond the long reach of God's embrace. In fact, when it may seem the furthest, they may actually be very close. God doesn't give up, and as long as God doesn't give up we can't either.

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"Remember now the Creator in the days of your youth ..."

(Ecclesiastes 12:1)