



HAPPY NEW YEAR



ANA WATTS
Bishop Claude Millere, centre and his wife Sharon, left, greeted New Brunswick Anglicans and others at a New Year Levee at Cathedral Memorial Hall on Jan. 1. Among those on hand to greet the bishop were retired Bishop George Lemmon.

Money for ministry

Parish credits education, prayer and Holy Spirit with financial turn-around

BY ANA WATTS

In 2004, the Parish of Hammond River extensively upgraded its church hall facilities to make the young people, quilters and the rector more comfortable. The parish also bought a new photocopier and an expensive keyboard, paid its mission apportionment in full, and (for the first time in 11 years) paid its episcopal apportionment on time.

In August, the treasurer reported a bank balance of \$4,500. In previous summers the account was overdrawn, sometimes by as much as \$10,000. In December, the parish was able to help six families at Christmas. This winter it is covering a third of the nights the Romero House van takes to the streets of Saint John with coffee and comfort for the homeless.

"Pretty good for a small parish," says the rector, the Rev. Peter Gillies.

Warden Mark Magee gives all the glory to God for the financial turn-around in this rural/suburban parish. "It was the awakening of the Holy Spirit within certain parish family members. They obviously concluded that the ministry within this parish is worth supporting."

The parish struggled for years to meet its basic operational financial commitments, barely squeaking-by with appeals and

fundraisers. "We discussed amalgamation with another parish as a survival tactic and approached Bishop [Claude] Miller. He offered us stewardship education seminars and prayer," says Mark.

"We were able to establish our own initial parish stewardship approach because Mark was willing to take on the work and coordinate the project," says Peter.

The first step was to share thoughts on Christian stewardship with our parish family, and to ask them for prayers. This was accomplished with a parish information sheet that revealed the number of active envelopes, weekly contribution ranges, and what percentage of income was spent on outreach, Christian education, music and worship, pastoral care, evangelism and parish life.

"We also shared summary information like the number of families on our parish list, the number of assigned envelopes, the number of assigned and active envelopes, the number of assigned but not picked up envelopes, and the number of families who didn't have envelopes for regular weekly contributions. This information helped to show our potential to improve our current financial position," says Mark.

The next step in the stewardship program was a parish-wide survey to be used in the preparation of a parish profile. This profile helped confirm the existing parish list, identified the collective

Camp campaign off to a good start

The three to five-year, \$1.25 million Camp Ministries Capital Campaign is off to a good start. The first phase of the campaign employed professional fundraisers for 11 months. It identified lots of corporate and charitable trust donors and actually secured some cash donations.

The second phase of the campaign is in the hands of the

diocese and the camp boards. It includes the ongoing nurturing of the identified corporate and charitable trusts so the Camps Project becomes part of their long-range capital funding programs. This phase also includes contact with the thousands of camp alumni who have fond memories of camps Medley and Brookwood and want to see them continue to

offer summer fun as well as spiritual growth and development to young people.

New money donated to the Camps Project in 2004 totaled more than \$110,000 and included \$35,000 each from the New Brunswick Protestant Orphan's Home and the Parish of Shediac. Two generous and anonymous

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New Brunswick Anglicans survive tsunami

BY ANA WATTS

People around the world are affected by the devastation of the Asian tsunami, New Brunswick Anglicans included. Lionel and Joan Teed of Fredericton spent 36 hours not knowing if their son Gerry was alive or dead. Bill and Jan Ashton of Fredericton heard sooner from his sister Lori, and David and Noeline Alston of Moncton heard quickly from her niece Kim.

Gerry Teed had a great life. The 29-year-old deep-sea diver/videographer worked at Khao Lak, a beach resort north of Phuket Island in Thailand. His job disappeared with the beach, its luxurious bungalows, and thousands of the Swedish, Norwegian and Dutch tourists who had come to celebrate



Bill Ashton's sister Lori, who lives in Phuket, Thailand, sent him this Dec. 26 picture of what used to be the Ao Sane restaurant, where they ate on Bill's last visit.

Christmas on the white sand and in the blue water.

He still has his life because he didn't have to work the day the giant, earthquake-driven tsunami swallowed much of coastal Asia and parts of coastal Africa. His parents, of Christ

Church (Parish) Church, woke to news of the most significant natural disaster in modern history on Boxing Day. They knew immediately that their only son was directly in the path of the deadly tidal wave and spent the next 36 hours in the kind of hell only parents can suffer.

While his parents waited and prayed — "I was completely immobilized, I couldn't do a thing," says Joan — Gerry took injured survivors to high ground. He used his motorbike until he ran out of gas, then he carried them. He's trained in first aid and had his supplies with him.

His three sisters, at their parents' home for the holidays, made frantic calls to Foreign Affairs, embassies, hospitals, even makeshift shelter for

survivors in a temple, in an effort to find their brother.

"The girls were bulldogs, they were amazing," says Joan. Two of the Teed daughters have young children who were in the house through the ordeal. "I was worried about the children, I didn't want them to be frightened, I wanted to keep things as normal as possible, I put food on the table from time to time, but we couldn't eat, we couldn't sleep, as I said, I couldn't do anything."

In the meantime, Gerry was trying to contact his family. He could only call within Thailand, so he called his brother-in-law's cousin in Bangkok, who contacted the brother-in-law's father in Nova Scotia, who eventually contacted the Teeds in Fredericton.

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- what it spends it on and
- why?

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Later Gerry got through to his parents himself, on a friend's cell phone. Of course the Teeds were thrilled to hear from him, and Joan said his sisters dissolved in tears and sobs of relief. She was as unable to cry as she was unable to 'do' anything while she didn't know if her son was alive or dead. She was also still concerned.

"When he finally got through to us he spoke in low, monotone," says Joan, who is a social worker/counsellor. She recognized shock in his tone of voice. Her husband, a physician, concurred. It was very different from the confident voice they heard when they talked to him on Christmas Day and he told them about the new house he had just moved into, a "good, solid house on a bit of a rise just outside Khao Lak." He was a bit disappointed he hadn't been able to find a house right on the beach. His solid house on a bit of a rise saved his life.

"He was inside that house when he heard people screaming. When he went outside he encountered people running up the hill. They told him not to go down to the beach. He looked in the direction of the beach and saw boiling brown water coming up the coast, but he didn't tell us about that," says Joan.

When Gerry called his parents he told them little more

than he was safe and well. He mentioned nothing about transporting the injured. He has called home every day since, and has yet to mention that he used his diving skills to recover bodies too. It took news professionals to draw those stories out of Gerry, and his parents learned of his efforts on national television. They also learned about Gerry's Canadian friend Rick, who eventually made it up the hill with his girl friend. He lived in a house just below Gerry and had to break a hole in his roof with his bare hands to get outside when the water flooded it.

Gerry has only been in Thailand since last spring. A friend from the University of New Brunswick diving club who had been in Thailand for a while sent word that his boss had a job for Gerry, so he sold his car and his computer to raise enough cash to buy a one-way ticket. His parents would gladly buy him a one-way ticket home if he will come, but he's considering his options. There may be work on the Pacific coast of Thailand.

Gerry is an adult and has to make his own decisions, so the Teeds will just wait and see. In the meantime Joan has traded the unbearable burden of not knowing her son's fate for another equally unbearable one. "Now I feel the burdens of all the people all over the world who

still don't know if their loved ones are alive or dead, and for the thousands of people who know their children are never coming home."

The Teeds are not the only New Brunswick Anglicans with family in the path of the tsunami. Bill Ashton's sister Lori Ashton and her husband Ken Brookes live in Phuket. The Ashton's, who attend Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, talked to Lori and Ken on Christmas Day, so Bill was surprised and confused when his mother Alma called from Rexton at 7:15 Boxing Day morning, frantic about the disaster.

"I didn't know what she was talking about, I hadn't heard any news," says Bill. "I reassured her that Lori was all right and reminded her we had just been speaking to her the day before."

When he finally understood what his mother was telling him, he too became frantic, but the family didn't have to worry long. Lori was in touch by e-mail before 8 o'clock.

"She and Ken, who is a sea captain as well as a lawyer, should have been sailing with friends that day, but Ken had eaten on the beach on Christmas Day and wasn't feeling well. They delayed going out, which saved their lives. Their house is also on high ground, so it too was spared. They are working

with the community services committee of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach on disaster relief and sent a news story from The Phuket Gazette appealing for forensic experts and body bags for Khao Lak, where Gerry Teed lived.

The article calls Khao Lak a "shattered resort" and the "epicentre of the tsunami tragedy." The forensic experts are needed to help set up some system for identifying the more than 2,000 bodies there, most of them too badly blackened, decomposed and swollen to be recognizable.

Noeline Alston of St. Philip's in Moncton, has a niece Kim who also escaped with her life. Noeline and Kim are both from New Zealand and Kim now works in Colombo, Sri Lanka. She and some friends decided to get out of the city and spend Christmas on a beach. They headed for Trincomalee then heard it was having its monsoon season, so they headed south in search of hot sun. Trincomalee is one of the towns which took the tsunami full on.

"We ended up in the best possible place to be, if we were going to sit out a

tsunami," wrote Kim to her Aunt Noeline. She and her friends were disappointed when they finally found rooms about three kilometres east of Tangalle, because they were in

the main resort area, separated from the cabanas on the sand by a lagoon and a bit of land. They were on the second floor, behind the restaurant and sheltered by a few palm trees. Kim and her friends spent Christmas Day on the beach. On Boxing Day they all slept in until after 9 o'clock.

"We were just doing the sunscreen-and-pack-the-beach-bags thing when we heard a strange, unnatural sound. We rushed out onto the balconies and saw water pouring through the trees and buildings... within seconds a body of water rose up into the sky — higher than the restaurant roof.

"Our brains had trouble catching up with what was happening, but we figured we needed to leave the building. We were grabbing passports, cameras and money when the wave hit our rooms. The whole place shook and water came over the balcony walls."

They ran outside, past the collapsed restaurant. Around them fresh water spurted from broken pipes and clothes swept from the hotel rooms hung in tree branches. "Half way up one tree was a massive water monitor (big lizard) with his legs wrapped tightly around the trunk," wrote Kim.

They slipped and fell many times as they ran along a muddy road strewn with dead fish and lined by flattened houses.

E-Offering — consistent, reliable funds for parish ministry

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commitment to improving the parish's financial position, and provided insight into the parish family. It also asked if a method of pre-authorized payment would be used.

It took nearly five months to complete the stewardship program, which also included increasing the vestry size from six to 12.

On Feb. 15, 2004, 25 families signed-on to the E-Offering program coordinated for parishes by the diocese. Since then about 50 per cent of the Parish of Hammond River weekly offering has been collected this way. This consistent, reliable funding enabled last summer's upgrades and purchases and allows the treasurer to pay regular bills without delay — a delightful new state of affairs.

"Our E-Offering option is being used by both young and senior members of our parish.

More importantly, though, we have a renewed sense of confidence in our shared ability to meet our operational expenses. We had 25 families sign-on initially and now have 29 families that use this option for regular, consistent tithing," says Mark.

The consistency of E-Offering has a tremendous impact on parish finances, but that alone doesn't account for the amazing turn-around in Hammond River. The parish stewardship efforts actually inspired people who had never contributed before to not only begin to contribute, but to make the commitment to regular offerings through the electronic program.

"A stable financial footing enables us to think of other things, get involved in missions," says Peter. "We support Captain Herb Marr of the Church Army who volunteers in our parish and

works overseas as well. We put on a harvest Thanksgiving dinner and put out a basket for donations. We took left over food from the dinner to Romero House. We were able to take left over cash from the donations too, because they more than covered our costs. We had a St. Nicholas breakfast before the service in early December, and we could afford to do it at no charge to our people. It was wonderful fellowship."



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Parishes participating — 31

Individual donors participating — 580

One parish has only three donors using E Offering,
another has more than 70

Contributions processed through E Offering — \$880,000

Diocesan Treasurer Fred Scott predicts program will
hit \$1 million mark this year.

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Time for self-examination and repentance

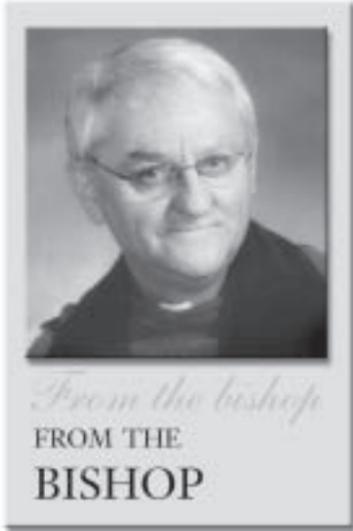
If something looks or sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

We are surrounded by temptation to act or respond to that which sounds or looks good. We must constantly make choices. The more choices we are offered, the more bewildered we become.

The advertising industry constantly designs ways and means to convince us that the merits of one product outweigh those of a competing product. The hope is that we will choose the one the ad suggests over the other.

So, how do we choose? How do we respond in a world that places desire over necessity? Should a Christian response be different from a consumer response? How do we tell the difference between what we need and what we want?

The promise of indulgence has ever been a better life. For the believer however, choices ought to be placed in the light of the gospel. Jesus said "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10.10) Then [Jesus] said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny



himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." (Luke 9:23-24)

The worldly promises of a better life continue, as do our indulgent response. We may even witness this attitude within the church. The gospel is there to remind us that material things have their limitations as to personal and corporate satisfaction. As

individuals, and as the Body of Christ, we need to be reminded of Jesus' model for yielding not to temptation. The Tempter is ever present with promises that draw us away from the real source that supplies every need.

Traditionally, during the 40 days of Lent, many of us practice self-denial (yielding not to temptation) by "giving up" something like candy, cigarettes, alcohol, comfort food, lottery tickets, even e-sin. Abandoning our earthly habits and material indulgences might help us for a time. It may ease our conscience or help to remove the mask from our real need. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, however, Jesus reminds us that — we shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Too good to be true?
I think not.

Our individual and corporate challenge for Lent ought to be a self-examination that calls us to repentance. A self-examination that calls us to ask God to forgive our

selfish desires and to replace them with a renewed grace that will enable us to take up our cross daily and follow Him.

As we walk with Jesus to the Cross,

Claude Miller is bishop of Fredericton

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

February 7 & 8
Toronto

February 10-19
Deaneries of
Chaleur & Miramichi

February 22
Bishop's Counsel

March 6
4 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral
Service of Thanksgiving
for Canon Jim Irvine

March 16-17
Parish of Andover
Parish Mission

APPOINTMENT

In recognition of his important role as overseer of youth ministry and activity in the diocese, Bishop Claude Miller is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. George Porter was made Canon for Youth at Christ Church Cathedral on Jan. 30. Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Primate, officiated at the 6:30 service, which was also the monthly diocesan youth service.

TEA FOR THREE



ANA WATTS

Shirley Irvine, Bishop Claude Miller's sister, poured tea for Isabelle Hockin at the bishop's New Year Levee at the Cathedral Memorial Hall. In line for a cup of his own is the Rev. Peter Mills.

Mabel Dean bursary available to children of diocesan clergy

BY DAVID DEAN

It is that time of year again when those children of clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton who are planning to attend some form of post secondary education in the fall have the opportunity to apply for the Mabel C. Dean Memorial Bursary. Application forms are available from Synod Office (115 Church St., Fredericton, E3B 4C8) and on the diocesan website (www.anglican.nb.ca) and must be received at the Synod Office by March 31st.

At the 2004 meeting of the Bursary Committee, members made a number of changes to the form that would be useful to them in their decision-making, so please use the new form provided.

The 2004 bursary was awarded to Nathaniel Dean son of the Rev. Dana Dean. It should be noted that Nathaniel is no relation to Mabel Dean in whose memory the bursary is given. However, in 2003 under a special condition clause of the Trust

Agreement, a special Bursary was presented to Mrs. Dean's grandson and my son, Nathan.

All the Bursaries were in the amount of \$1,000.

The provision for special bursaries is available to anyone who would like to offer financial help of \$1,000 or more to the child of an eligible cleric. Contact diocesan treasurer Fred Scott for details. The donor may remain anonymous if desired.

The bursary fund has grown over the years. Several ACW donations honoured my mother's many years of service as diocesan recording secretary for the then W.A. With just a few more thousand dollars the committee would be able to award two annual bursaries.

Tax deductible donations to the bursary fund may be made through the Synod Office in trust.

In 2008 the fund will celebrate its 20th anniversary. It would be a great celebration to be able to make more than one award per year by then.

Bishop encourages parishes to foster spiritual growth in young people through diocesan camps

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individuals also contributed a total of \$25,000.

The Diocese of Fredericton contributed more than \$100,000 in funding that had been allocated in previous years and saved until the Camps Project got under way. This included proceeds from bishops dinners

and budgeted funds.

"In keeping with our baptismal covenant, we are bound to foster spiritual growth in our children," says Bishop Claude Miller. He is scheduled to visit more than 40 parishes in the diocese in this calendar year and will take that message with him wherever he goes.

"It is part of my ministry to ask questions about youth ministry in parishes and to bring home the importance of ministry to and with youth. I will encourage parishes to foster spiritual growth in their children and to support renewal of our diocesan camps."

New cabins at Camp Medley

are the most obvious legacy of the Camps Project. Their open design delights campers and counsellors alike and raises camp capacity from 100 to 160, although that capacity will not be accommodated until other camp infrastructure is upgraded. A new dining hall is in the planning and pricing stage.

Donations to the
Camp Ministries
Capital Campaign may
be sent to the
Camps Project
c/o Synod Office,
115 Church St.,
Fredericton, E3B 4C8.

COMMENTARY

The Patient Who Prayed

by Janet Bridgeport



As an RN working in a busy Intensive Care Unit of a local hospital, Janet Bridgeport is trained to cope with any situation that might befall a patient in her care. One night about 15 years ago, she learned something she had never studied in a text book. She learned the power of prayer.

It looked like it might be a quiet night. My patient assignment was an elderly

woman who had undergone surgery that evening, she arrived on the unit wide awake and talking.

To get her settled and her

pain under control included a lot of technical work with IV pumps, yards of tubing, monitors, wires, pressure bags, catheters, oxygen tubing, and dressings. As I completed the paper work, provided the technical care and began the post-op bath, I realized she was very frightened. She believed, she honestly believed, that

unless someone prayed aloud with her, she would die.

So — as I washed away the antiseptic around her operative site, checked her dressings, and monitored her vital signs — we prayed. She was a little annoyed that I kept working as I prayed and commented on it frequently.

Two hours later, she was more comfortable and I was walking to the desk to complete my documentation. She called me back with a voice remarkably strong for an elderly patient who had had surgery that day.

“You promised to pray with me, come back.”

I returned to the bedside, amid the giggles of my fellow

nurses gathered at the desk, and we prayed again.

“Hail Mary full of Grace ...” Earlier in the evening it was an unfamiliar prayer to me, but now I knew it by heart. If I stopped praying for a moment, my patient’s heart rate and blood pressure climbed, alarms on the monitors rang, and she said, “Is it so much to ask that you pray with me? It is really so much to ask?” We would begin again.

It was a very long night and my patient slept little, but she didn’t require a lot of medication either. In the morning her vital signs were stable, her wound was intact, she was in minimal pain, and she was no longer frightened.

The technical nurse in me argued her fear had subsided because she had survived the surgery and was feeling better. The rest of me knew I had witnessed something more, something that would affect the way in which I nursed patients throughout the rest of my career. On that quiet night many years ago, I met a patient who controlled her fear, and her condition, by a simple act of faith. I witnessed the power of prayer.

Janice Bridgeport worships at All Saints, Loch Lomond.

LETTERS

Shunning people with no choice in their lives inconsistent with action of love

To the Editor:

A century ago, we Anglicans were participants in an attempt to remake “heathen” aboriginals into “good” white Anglicans in the residential schools. Experience shows that this approach was not a success (to put it mildly!)

Now that we have started to recognize that the First Nations are actually people, it is possible to communicate with them, to fix the problems we caused and move on to a more appropriate relationship in which Christ’s work can actually be done.

At one time, women were regarded with such suspicion that they had to be covered in hats and gloves and veils to even enter a church. Some of us are still working through the anxieties that greeted the news that women are people and that they can have an equal part in our churches. The language that greets the idea that women might be bishops is very similar to Queen Victoria’s in her rejection of the idea that women could be intelligent enough to vote; but we are generally moving ahead.

The same degree of anxiety was applied to divorced people having a place in our churches, especially those who have remarried.

It was once acceptable to keep slaves, preferably of identifiable skin colour, and the concept of “no slavery” was seen as unimaginable — but we moved on despite the protestations of slave-owners in the Anglican hierarchy.

The above groups of people have no choice about who they are — but that didn’t stop the denigrations and abuse.

Now we see the open fear and condemnation of people whose sexuality is “different” from the main stream. No discussion of whether they had any choice about this proclivity. No discussion about whether the proscriptions of the Old Testament might have been superseded, or at least tempered, by the Two Great Commandments (abominable lobsters and poly-cotton shirts, anyone?). Just fear and hysteria.

We are all allowed our opinions and anxieties. But to continue shunning people who have no choice in their lives is not consistent with the action of love.

Parenthetically, would anyone who is not clinically insane choose to become something that is attacked by so many?

I am particularly annoyed by the editorial opinion that appeared in this newspaper before Christmas. I know that selective use of statistics and research is a bane, but I do read quite a lot. The only serious research that I have seen (as opposed to prejudged skimmings of “what I want to hear”) indicates that, of those who try to change to “acceptable” sexuality, only three per cent succeed. The rest feel that what they are is just that, what they are. Refusing to accept them as people belies all of our preaching.

I would like to refer you to an op-ed piece by Paul Gehrs in the Dec. 30 Winnipeg Free Press. In “An open letter to those who taught me well” he says: “I don’t see a failure of family values in same-sex marriage; I see success. When I

met gay and lesbian people for the first time, I did what you taught me to do: I listened to what it was like to walk in their shoes, I showed respect, I became able to accept. I lived your traditional family values and discovered wonderful, flawed, caring people trying to be themselves.”

Yours
John Whitmore
Hillsborough, N.B.

Offended by cartoon

Hi Ana,
I was disappointed to see that you were willing to publish the cartoon on the commentary

page of the January edition of the New Brunswick Anglican. I find offensive any article that associates Same Sex Blessing with the sins of Sodom. The creator of the cartoon, in his attempt to be humorous, was insensitive and misleading and he succeeded in making another contribution to the misunderstanding surrounding the issue of Same Sex Blessing. It really is just another form of gay-bashing which should have no place in our diocesan paper. I hope you will be more vigilant in the future issues.
Bob Brittain
Saint John

Thanks for help

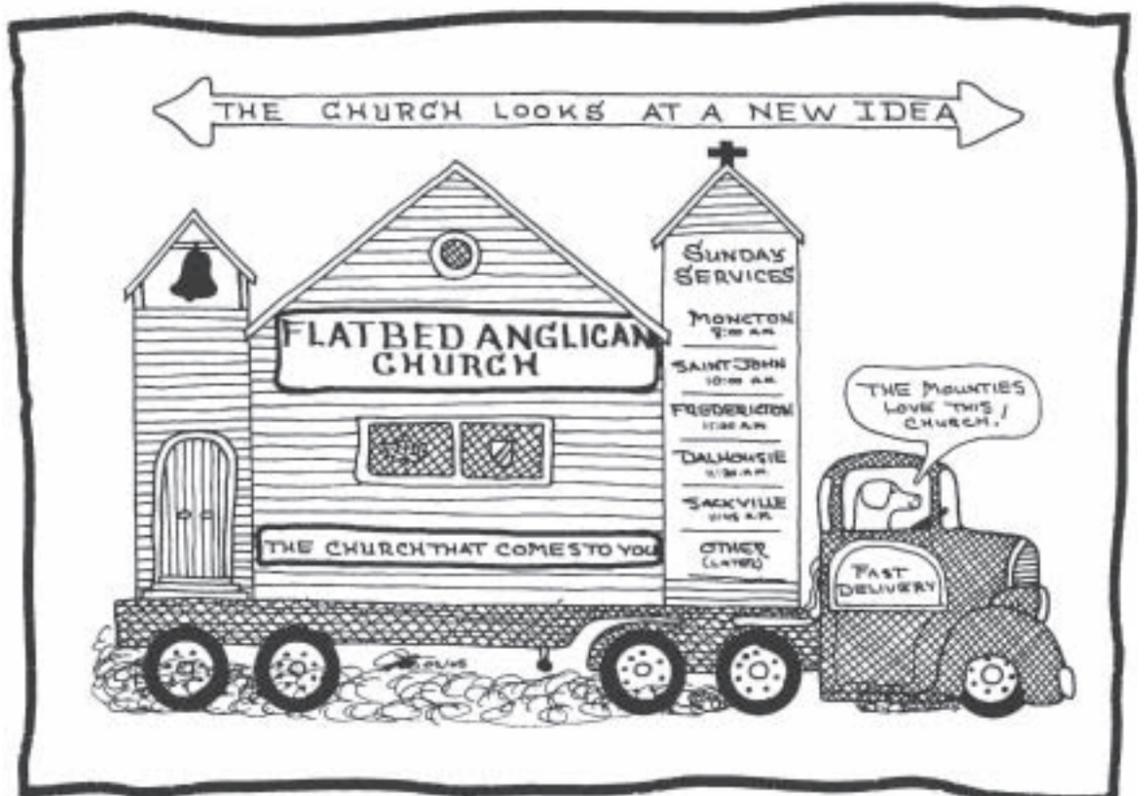
Dear Ana,
Please thank the New Brunswick Anglican extended family members who were kind enough to take so many suitcases full of baseball and minor medical supplies to Cuba for me at Christmas time. They include Sheila Dibblee and her children, Sally Lynn and her husband and sons, Philip and Sue Evans and their daughters.

I can’t thank these wonderful people enough for their kindness. It made a big difference to a lot of poor Christian Cubans.

Sincerely,
Donald Goodspeed.

DOG MATTICKS

by Doug Patstone



DIOCESAN NEWS

Meet the synod office staff

Doreen Smith likes to work with people and figures

When you visit the synod office in Fredericton, chances are very good indeed that the first face you see will be that of Doreen Smith. Chances are even better she will be smiling, not just because she is a cheerful person by nature, but because she loves her job.

"I like to work with people, I like to work with figures, and that's what I do all day long here," she says from her computer work station to the right of the big front doors of the venerable synod office building.

With a core support staff of only four in the synod office, everyone is kept busy. A new telephone system with direct access to staff extensions has reduced the number of calls Doreen answers in a day, but the phone still keeps her busy enough. That's because she's a font of information about everything from accounts to meeting schedules. She's also



ANA WATTS

Doreen Smith's smiling face is the one you're apt to encounter first at 115 Church St.

well-informed about who's who and does what in the diocese, so when someone calls the synod office looking for information about the ACW, the New Brunswick Anglican or any parish in the diocese, Doreen

knows the answer, or knows who to ask — it's a function of her 19 years on the job.

When she's not greeting visitors and answering the telephone, she's helping diocesan treasurer Fred Scott

with year-end figures, investment interest statements, diocesan statistics and payroll. She types correspondence, minutes, receipts and cheques, prepares mailings for clergy, wardens, treasurers. She takes a special interest in retired clergy and clergy widows. She also does the banking, pays the bills, makes coffee, and even caters to some committee meetings.

When there's a diocesan synod on the horizon, she and the rest of the staff go into high gear and produce mountains of documents to enable the business of synod to proceed efficiently.

"It's busy, but this is a great place to work because we all get along so well," says Doreen. "We have a good staff with great rapport, so that's always been a plus. There's nothing like a good working environment where people are understanding and helpful, but that's what you

should expect when you work for the church, don't you think? People who come in here often remark about the nice atmosphere."

Although she can see retirement on the horizon, Doreen still has lots of energy for her work and for hobbies. She curls all winter and is always among the top Curl for Cancer fundraisers. She walks year-round, often early in the morning, even in winter when it is cold and dark. In the evening she likes to read and snack.

She is the proud mother of a grown son and daughter, and dotes on her two-year-old granddaughter Allison, whose photos you may notice on and around her desk. Don't worry if you miss them, she will gladly show them to you.

Watch for a profile on Diocesan Treasurer Fred Scott in the March issue of the New Brunswick Anglican.

Expert to focus on clergy self-care at this year's clergy college

BY CHRIS HAYES

Internationally acclaimed speakers at the fifth annual diocesan Clergy College will focus on clergy self-care and development, New Testament studies, and preaching.

The Rev. Chris Edmondson — a former parish rector and now warden of the Lee Abbey Community and Conference Centre in Devon, England — is one of three lecturers who will teach at the five-day college which runs from June 13-17 at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre in Fredericton. He has spoken around the world

on the function of clergy in society and included many insights in his recent book **Fit to Lead: Sustaining Effective Ministry in a Changing World**. In it he speaks about the clergy challenges of wearing many hats, maintaining individuality and warding off burn-out.

This is more than just another clergy self-care book. He takes pains to show the concern of the Church throughout the ages for its pastors, even quoting Chrysostom: "The priest's wounds require greater help, indeed as much as those of all the people together ... because

of the heavy demands and extraordinary expectations associated with the office."

Edmondson argues that care of others and care of self cannot be separated. As he articulates the many benefits of looking after ourselves he offers practical wisdom about such things as sabbaticals, spiritual mentors and confessors, personal free time and hobbies, as well as the development and enhancement of skills relating to the office of the ordained minister.

As I read his book I felt overwhelmed and thought: "I don't have time to do any of this stuff. I'm too busy with what

work I have already." Then I realized I needed to read this book again.

Mr. Edmondson doesn't suggest we need to do everything he mentions, only that we consider some of it. If we don't, we will be doomed to tread water in our ministry as well as on our spiritual journey; we will not grow, and neither will the congregations we serve.

If we truly care for the people to whom we minister, we owe it to them and ourselves to heed the message of this book. It's a quick read, just 130 pages, and available at Anglican House in Saint John. If we all read it

before the Clergy College we will also have the rare opportunity to discuss it with the author.

Other lecturers at this year's college are Dr. Ann Jervis, a New Testament scholar, and Dr. Clifton Guthrie, who will speak on preaching. More detailed information on them is forthcoming in the New Brunswick Anglican and on the Clergy College website which can be accessed through www.anglican.nb.ca.

The Rev. Chris Hayes is rector of the parish of Richmond and registrar for the Diocesan Clergy College

Parish study inspires couple to organize fundraiser for tsunami relief

BY MARIE MURPHY

In support of victims of the earthquake and tsunami disaster in south Asia, the Parish of Chatham organized a community supper fund-raiser in early January. More than 600 people sat down in St. Mary's Church hall to enjoy ham, turkey and the opportunity to help. The parish donated the proceeds, more than \$15,000, to World Vision.

"The terrible tragedy in the Indian Ocean has united the whole world in the recognition that we are all part of God's family," said Miramichi mayor John McKay at the dinner. "This wonderful effort today has allowed the people of the Miramichi to show support for the victims and their families. Sincere congratulations to St. Paul's and St. Mary's for organizing a great event for such a profound and worthy cause."



Allen and Helen Gilliss organized community supper fundraiser.

Haunted by television images of the tsunami disaster victims and inspired by news that a church in Nova Scotia was organizing a supper to raise funds for disaster relief, Helen Gilliss of St. Mary's got the ball rolling. She and her husband Allen, a warden, immediately

secured the enthusiastic support of the parish and organized the dinner in time to take advantage of the federal government's offer to match private donations made by Jan. 11.

Soon the entire community was on-board. People from other churches and denominations volunteered their services. Individual and corporate donations came flooding in. In no time the supper had 26 turkeys, tons of potatoes, lots of vegetables, rolls and pies, as well as lots of money. The cost of a meal was a free-will offering and the final tally was \$15,362.

Helen and Allen Gilliss praise and glorify God for giving them the supper idea and for making it all possible. They also give thanks to all the volunteers, especially those who stood outside in the cold to cook potatoes and direct traffic.

Helen and Allen were recently hosts of a small group

study that was part of the parish of Chatham's study of Rick Warren's bestseller 'The Purpose Driven Life'. The study asks the question "What on earth am I here for?" That question was answered by the theme for the supper from Ephesians 2:10 — "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

The Rev Charlene Maguire of St. Andrew's United Church attended the supper and said it demonstrated a real sense of community spirit because people from all congregations worked together to prepare and serve the meals. "Thanks to those from St. Mary's and St. Paul's for their work. It demonstrates the awareness that we are part of a global community — when one part hurts, we all share in that hurt. Thanks to those who gathered

us together in this relief effort, doing what we so much love to do — eat and fellowship together," she said.

Pastor Colin Holmes of Lower Derby Baptist Church appreciated the servant attitudes of those who greeted people in the parking lot, at the door, at the donation table, as well as the people who provided security, seated diners and served the meal. "It is a tremendous testimony, to Miramichi and those affected by the tsunami, of God's love poured out at this benefit dinner," he said.

Member of Parliament Charles Hubbard also attended the supper. He not only offered congratulations on a tremendous effort to support the people of Southeast Asia, he said the meal was excellent. Most importantly, however, he promised the federal government would match our donation.

NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Taylor College seeks new principal

BY BRUCE SMITH

The Church Army prayerfully seeks the Lord's choice as the next principal for the Taylor College of Mission and Evangelism in Saint John. The current principal, the Rev. Captain David Edwards steps down this spring, following seven years of exemplary ministry.

In 1998 David signed a three-year covenant agreement with the Church Army to serve as principal and took on the enormous task of moving the Church Army College from Toronto to Saint John. He packed a van full of college materials and books and set out on a 1,500 kilometre drive to a place he had never seen. He had four months to design curriculum, attract volunteer teachers and attract students. How do you spell courage?

Six years later, Taylor College is even more than we dreamed it could be with its efficient new academic building, student residences and exciting programs. David navigated the college to this better place, and the past two years he has

navigated a course for Stone Church as well as he served as rector. This resulted in a marvelous ministry relationship between the college and the church called The Antioch Program.

David pioneered the way forward for Taylor College, blazed a trail for others to follow. We value your prayers as the search process soon begins for his successor in this full-time position as the college prepares for new challenges and opportunities in the years ahead. We also appreciate your ongoing prayers for David as he prepares to give increased attention to an ever-growing congregation. May we all know the grace and peace of Christ as we aim to keep in step with the Holy Spirit.

A ministry description for the principal position is available upon request from me at 105 Mountain View Dr., Saint John NB E2J 5B5 or bsmith@churcharmy.com.

Captain Bruce Smith is National Director for the Church Army

PENNIES ADD UP



SUBMITTED

Members of the Guild of St. Joseph's at St. John's Church in Fredericton collected 13,200 pennies throughout 2004. They also volunteered at the Community Kitchen and are aware of the needs of the men who live in the city's shelter. They put these two experiences together, rolled their pennies, and wrote a cheque for \$132 to donate to the men's shelter. Seen here presenting the cheque to Pat Carlson, executive director of the Fredericton Men's Shelter, is guild member Sandy Meikle.

Free to a good home in a small church Gulbransen Columbia 110 electric organ

(needs an amp circuit board, cost about \$260, part number available)

Can be delivered if necessary

Contact Fred Targett

Parish of Minto and Chipman

506/339-8849

Band instruments for Uganda

The Bishop McAllister School Band needs band instruments

If you have a euphonium, tenor/bass trombone, tuba, French horn, trumpet, cornet, cymbals or a side/bass drum to offer

Michael Caines has a student who can play it.

Please contact Michael's parents

Daryl and Anne Caines

506/433 1496 or cainedea@nbnet.nb.ca

to arrange for delivery.

Michael and Anna Caines are Volunteers in Mission from this diocese working with the Rev. Paul Jeffries in Africa. For other news on their mission, plus a photo of the school band, go to <<http://www.mikeandanna.ca>>.

You'll find band pictures in the October photos section.

Coming Events



Feb. 21

Southern New Brunswick
Christopher
Leadership Course Inc.
10-week course
Rothesay

Designed to help an individual gain confidence and develop essential speaking, communication and leadership skills. Limited enrollment Register today at <http://www.thelumen.com/> 506/635-1630 in Saint John or toll-free in southern New Brunswick 1-866/994-8255

March 6

4 p.m.

(note change of date)

Christ Church Cathedral
Service of Choral Evensong
In celebration and recognition of
Canon Jim Irvine's service as
Warden of Layreaders
(1979 - 2003)

An opportunity to thank him for designing and organizing one of the most effective layreader training programs in the Canadian Church.

March 30-April 1

Holy Conversations with
Gil Rendle
Tatamagouche Centre
Discuss the church's future direction, explore discerning leadership and planning approaches and strategies for revitalization of congregational life
Gil Rendle is a United Methodist clergyperson, senior consultant with the Alban Institute and author, with Alice Mann, of *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations*. \$395 registration includes program expenses, meals and accommodation. Information <http://www.tatacentre.ca>
Registration 1-800/218-2220

April 19-21

Clergy Spouses Conference
Villa Madonna
Guest speakers
Bishop Claude Miller and Sharon Miller
Information from Rosemary Moorhead, 506/433-6304

April 30

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(note change of date)
Lectionary Preaching

Workshop
Taylor College
Saint John

A third presentation of Bishop Bill Hockin's popular workshop, includes Principles of Lectionary Preaching and Tackling a Text.

Ideal for layreaders. Class size limited to 30. Once the class is filled, names go on a reserve list and an additional workshop will be arranged. \$25 registration fee includes lunch. Make cheques payable to Taylor College. Send cheques to 105 Mountain View Drive Saint John NB E2J 5B5

For more info and to register, call 506/693-8975 or e-mail edwa@nbnet.nb.ca.

May 6-7

Four Streams, One River
Four talks on spirituality
With Bishop Bill Hockin
Bill McGuire Centre,
Renforth

For information contact
Joyce Gregg
(506) 757 8528 or
joycegregg@rogers.com

June 2-4

Diocesan Synod
UNB
Fredericton Campus

NARRATIVE BUDGET

Mission First

A narrative budget for the Anglican Church in New Brunswick, 2005

As approved by Diocesan Council, Nov. 17, 2004

The Bishop and members of Synod are responsible for the pastoral and temporal care of our diocese. They fulfill their duties with the help of God, a small staff and the generosity of committed New Brunswick Anglicans. It is an enormous job accomplished with the support of a comparatively modest budget.

This budget document is configured differently from any financial information you have ever received from the synod office: You don't have to turn it sideways to read a balance sheet. It is a framework of figures accompanied by text; a narrative budget for 2005 and we dared to dream in its preparation.

In the autumn a draft of this document was presented at archdeaconry meetings throughout the diocese. During these consultations it was suggested employment-related flow-through items, including health-care and clergy pension premiums, be removed from the budget. The bottom-line reduction is well over half a million dollars and the final figures more accurately reflect the true ministry and mission of the diocese.

We are ever mindful and grateful for the resources which flow from the selfless offerings of New Brunswick Anglicans. We are determined to use them to best advantage as we seek to glorify God and nurture the Body of Christ here, in the blessed corner of earth we are privileged to call home.

This is a narrative about strengthening parishes, the engine of ministry. It tells stories about spiritual formation, chaplains, communication, conferences, sacraments, services and sharing in the northern and world-wide mission of the National Church.

These are our strengths, we have consensus ...we put *Mission First* and present our Mission and Ministry in 2005 in this supplement.



Youth Ministry

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14 NRSV

- Leadership Employment \$109,630
- Programming, events, and development \$20,000
- Support for camps \$20,000
- Camp Capital Campaign \$25,000
- Communications and administration \$19,500
- Total commitment \$194,130**
12% of budget

Ministry to youth has been a priority in this diocese since the visioning synod of 2000. The diocese is well-served by a qualified and talented youth action director and we seek a new director for Christian education who will continue to reassure and inspire Sunday school teachers. Generations of young people have attended our youth camps, which are now benefiting from an ambitious capital campaign which the diocese enthusiastically supports.

Our Youth Action Committee is developing a youth worship model and our young people are involved in missions, ski trips, rallies, events and leadership workshops. The Anglicans and Friends and interdenominational networks offer other exciting opportunities for young people to grow and share.

Teens Encounter Christ, Choir School, the Inner City Youth Ministry in Saint John, as well as the chaplaincies on campus at Rothesay Netherwood School and in Fredericton, at the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University, continue to support our young people on their Christian walk.



Spacious new cabins were constructed at Camp Medley in 2004

Spiritual Formation

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:12

The Clergy College is an annual opportunity for continuing education, fellowship and community-building. The Companioned Spiritual Formation team organizes occasional retreats to enhance individual spiritual direction. The School of Church Music has long offered a successful residential choir school. DNS weekend retreats every second year are invaluable for lay development and leadership. Clergy Spouses meet each year for spiritual reflection, fellowship and community-building. The Diocesan Resource Centre supports children's and adult education at the parish level.

Cursillo, Anglican Renewal Ministries, the Anglican Men's Conference and Mothers' Union meet the spiritual needs of their varied constituents through programs and conferences, and the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer offers a diocesan-wide prayer chain.

The diocese supports this cluster of spiritually oriented ministries with what amounts to seed money. The participants in the courses and conferences pay the lion's share of the costs through registration fees. From a fiscal perspective, it is a modest investment for a monumental return. From a spiritual perspective, the benefits are incalculable.

- Programming for laity \$13,400
- Clergy education/development \$34,000
- Communications and resources \$14,300
- Episcopal/administrative support \$26,598
- Total commitment \$88,298**
6% of budget



Kitchen party at DNS 2004

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Stewardship & Financial Development

In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Annual conference, committee support and resources \$1,600
Total commitment \$1,600
0.1% of budget

This educational ministry promotes a spirit of generosity as well as a culture of good management and accountability practices. It is identified as a priority by synod and council, yet continues to work with very limited resources. Council will continue to sponsor stewardship conferences and hopes to offer regional workshops as well. At the parish level it would like to facilitate development of stewardship committees and programs and supply stewardship resources, including bulletin inserts.

Parish Development

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and they shared their possessions, but everything

This funding supports effective parish ministry throughout the diocese. It enables the organization of information days for parish officers to ensure these vital personnel are properly informed and equipped to fulfill their legal and canonical duties.

The bishop and council are vitally concerned with strengthening our parishes and work with them to develop effective strategies for ministry. This has led to some creative and successful models that share local and human resources. Council is also developing a consistent diocesan policy for the remuneration of clergy in part-time ministry.

Anglican House in Saint John is another valuable tool for parish development and support. Every parish in the diocese is only a telephone call or e-mail away from ministry essentials from bulletin covers to vestments, Bibles to Sunday school materials. Thoughtful gifts, cards and recorded music are also available. The book store also shares space and staff with the diocesan resource centre, brimming with videos, books and other useful ministry aids.

Lay leadership development \$4,100	Clergy development \$22,500	Grants to parishes \$45,000
Resources and communications \$29,800	Anglican House subsidy \$15,000	Other \$28,000

Mission Outreach

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

Support of ministry and mission through General and Provincial Synods \$306,300
Jeffries mission in Uganda \$20,200
Outreach ministry within the diocese \$16,500
Communications & committee work \$17,200
Episcopal and administrative support \$20,567
Total Commitment \$380,767
24% of budget

These ministries reflect our commitment and concern for our neighbours at home and around the world.

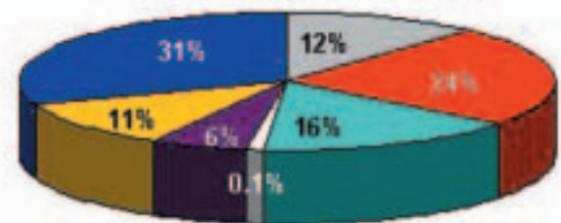
Our contributions to the National Church help sustain the church in the north and reach around the world with Volunteers in Mission. Michael and Anna Caines of this diocese, are Volunteers in Mission working with the Rev. Paul Jeffries at the Bishop McAllister School in Uganda. Mr. Jeffries, now supported by our own Diocesan Missionary Society with the enthusiastic participation of the ACW, began as a Volunteer in Mission himself, through the Companion Diocese Program. At that time we were partnered with the Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya; today we have a companion relationship with the Diocese of Recife in Brazil.

Our diocesan Primates World Relief and Development Fund coordinator makes us aware of opportunities to assist struggling nations with development and offer aid wherever disaster strikes. Our work in support of refugees has been recognized by the federal government.

Closer to home, we support the Seafarer's Mission in Saint John as it provides care and comfort to those who work on ships that are often at sea for months at a time; and the Coverdale Foundation in its work with women in conflict with the law. We fund hospital chaplaincies in Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton and support our military, penitentiary and school chaplains as well.

We also recognize the mission work mentioned in this document represents only a small portion of the Anglican mission in this province, much of which is funded through parishes and other organizations.

Our Mission



- Mission & Outreach - 12%
- Administration - 11%
- Spiritual Formation - 16%
- Episcopal Support - 31%
- Parish Development & Support - 6%
- Youth Ministry - 24%
- Stewardship & Financial Development - 0.1%

THE STORY OF OUR



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ment & Support

*of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private
they owned was held in common. Acts 4:32*

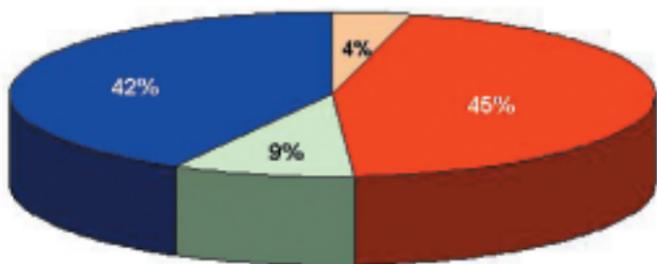
Our central Archives, with its experts and facilities devoted to proper document storage, ensure the historical record of our parishes is preserved in perpetuity.

Effective communication enhances every aspect of life. In our diocese *The New Brunswick Anglican* and the diocesan *E News* letter keep people informed and connected; the web site provides instant access to valuable resources -- from intercession and event listings to administrative documents and useful links.

Of course the bishop and his office are of immense support to parishes. Every episcopal visit to a parish enables the bishop to appreciate its resources, identify its needs and respond appropriately. His office also funds clergy moves, directors' liability insurance and provides administrative support, especially in the area of human resource management.

o mission shes ,000	Episcopal support \$37,300	Total commitment \$247,900
grants ,000	Administrative services and support \$65,609	16% of budget

Our Resources



- Parish Episcopal Assessments - 42%
- Parish Mission Outreach - 45%
- Donations and Miscellaneous - 4%
- Trusts and Funds - 9%

R NARRATIVE BUDGET



A narrative budget is an inspirational document. It uses colourful words and pictures instead of black figures to tell the money story because money has no intrinsic value of its own. In the case of a church, the value of money is measured in ministry. The rector's stipend is compassion and counsel for a couple in difficult circumstances. The electricity bill for the church hall is a warm and safe place for teens on a Friday night. The phone bill is advocacy for the homeless. When we understand the value of our money, we make good choices about how much we give to the church, and how we spend it as a church. Over the past four years, the diocese has sponsored four significant events devoted to stewardship. The Rev. David Ponting (on the right in the photo), spoke at two of them. He is Stewardship and Financial Development officer for the Diocese of Niagara and a strong advocate for narrative budgeting. His diocese has prospered because of it. His last presentation on the subject was at a leadership development day for clergy, diocesan council and other leaders in the church in Sussex last fall. He congratulated the Diocese of Fredericton for accepting the narrative budget challenge. He said our first effort wasn't perfect, but we're on the right track. We hope parishes are on the right track too, and if they didn't have a narrative budget to present at this year's annual meeting that there will be one in 2006.

Episcopal Support

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
Ephesians 4: 11-13

Employment costs, bishop and support staff \$128,000
Travel, bishop, archdeacons, etc. \$31,400
Chaplaincies and special ministries \$95,000
Clergy development & support \$78,100
Support for retired clergy \$100,000
Communications and programming \$7,000
Premises, office and administrative support \$54,855
Total commitment \$494,355
31% of budget

In the service *Celebration of a New Ministry*, these words are spoken by the officiant: *Let all these be signs of the ministry which is the bishop's and yours, and is shared by all the people of God.* (Book of Occasional Celebrations 1992)

Clearly, the bishop is an integral part of ministry in all 84 parishes, the ministry of well over a hundred active and retired clergy, of hundreds -- perhaps thousands -- of lay people. The authority of the chief pastor of the diocese rests in one person, but the ministry is enabled by this extensive network, that also includes diocesan staff.

Clergy discernment and training are of special concern to the bishop. Vocational chaplains assist in the discernment process and the diocese supports academic and theological institutions like King's College, Atlantic School of Theology and Wycliffe College through representation on their boards.

A curacy program, to enable the appointment of new ordinands to work with experienced parish clergy, is being developed to enhance theological education with practical experience. This time in a parish will ensure clergy are effectively equipped for ministry when they are appointed to their own parish leadership positions.

Administration

The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.
Acts 15:12

Employment costs for Diocesan staff \$92,300
Building costs \$12,800
Office expenses \$24,300
Professional fees \$12,000
Synod, communications and general administration \$36,291
Total commitment \$177,691
11% of budget

Administration costs are often dismissed as dreary necessities, when in fact, they have a significant impact on ministry, parish and diocesan.

The diocesan office exists to bind parishes together, it builds on the structure of the Anglican Church with its tenet of episcopal support and its costs are allocated across the budget in a way that puts *Mission First*.

The office provides administrative assistance to parishes through its information/data management and payroll systems. An emerging web-based data management system promises to make the office more efficient and to provide parishes and groups with improved access to the information they need for their own administrative tasks.

Trust fund investment services, diocesan council administrative support, even the monumental task of mounting a diocesan synod, fall mostly on administrative staff and are reflected in this part of the budget.

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Where the money comes from

And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. Exodus 35:21

Parish mission outreach contributions \$721,110	Interest on funds and trusts \$141,500
Parish episcopal/administrative assessments \$662,940	Donations and miscellaneous \$58,650
	Total Budget \$1,584,150

While there are a few miscellaneous financial resources available to the diocese, most of the funding for the ministry described in this narrative is provided by the parishes through their own budgets.

Each parish provides financial support to the diocesan budget through Mission Outreach and assessments. The amount needed from each parish is based on its own income, which is provided by our Sunday offerings.

Through the years the diocese has been blessed with many bequests, trusts and endowments. The interest on these invested funds constitute another financial source. Some of the funds are general in nature and are allocated to budget items like clergy development and missions. Other funds carry specific restrictions for use and care is taken to respect these instructions.

The participants' share of pension and benefit plan premiums also contribute to budget funding.

The 2005 diocesan budget

Our Mission

Youth Ministry	\$ 194,130
Spiritual Formation	\$ 88,298
Stewardship & Financial Development	\$ 1,600
Parish Development & Support	\$ 247,309
Mission Outreach	\$ 380,767
Episcopal Support	\$ 494,355
Administration	\$ 177,691
Total budget	\$1,584,150



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ARCHIVES

Journals portray Anglican life in the 19th century

BY TWILA BUTTIMER

The Rev. Samuel Bacon (1790-1869) was born in Oxford, England, ordained a priest of the Church of England in 1819 and appointed a missionary to the Miramichi in 1821. As such, he was responsible for a vast territory, roughly one-quarter of the province of New Brunswick. In 1834, the Rev. James Hudson was sent by the Bishop of Nova Scotia to assist him. Under Bacon's leadership, St. Paul's in Chatham Head was built about 1825 and St. Mary's, Chatham, in 1836. He continued to serve until his death in 1869.



DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

The Rev. Samuel Bacon

Bacon kept a log of his church activities for at least the years 1853 through 1869. His last entry was made on the Feb. 5, he died 11 days later. Bacon's journals are an amazing record of the activities of an early Anglican missionary. They give a detailed account of pastoral visits in his own and neighbouring parishes (including the names of those whom he visited), the Sunday services at which he officiated, and the names of those whom he married or buried.

While some of the entries are very brief, cumulatively, they paint a complete picture of Bacon's many church and community activities. In later years, his Friday and Saturday entries simply read: "reading,

writing and sermonizing."

Interestingly, Bacon's journals note the number of miles traveled, number of visits made, and the number of services. He totals them at the end of each year.

The following excerpt from his second journal is an account of Bacon's trip to Campobello to preside over the marriage of Bishop John Medley to Margaret Hudson on June 16, 1863. Bishop Medley's first wife, Christina Bacon, was the Rev. Samuel Bacon's niece.

• Wednesday, June 10, 1863
Went to St. Mary's Chapel. Told the bell myself but no one came to prayers. Visited Copping, Peck & Benson, Mrs. Hocken & Mrs. Blair, VanStone, Widow Henderson, and McCulley, Widows Hunter & Dunlop & Johnson, Fairman



Parker, Miss Parker, G. Neales.

• Thursday, June 11
Left Chatham for Richibucto. Visited Pagan & Coster.

• Friday, June 12
Visited Pagan & DesBrisay. Dined with Coster & left for Shediac.

• Saturday, June 13
Proceeded by Train to St. John. Staid at C.R. Ray

• Sunday, June 14
Second Sunday after Trinity. Preached in the morning at St. James Church & said prayers in the evening. Dined with Mr. & Mrs. William Armstrong & returned to Mr. Ray's.

• Monday, June 15
Embarked in the Boston boat for East Port where I met C. & E. Medley, Mr. Williams & Mr. Lancaster waiting to receive me. Crossed in a small boat to Campobello where I found my dear friend & Bishop [John

Medley] waiting on the Wharf to receive us, who introduced me to Miss Hudson at Captain Robinson's where we dined. Slept at Parsonage.

• Tuesday, June 16
Married my dear friend & Bishop at Campobello Church.. Dined and slept at Captain Robinson's. Visited Williams & Bryon.

• Wednesday, June 17
Wrote my dear Daughter. Walked with Mrs. Robinson over the Island — dined and slept there.

• Thursday, June 18
Party went to Bunker's Hill. J. Medley & myself remained quietly at Robinson's writing in the morning. Visited a sick woman in the evening.

• Friday, June 19
Left Campobello. John E. Cann & Lancaster & myself & Spencer [Medley] returned to St. John. Went to Mr. Ray's.

• Saturday, June 20
Called on Mrs. Simonds who was from home. Visited Mrs. Laphorn. Went shopping with her. Returned home.

• Sunday, June 21
Third Sunday after Trinity. Preached and said prayers at St. Mary's Church, Saint John morning and Preached evening service for G. Armstrong, his father being sick. Dined with G. Armstrong. Slept at Ray's.

• Monday, June 22
Went shopping. Returned home. Visited no one.

• Friday, June 26
Left St. John on train for Shediac. Went per the Stage to Richibucto. Slept at Pagans. Visited Coster & Desbrisay, Chandler & Widow Peabody.

• Saturday, June 27
Left for Chatham. Prayed with Dickins on my return.

• Sunday, June 28
Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Matins & Eucharist at St. Paul's. Vespers at St. Mary's Chapel.

The Samuel Bacon Journals were preserved by his descendents, the Burchill family, and recently donated to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. They have been microfilmed for preservation and circulation.

Twila Buttimer is Archivist for Private Sector Records at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick in Fredericton. She can be reached at 506/453-4306.

Archivist clarifies Centennial Church designations

Dear Mr. Appleby,

Your recent e-mail to Bishop Miller about the listing of Centennial Churches in the November issue of the New Brunswick Anglican has been forwarded to me for response — and rightly so, since it was I who submitted the listing to the Anglican.

The question you raise about why your church, St. Mary's in Dalhousie, is not in the listing is a good one and I suspect some church members in other parishes may be wondering as well.

First, I need to tell you that the listing that appeared in the New Brunswick Anglican was not a list of churches or parishes that are presently 100 years old or older. It was a listing of Centennial Churches — i.e. church buildings that received a plaque in the Centennial year, 1967 because they were at least 100 years old at that time.

I should note that I did not compile that list, we scanned it from the late Roger Holdsworth's book, "Faith of our Fathers: The Story of New Brunswick's Centennial

Churches and of early religious life in the Maritimes" and in the newspaper we credited the listing to him.

I assume that your church did not receive a Centennial plaque — though it might have merited one. The information that we have about St. Mary's says that construction was begun in the 1850's but proceeded so slowly that the church was only consecrated by Bishop John Medley on Sept. 4, 1873. The date of consecration was probably used in determining Centennial Churches so St. Mary's would have fallen just under the 100 years in 1967.

Finally, Mr. Appleby, no one is more interested than I in making the history of New Brunswick's north shore better known and perhaps we might do that by including a photo of St. Mary's and a brief article about the history of your Parish in an upcoming issue.

I am attaching a brief history of your parish which we prepared in 2002, and should you have more information, we might be able to incorporate that as well.

One aspect of St. Mary's history that interests me a great deal is that, as I am sure you know, St. Mary's Church was originally called St. James Church by the parishioners. It seems to have been re-named by Bishop Medley when he consecrated it. We do have evidence of this at the Archives.

I hope this will clear up any misunderstandings from the listing in the November New Brunswick Anglican, but should you still have questions do not hesitate to contact me. We are very encouraged to hear from you and know our Archives articles are being read.

With every good wish for this blessed season, I am,

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Archivist,
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Provincial Archives
of New Brunswick
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Following is a copy of an e-mail sent to Bishop Claude Miller.

Dear Bishop Miller,

A recent issue of the New Brunswick Anglican contained a list of Anglican churches over 100 years old. One glaring omission was St. Mary's in Dalhousie. As a congregation I believe we are about 170 years old. The church as a building is approaching 140 years. How could they possibly miss us?

I would also point out that the other parishes in the area, like Campbellton and Restigouche, were offshoots of St. Mary's.

Sincerely,
George(Bud) Appleby
Warden

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PARISH NEWS

Beautiful Christmas outreach and welcome in Apohaqui

BY LEO MARTIN

In early December, the Church of Ascension in Apohaqui found a new way to extend its outreach in the community.

On Saturday the fourth, under the capable leadership of the ACW, we opened our doors to the general public as part of the 2004 Country Christmas Homes Tour which included five homes and our church. It is an annual fundraiser for the Sussex Vale Transition House.

Members of the congregation joined in fellowship prior to the event to trim and decorate the church for this special occasion. The church, a beautiful gothic structure designed by Canon Charles Medley, was decked with fresh garlands, poinsettias, candles and twinkling lights. Those who entered felt they were back in a kinder, gentler era because the decorations were so simple and beautiful.

Our guests were entertained by Jean O'Donnell, a local harpist, and by our own church choir under the direction of our guest musician, Ron Mallory. Guests were then invited to the adjoining hall for refreshments and hospitality. The afternoon was deemed a success as our guest book was signed by more than 130 people.

The Church of Ascension family was very pleased to help Transition House in this event,



DAVID STONEHOUSE

which raised about \$2000 in support of the Sussex Vale Transition House, which provides a safe home for

women and children faced with family violence.

The Rev. Leo Martin is rector of Upper Kennebecasis

On Our Knees

song lyrics by Lance Jones

Thank you for the love.
There is no greater gift for us to share.
Thank you for the light
To guide us through the darkness and despair.
Thank you for the silence
In the night when your voice is strong and clear.
Thank you for the music
In my heart. I know you placed it there

Tragedy has brought us to our knees
We are lost and so confused.
We struggle just to comprehend
The devastation of such magnitude.
I know you show compassion to each
One of us that calls upon your name.
And yet we loose 200 thousand souls
In an instant all the same.

In the midst of all the pain.
We know that you will comfort those in need.
Perhaps for just a while
The world will learn to work in unity.
We'll put aside our differences
In order to achieve a common goal.
And in the midst of horror
Let the love and compassion heal the soul.

Thank you for your love
There is no greater gift for us to share.
Thank you for the light
To guide us through the darkness and despair.
I know a day will come when we can
Finally look back at all the grief
Until that day arrives
We take refuge in the strength of our beliefs.

Lance Jones of All Saints, Marysville, wrote this song in an effort to make sense of the south Asian tragedy. He sang the song in his church on Sunday morning, Jan. 9.

CHRISTMAS IN MCADAM



MARGARET LAKING

St. George's in McAdam added new figures to the larger-than-life creche project it started at Christmas 2003. Joining the Holy Family in 2004 were the Magi, a camel, donkey, angel and star. The parish expects to complete the project next year with a drummer boy, cow and more sheep. Special thanks are in order to Hazel Gass, Ann Garrett, Jimmy McCracken, Doug Goss and Don Doherty for their dedication to the project. Extra special kudos to Paul Gass who braved the cold and did most of the outside work.



MARGARET LAKING

With the help of their teachers, Cathy Beers and Holly Gaines, the Sunday school students at St. George's presented *A Star for Jesus*. The young men in sunglasses represent the "Hot Shot Crowd". From left to right they are, front row, Shaelynn Grant and Caitlin Gaines; middle row Christopher Gaines and Kayla Watson; back row Brandon Grant and Troy Gaines. Shaelynn and Brandon's mom, Nicole Grant, narrated the play.

PARISH NEWS

Cathedral health ministry a powerful medicine

BY DOUGLAS SMITH

Imagine a community in which everyone stays healthy and productive to age 85 or beyond. Imagine a medicine that keeps us young and strong and also corrects a host of illnesses, all at a low cost and with few side effects.

Is this a fantasy world?

No.

This is the vision of the Christ Church Cathedral Health Ministry and other like-minded ministries in churches of all denominations.

It is well documented that being a member of a religious community that regularly worships God confers positive health benefits to individuals. Ministries like ours at the Cathedral would like to take that benefit to an even higher level.

The seeds of this ministry were planted in February of 2003 with preliminary discussions on the role of a parish nurse. Under the direction of Isabel Cutler and with the encouragement of Dean Keith Joyce, a needs assessment survey was



ISABEL CUTLER

Dr. Douglas Smith, a member of the Christ Church Cathedral Health Ministry team and a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation, presented *Exercise -- Powerful Medicine! Make it Work for You!* to the Cathedral congregation. It was the first in a series of presentations designed to meet the health needs identified by the congregation.

completed in our parish. When the results of the survey were compiled, exercise was at the top of a list of concerns. It was followed by holistic health, healthy eating, aging, stress-reduction, spiritual healing, prayer, weight control, retirement, diabetes, parenting, grandparenting, child development, osteoporosis and other concerns.

As we reviewed these results at our meeting, I noted that exercise was closely intertwined with several other health risks and concerns on the list. As a member of the Health Ministry team, and as a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation, I was inspired to prepare a presentation called "Exercise -- Powerful

Medicine! Make it Work for You!" I was pleased to present it to our congregation on Dec. 4.

My message on exercise stressed that we all need exercise and that we are never too old to benefit from it. An exercise program can be tailored to individual goals and health needs and a well-balanced program will address breathing, aerobic capacity (endurance), flexibility and strength.

Beginning an exercise program for health and fitness is like building a house — you have to start with a good foundation and build from there. In this regard a personal trainer/kinesiologist can be very helpful.

Many different medical problems, including type II diabetes, elevated cholesterol, hypertension, back pain, depression, anxiety and panic disorder can be managed with less, and in some cases no medication, when we exercise. Instead of asking yourself "how can I afford to exercise?" you should be thinking "I love to exercise, it keeps me strong, healthy and serene." If that

isn't enough motivation, then just remember, it's a bargain too.

My presentation sparked an interesting variety of questions from the audience. If we feel there is sufficient interest, we may provide a repeated and enhanced presentation.

As the Cathedral Health Ministry grows and matures, we hope to fund a parish nurse as well as to provide other services and information which may fall outside the scope of mainstream health services. We hope to provide them in a fashion that both complements and reinforces the services provided by our health care system.

My presentation on exercise was the first in a series intended to address the needs we identified in our survey. On Jan. 29 a session on Healthy Financial Planning was also well received.

Douglas Smith is a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation. He worships at Christ Church Cathedral.

Four bishops, one couch

The Rev. Elaine Hamilton hosted a Fredericton deanery claricus party at Epiphany. Among those in attendance were Diocesan Bishop Claude Miller and his three predecessors. At one point in the evening they were all on the same couch so Dr. Brian Hamilton preserved the moment for posterity. Left to right are Bishop George Lemmon, Archbishop Harold Nutter, Bishop Bill Hockin and Bishop Miller.



WHAT DID HE SAY?



The Rev. Chris Hayes was obviously startled by something Archdeacon Walter Williams said to him just at his induction as rector of the Parish of Richmond. The service of Celebration of New Ministry with Eucharist from the Book of Alternative Services took place on Dec. 6, 2004, at St. John's Richmond Corner. Archdeacon Williams officiated and preached. More than a dozen lay people were involved in the service, they read lessons and presented the new rector with symbolic gifts. Clergy from neighbouring parishes were also in attendance. In the photo above are, left to right, Mr. Hayes, Archdeacon Williams, the Rev. Julie Armstrong (Parish of Denmark), and the Rev. David Perks (Parish of the Tobique). Mr. Hayes promises to reveal the subject of his consternation at a later date. Speculation is welcome.

Flu Prevention – It's in YOUR hands!

As part of the Provincial Health Plan, the New Brunswick Department of Health and Wellness offers publicly-funded flu vaccines to

- seniors
- infants between six and 23 months
- and others at high risk of complications from influenza.

Public Health Services also advises you to

- wash your hands frequently
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- to use a tissue if you sneeze or cough
- to discard the used tissue immediately.



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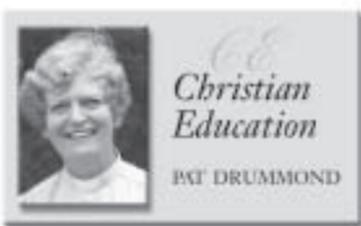
We need both constants and changes in our lives

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most potent agent of change on earth. When the church is alive and well, people are constantly being changed." Dr. Bill Bouknight in *Collected Sermons*.

The sea changes constantly. On a clear day the water of the Bay of Chaleur is still and I can see across miles of ocean to Belledune or the Gaspé. The sea may be blue, green, turquoise, grey, or a 200-metre expanse of snow-covered ice. On a foggy day I can hardly see as far as the cliff at the end of the property. Without the sound of the waves I might be convinced the sea is not there at all.

I like the changes in the sea. The changes involved in moving are a different matter.

I moved constantly in my childhood, but the move was never "my problem" so it wasn't much of a bother. Moving from the home in Fredericton where I had lived for 28 years was a different experience altogether. The process substituted mess and disruption for the order and organization I like in my life. I was bothered when the movers mistakenly loaded on their truck one of the two boxes I'd carefully packed to take in the



car. It contained the kettle. I was bothered when I lost the hole punch for three weeks. I couldn't file my papers.

The day after moving day I went from box to box and wondered where to begin. Thank Heaven my son Robin and daughter Sally were there to help me unpack. Robin eventually said: "Mom, stay in the kitchen and get that straight. Then start on the living room. Soon you'll be able to get a meal and have somewhere sane to sit."

When I moved as a child, it was the things that stayed constant that made it manageable. The surroundings and furniture might be different — Royal Air Force married quarters were usually

partly furnished — but family remained the same, and we had a few familiar furniture pieces because my parents loved antique auctions. Our toys and books and the family pet all remained the same too.

I grieve for victims of the tsunami in Southern Asia, many of whom have no family and nothing familiar to cling to. I hope and pray that faith is the lifeline to which they can cling.

Even in the absence of tsunamis or moves, our lives are seldom static. Sickness, accidents, lost and found jobs, even lost and found friends change our personal surroundings. New buildings and roads change our environment. New books, movies, attitudes, discoveries change our culture.

We long for stability. Many of us want the Church to be the constant in our lives, so we get upset if someone moves a piece of church furniture, we're bothered when a prayer is changed, unfamiliar music is introduced.

We forget that church is about the making of disciples.

Harold Piercy says: "The gospel is God's good news for the world; it is both the privilege and the responsibility of the church to share it."

To share the gospel doesn't

mean to change it, but it might mean a willingness to make other changes for the sake of those we hope to draw in. It might mean getting used to the new language of newer services, singing hymns more acceptable to a younger generation, welcoming newcomers into our church organizations with the full understanding that their presence may change the way we have always done things.

All this can feel threatening.

I took communion to some elderly shut-ins in the parish recently. I used the familiar words of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the one they have known all their lives, the one they can follow without the book when their eyes fail. If I ever become a shut-in myself, though, I hope that by that time the words of the Book of Alternative Services will be as tried, true and familiar — that the priest who brings communion to my home feels confident in using them.

Reading the Bible regularly can also give us that feeling of unchangeableness — that sense of finding a familiar haven in a stormy sea. If we follow a system, such as the BCP or Revised Common Lectionary, or use guides like *Forward Day By Day*, or one of the many Scripture Union

booklets, there will be times when we read passages with which we are relatively unfamiliar. One of the reasons that following such a system is good is because it encourages us to read the lesser-known or more challenging sections of our Bibles. These passages will, however, be interspersed with ones we have read many, many times before. It will be like coming home, but often, as we re-read, we will see things we have not noticed before. Even in the familiar, God can often say something new.

Our lives need constants but, if we are to grow, we need also to accept, even embrace, change, whether it is change beyond our control, or change for a good reason.

In the magazine *Discover*, Eric Hoffer once wrote: "In a time of change, learners inherit the earth while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists." Food for thought indeed.

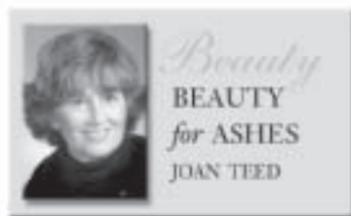
The Ven. Patricia Drummond is rector of New Bandon, Archdeacon of Chatham and continues to work in Christian education for the diocese.

From Paradise Lost to Apocalypse Now . . . a mother's harrowing tale

The phone began to ring early on Boxing Day morning. We learned of the earthquake and tsunami in South Asia. Our son was in its path in Khao Lak, north of Phuket Island in Thailand. Our friends asked: "Is Gerry all right?" We didn't know.

I was like a caged lioness, could not stay for long in one place. Strange dualities possessed me, helplessness and numbness with little action, both hope and despair, vulnerability and resilience, a sense of isolation along with togetherness/communion, meaninglessness and purpose, terrible sorrow and small joys/gratitude, suffering and compassion. We are far too complex to experience only one side of each of these coins, but a full range.

We tried to maintain normalcy for our four grandchildren under the age of four, still enjoying their Christmas animals, superheroes and knights in castles. Jeremy (age four) heard the word tsunami on TV and told us it was a wave from an earthquake. Kids today learn from their talking rescue heroes. We could not take our eyes off the events all day every day. The result for us was exhaustion and what therapists call compassion



fatigue for the rest of the world.

On Dec. 27, our two-year-old granddaughter Zoe took her mother Jen's face in her little hands and gently began to stroke it. Jen thought she was behaving normally. She was not crying, by then we knew Gerry was safe.

Through it all there was something deep in me that refused to believe, (I'm a double whammy Irish/Scottish Celt known to have fey experiences) that my only son could die and I would not know in my very bones from across the world. Yet the terrible evidence on the TV screen gave me little reason to hope.

I know I am a work in progress, I am no saint, but there is one thing counseling has disciplined in me. I seem to have learned to 'Let Go and Let God'. I know that I am only His instrument on the ground, the crucible in a counseling session. The real work is interior in the counselee and I

am not the owner, only holding up a candle in the dark for my client. I cannot do the client's work, but in this frightful experience I had absolutely no personal power except to talk to God. During those long hours of waiting for news, I had to use what I had learned — to trust and hope, even in despair.

Our son Gerry saw annihilation on a gargantuan scale. He will be forever changed. I would never have wished this for anyone, but I trust God can work with the situation.

As a trauma counselor, I know the results. I heard shock in his voice for two days after the event — it's the low monotone of very slow speech. He refused to describe what he had seen, protecting his emotions, but did tell us the happy news that his Canadian friend, another diver who lived just a bit down the hill, had broken out of his house with his bare fists. He made a hole in the roof so he and his girlfriend could escape.

The ongoing stress was terrible

"I have taken up smoking," he said.

"Well, that will surely kill you," said his father.

"Oh, I'll quit soon."

Two nights later, Gerry's

shared apartment was robbed of electronics. People are desperate, they have lost their livelihoods.

Trauma causes physical, emotional and mental distress. There will be thousands of cases of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The memories of this event are locked in their minds as flashbacks, then replayed as on-going terrors. The people we see on television, with their long, vacant stares, are reliving those memories.

As leader of the United Nations troops in Rwanda, General Romeo Dallaire attempted to save people from genocide, but was powerless and had too few resources. He suffers PTSD from his experience.

Others suffer survivor guilt or shame depending on their experiences. Those not blessed with a strong ego will believe, falsely, that they are not worthy to be alive when others are not. Gerry told us that a diver acquaintance took his own life.

I know our God is awesome and huge, here with us in our lives. He was with His only Son through mortal agony. I knew he was with our son too, no matter what the outcome.

We left Gerry's name on the

Foreign Affairs list of those missing. His name was on our church's and our friends' prayer lists too, and I thought of all the prayers in the world right now. On television someone in Sri Lanka said "God is weeping with us."

Our rector, Archdeacon John Sharpe, reminded us that Jesus called on the Holy Comforter and Daddy/Abba, personal and close.

Every few minutes I still think of those who lost someone to the tsunami. As I write this, I wonder what it would be like if we still had not heard from Gerry, if we had no idea what had happened to him. This is the reality for many. They suffer such agony, it is terrible not to know and to have no closure.

We are in the midst of the dark and dead end of the year, but at the equator, where it passes through Indonesia and Thailand, there is light. The metaphor is that with one cry from a baby born in straw, death was denied. He is the light, the nimbus is around His head.

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

Mining each day for the ethical is not easy

BY JIM IRVINE

Shadows are long in the bleak mid-winter. The sun's rays begin to stretch towards spring, the shadows swallow up the days. Many of us long for light rationed through this season of darkness.

News of Punxsutawney Phil is coffee-shop chatter as weather prognosticators speculate on the remaining length of winter. As the yawning rodent emerges, all eyes are turned to Pennsylvania, like Magi searching the night sky for a sign. Groundhog day establishes our hopes and prepare us for the weeks ahead.

Light determines the length of Phil's shadow and his shadow tells the tale.

You may be familiar with the exploits of the famous rodent captured in the film *Groundhog Day*. It features Bill Murray as Phil Connors, the WBPH Action News weatherman. On the surface it is a silly piece of celluloid. Phil's fourth season covering the Punxsutawney Festival begins, again and again.

The local anchormen ask the gnawing question, "Will Phil — Punxsutawney Phil — come out and see his shadow?"

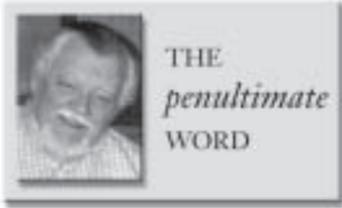
The premise of the movie is beguiling. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I could repeat a day so filled with failure and negligence, the way Phil does in this film?

It doesn't take long to recognize that Phil Collins' shadow is missing. He's predictable and shallow, a man with no substance. The search for his shadow is the redemptive tale of Everyman as Phil revisits the day, redirecting his steps, discovering compassion and amending his life. He needs to step into a light.

Choices and goals lead Phil beyond Gobbler's Knob. Men and women challenge and nurture Phil, drawing him into a light that begins to cast a shadow. A pale shadow that gains in intensity with each fistful of popcorn.

Mary and Joseph knew nothing of Punxsutawney. They walked to Jerusalem for the festival of the Presentation — Candlemas. At the Temple, Simeon held their baby in his arms. "With my own eyes I've seen your salvation," he said. "A God-revealing light to the non-Jewish nations, and of glory for your people Israel." (Luke 2: 31f.)

That God-revealing light has touched lives and cast shadows for countless generations, darkness that consumes them. But even in the darkest place, the most



"I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!" :

1 Corinthians 9

slender of flames reaches further and illumines more than we might imagine.

Phil discovered that.

Mining each day for what is ethical and right is no easy task. Engaging the life of an *other* is difficult.

Paul captures this in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, non-religious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized — whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ — but entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in on it!*" (from chapter 9, *The Message*).

Not content with relying on words, Paul sought to be in on the redemptive story that engaged the lives of others and enabled them to become whole, three-dimensional — "religious, non-religious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized — whoever."

Paul retained his integrity in the God-revealing light of which Simeon spoke. He knew the need for all of us to stand in that God-revealed light and to discover the shadow cast: demonstrating our wholeness, our reclamation.

At this festival — in Pennsylvania or of Candlemas — the gnawing question will not slip quietly into yesterday. It has an echo in Paul's succinct answer: "I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in on it!*"

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Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton

INTERCESSIONS

FEBRUARY

• 20: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Manchester - Hulme - (York, England) the Rt. Rev. Stephen Richard Lowe. Diocese of Recife, Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Maurício Coelho, the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE, coadjutor, the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota and lay minister André Luiz de Souza, assistants, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti and 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, (Archdeacon of the Klondike), Deacon Carol Tyrrell and family, Deacon Percy Henry, the Ven. Ken Snider (honorary assistant), Aldene Snider and family, Mabel Henry, Shirley Pennell, licensed lay ministers, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

• 21: Parish of Saint John, the Ven. Stuart Allen; the Rev. Stephen McCombe (retired). New Life Mission Station, Recife, Marconi Alves de Oliveira, lay minister.

• 22: Parish of St. Margaret's, Canon Jon Lownds, the Rev. John Harvey, honorary assistant. Recife diocesan office, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti, Recife Brazil.

• 23: Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, the Rev. David Edwards. the Rev. Paul McCracken. Holy Trinity Cathedral, Recife, the Very Rev. Sérgio Andrade, auxiliary. Rev. Edmar Carvalho Pimentel, osf.

• 24: Parish of St. Martin's and Black River, the Rev. Dana Dean. Emmanuel Parish Recife, the Rev. Ian Meldrum, the Rev. Vera Nascimento, coadjutor.

• 25: Parish of St. Mary, the Rev. Ian Wetmore; Marian Lucas-Jeffries, Atlantic School of Theology. Resurrection Parish Recife, the Ven. Luiz Souza de França.

• 26: Parish of St. Peter, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb. Good Samaritan Parish, Recife, the Rev. Manoel Severino Moraes, OSE, the Rev. Fábio Vasconcelos, coadjutor.

• 27: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Maryland, the Rt. Rev. Robert Wilkes Ihloff, and Suffragan Bishop the Rt. Rev. John Leslie Rabb. Diocese of Recife, Philadelphia Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida, assistant lay minister, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti and staff. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow - St. Luke, the Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll and family, Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer and family, Lay Ministry Team, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

• 28: Parish of St. Philip's, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick. the Rev. Lloyd McFarlane (retired). Holy Spirit Parish Recife, the Rev. Miguel Uchôa Cavalcanti, the Rev. Geison Sávio de Holanda, coadjutor, the Rev. Fernando Acosta, assistant.

MARCH

• 1: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. Peter Mills. Saint Paul Parish Recife, the Rev. Juciara Rodrigues.

• 2: Parish of Salisbury and Havelock, the Rev. William Morton; the Rev. Reg. McKinnon. Redeemer Parish Recife, the Rev. Vera Lúcia Lins Silva, interim rector, the Rev. Nadja Lins, assistant.

• 3: Parish of Shediac, the Ven. Malcolm Berry, Capt. Hugh Bateman. Good Shepherd Parish Recife, Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, interim, the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF, assistant.

• 4: Parish of Simonds, the Rev. Wally Corey, priest-in-charge. Paul Ranson, Wycliffe. Reconciliation Parish Recife, the Rev. Claudio de Souza Linhares, OSF, the Rev. Lillian P. da Costa Linhares, OSF, coadjutor, the Rev. Claudio Norberto, OSF, assistant.

• 5: Parish of Stanley, the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls. Redemption Parish Recife, the Ven. Maria Gorete Correia, OSE.

• 6: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Matabeleland - (Central Africa) the Rev. Wilson Sitshebo. Diocese of Recife, Freedom Anglican Mission, lay minister Júlio Gomes, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti and staff. Diocese of Yukon, Sarah Usher, Diocesan Administrative Officer - 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.

• 7: Parish of Sussex, the Rev. David Barrett, the Rev. Brenda McKnight, (retired). Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Parish, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF

• 8: Parish of Tobique, the Rev. David Perks. Sower Parish Recife, the Rev. Quintino Orenço.

• 9: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Philip Pain. The Ven. Karl McLean, Archdeacon to Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada. Mediator Parish Recife, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcanti, the Rev. João Cândia Peixoto, coadjutor, the Rev. Gustavo Gilson, assistant.

• 10: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis and Johnson, The Rev. Leo Martin. Saviour Parish Recife, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, Cláudio Luiz Figueiredo de Brito, assistant lay minister.

• 11: Parish of Victoria, Canon David Kierstead; Michael Amirault, student. Good News Parish Recife, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, Eliane Cardoso, OSF, assistant lay minister.

• 12: Parish of Waterford and St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley. Nativity Parish Recife, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, Rodson Ricardo, OSE, assistant lay minister.

• 13: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Medak, Church of South India, The Most Rev. Badda Peter Sugandhar, Moderator. Diocese of Recife, Christ The Liberator Anglican

Mission, lay minister Flávio Adair, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti and staff. Diocese of Yukon, Members of the Yukon Apostolate, Pattie Tetlich, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

• 14: Parish of Westmorland, the Rev. Rufus Onyewuchi, priest-in-charge; Betty McNamara, PWRDF co-ordinator. Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira.

• 15: Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel and Aberdeen, (vacant). Living Waters Parish Recife, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum.

• 16: Parish of Woodstock, the Ven. Walter Williams; the Rev. Dr. David Mercer. Olive Garden Parish Recife, the Rev. Maurício Coelho, the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE, coadjutor, the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota and André Luiz de Souza lay minister, assistants.

• 17: Parish of Andover, the Rev. John Mills. Philadelphia Mission Recife, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida, assistant lay minister.

• 18: Parish of Bathurst, the Rev. Roderick Black; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe. Freedom Mission Recife, Júlio Gomes, lay minister.

• 19: Parish of Bright, the Rev. Anthony Kwaw. Christ The Liberator Anglican Mission, Flávio Adair, lay minister.

• 20: ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, in your tender love for the human family you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection. Amen. Our attention as Christians turns to Jerusalem during Holy Week. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem throughout the week and especially on Good Friday. Remember the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Riah Abu El Assal, and all the clergy and people of the diocese and its many agencies and institutions of education and care including St George's Cathedral and College, known to many throughout the Anglican family who have come to the Holy City as pilgrims. Diocese of Recife, Pentecost Anglican Mission, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcante, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti and staff. Diocese of Yukon, Tom Parlee and Spence Hill, Mission Education and PWRDF Co-ordinators, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

• 21: Parish of Cambridge and Waterborough, (vacant) the Rev. Brenda McKnight, priest-in-charge; Archbishop Harold Nutter (retired); Pentecost Misison Recife, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcante.

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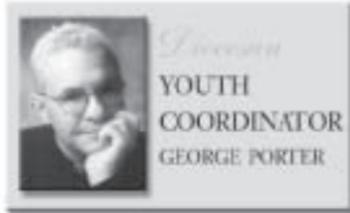
I'm curious, George ...

Do I have to go to church to be a Christian?

This was the second most frequently asked question by young people at Camp Medley last summer. The answer isn't an easy yes or no, it is complicated by your understanding of two key phrases, one of which is *be a Christian*.

If you mean simply having a personal relationship with Jesus (or one of the many related expressions for this experience), then the answer could be no. There are many people who are not involved in a local church but who have encountered the living God and begun to get to know this divine person. In some form or other, this encounter is a vital experience for those who are Christians.

If you are asking, however, if one can live *christianly* apart from the church, the answer becomes more



difficult. Part of our calling to be faithful followers of Jesus is a calling to come together. Part of what it means to be Christian is to belong in this larger reality of Christians together.

There are many metaphors for the church, but all of them call us to a place of being together in community with other followers. We can't be 'only children' in the family of God. We aren't 'amputated limbs' in the Body of Christ. We aren't 'stones off in a field' but living stones in a living temple. We are described as aliens and strangers in this

world, but as fellow citizens in the Kingdom of God. None of these are images of living our lives alone. (Even those peculiar saints who lived lives of hermits really saw themselves as part of this larger community – and most of us aren't called to live this kind of life.)

The word Christian literally means 'little Christ'. Jesus didn't live alone. He said that he only did and said what he saw the Father doing and saying; he only went where the Spirit lead him. Taking the belief in God as Trinity means that our being 'little Christs' means being in the relationships of a larger community. The persons of the Trinity always live in that kind of relationship. The Father is never apart from the Son or the Spirit. Part of our being Christian – perhaps the heart of our being

Christian – is to share life in this community with God.

When we are baptized or when we celebrate the Eucharist, we don't do it alone. The same is true of all the other sacramental things we do: we do them as part of a larger reality – part of a community.

We need the encouragement, support, challenge, prayers and love of others within the church community. One anonymous apostolic writer urged Christian readers not to 'forsake the assembling of ourselves together.' Turning aside from the gathering together of the community is more often than not a path to loss of living passion.

Maybe we could say that while you don't have to go to church to be a Christian, you can't be Christian apart from the church.

Keepin' Current

Crabbe Mountain Anglicans & Friends Day

Skiing and snowboarding, Saturday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For every lift ticket sold to an Anglican or Friend on that day, Crabbe Mountain will donate \$3 toward the mission trip to Cuba this summer.

Fun on the hill followed by a rally in the nearby Parish of Bright. Details soon at www.nbay.ca or 459-1801-4.

Youth Mission 2005: C2C update

The team will work on an agricultural project in support of seniors in need in the Diocese of Cuba, June 27 – July 3. Contributions accepted at the Synod Office, 115 Church St., Fredericton, E3B 4C8.

GYM Classes

Next Growing Youth Ministry event is 'A Day with Mike Yaconelli', Feb. 26, 9:30 – 3:30, Christ Church Cathedral Hall in Fredericton. Info at www.nbay.ca. You DO NOT need to have attended the first events.

Ask and Imagine

Training Anglican Youth for Leadership and Ministries – London, Ont. May 4-14 for ages 18-24; August 17-27 for high school youth. Travel costs and fees covered. Brochures from 506/459-1801-4, george.porter@anglican.nb.ca.

Teens Encounter Christ Camp Medley May 21- 23

TEC 12 is now taking applications for this awesome weekend for youth, ages 16 to 21.

Do you want to learn more about Jesus?

Ask clergy for an application, or check on line at <http://tecnb.net>

Cathedral Youth Service

SUNDAY
Feb. 20
6:30 p.m.

Speaker Eli Brayley
UNB student, Medley counselor and member of the Medley Musicians

Everyone Welcome

Christ Church Cathedral
Fredericton

Info 450-8500,
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CHRISTMAS IN COWTOWN



Ashley Woods of Sussex, Jen MacMullin and Rebecca Tremblay of Fredericton, and Amy Welling of Shediac Cape were among the many young people of the diocese who spent part of their Christmas holidays in Cowtown.

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

(Ecclesiastes 12:1)