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REFRESHED & RENEWED



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Bishop Claude Miller returned from his three-month sabbatical on May 15 feeling refreshed and renewed --with the same excitement and passion for ministry he had when he was first ordained. He spent his time learning to make fine furniture at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine and the whatnot cupboard above (ideally suited to a church vestry) was his major piece. For more details, see the bishop's letter on page 3.

Struggling parishes task force works with facts, figures, faith

BY ANA WATTS

Hard facts and compassionate insight will support the recommendations and proposals the task force on rural and/or struggling parishes will present to Bishop Claude Miller in March of 2009. Task force consultation throughout the diocese identifies the heart and soul of the issues. A spring fact-finding initiative supplies a solid backbone for the final report. Cooperation and input from the parishes was essential every step of the way.

"The Task Force was very pleased to have been able to obtain the services of the Rev. Jasmine Chandra to help us gather this important factual information," says the Ven. Patricia Drummond, task force chair. Ms. Chandra mapped consecrated churches in the diocese, acquired information on other parish-owned buildings and collected statistical and demographic data on the geographic areas of New Brunswick. She also gathered a lot of the population, migration pattern and economic information from the Statistics Canada web site and gleaned more relevant information from the DIMS (Diocesan Integrated

Management System) reports remitted by the parishes.

"This factual information is a most helpful component of our final report," says Archdeacon Drummond. "The co-operation of New Brunswick Anglicans, especially the clergy, was appreciated. The final report will be more valuable because this information is included."

The Task Force was struck to identify ways to help struggling parishes regain their health and strength so they can fully participate in the diocesan shared mission 'To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the making of disciples.' "God has called us to be a diocese of healthy, mission-focused, welcoming and growing parishes," says Archdeacon Drummond. "As we approach the half-way point in our mandate, the pace is really picking up."

In recent months the task force members have read five books with different views on the rural and/or struggling situation. They have also

reviewed suggested web sites and attended presentations on the diaconate, the work of layreaders, synod's historical commitment to rural and/or struggling parishes, the amalgamation of parishes in the lower St. John River valley, United/Anglican partnerships, and parishes sharing Anglican clergy.

"We have held five full-day meetings, and for the most part the information gathering stage of our work will be over some time this summer," says Archdeacon Drummond. "That will leave us the work of analysis, consolidation and discussion, as well as the formulation of our report and recommendations. All of this work will begin in September."

The Task Force covets your prayers over the next year as the information it has received sinks in and members have time to ponder its implications, as they meet to work on their findings and produce a well considered, helpful and stimulating report to guide our diocese in the years to come.

Find on-line information on the
Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force
http://anglican.nb.ca/fp_archives/080311/task_force_seeks_insight.html

Farraline Place residents happy to return home following flood

Heroic efforts and ingenuity ensured all the residents and most of the infrastructure of Farraline Place came through the flood of 2008 relatively unscathed. Whether the budget emerges unscathed depends on whether insurance and government flood assistance cover the costs to repair and replace of some vital infrastructure components.

"Beautifully situated overlooking the St. John River" (according to the promotional brochure), Farraline Place in Fredericton is a comfortable home away from home for seniors who appreciate the ambiance of a Victorian home



Board secretary Michelle LeBlanc and cook Pam Pelkey on the bucket brigade.

and garden, the convenience of downtown living, the security of companionship and the

integrity of independent living. Proximity to the river is usually a good thing, but in early May of this year it proved problematic. The river itself didn't cross Queen Street and encroach on the property that is administered by the diocesan ACW, but the extraordinarily high water caused the city sewer system to back up into its basement.

Staff began to remove or elevate anything vulnerable to water in the basement and storage room -- stored air conditioners, food, freezers -- when the river began to rise, but it soon became apparent those precautions were insufficient.

Staff instituted a standing evacuation plan and all but four residents, complete with their medications in sealed plastic bags with instructions attached, were quickly placed with nearby friends and family. The four unable to be accommodated in that way were sent by the Red Cross to a residence on the UNB campus, where a long and unforgiving staircase proved too dangerous for residents in their 80s and 90s. A nearby hotel had its shortcomings as well, so eventually they found their way to Kaye Dingee's comfortable home in Sunshine Gardens.

Mrs. Dingee is a new resident of Farraline Place. She was sad

to move out of the home she had lived in for 43 years but enjoys her lovely room and the companionship she has at Farraline. New owners from Quebec were set to take possession of her home in June, but in early May her furniture was still in place and the utilities remained connected. It was her daughter who suggested the house as a refuge. A flight of stairs to access the three bedrooms was gentle enough the three women of the group were able to manage it once a day, so meals and activities were planned with that restriction in

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DIOCESAN FINANCES

**REPORT OF PARISH
MISSION & ASSESSMENT
REQUEST vs ACTUAL
AS AT APRIL 30, 2008**

PARISH	MISSION OUTREACH			PARISH ASSESSMENT			DEFICITS IN EMPLOYMENT COSTS			TOTAL
	REQUEST	PAID	SHORT	THIS YR	PAID	DEFICIT	PENSION PREMIUM	PAYROLL ASSESSMENT	OTHER EMP COSTS	OF ALL DEFICITS
Bathurst	3,796	3,796	0	3,484	3,484	0	0	0	0	0
Campbellton	2,352	1,764	588	1,784	1,338	446	378	1,952	83	3,446
Chatham	5,536	5,536	0	5,640	5,640	0	0	0	0	0
Dalhousie	1,052	1,052	0	900	900	0	0	0	0	0
Derby Blackville	4,248	4,248	0	3,812	3,812	0	0	0	0	0
Hardwicke	1,064	1,064	0	1,424	1,424	0	0	5,806	1,614	7,420
New Bandon	1,796	449	1,347	1,456	364	1,092	0	0	0	2,439
Newcastle & Nelson	3,564	1,917	1,647	3,328	3,328	0	0	0	0	1,647
Restigouche	556	556	0	704	704	0	0	0	0	0
Cathedral	12,044	12,044	0	12,280	12,280	0	0	0	0	0
Fredericton	17,812	17,812	0	14,100	14,100	0	426	0	38	464
Fredericton Junction	2,716	2,716	0	1,804	2,404	(600)	0	0	0	(600)
Gagetown	1,232	0	1,232	1,304	652	652	268	1,293	0	3,444
Maugerville	332	332	0	204	204	0	0	0	0	0
New Maryland	2,316	2,316	0	2,048	2,048	0	0	0	0	0
Oromocto	2,324	2,324	0	2,232	2,232	0	0	0	0	0
St Peters	2,268	0	2,268	2,352	0	2,352	0	0	0	4,620
St. Margarets	2,272	2,272	0	2,640	2,640	0	0	0	0	0
Bright	2,068	2,068	0	1,952	1,952	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Waterborough	1,144	0	1,144	980	980	0	0	0	0	1,144
Douglas Nashwaksis	8,132	0	8,132	8,140	0	8,140	529	12,045	96	28,942
Ludlow Blissfield	2,912	0	2,912	2,628	2,628	0	0	0	0	2,912
Marysville	3,172	1,586	1,586	1,800	900	900	0	0	0	2,486
Minto Chipman	2,476	1,857	619	2,436	749	1,687	10	4	88	2,408
St Mary York	3,364	3,364	0	3,320	3,320	0	0	0	(38)	(38)
Stanley	2,012	0	2,012	1,888	0	1,888	0	0	0	3,900
Carleton	4,920	2,460	2,460	4,260	2,130	2,130	503	4,450	88	9,631
Lancaster	4,644	4,644	0	5,136	5,136	0	0	0	0	0
Musquash	2,004	2,004	0	1,724	1,724	0	0	(705)	0	(705)
the Nerepis St John	7,560	7,560	0	6,880	6,880	0	(15)	0	0	(15)
Victoria	2,924	2,193	731	2,128	1,596	532	0	0	0	1,263
Campobello	864	864	0	876	876	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Manan	2,532	2,532	0	1,840	1,840	0	0	0	0	0
Mcadam	1,888	1,849	39	1,472	1,472	0	0	(29)	25	35
Pennfield	2,524	2,524	0	3,164	3,164	0	0	0	0	0
St Andrews	5,204	0	5,204	4,900	4,900	0	0	0	0	5,204
St David St Patrick	388	291	97	252	189	63	0	0	0	160
St George	2,504	1,215	1,289	2,604	0	2,604	874	8,565	275	13,607
St Stephen	3,216	3,216	0	4,376	4,376	0	0	0	19	19
Central Kings	1,232	924	308	1,364	1,023	341	442	3,842	66	4,998
Gondola Point	1,764	1,764	0	1,580	1,580	0	0	0	0	0
Hammond River	1,872	0	1,872	1,700	425	1,275	1,482	0	257	4,886
Hampton	3,876	2,907	969	3,792	2,844	948	0	0	0	1,917
Kingston	2,816	0	2,816	2,608	2,608	0	0	0	0	2,816
Quispamsis	2,612	0	2,612	3,256	0	3,256	0	(0)	0	5,868
Renforth	7,328	4,500	2,828	6,644	4,983	1,661	676	9,724	97	14,986
Rothesay	6,652	6,652	0	7,576	7,576	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	5,656	5,656	0	6,172	6,172	0	0	0	0	0
Upham	984	984	0	1,568	1,568	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Kennebecasis	1,556	0	1,556	1,372	0	1,372	771	(384)	175	3,489
Waterford & St. Mark	4,040	4,040	0	3,548	3,548	0	0	0	0	0
Dorchester	592	0	592	400	0	400	0	0	0	992
Hillsborough	1,036	0	1,036	848	848	0	0	0	0	1,036
Kent	1,456	1,456	0	1,288	1,288	0	0	0	0	0
Moncton	6,696	5,022	1,674	5,720	4,290	1,430	0	0	0	3,104
Riverview	4,236	4,236	0	4,084	4,084	0	0	0	0	0
Sackville	3,708	2,533	1,175	3,608	3,608	0	0	0	0	1,175
Salisbury Havelock	1,672	1,672	0	1,700	1,275	425	(672)	563	(19)	298
Shediac	8,812	6,609	2,203	6,468	4,851	1,617	645	7,991	98	12,554
St Andrews, Sunnybrae	1,576	1,576	0	2,016	2,016	0	0	0	0	0
St Phillips	2,844	0	2,844	2,408	2,408	0	0	0	0	2,844
St. James Moncton	1,944	1,944	0	2,940	2,940	0	0	0	0	0
Westmorland	964	964	0	872	872	0	0	0	0	0
Coldbrook St Marys	4,004	4,004	0	4,204	4,204	0	0	(0)	0	(0)
East Saint John	2,464	2,464	0	1,688	1,688	0	0	0	0	0
Lakewood	3,912	3,912	0	2,584	2,584	0	0	29	0	29
Millidgeville	2,432	1,824	608	3,420	2,565	855	494	0	88	2,045
Portland	8,948	704	8,244	4,608	1,152	3,456	0	0	0	11,700
Saint John	4,244	3,183	1,061	6,088	4,566	1,522	(10)	(204)	0	2,369
Simonds	1,192	0	1,192	932	0	932	0	44	80	2,248
St Mark	4,900	4,237	663	3,508	3,033	475	0	0	0	1,138
St Martins Black Rvr	1,608	1,206	402	1,580	1,185	395	494	4,335	88	5,714
Andover	2,864	1,432	1,432	2,260	1,130	1,130	0	0	0	2,562
Canterbury	1,160	1,160	0	1,084	1,084	0	0	149	0	149
Denmark	380	380	0	1,216	1,216	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Falls	488	0	488	200	0	200	0	0	0	688
Madawaska	1,108	1,108	0	864	864	0	0	0	0	0
Prince William	2,836	0	2,836	1,824	3,192	(1,368)	0	0	0	1,468
Richmond	1,964	1,964	0	1,556	1,556	0	0	0	0	0
Tobique	2,356	1,767	589	1,928	1,446	482	232	0	44	1,346
Woodstock	4,600	1,150	3,450	4,536	1,134	3,402	0	0	0	6,852
Wicklow Wilmot Etal	5,148	5,148	0	4,528	4,528	0	0	0	0	0
DIOCESAN TTLS	266,264	189,507	76,757	246,392	200,300	46,092	7,526	59,472	3,257	271,978

COMING EVENTS



St. John the Baptist Chapel, Chamcook

Former Dean to speak in Chamcook

On Sunday, June 29 the Very Rev. John VanN. Wright, executive director of the Anglican Foundation and former Dean of Fredericton and Victoria, will preach at the annual St. John the Baptist Day celebration at the chapel in Chamcook (Parish of St. Andrews) named for the saint. The 11 a.m. service will be followed by a reception at the nearby Atlantic Salmon Federation. At that time Dean Wright will speak briefly on the work of the Anglican Foundation.

Cantores Celestes Women's Choir of Toronto with director Kelly Galbraith

www.cantorescelestes.com

• **July 3, 7:30 p.m. at All Saints in St. Andrews** in support of the Minister's Island Recreation Project -- The Circle Never Ends with Gospel, Celtic and African music through to the very best of the classical choral traditions. Tickets \$20 at the door or at 506-529-3978

• **July 4, 12:10 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton** in support of the Cathedral Music Programme. The choir will be joined by local Fredericton musicians on violin, double bass as well as organist Virginia Leiter will feature music by Frances Poulenc and Paul Halley. A free will offering will be collected.

• **July 5, 8 p.m. at the Imperial Theatre, Saint John**, in support of Opera New Brunswick. Saint John musicians Tracy Friars and Christopher Lane will offer music by music by Stephen Hatfield, Faure, Verdi and Tchaikovsky. The choir will feature The Circle Never Ends programme. Tickets \$18 plus a \$2 surcharge and are available at the Imperial Box office (<http://www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca> boxoff@imperialtheatre.nb.ca) or 506-674-4100.

Integrity Fredericton Symposium

Reserve Oct. 18 for a fall symposium on the understanding of human sexuality. Acknowledged experts will present the latest research and findings on the scriptural, historical, psychological and pastoral understanding of human sexuality focusing on the homosexual orientation. Leaders of this one day event to be held on the University of New Brunswick campus in Fredericton include the Rev. Andrew Asbil of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto; General Synod Chancellor Canon Ronald Stevenson of Fredericton; UNB psychology professor Dr. Sandra Byers of Fredericton; the Rev. Keith Howlett, rector of Oromocto and Maugerville; and Diocesan Bishop Claude Miller. The \$25 per person registration fee includes lunch and symposium costs. Registration information to follow.

THE BISHOP'S PAGE

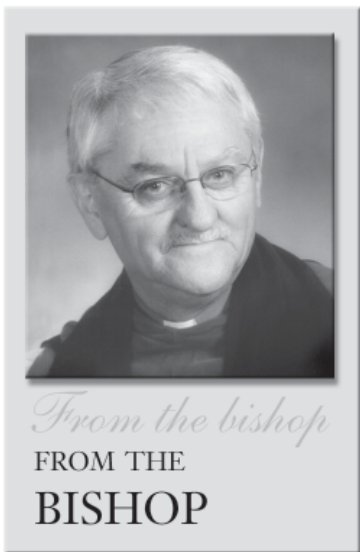
Balance enables our gifts to glorify the Giver

My dear friends in Christ,

I want to share with you my thoughts and a brief reflection on my recent three month sabbatical. I must tell you that today I feel the same excitement and passion for ministry that I did when I was first ordained. Thank you for the opportunity to renew and refresh my spirit.

If you were to ask for the address of the theological institution or spiritual retreat that produced such profound results in 12 short weeks because you think you would like to take advantage of its program yourself, think again. It might not be right for you.

I spent my time at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine. On the surface there is nothing overtly spiritual about the school I attended, but for me the setting was conducive to creativity and spirituality. Other clerics have experienced similar renewal and growth there — its alumni include Episcopal priests, Benedictine monks, Buddhists, Jews and most recently a Buddhist woman from China. She manages a furniture manufacturing company that exports its wares around the world, so you could be forgiven for thinking hers was a “coals to Newcastle” kind of experience, but you would be wrong. She found peace and fulfillment in the intimate setting and in her personal and creative woodworking projects. Her plan is to return and set up a shop that would grant opportunity for her to create unique furniture far removed from the monotony and meaninglessness of mass production.



If you would rather paint, write, weave, make pottery, climb mountains, cycle, swim, dance or play music, you will need to find another place to engage your passion and creativity, but the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship was exactly the right place for me. I have long loved to work with wood and thank God each day for even my modicum of talent in this area.

I regularly encourage clergy to take sabbatical time, to temporarily step away from their responsibilities for reflection and renewal. I also encourage them to pursue interests outside their clerical lives. Most of us are so committed to our vocations and conscious of the Diocesan and General Synod financial support of sabbaticals through the continuing education program, that we think it only fitting and even fair to spend our time apart improving and enriching our theological knowledge and/or clerical skills. While this motivation is honorable and good, wellness requires balance so that all our gifts and talents

might be given an opportunity to glorify the Giver.

It is in moving away from our day-to-day activities that we get to know ourselves better. In the end, that distance gives us a different perspective on our lives and vocations. While in Maine I was blessed to be part of St. Peter's church family in Rockland. This congregation exemplifies hospitality and outreach and its members were a wonderful blessing to me and Sharon.

The Centre for Furniture Craftsmanship was everything I needed. And if I hadn't been certain what I wanted and needed from the beginning, a look at the definition of the course I chose would have clinched it for me — “Our Twelve-week Intensive is especially designed to meet the needs of aspiring professional furniture makers and amateurs on sabbatical from other professions. With two instructors available at all times and only twelve students, each participant is able to individualize the course of study to fit his or her interests and level of experience.”

I don't plan a third career as a professional furniture maker, but the amateur on sabbatical label fit me to a T.

I thank God to be back among you, not just renewed and refreshed, but much better acquainted with patience and humility than ever before. It is impossible to learn to hand cut dove tails or mortise and tenon joints without intimate acquaintance with both those virtues.

While I was away I put my new woodworking skills to good use in the design and construction of a two-piece curio cabinet — the top

cupboard sits safely on a Queen Anne-legged table that combines solid cherry wood construction and an elegantly grained fine veneer. The longer I look at it, the more convinced I am it belongs in a church vestry with communion vessels in the cupboard and purificators in the drawers.

In a day and age when sabbatical rest must be set aside for the good of the “economy” and at the expense of worship and renewal, I believe we are missing a great deal of God's intended joy for each one of us by being negligent in our spiritual care.

So again, thank you for your patience during my absence. I am most grateful for the support of Bishop Bill Hockin, the Synod Office staff (especially my assistant, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall), Dean Keith Joyce, and the territorial archdeacons, as well as the diocesan clergy who supported the people above by finding new ways to cope with problems and challenges. As a result I am sure they all gained new confidence.

Renewed, refreshed and with a positive outlook and new confidence of my own, I look forward to what I believe will be an historic Lambeth Conference this summer and the continued pursuit of our own Shared Ministry Plan here in the diocese in the years to come.

With every blessing in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Claude Miller is diocesan bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

June 7
Layreaders Day, Saint John

June 15
Parish of New Maryland
10 a.m. *
Christ Church Cathedral,
Cursillo Service 5 p.m.

June 22
Parish of Riverview 10 a.m. *

June 24-26,29
Chaleur Deanery visitation *

July 13-August 5
Lambeth Conference

August 25-27
Clergy Conference

*Denotes Confirmation

APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Canon George Akerley was appointed interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis on April 16.

The Rev. Canon Robert Smith was appointed interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of McAdam, effective Friday, April 25.

The Rev. Gordon Thompson was appointed Regional Dean of Chaleur/Miramichi for a three year term, June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011.

The Rev. Brenda McKnight is appointed interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Campobello for a two-year period beginning June 15.

The Rev. Canon Wally Corey is appointed interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Saint John (Trinity Church) beginning August 1.

Margaret Harding tells clergy spouses 'Our lives are God's tapestries'



Clergy Spouse retreat speaker Margaret Harding is surrounded by, clockwise from the left, Ellie Matheson, Carol Anningson, Sharon Miller and Eva Morton. The woven bookmark is a conference keepsake.

BY EVA MORTON

Our lives are God's Tapestries ... our experiences and beliefs, insights and ideas are among the many strands that God weaves together and make us who we are. Margaret Harding, wife of the Ven. Lyman Harding (retired) of St. Stephen, shared the stories and colours of her tapestry with her fellow clergy spouses at our annual retreat at Villa Madonna March 15-17.

Her presentation to us will add even more colour and more texture to her own tapestry, not just for its insight and humour, but also for its unorthodox presentation. The day before our conference began, Margaret woke up with laryngitis. She could barely whisper. She knew she couldn't cancel because we would never be able to replace her on such short notice, so she came to the

conference and found her “voice” in Ellie Matheson from St. Andrews.

The tag-team presentation was unusual, to say the least, as well as very entertaining. Margaret's notes were clear and extensive so Ellie had little trouble delivering the prepared text. Like any good speaker, however, Margaret was inspired by the comments we offered during an interactive kind of presentation and thought of things to add to the text, which she communicated to Ellie and the rest of us in a combination of hoarse sounds and sign language.

The generous opportunities for us to share our own experiences and insights took the presentation from enlightening and raised it to inspiring.

Margaret also brought along a tapestry-covered box in which we were encouraged to deposit questions and reflections which

also got themselves woven into the tapestry that was her gift to us.

Inspired by Margaret's topic, retreat organizers thought an appropriate keepsake for the event was in order. A woven bookmark seemed ideal, and Ellie's daughter Elizabeth wove them for us — after she taught herself to weave!

Margaret was not the only conference presenter. Natalie Noseworthy, widow of the Very Rev. Donald Noseworthy also inspired us with her experiences from the past and promises for the future.

Lots of time for singing, reflection and fellowship ensured the three-day annual event was a valuable time of encouragement, refreshment and renewal.

We are most grateful to our Bishop Claude Miller for his generous support of this wonderful annual event.

PARISH NEWS

AT LAST



CINDY PRICE

With building materials on-site, clear evidence of work begun on their church's foundation on the hill behind them, the spring rain was nothing more than liquid sunshine to these delighted people of the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John in the lower St. John River Valley. After years discussing amalgamation, growing as a church family, searching for land, raising money and hurdling myriad other obstacles -- construction of the Church of the Resurrection is finally under way. When the September issue of the New Brunswick Anglican lands in your mailbox, you'll see what a difference a summer can make. That photo story may even include a shot of the stunning view of the St. John river the church commands.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF PRINCE WILLIAM, DUMFRIES, QUEENSBURY, SOUTHAMPTON



On Layreader Recognition Sunday, April 27, the Rev. Elaine Hamilton presented layreader medallions to Martin MacMullin, Grace Pike, Audrey Cernivz and Gloria Fletcher in appreciation for their participation in many aspects of worship. The service was held at St. Luke's Church in Temperance Vale.

On Pentecost, which was also Confirmation Reunion and Music Appreciation Sunday, there was a rosy glow in St. Clement's Church. Those who were confirmed last year were invited to take an active part in the service reading lessons and the Prayers of the People as well as bringing the message.



Brady Ingraham, confirmed at Pentecost 2007, read the second lesson.



Murray McEwen, also confirmed on Pentecost last year, shared his faith journey. Both he and Brady wore the stoles presented to them at their confirmation.

ROGATION SUNDAY

In ancient times, priests led processions round the fields, blessing crops and praying for good harvests. This year, in the rural parish of Upham, the Rev. Marian Lucas Jefferies invited people to bring the seeds they would plant so they could be blessed and asked them to donate some of their seeds to be planted in a garden at the rectory that would eventually yield a "harvest for the hungry." She also encouraged people to set aside a part of their own gardens to grow vegetables to share and instituted a pumpkin-growing contest. Sarah Beamin, Jessica Saunders and Jaymee Saunders planted their pumpkin seeds in cups.



ARE YOU A WOMAN CARING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WITH DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S?

Nurse researchers at the University of New Brunswick are interested in learning about how the health of women caregivers is affected by their past relationship with the family member, and by obligation. We are seeking women to take part in a series of four short telephone surveys over the course of nine months. These will be scheduled at your convenience, and you will receive \$20 per survey. All your answers will be confidential, and you may choose to withdraw from the study at any time. If you would like to learn more, please call 1-888-457-6600 or email health@unb.ca



Mark your calendar
**Christ Church
 (Parish) Church
 Fredericton
 ACW Christmas Bazaar
 Nov. 15, 2008**



All those who participate in worship music in the parish were presented with pins in the shape of a treble clef with a cross in the centre.

ARCHIVES CORNER



In the beginning there was Trinity, Kingston

Trinity Church Kingston is the oldest Anglican Church in the Diocese of Fredericton. In fact Loyalists built it in 1789, before the diocese was even established, and therefore consecrated by Bishop Charles Inglis, the first bishop of Nova Scotia, whose territory included New Brunswick. This diocese was created in 1845. Trinity in Kingston was originally built in Georgian style, but the parish renovated the building in 1857 and 1858 to conform to the Gothic style preferred by Bishop John Medley, the first Bishop of Fredericton.

The Gregg Finley & Lynn Wigginton book, *On Earth As it is in Heaven* (Goose Lane, 1995) says: In the spring of 1857, its Vestry decided to repair and modernize their Georgian Church. Gothic details added to the exterior include false buttresses, pointed windows, a

row of pinnacles with stylized finials along the roof line, and a Gothicized tower and spire with an octagonal lantern and belfry.”

“The original dimensions of Trinity were fifty by thirty-eight feet, making it roughly the same configuration as two largely unaltered Anglican churches surviving from the pre-Gothic period: St. Anne’s Westcock and St. Martins-in-the-Woods.”

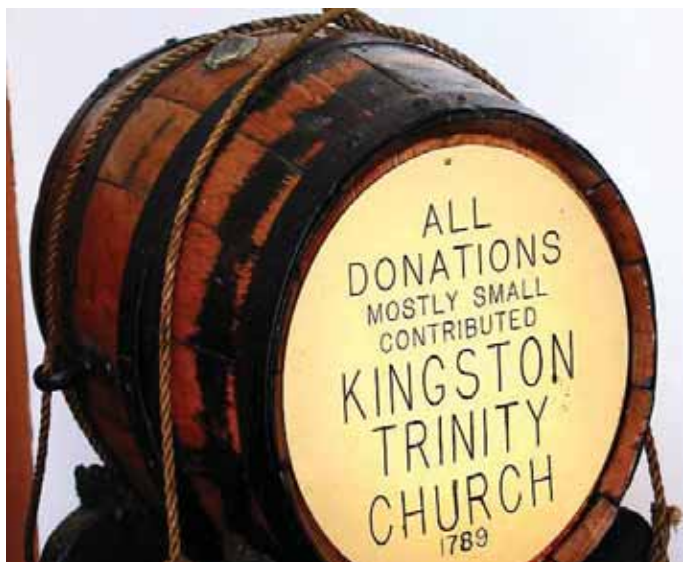
According to the Parish of Kingston website (www.Kingstonparish.net): “On June 27, 1789, through the spirited and unwearied exertion of the people of the Parish of Kingston, the framing of Trinity Church, First Anglican Church in New Brunswick, was completed and erected. On November 5, 1789, it was dedicated for Divine Service by the Rev. James Scovil and on the 8th day of

August, 1792, Trinity Church, The Root from which all other Churches in the country have sprung, was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Charles Inglis.”

The black and white photo is a post card in celebration of Trinity’s 150th anniversary on June 22, 1939. The two other views are of inside and outside Trinity in Kingston as it appears today. They are from the Frank Morehouse collection.

The donation barrel remains in use and is usually emptied once a year, although in very good tourist years it may need to be emptied twice.

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Flood casualties include freezers, elevator motor and cable

Board hopes insurance and flood relief funds will cover the \$70,000 price tag

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mind. The one man in the group was unable to manage the stairs at all, but Red Cross supplied a bed for him so he was made comfortable on the ground floor.

Farraline Place staff members, including a cook, were dispatched to the Sunshine Garden home with the four seniors. Food was supplied from Farraline Place cupboards and freezers.

The freezers, however, were in great jeopardy from the rising tide of sewer water in the basement. Everything of value that could be removed from the basement was, but the freezers were too big and heavy to manage. Instead they were elevated as much as possible and an emergency measures official inscribed a high-water mark on

them. If the water got above those marks, the freezers would have to be replaced.

In order to keep the water level down in the basement and the contents of the brimming freezers frozen, a constant source of electricity was essential. Farraline staff managed to rent the last two available generators in the city so the sump pumps and freezers continued to do their jobs. The sump pumps, however, were not up to the challenge. Water flooded into the basement faster than the pumps and the staff could take it out.

Board members, staff members and their families and friends rose to the challenge and set up a bucket brigade. During the day, 10 volunteers passed full

buckets up the basement stairs and empty buckets back down at a great clip. At night, three Farraline staff members continued to bail out the basement as best they could while they remained in the cold, dark building to prevent vandalism.

Despite their best efforts and what they saw as success, the provincial electrical inspector eventually condemned the freezers and the furnaces. Administrator Judy O’Donnell immediately ordered two new freezers and no frozen food was lost.

The motor and cable (which had recently been replaced) of the ancient and unique Farraline Place elevator were also ruined and had to be rebuilt.

Parts were not easily accessible so it took some time to get the machine back up and running. In the meantime, the flood crisis passed and the residents returned. Those with rooms above the first floor had their meals delivered so they did not have to negotiate stairs.

Electrical, plumbing, heating and elevator repairs, professional clean-up from Service Master, new freezers, generator rentals, basement and food storage area repair and refurbishment, overtime expenses and other incidental flood-related costs total nearly \$70,000. Insurance would be a godsend, but no matter what happens, Farraline Place remains the warm and welcoming place it has always been and will endure.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Susie Pearson of Springfield, in the Parish of Central Kings, celebrated her 105th birthday in May. Family and friends, including the Rev. Bob LeBlanc, came from far and wide to help her celebrate. Susie ran a household from the time she was nine, and later helped her husband on their dairy farm. She also raised hens for eggs to sell to the community from a store in her home. Her secret to longevity is hard work and home-cooked meals.

COLUMNS

Re:Zound a resounding musical success

Re:Zound rings with strong music and a strong message, so why this band isn't the buzz of the entire music industry is an interesting question to think about -- one that might drive you a bit crazy in the process. Not only are the members of this band blessed with very good abilities as musicians, they are gifted songwriters who speak their passion through their music. As if that were not enough, they have some great credentials, and some aspects of their history speak of just how much God is using this group to spread the word.

Re:Zound took MTV's #1 undiscovered band award last year, and was also signed to a label in the EMI family. More than that, it was also the first Christian band in history to be allowed by the government of Vietnam to play and worship God openly there, which they did in March of 2007. The band performed at two separate concerts, one of which was broadcast on the government's countrywide TV channel.

So what's up with this group? My reading about Re:Zound showed clearly from the beginning that the members of this group are all about following God far more than they are about their music. Lead vocalist Jason Anderson says they get their biggest lift from doing concerts outside North America, spending much of their time in



Southeast Asia. He also says their song "I Can Still Hear Them" speaks about the band's mission. "That song is about people from all of over the world needing God, crying out to him, and although language is a barrier and culture is a barrier, the common need in all of us to know our Creator is the thread that unites us."

'Nuff said.

Re:Zound is a rock band that has echoes of Nickleback, Casting Crowns, Mercy Me, and some say Daughtry, too. It is a well rehearsed, musically accomplish group that mixes rock anthems, ballads, and even a few jazz harmonies into their songs -- especially in the great "35 weeks." De-tuned guitars also add a flavour to their sound.

The first song on the album *Beautiful* has all the makings of a classic rock song. It is a praise song and classic rock song at once, and it is also hard to get out of your head. It declares the theme of the entire album -- it is a praise song to God. While praise albums at times seem to lack substance in their musical composition, the members of Re:Zound seem to draw



musical complexity out of the substance of the message they sing. The lyrics are as rich as the music. Not all albums can boast that.

Beautiful is one of the most solid albums I have heard this year -- a year that already includes releases by the David*Crowder Band, Leeland, and Sevenglory. Not one song can be considered mere filler, and not one song fails to hold its own among all the others.

I think this band from Mesa, Arizona will likely gain in recognition over time, whether it continues to play gigs in Asia, North America, Europe, or anywhere. The members seek to tell people about God, and they use the medium that God has chosen for them in some really great ways. Go to their Myspace page, or find the album in a Christian music store.

Do yourself a favour -- hear this music.

The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician as well as rector of the Parish of Richmond.

INTERCESSIONS

JUNE

¶ 21: Parish of Carleton, the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson.

¶ 22: Pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) the Most Rev. Peter Jasper Akinola Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria and Bishop of Abuja. Diocese of Ho, the Rt Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Pattie Tetlich Yukon Apostolate, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 23: Parish of Central Kings, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc, priest-in-charge. The Rev. James Golding (retired).

¶ 24: Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Gordon Thompson.

¶ 25: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Isabel Cutler parish nurse, the Ven Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistant. The Rev. David Gray (retired).

¶ 26: Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, the Rev. Gregory McMullin.

¶ 27: Parish of Dalhousie, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, priest-in-charge. Kevin Frankland, Atlantic School of Theology.

¶ 28: Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls, The Rev. Ellen Curtis.

¶ 29: Pray for The Church of North India (United) the Most Rev. Joel Vidyasagar Mal Moderator, CNI & Bishop of Chandigarh. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, PWRDF representative Megan Perry, Dorothy Odian diocesan ACW President and all ACW members, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 30: Parish of Derby & Blackville,

the Rev. Douglas Barrett. The Ven. Arthur Gregg (retired).

JULY

¶ 1: Parish of Dorchester & Sackville, the Rev. Kevin Stockall.

¶ 2: Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, the Rev. Canon William MacMullin.

¶ 3: Parish of East Saint John, the Rev. Canon Edward Coleman, priest-in-charge.

¶ 4: Parish of Fredericton, The Rev. Anthony Arza-Kwaw, the Rev. Paul Ranson assistant curate, the Rev. Joyce Perry, deacon.

¶ 5: Parish of Fredericton Junction, (open incumbency).

¶ 6: PRAY for The Church of Pakistan (United) The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander John Malik, Moderator Church of Pakistan & Bishop of Lahore. Council of the North, Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, the Rt. Rev. Gordon Light, suffragan, people and clergy. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from the diocese -- the Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall, the Rev. Dorothy Thorpe, the Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard, the Rev. Don Sax & the Rev. Deacon Lee Sax, the Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM, the Ven. Ken & Aldene Snider, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 7: Parish of Gagetown, the Rev. Valerie Hunt & the Rev. Karman Hunt, priests-in-charge. The Ven. Geoffrey Hall, executive assistant to the Bishop.

¶ 8: Parish of Gondola Point, the Rev. George Eves.

¶ 9: Parish of Grand Manan, the Rev. Dana Dean. The Rev. Donald Hamilton, Anglican Chaplain Moncton Hospital.

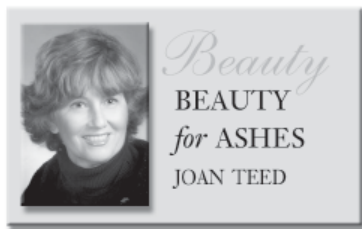
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We still wrestle with equality and respect

Life changing events often foster growth of satisfaction, peace and wisdom. We explored how and why these grow in some of us and not in others in recent articles. In *The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom*, professor and psychologist Jonathan Haidt -- whose research focuses on ways to transcend the "culture wars" by using recent discoveries in moral psychology to foster more civil forms of politics -- approaches this over diverse cultures, philosophies and centuries through questions that all, in essence, ask the same thing: "What is the meaning of life?" Often called the Holy Question, is its answer indeed, "to find peace and happiness?"

Haidt says the question falls into two parts; the purpose in general of all life and creation, and the purpose within an individual life, and how we ought to live.

To answer the first sub-question we either believe there is a God/spirit/intelligence who has a desire or intention in all creation, or we believe in a purely material



world wherein we are not created for any reason -- that everything just happens according to the laws of nature. In themselves these are theological questions about the nature of God and life.

Haidt believes happiness comes from "between." Although love and work are essential to human happiness, it is in the action -- and its quality and integrity -- that we find meaning and pride. We develop interest, enjoyment, and relationship to people and community. These values deepen over the years and move from vital engagement into meaning and purpose. If these actions are in fact our work, our profession becomes a calling, our practices become "love made visible."

When a community fails to provide the coherence of shared values, and its practices contradict the gut feelings of

the people, it may be disrupted with conflict -- like when Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged America to confront racial segregation.

Christinity has faced many such issues, mostly around equality and respect, perhaps beginning with the circumcision debate in the very early Church that led to the inclusion of Gentiles. Imagine if the Spirit had been ignored and only Jews were allowed to be a part of our earliest times -- if Christianity had survived at all it would have been as a small, ethnic church.

The Church continues to wrestle with equality and respect. Martin Luther led a revolution against greed, we struggled with the ordination of women, and we are struggling with the marriage and ordination of gays.

In Latin, the word religion means to bind together. Emile Durkheim, the acknowledged father of sociology, defined religion as "a unified system of beliefs and practices relative to sacred things -- set apart and forbidden. All these things, and all those who adhere to them, unite to form a single moral community called a church. The traditional base is intended to

provide a footing for transcendent experience, so members can merge with something larger."

Thus love and work lead to this "in between" action that builds the connection of community and relationships. Durkheim says it is important to create quality relationships, healthy workplace dynamics, healthy churches and "a right relationship between yourself and something larger than yourself. If you get these relationships right, a sense of purpose and meaning will emerge."

This is the "stuff" of CS Lewis' life experience found in *Surprised by Joy*. He discards the dross of unfulfilling belief, practice, philosophy and atheism when he experiences God, who pulled him to him/herself.

In therapy the prospect of change is daunting, but for some it is necessary for growth and happiness.

Please let me know about your conversion experiences leading to joy and unity at joanlionel@rogers.com.

Joan Teed is a vocational chaplain as well as a social worker and counsellor in private practice.

You deserve a Spiritual Retreat Spa!

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to offer its annual Spiritual Retreat Spa 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 27 At the Dayspring Retreat Centre, Dayspring Road, Rothesay (just outside Saint John)

The morning is filled with a series of reflections and meditations aimed at refreshing your spirit. The afternoon is devoted to your physical well-being with mini facials, manicures, pedicures, canoeing, fishing (if you have a license) crafts, massage, makeup application and relaxation in the beautiful and natural surroundings. Mark your calendar for this special fall event today, and watch for information on a Christian Education Conference and Retreat planned for the spring of 2009.

Liz Harding's Christian Education column will return in September.

Jesus loves me still . . . He always will

BY JIM IRVINE

*You didn't choose me,
remember; I chose you...*
John 15:16

The tug on my heart was first evidenced as I pulled on a daisy along the path. Daisies have been harvested along pathways across the diocese, and well beyond. I know they have been held in youthful hands not only in Saint John and Fredericton, but in Minto and Oromocto and Tracy as well. They're wonderful, cheerful, exuberant flowers, both simple and sophisticated. They're often the first blooms young children pick to give to their mothers.

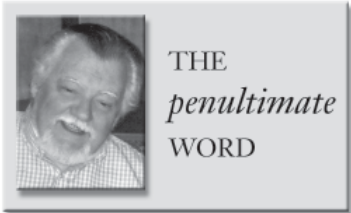
And yet, daisies never stop speaking to the child in most of us. My experience with the familiar blooms began very shortly after beginning school. The late June and early July would welcome the ubiquitous flower each year. But I was no botanist and had no idea that what I beheld was the scentless chamomile:

Tripleurospermum inodorum. I discovered my presumptuous error late in life, but not too late. No matter — my interest was more in assessing the affections of that cute little redheaded girl, third desk in the second row at school.

"She loves me," I began as I plucked a petal and cast it off. "She loves me not," I continued, plucking a second petal and discarding it indifferently on the ground. "She loves me," and the sequence continued. We have all followed the sequence, and we have all begun in the optimistic hope of being the object of the Other's love. The process continues until all of the petals are nothing more than a trail tracing our progress along a sidewalk or neighbourhood path.

Scentless chamomile is a summer annual with daisy-like flowers that have a yellow center and white rays. It was introduced from Europe about 100 years ago. It occurs throughout New Brunswick, and across our country. There are two cytotypes and both may have extra chromosomes. They are morphologically and ecologically similar, but with different ranges. In Canada diploids occur mainly in the Maritimes and tetraploids in western Canada.

When I had deconstructed the diploid in my youthful hand, and had not attained the satisfactory affirmation of love sought in my effort, I did what any of you would do in a similar situation: I picked another daisy! In fact, I picked enough daisies in succession until I was satisfied with the outcome.



SHE LOVES ME is the Only satisfaction of the heart.

I discovered later that the scentless chamomile has influenced me more than I had perhaps expected. It has touched us all in a very personal and profound way. It has, I learned, shaped our understanding about the capacity of God to love us. The petals strewn on the path suggest that we are not loved half of the time! As much as I knew the cute little red-headed girl who occupied the third desk in the second row loved me, I knew that she only loved me half as much as I needed to be loved.

Perhaps that's why we always kept the amorous insights of the scentless chamomile a secret, particularly from the One who loves us. I would never have told her. I have even forgotten her name!

We don't think theologically any more than I considered *Tripleurospermum inodorum* biologically! Regardless of our conscious intention, we cannot help but think that we are unworthy of Jesus' affection. Half of the time — at least half of the time — we know that we fall short of Jesus' favour. We know that God is love, and that he is motivated by his very nature to reach out to his creation. But the discarded petals convince us that Jesus' capacity, as immense as it may be, may not extend to us individually, personally.

As petals follow us throughout our lives, I have ministered to too many broken and discouraged people on my journey. Better, I think that the scentless chamomile be picked again but now rehearsed: "Jesus loves me," as I pluck a petal and let it fall to my path. "Jesus loves me still," as a second petal follows the first. "Jesus loves me yet," and fingers select the petal in turn; "and he always will."

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Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton

INTERCESSIONS

¶ 10: Parish of Hammond River, the Rev. Peter Gillies.

¶ 11: Parish of Hampton, the Rev. Leo Martin.

¶ 12: Parish of Hardwicke, the Rev. Richard Steeves, priest-in-charge.

¶ 13: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, the Most Rev. James Simon Ayong Archbishop of Papua New Guinea & Bishop of Aipo Rongo. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from the diocese - the Rev. Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon, the Ven. Arthur Privett, Canon David & Alice Kalles, the Ven. John & Deacon Carol Tyrell, the Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson, Marion Carroll, Edith Josie, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 14: Parish of Kent, the Rev. John Pearce, priest-in-charge. Liz Harding, Christian Education Director

¶ 15: Parish of Kingston, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc.

¶ 16: Parish of Lakewood, the Rev. Ellen Curtis. The Ven. Lyman Harding (retired).

¶ 17: Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen.

¶ 18: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. Andrew Fraser.

¶ 19: Parish of McAdam, (open incumbency) the Rev. Canon Robert Smith, priest-in-charge.

¶ 20: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, the Most Rev. Ignacio Capuyan Soliba, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu.

Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Peter Williams & Barbara Williams, the Rev. Mary Battaja, associate priest on leave, Lino Battaja & family, Ellen Zimmerman licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 21: Parish of Madawaska (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry) the Rev. Fran Bedell, deacon-in-charge. The Ven. Harold Hazen (retired).

¶ 22: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. Canon John Cathcart.

¶ 23: Parishes of Mougerville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett. The Rev. Karman Hunt.

¶ 24: Parish of Millidgeville, the Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate, the Rev. Canon Brian Campion, the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistants.

¶ 25: Parish of Minto & Chipman, the Rev. Philip Pain.

¶ 26: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk.

¶ 27: L'Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Musaba Kolini, Archbishop of Rwanda & Bishop of Kigali. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene, Toad River, Alaska Highway mile 150-506, the Rev. David Terwilliger, Lisa Terwilliger & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 28: Parish of Musquash, (open incumbency). The Rev. Valerie Hunt.

¶ 29: Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, the Ven. Vicars Hodge.

¶ 30: Parish of New Bandon, the Ven. Patricia Drummond. The Rev. Canon James Irvine (retired).

¶ 31: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Rev. Richard Steeves.

AUGUST

¶ 1: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Bruce McKenna.

¶ 2: Parish of Pennfield, the Rev. Keith Osborne.

¶ 3: Pray for the Lambeth Conference - Canterbury Cathedral. The

Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Idris Jones, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway. Council of the North, Diocese of Keewatin, the Rt. Rev. David Ashdown, the Very Rev. Hugh Matheson, the Ven. Larry Beady, the Rev. Eileen Apetagon (ministry of healing and reconciliation) and students and staff of Dr. William Winter School of Ministry in Kingfisher Lake Ontario. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu.

Diocese of Yukon, Watson Lake - St. John the Baptist, Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek - St. Aidan, Dease Lake, Glenora, the Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 4: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Eileen Irish. The Rev. Canon David Jackson (retired).

¶ 5: Parish of Prince William, the Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton.

¶ 6: Parish of Quispamsis, (open incumbency). The Rev. Ellis Jagoe (on leave).

¶ 7: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney, the Rev. Canon Ed Coleman, pastoral assistant.

¶ 8: Parish of Restigouche, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, priest-in-charge.

¶ 9: Parish of Richmond, the Rev. Christopher Hayes.

¶ 10: PRAY for Church of the Province of South East Asia The Most Rev. Dr. John Chew, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Singapore. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross, St. Saviour's, the Rev. David Pritchard, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing, Teslin - St. Philips, the Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 11: Parish of Riverview, the Rev. Brent Ham. The Rev. Paul Jeffries, missionary priest in Uganda.

¶ 12: Parish of Rothesay, the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove.

¶ 13: Parish of St. Andrews, Canon John Matheson. The Rev. Tom Knox (retired).

¶ 14: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, the Rev. Robert Salloum.

¶ 15: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge.

¶ 16: Parish of St. George, the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid.

¶ 17: PRAY for The Church of South India (United) Medak - (South India) The Rt. Rev. Badda Peter Sugandhar. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, communities of Carmacks, Keno, Faro and Ross River, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Campers and staff at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 18: Parish of St. James, Moncton, the Rev. Donald Hamilton, priest-in-charge. The Rev. Canon Lloyd Lake (retired).

¶ 19: Parish of Saint John, (open incumbency), the Rev. Canon Wally Corey, interim priest-in-charge, the Rev. George Trentowsky, honorary assistant, the Rev. Constance Soulikas-Whittaker, deacon.

¶ 20: Parish of St. Margaret's, Canon Jon Lownds, the Rev. John Harvey, honorary assistant. The Rev. Wilfred Langmaid.

¶ 21: Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, the Rev. Capt. David Edwards.

¶ 22: Parish of St. Martin's & Black River, the Rev. Gerald Laskey, priest-in-charge.

¶ 23: Parish of St. Mary's (York), the Rev. Ian Wetmore.

¶ 24: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the Most Rev. Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Atlin - St. Martin, the Rev. Deacon Vera Kirkwood and family, Dorothy Odian, licensed lay minister & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 25: Parish of St. Peter, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb. Padre Steele Lazerte, Canadian Forces chaplain.

¶ 26: Parish of St. Philip's, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick.

¶ 27: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. William Morton. The Rt. Rev. George C. Lemmon (retired).

¶ 28: Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, (open incumbency)

¶ 29: Parish of Shediac, the Ven. Richard McConnell.

¶ 30: Parish of Simonds, (open incumbency), the Rev. Alan Reynolds, priest-in-charge.

¶ 31: PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America, the Most Rev. Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone & Bishop of Argentina. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, clergy in secular employment holding bishop's license for ministry, the Rev. Martin Carroll, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

SEPTEMBER

¶ 1: Parish of Stanley, the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls. The Rev. Canon Elaine Lucas (retired).

¶ 2: Parish of Sussex, the Ven. David Barrett.

¶ 3: Parish of the Tobique, (open incumbency). The Rev. Garth Maxwell (retired).

¶ 4: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jeffries priest-in-charge.

¶ 5: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis & Johnston, the Rev. Canon George Akerley, priest-in-charge.

¶ 6: Parish of Victoria, the Rev. Canon David Kierstead.

¶ 7: PRAY for The Episcopal Church of the Sudan, the Most Rev. Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop elect of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan & Bishop of Juba Assistant Bishop of Juba - (Sudan), The Rt. Rev. Joseph Makor Atot. Council of the North, fall meeting of the Council of the North (Canada), the Rt. Rev. Anthony Burton, chair; the Most Rev. Caleb Lawrence, vice-chair; Fiona Brownlee, secretary; and members of the council. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Haines Junction - St. Christopher's, Beaver Creek - St. Columba, Alaska Highway mile 918-1202, the Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Whitehorse) & lay ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 8: Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley. The Rev. Stephen McCombe (retired).

¶ 9: Parish of Westmorland, the Rev. Kevin Stockall, priest-in-charge.

¶ 10: Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel & Aberdeen, The Rev. Douglas Painter. The Rev. Paul McCracken.

¶ 11: Parish of Woodstock, the Ven. Walter Williams.

¶ 12: Parish of Andover, the Rev. Terence Chandra, priest-in-charge.

¶ 13: Parish of Bathurst, the Rev. Roderick Black.

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Coming Events

*reGathering
reScheduled*

The annual reGathering – 25 hours with Bishop Claude Miller for those confirmed by him – is a fall event this year.

Reserve Oct. 4 & 5 for this special event, and watch your mailbox and nbay.ca for details.

If you want more information now, contact our Christian Education director Liz Harding

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Rhema Plus

The Rhema theme this year is Being the Bride of Christ. It's scheduled from 7 p.m. Sept. 26 through 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at Camp Beulah on the St. John River. The cost is \$ 30. For an additional \$20 you can stay on until Sunday morning for a personal retreat. Watch <http://nbay.ca> for details.

Ask & Imagine

Ask and Imagine, sponsored by Huron University College in partnership with the Anglican Church of Canada, is a unique opportunity for young people to go beyond the usual camp and retreat event experiences. They will delve more deeply into what/how they believe/live out their spiritual lives, as well as what/how others believe/live. They will get practical experience in various ministries and experiential learning situations, meet other young people from across Canada (and perhaps other parts of the world) and have a blast doing so. As one participant observed, it is a program where young people are not treated like kids.

The May A&I program for university-age people has been cancelled for this year – too close to Generation 2008. However, the August program for high schoolers is a 'go', and this year the brochures are only on line at www.askandimagine.org. Look for the link on the side bar called "2008/2009 info." You will also find a 'brochure' link and registration information.

In order to receive the diocesan portion of support for this program, applicants need also to be in touch with the diocesan youth action director george.porter@anglican.nb.ca when application is made.

Hampton youth are humming and hanging out with puppets

BY EMILY DESROCHES

St. Paul's in Hampton is humming with excitement -- we have middle and high-school youth groups, a youth band and a new puppet ministry!

Middle school youth leader Arlene DesRoches says the program is an excellent every-other-week event. In addition to playing games and eating snacks, participants talk about how well or how badly their week went and cap off their time with a devotional study. A recent Electronic Entertainment Evening was a very big success and Arlene hopes that everyone will be keen to come again.

St. Paul's high school group, also known as the senior youth group, enjoys an average attendance of about 13. Leader Patty Waugh says they begin their time

together with a conversation about the high and low points of their week. Then it's time for snacks, games and a devotional study presentation from youth leader Bruce Langdon. This group also has a music ministry with Will Gowan and Wally Collett. They listen to songs and discuss the meaning of the lyrics. Patty says that at first she was scared about the idea of being a youth leader, but she decided she wanted to help make a difference so she signed-on. Now she says youth group helps her to be more involved with the church and she enjoys having fun with the group.

Debbie Jarvis has wanted to be part of a puppet ministry for a long time, and her wish has been granted. She leads an enthusiastic and vibrant puppet ministry of six puppeteers and she is



helping them to master the art of puppetry. A recent Sussex performance was considered a great success. We hope that her puppet ministry will continue and become a bigger and better influence in the community of St. Paul's. It's certainly on its way!

Youth leadership explores ministry and training needs

At a recent Ecumenical Youth Ministries Consultation at AST, George Porter and Liz Harding and their colleagues

from around the Maritimes looked at where God is taking their ministry and how AST can support leadership training.

I'm curious, George ... How do I read the Bible contextually?

Part 2

I warned you last time that this is a complicated question and that the answer might prove somewhat heavy going. I also noted that there are a couple of very key senses in which reading our scriptures contextually is vitally important because anyone can make passages say just about anything by pulling bits and pieces of scripture out of their contexts. In contrast, we need to do the harder work of reading contextually.

Basically 'context' — what surrounds a word or passage — is an environment. That environment, however, is made up of the complex interactions of a number of factors.

The biblical scriptures didn't come to us via magical routes. They were written in different languages by people from several cultures in various situations over long periods of time. They also come in multiple styles (legal codes, poetry, story and apocalyptic). These make up some of the many factors in the environment of a passage, and reading the Bible contextually is to take



into account these factors because they shape what was written, why it was written as it was, and what we are to make of it now.

In this process we need to be aware that words change meaning over time. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) prayer that begins "Prevent us, O Lord..." originally meant something very different from what it might mean today. "Prevent" then meant "to go before," somewhat in the sense of "paving the way," whereas now we would likely hear this as a prayer that God might keep us from doing something. Context requires that we pay attention to the historical setting of words and phrases.

History also shapes the way particular people thought and the metaphors they used to describe their experiences of life. One of the most common errors people make in reading the Bible is to



Going Concerns

Solidari-T

Solidari-T recently held its first public event in the hall of St Paul's Church, Rothesay. Proceeds from the coffee house were designated for PWRDF work. According to its Facebook description, SolidariT is an emerging community group made up of ordinary people aiming to bring youth together and faith back into the community. Watch for more from this group in the future!

*Soulrush 2*

History was made at Soulrush 2 in Miramichi when Liz Harding (Christian Education Director) ate her first hotdog in 40 years!

On April 18, nearly 50 young people and sponsors from the north shore, Miramichi, Bay du Vin, New Bandon and Shediac Cape gathered at St. Andrew's Parish Hall in Miramichi for the second annual youth overnight. The theme this year was Ancient Words, New Stories, and focused on connecting the stories of the Bible with our own faith stories. Youth leaders for the event were Louise Whelan, Chris Ketch, Capt. Mark Dafferin and Capt. Rose Steeves. We worshiped, learned, played, ate and laughed together.

The event opened with a time of worship led by Barry McLean and youth action director George Porter. We quickly moved on to cosmic bowling, games, food and fellowship. George and Christian education director Liz Harding led sessions on the Old and New Testaments about "Ancient Words and New Stories." This is the second "Soulrush" held in this region and it is planned to continue as an annual event.



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