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Support for struggling parishes and new budget model before synod

The following notices of motion appeared in the Convening Circular for Diocesan Synod 2009 in Saint John, June 4-6, asking that body to:

- Amend and re-number some sections of Canon Five regarding Parish Documents to synod.
- Amend the wording of Canon Three to be more accurate and inclusive.
- Repudiate embryonic stem cell research.
- Limit members of clergy counted for the purposes of determining a quorum to rectors, incumbents and others appointed the charge of a parish, chaplaincy or other position of pastoral responsibility by virtue of an appointment from the bishop.
- Affirm that marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others and that no clergy person may bless any union or marriage of persons of the same sex.
- Send to each Canadian diocese,

bishop, and synod lay chair instructions to refrain from the blessing of same-sex unions with or without the consent of General Synod, or according to the Bishops' Pastoral Statement of May 2007 because these attempts to force a resolution of theological questions by political means will have serious and far-reaching consequences.

- Affirm and refer the report and recommendations of the Task Force on Rural and/or Struggling Parishes to the bishop and Diocesan Council for implementation.
 - Affirm, and refer the report and recommendations of the Task Force on Budget Support, including its values and principles, to the bishop and Diocesan Council for implementation.
 - Affirm the need for a parish-based stewardship education initiative across the diocese, and refer this initiative to the bishop
- See "Call for assessment", page 2

YET ANOTHER SIMPLE LITTLE CHAPEL



This watercolour of the little St. John's Church at Magundy was painted by Juliana Horatio Ewing and photographed by Diocesan Archivist Frank Morehouse. Read about it in Archives corner on page 2..

First parish-to-parish loans "shared ministry at its finest"

BY ANA WATTS

Diocesan Council was thrilled to see a unique sharing of resources for our common journey in Christ included in the finance committee's report to the May 13 meeting in Shediac. The first ever parish-to-parish loans in the history of the diocese were called an example of shared ministry at its finest.

The Parish of St. George carries a bank debt incurred when the church was re-built following a fire. The payments compromise the parish's cash-flow.

Recently, when the time came to renew the \$233,000 debt, another parish (the name has yet to be released) offered to lend the Parish of St. George the money to pay off the mortgage. The arrangement will provide the

lending parish with a return on its investment and provide the borrowing parish with more favourable terms, lower payments and greatly improved cash flow. The new debt will be secured by a mortgage and guaranteed by the diocese. The diocese currently guarantees the bank loan.

Two parishes in the Shediac deanery are also working out the details on a \$70,000 loan. No

guarantee is required in this instance.

"I think this is wonderful, just wonderful," said diocesan council vice-chair Hazel MacKenzie. "I think we are finally getting the idea of shared ministry."

Finance committee Gerald McConaghy credited Canon Fred Scott, diocesan treasurer, for his good work in support of these recent developments.

The council responded with applause.

The finance committee has discussed the possibility of a parish with available capital lending funds to another parish for approved capital projects and was pleased with these recent developments.

Council passed the motion necessary to provide the St. George loan guarantee.

Unfinished Synod 2007 business: some on the 2009 agenda, some not

BY ANA WATTS

At its meeting in May and in preparation for Synod 2009, Diocesan Council reviewed unfinished business assigned to it by Synod 2007. Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, secretary of synod as well as executive assistant to the bishop, listed the unfinished items for council.

A code of pastoral conduct, and the "brutally honest" conversation on issues of marriage and sexuality promised by the bishop, are among the items that require more work. The May meeting of Diocesan Council, held at St. Martin's in the Woods, Shediac Cape, was the last before Synod 2009 that was held early this month in Saint John.

Former diocesan chancellor Beverley Smith developed a pastoral code of conduct at

the behest of then Bishop Bill Hockin. They envisioned it as a written form of guidance for clergy in their work and their lives, a tool to measure conduct, and a teaching tool for those studying for Holy Orders. Clergy had serious concerns about the first draft of the document and it has been revised several times since, most recently by a clergy working-group.

Present diocesan chancellor Clyde Spinney told Diocesan Council that he met recently with the clergy working-group to review the latest draft, but he found it unacceptable as a code. He said it lacks the necessary standards to be supported by a canon (church law).

The clergy and the chancellor agreed to a compromise. The document, with a changed form but the same substance, will be

included in the bishop's pastoral guidelines. The changes in format, however, were not complete in time to present the document to this month's synod.

"The human sexuality conversation is lacking since the last synod," admitted Bishop Claude Miller, citing time and information constraints among the reasons. "But now I am aware of better resources so all we need are a time and place for that conversation to happen."

He gave Diocesan Council members a Council of General Synod (CoGS) document prepared at its May 2009 meeting that provides access to several documents related to the issue:

- The Galilee Report of the Primate's Theological Commission which reflects the diversity of opinion and lack of consensus in the Anglican Church of Canada

about whether 'the blessing of same-sex unions is a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine.

- A flexible framework for the study of human sexuality developed by the national church Faith Worship and Ministry Committee (FWMC).

- The Rothesay Report, a theological rationale for changes to the marriage canon to allow for the marriage of all legally qualified same sex couples. CoGS asked FWMC to include a broader spectrum of theological thought in its next draft. (This report was prepared when the Faith, Worship and Ministry committee met at Villa Madonna in Rothesay earlier this year.)
- The House of Bishops 2007 Guidelines on Pastoral Generos-

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PARISH NEWS

ARCHIVES CORNER

Churchyard all that survives of delightful chapel

In 1842, during the incumbency of the Rev. J. W. Disbrow, construction began on the little church at Magundy, above Fredericton on the St. John River, near Magaguadavic. It was completed during the time of the Rev. Joseph Elwell. This delightful little chapel sat on 1.5 acres of land deeded to the Bishop of Nova Scotia on Jan. 27, 1843 by William Lockard and his wife Mary. At one time a lot was also reserved for a rectory, but it was not built. Until the completion of St. John's, summer services were held in William Love's barn and in Benjamin Lockard's house during the rest of the year. In the early 1840's the Diocesan Church Society (DCS) awarded a grant of just over \$16 to Mr. Disbrow to assist in building the chapel at Magundy Settlement, the sum to be paid when "it shall be duly certified that the building is enclosed and that it stands on land held in fee simple by or for the use of the Church." Records of 1847 indicate that the grant was "not taken up because conditions had not been fulfilled."

On May 4, 1853, the vestry awarded the sum of \$5 to the Magundy church committee in order to pay off its debt. Just six weeks later, on June 18, the church was consecrated by Bishop Medley. On April 6, 1874 the vestry granted the sum of \$10 towards a new roof for St. John's. They also resolved to install an

east window in memory of the late Thomas Jones, "providing the members of his family approve thereof" and the rector was authorized to procure a prayer desk for the Church.

At a service in 1868 there were 12 confirmations and 19 communicants out of a congregation of 63. On August 22, 1875, 14 were confirmed at a 3 p.m. service. On July 30, 1879, seven candidates ranging in age from 12 to 16 years were confirmed by Bishop Medley. On August 17, 1884, Hattie, infant daughter of Thomas Albert and Mary Elizabeth Brown, was baptized in the Church.

Among the marriages solemnized were Thomas Adams and Sarah Ann McMullin on August 2, 1860; James Henry and Mary Jane Gartley on July 19, 1874; Eden Waugh and Mary Ann McElwain on Oct. 31, 1877; and Thomas Albert Brown and Mary Elizabeth Love on Sept. 18, 1878. The last burial in the churchyard was likely that of Martha Lockard, who died Sept. 30, 1913.

In his report to the DCS in the early 1870's, the Rev. Frederick B. Crozier spoke well of his congregation: "Attendance at services and the Holy Communion is in good proportion to the number of church people in the settlement. I think the reverence displayed for the worship of God's house is a matter of great thankfulness. The people enjoy the services heartily and on the most unpleas-



ant day in an unusually severe winter, many of these people have walked miles to attend a litany service."

In his report in 1885, the Rev. Arthur Lowndes wrote: "... St. John's Church, Magundy, needs over \$300 to put it in repair. The building is so dilapidated that it is very doubtful whether the erection of a new church would not be cheaper in the end than repairing the old fabric. The congregation at St. John's is small, though willing, and therefore it is difficult to know what course would be the best to pursue."

At a meeting of the Vestry held in the Orange Hall at Magundy at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26, 1887, a motion was passed that "the Rector be empowered to pull down the church at Magundy" but according to the Rev. C. T. Easton, it was still standing in the early 1890's when he echoed Mr. Lowndes' words: "A new church edifice is sadly needed at Magundy. The old one is dilapidated."

The Parish of Prince William annual meetings of 1895 and 1896 were held in St. John's in Magundy. These seem to be the last records of any meetings being held there. In 1897 the annual meeting was held in the Orange Hall. It is said that when the

church was torn down, the "wide boards" were taken to Harvey and used in building a store.

The names of families who lived in the area of St. John's Church during its existence include Blaney, Brown, Gartley, Graham, Henry, Jones, Kirkpatrick, Lockard, Love, McElwain, Miller and Pickard. They are buried in The Old Magundy Church Yard.

Sources:

- * Leaves from Juliana Horatio Ewing's *Canada Home* by Elizabeth Tucker
- * Bishop Medleys Journal and Register
- * R. P. Gorham, *The Church of England in the Parish of Prince William*
- * Various Diocesan Church Reports
- * Register of Services, Parish of Prince William and Dumfries, 1884-1919
- * With special thanks to Wendy Brien, Ruth Ker and Joe Fletcher *The Archives Corner is prepared by Twila Buttimer (twila.buttimer@gnb.ca, 506-453-4306) and Frank Morehouse (frankm@nbnet.nb.ca, 506-459-3637). If you have any ideas for future articles or if you can add anything to the present story, we would appreciate hearing from you.*

CoGS not prepared to discuss marriage canon

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ity (as a pastoral response within the context of local mission).

CoGS also asked Canadian dioceses with Companion Dioceses in Africa and Brazil to talk with their companions about the same-sex issue, as part of the learning process.

"We're in the same place as most of the rest of the church," said Bishop Miller.

At its meetings in early May, CoGS announced it does not feel prepared to ask General Synod to amend the marriage canon to allow for the marriage of same-sex couples at its 2010 meeting.

Notices of motions relating to same-sex blessings, however, were included in the Convening Circular of our 2009 Diocesan Synod.

Call for assessment of diocesan structures and processes

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and Diocesan Council for implementation.

- Send a memorial to General Synod requesting that the national church investigate the adoption of the 10-10-10 giving and sharing model as the standard for the Anglican Church of Canada.
- Request that the bishop and Diocesan Council establish a task group to assess the value and the effectiveness of current diocesan governance structures and processes, with a view to improving administrative efficiency and reducing costs.
- Direct Diocesan Council to roll back expenditures and/or transfers of income in order to develop, over the next three

years, a \$100,000 fund for the stabilization, maintenance, and expansion of resident clerical ministry in rural and struggling parishes in our diocese. Funds for Anglicans in the Canadian North are exempt from roll-backs.

• Recognize the pastoral ministry of Integrity Fredericton, that it is the work of Anglicans within our diocese, and encourage Integrity Fredericton to continue this ministry.

The discussions and decisions related to these, and any other resolutions made at synod, will be reported in the July 7 and August 4 editions of E News as well as in the September issue of the *New Brunswick Anglican*.



DEADLINE
for copy and photo submissions to the **New Brunswick Anglican** is the first working day of the month previous to publication – **August 4 for September.**

Council Briefs

Outstanding budget support

The diocesan finance committee reported parish support of the 2008 budget was the highest it has been in the past six years. Parishes contributed just over \$1.4 million in support of the work of the bishop, diocesan administration (most of it in support of the parishes) and mission outreach. The requested total amount was about \$1.5 million.

Insurance standard concerns

The diocesan insurance advisor is concerned that some parishes do not comply with approved coverage standards. Most parishes participate in a diocesan insurance program that analyzes the needs and goals of each parish and ensures adequate and appropriate insurance coverage is in place. Some parishes that don't subscribe to the diocesan program make sure their coverage meets the approved standards, but others don't. The advisor recently wrote letters to those parishes and asked them to comply. If they do not, members of the parish corporation will be asked to acknowledge, in writing, that they are not in compliance with the diocesan standards and they recognize the risk being assumed by the corporation.

Bishop heading for Ho

Bishop Claude Miller plans to visit our companion Diocese of Ho, in Ghana, West Africa. Bishop Matthias Kwabla Medadues-Badohu of Ho visited the diocese of Fredericton in 2007. Dates for Bishop Miller's visit were unconfirmed at press time.

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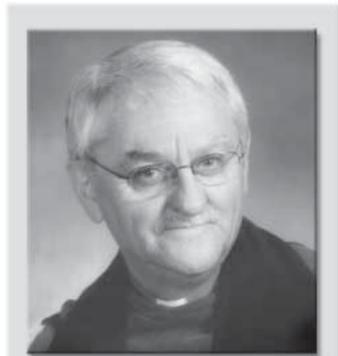
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

How hospitable are you to the Holy Spirit?

The season of Pentecost is upon us and we ought to be asking the question again: "What does it all mean for the continuing life of the Church?"

Since the beginning of Advent, nearly six months ago, the Church has lived through a time of intensity that traditionally seems unparalleled in the season of Pentecost. Our anticipation of Christ's coming, his birth and manifestation to the world involves a great deal of preparation and participation. And, within a few short weeks, we find ourselves wrestling with the reality of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. God's will for his Son was to call the world away from selfish interests and to recognize the reality of our sinful nature. The same sin that led to Jesus' death on the Cross. But God's intent did not end on the Cross. Jesus' victory over death makes the redeemed life possible for the world.

Our celebration of Easter is a celebration of hope for a world mired in fear and confusion, not unlike the fear and confusion that accompanied the disciples as the risen Christ appeared to them and gave a promise of the Comforter, the



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Holy Spirit. The 40 days of hope and unresolved fears and confusion is solved with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, 50 days after Easter.

As the disciples gathered in the Upper Room "... [being] with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it rested upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak

with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

This motley crew of disciples was commissioned by the power of Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people (other tongues) on earth.

It could be argued that the intensity and energy required to facilitate our response to the story of salvation during the first six months of the Church's calendar leaves us in state of spiritual fatigue. A fatigue that looks forward to a time when we relax and go with the flow of life during the summer and before the autumn Church routines resume.

In contrast, as we reflect on the Book of Acts, we understand how different our experience was from the first Pentecost. Following the day of Pentecost the infant Church was blessed with a time of evangelism: Peter began to preach, Saul was converted, deacons were chosen, huge crowds were baptised, great signs and wonders were done through the apostles and there was a sharing of goods and property for the sake of the kingdom. In other words, the Holy Spirit empowered acts of witness for the sake of the

Gospel and the extension of the Kingdom.

By faith we believe that this same Spirit is with us today: we pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit at baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, synods, worship services, even at our endless meetings, and we wait for our empowerment to witness. Yet, our fears, confusion and actions seem to demonstrate powerlessness and inaction.

I have some thoughts as to why we fear, why we are confused and why our actions seem powerless. I will share these thoughts at a later date. In the meantime I would ask you to prayerfully ponder the following question as you reflect on the Acts Chapter 2 account of the first Pentecost — How hospitable am I to the presence of Holy Spirit in my life?

In the power of the Spirit,

The Rt. Rev. Claude Miller is Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

June 14-18
Deaneries of
Fredericton and York*

June 19
Rothsary Netherwood School
Graduation

June 21
Parish of Hardwicke
11 a.m.
50th Anniversary
Escuminac disaster
2 p.m.

June 21-26
Clergy College

June 23
Diocesan Council

June 29
Bishop's Counsel

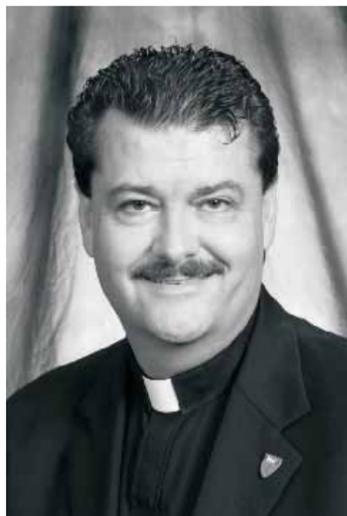
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Even doers need to be be-ers sometimes

Let it be recorded. I'm preaching to myself. I've come to recognize that there are two types of personalities – "be"-ers and "do"-ers. That's not to say that everyone always performs according to those designations, but I think everyone naturally leans one way or the other. I've also come to realize that I tend to be a "do"-er.

That's not bad but it does present its challenges. It means that I quite often become too busy. It means that often, if there's a finger to point toward somebody who will get "it" done, there is a high probability the finger will point at me. Being a doer, I almost always rise to the challenge. It can be good for the Church but bad for Geoff.

I've found that, at times, I can even be highly productive when I focus on that one thing that needs to be done. The nature of ministry and work in the Church is that all too often there are many priorities, several tasks and various things that need to be done all at one time and seldom is anything actually ever finished. That's a challenge for a doer who needs to see conclusions in order to experience satisfaction and move on to the next task. Add that to insights by personality type theorists about the "type" of person ideally suited for ministry being the "be"-er (not the



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"do"-er) and one has a dangerous combination with a high potential for what has come to be called "burnout."

There are some basic realities about the human creatures God has made. God made them all, even the doers, and no doubt for very good reason. A buzz phrase we hear continuously these days is that everyone needs to "learn to multitask." I maintain that multitasking is not a natural characteristic of the human being, especially of the doer, and maybe if the truth were known, not a natural component of human nature at all. The result is, many of us get too busy. I'm one of those people.

I know I'm too busy when I miss important meetings I

had every intention of attending or when members of my family ask me my name when I finally make my way out of my study at some late hour. In today's world, both inside and outside of the Church, I expect being too busy happens to a good number of us, even those who believe they are skilled at multitasking.

I can't help but think of the familiar gospel narrative of Luke 10:38-42. Mary is the "be"-er, sitting with a certain level of content at the feet of Jesus while Martha does her best to be the "do"-er and attend to all the things that need to be done. The frustration for Martha may have been more basic than I ever imagined – simply that, with her personality trait, more than one thing at a time is being too busy and it sends her into a tailspin that prompts her criticism toward the "slacker," Mary. Jesus steps in, and the correction he offers is of Martha, not Mary. "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things ... one thing is needful."

We assume that Jesus intended to validate what Mary was doing and suggested that Martha "do" that instead of what she was doing. Maybe Jesus was also offering Martha the perfect piece of advice for a "do"-er. Doing is not wrong, but especially if you're a "do"-er, one thing at a time is probably all you can handle. We all have

to just "be" sometimes. We make decisions about when that's necessary. Maybe Jesus was also saying that Martha, for her own spiritual well-being, needed to narrow her focus and concentrate on the one priority.

I find walking is good exercise, but it also serves another (spiritual?) purpose for me with my personality type. Walking requires taking one step at a time. That's good discipline for me and tends to bring a peace I too often don't experience in most of what I do. Praying the daily offices is a similar experience. If one takes the time to just follow the pattern, one step after another, there's no need to multitask – just focus on the one thing at a time.

Could there be wisdom for Anglican Christians in what some would identify as the old style, mundane, traditional and all too familiar aspects of faith practice? The next time I'm overwhelmed and too busy, I'll try to remember again the need to practice what I've preached.

The Ven. Geoffrey Hall is Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Fredericton, Secretary of Synod, Diocesan Archdeacon and Territorial Archdeacon of Fredericton.

Bishop appointed acting Metropolitan

With the retirement of Archbishop Bruce Stavert of Quebec, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, at the end of May, our Bishop Claude Miller, senior bishop in the province, became acting Metropolitan. He will serve until a new metropolitan is elected during Provincial Synod in October. The province of Canada, the original church province created in Canada, includes the dioceses of Montreal, Québec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Fredericton, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland and Western Newfoundland.

Diocesan Appointments

Mr. Michael O'Hara was appointed student-in-training in the Parish of Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury and Shouthampton under the direction of the Ven. Walter Williams.

The Ven. Arthur Gregg was appointed interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Kingston.

The Rev. Wally Collett was appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis for six months beginning May 1.

The Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton was appointed priest-in-charge, on a month-to-month basis.

The Rev. Canon Neville Cheeseman was appointed full-time priest-in-charge of Christ Church Cathedral for the month of June.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Chaplains, ACW members share a ministry of presence

BY ANA WATTS

A military chaplain may not be all things to all people, but must be prepared to provide faith support to people of all faiths. "Ours is an imminent ministry of presence and we have an awareness of and a respect for all faith beliefs. It is all a part of our daily walk, as it is part of yours," Major the Rev. Canon Malcolm Berry, CD, told ACW members gathered for their annual diocesan meeting.

Once a parish priest and arch-deacon in this diocese, he is now the senior Canadian training chaplain and team leader at the Camp Gagetown Combat Centre where he is responsible to 2,200 personnel and 9,000 students. He shared some of his insights and experiences as a chaplain in Afghanistan on May 5 at St. Luke's in Saint John.

"Working in the Armed Forces is different from being a parish priest. First of all, we serve a diversity of faith groups and we have to be prepared to be there for all." Whether they are Christian pastors or priests, Muslim imams or Jewish rabbis, chaplains need to understand the ramifications of all faiths, even though they perform baptisms, weddings and funerals in their own faith and denomination. If a Muslim soldier serving during Ramadan requests accommodation for prayer and fasting and is refused, he can count on a chaplain of any faith to understand the importance of these requests and intercede.

The chaplain is responsible for all military members and their families. "We offer guidance on ethical issues, both military and personal. We advocate and counsel in times of grief and operational stress, and we can make referrals to mental health agencies."

Chaplain Berry has known operational stress himself. A total of 22 Canadians were killed while he was in Afghanistan, many of whom he knew well and had served with for more than a year. He conducted 56 ramp

ceremonies, most of them in the middle of the night.

"They were difficult, very difficult. One day I had coffee with one young man who asked me about God. He was clearly on a spiritual quest. Six hours later he was dead ...

"All soldiers are traumatized in combat, they want to tell someone what it is like to be them. They want to question things, even authority sometimes — and they know they can come to us because ours is a safe ministry, a ministry of trust. We maintain confidentiality except in cases of child abuse or threats to self or others."

"Who supports the chaplain?" asked an ACW member.

"They're working on it," Chaplain Berry replied. He admits it took him more than a year to sufficiently recover from his own Afghan experience.

As dark as many of his experiences in Afghanistan were, there were hopeful ones as well.

Chaplains all conducted regular worship services in their own rites. "If there were 10 different chaplains, there would be 10 different kinds of services. The people supported them all, and I think that is a good model ... I also know of nine people who had never been to church before who are now confirmed Anglicans."

He even found a thriving underground Christian (mostly Roman Catholic) church in Afghanistan. "There are no collars or habits in sight, but priests and nuns have infiltrated society and are bringing people into their fold one by one."

The Afghans he met were gentle, family people. He considers a souvenir carpet a tangible example of their strong familial bonds.

"Families often live in compounds. They make their own vegetable dyes, spin and dye the silk and then sit together on the ground to make the carpets by hand, just as their ancestors did 3,000 years ago. They reminded me of ACW members sitting around a quilt."

"They (Afghanis) are not



BETTY ADAMS

Members of the Diocesan, ACW gathered in Saint John for their annual meeting in early May, elected executive members for the coming year. From left to right they are Patti Hoyt, treasurer; Inez Estabrooks, secretary; Florence Joy Clement, vice-president; and Joan Randall, president.

people who support the recent brutal laws stripping rights from women and wives. The Taliban impose their interpretation of the law on others with guns."

The ACW members were anxious to know if there were ways they could help the women in Afghanistan, and Chaplain Berry promised to look into it for them.

"We know from Isaiah that God does not faint or grow weary, he gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless ... he relieves us of our burdens and we are enlivened so we can have a ministry of presence. So we can reflect God's love."

ACW member Frances Morrissey of Stone Church in Saint John, where Chaplain Berry grew up, thanked him on behalf of the ACW. "The church is blessed because you are a part of it," she said.



ANA WATTS

One of Chaplain Malcolm Berry's prized souvenirs of Afghanistan is this hand-made silk carpet. Families make them today using the same kind of methods and materials their ancestors used more than 3,000 years ago. He said the process reminds him of ACW quilters. He shows the fine work and material to Betty McGillvery of Stanley.

Speaker validates Mothers' Union devotion to family life

BY HAZEL MACKENZIE

When Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, she was asked, "What can we do to promote world peace?" Her answer was "Go home and love your family."

Jean McBrine, former Director of Mental Health for the Province of New Brunswick and Mothers' Union member began her keynote address to the Mothers' Union annual spring rally with that inspiring quotation. The theme of the rally was Building Healthy Families and Ms. McBrine's engaging presentation provided plenty of "meat" to chew on.

Bishop Claude Miller and the Rev. Chris Hayes, rector of the

Parish of Richmond, where the rally was held on May 2, echoed the message. Blessed by the Holy Spirit, all three speakers fed the 55 MU members a well-balanced and healthy diet of advice and counsel.

The day began with a Eucharist in the bright and lovely new church in Richmond Corner. The Rev. Michael Caines, ordained a priest just a few days before the rally, his wife Anna and other musicians from the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, provided praise music.

A warm welcome is a hallmark of a MU rally, the renewing of friendships and catching-up on others' lives are among its many blessings. The members of the Richmond Corner branch

were especially generous hosts and hostesses. The food was nothing short of wonderful. The kind people of Richmond Corner live what it means to be members of the Christian family.

I would encourage all those in this diocese who have a heart for family life to seek out a branch and join us. Men can be members too!

Mothers' Union is a Christian organization with more than 3.6 million members in 79 countries worldwide. Whatever our individual backgrounds, as members we are united in our commitment to supporting marriage and family life. We give our time and energy to help others, whether we run local projects, support international campaigns, or raise funds."



Jean McBrine stressed the importance of loving families when she addressed the MU annual spring Rally in Richmond Corner in early May.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

NEW CHURCH BLESSED



Nearly 300 people gathered at the Church of the Resurrection in the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John on April 19 for the blessing of the new church. Bishop Claude Miller preached and presided at the Holy Eucharist and led a blessing procession through the church stopping at the font, ambo (pulpit) and the Lord's Table. Following the service the

congregation gathered outside for the unveiling of a monument stone. Left to right above are Tim Flood representing the general contractor, John Flood and Sons; Bishop Miller; Andrew Logan, chair of the building committee; Doug Kochel, architect; and Archdeacon Vicars Hodge, rector.

Clergy spouses explore the Way, the Truth and the Life

As usual, sharing was the highlight of the Clergy Spouses' Retreat at Villa Madonna April 21-23. The stories were funny and sad, poignant and ridiculous. They were stories of life and faith shared with others of similar circumstances and experiences. They emerged over the three days of the retreat, sometimes when the participants were gathered, sometimes in intimate conversations struck during quieter times.

The formal program included three presentations by keynote speaker Patricia McCaig of Markhamville, and a well-received Power Point presentation with accompanying commentary on Anne Marie LeGrand's recent mission trip to the Honduras with her parish.

Patricia was described as a woman with a lively faith that shows on her face. Her topic was Jesus — The Way, The Truth and The Life. "She shared her faith journey and blessed us with a lot of wisdom," says Eva Morton of St. Stephen. "During her first presentation on "The Way" she described our lives as a road trip with God as our GPS. Sometimes we get a little lost, but the GPS always sorts out an alternative route that gets us back on track. The point I liked was that means the pressure is off. It's not so much about always being right, as it is about being able to change direction when we need to."

Patricia's presentation on "The Truth" stressed the difficulty Christians have in declaring Jesus' claim to be the only way to the Father. "It is difficult because it is so often interpreted as elitism instead of good news," says Eva.

All the presentations were provocative and greatly contributed to the sharing and stories that define the annual retreat.

Ann McAdam again led the music for the retreat and her talent is greatly appreciated.

Christine Hayes of Richmond, Carol Annington of Saint John and Eva will plan next year's retreat.

Stone Laundry responds to a need in the community

by Ana Watts

The Stone Laundry gives new meaning to the stone-washed jeans designation. In fact, its patrons have stone-washed shirts, underwear, towels, sheets ... anything that comes out of their laundry bags.

The uptown Saint John neighbourhood around Stone Church has more than its share of low-income apartment buildings, most with no laundry facilities. Archdeacon David Edwards, the rector of Stone, says many of its neighbours "shop" at the clothing bank and wear what they have until it is worn-out or too dirty to wear any more. They get something else from the clothing bank and toss their old clothes. "They just don't have access to affordable laundry facilities."

So the parish refitted an old kitchen space and opened the Stone Laundry from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. "We charge a buck-a-bag, that's a big garbage bag, and supply the soap. The laundry gets between 60 and 70 visits a month."

Capt. Margo Goguen volunteered to run the laundry program and got others involved. Now local hotels and motels donate their used bedding and the church passes it on to laundry customers. She inspired the parish ACW to donate personal hygiene items that are put in packs and available to anyone who wants one. She also managed to get some sewing machines donated and plans to offer sewing and mending classes.

Stone Church offers many other outreach services to the community.



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Washing and drying costs just a buck-a-bag (big garbage bag) and the soap is supplied at the Stone Laundry in Stone Church, Saint John. Recycled linens from nearby hotels are often available too, and sewing and mending classes are planned. The laundry operates 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Parish celebrates the ordination of their priest and his welcoming



The Rev. Arrington Chambliss, right, assisted the Rev. Kevin Cross celebrate the Eucharist in St. George's, McAdam, the day after he was ordained a priest. Receiving the bread is his wife, Barbara.

The Rev. Kevin Cross was ordained a priest on Saturday, March 28, and the following day he celebrated the Eucharist at St. George's in the Parish of McAdam, where he had been deacon-in-charge.

Since he arrived at St. George's, parishioners have taken real pride in Mr. Cross's welcoming way. Each Sunday he welcomes those who have no church home, need strength, struggle to believe, are new visitors or old friends, even questioning believers ...

The Rev. Arrington Chambliss of the Diocese of Massachusetts was a mentor and sponsor to Mr. Cross and was with him at his ordination to the priesthood and the next morning in McAdam to assist with the Eucharist.

"Celebrating my first Eucharist was a dream come true. I am passionate about carrying forth the healing presence of Christ in the world and the sacrament of the Eucharist celebrates God's great love for his creation and the message that there is always room at Christ's table."

At the reception following the services, surrounded by friends and family members, the parish presented him with a leather attaché case with an engraved brass plate that reads: "The Rev. Kevin M. Cross, from St. George's Parish, McAdam, on the occasion of his ordination, March 28, 2009"

He said he was blessed by the support and prayers of the people of St. George's and appreciated the opportunity to celebrate with them.

Join the Commission on the Diaconate
 St. Mark's Chapel of Ease, Kings Landing
 3 p.m., Sunday, July 26 for Evening Prayer and to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the ordination of Mary Nameria Jacob first deaconess in the Diocese of Fredericton
 Everyone is welcome.

COLUMNS

God help us to stop, rest, breathe and listen

Where am I in my relationship with God? Out of that relationship, what do I believe are my purposes in life?"

Those two questions were the foundation for the morning meditations at the third annual Spiritual Spa at Dayspring Retreat Centre in Rothesay. This annual event is an opportunity for those in ministry to relax and rejuvenate both body and soul.

As I prepared to lead the morning devotions on that sunny day, I was reminded of the importance of the verse in Psalms that tells us to "Be still and Know that I am God." I believe it is a constant challenge for God to help me to understand the importance of taking the time to stop, rest, breathe and listen because my natural temperament is to go-go-go! So for me the challenge to slow down is ever present. Yet I know in my spirit, and have proven in the past, that my relationship with God needs me to take the time to be still. The Spiritual Spa provides all those who sign up, including



me, a time in which to take a breather and rest in the presence of God — to live out that verse from Psalms.

In the second meditation question I used the word "purposes" deliberately, because I do not believe God has just one purpose for us in life. Nor do I believe that our work is our purpose in life.

During the meditation we discussed the fact that our jobs, even if they are in full-time paid Christian ministry, are our work. This does not mean that we don't have opportunities to live out our purposes within that jobs, or that we have not been called by God to ministry. But I don't believe the actual work is our purpose as Christians on this earth.



We also talked about how the state of our relationships with God effect our awareness of God's purposes for us. We looked at some of the promises in scripture — God will never leave us, God wants a deep and lasting relationship with us — and the best way to develop that kind of relationship is to intentionally spend time in quiet reflection, praying and reading the Bible.

This sounds easy, but those of us who attend the spa each year realize, as we rest in Gods

presence and are pampered both by God and others, that we are seriously lacking this in our every day life.

To help those of us who are visual learners, we each designed and developed a scrap book page that would remind us of how we view our relationship with God and what we see as our purposes in life. Some people produced beautiful masterpieces, but even those who did not feel especially crafty enjoyed the fellowship.

We ended our morning

listening to an interesting and challenging talk about how to attract birds and wildlife to our gardens, and how to nurture and care for them when they come.

In the afternoon many people donated their professional gifts and skills and gave us manicures, pedicures and facials. We also made bead bracelets — each bead represented a different aspect of Jesus' life and ministry.

I heard comments like "I was struggling to know my purpose in life, now I know that one of my purposes is to bring peace to the world."

Fene, a visitor from Scotland, said she had not felt so pampered in a very long time.

It was a special day for all who participated and we offer a huge and heartfelt thank-you to Joanne Fitzpatrick, Greer Stackhouse and all those who donated their services.

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Jars of Clay falls back to Earth with new album

One of the most prolific Christian rock bands returns with the follow-up to their immensely successful Good Monsters CD. The newest Jars of Clay disc is called The Long Fall Back to Earth, and the band explains that it picks up right where its previous CD left off.

"Good Monsters was, in many ways, a view of humanity from 40,000 feet above the Earth," explains keyboard player Charlie Lowell. "During that season, we were learning about what it means to live in community, rather than in isolation. And one of the things we've learned is that our spirituality is our relationships — our day-to-day, up-close-and-personal, skin-to-skin relationships." Most of the 14 songs on this album, which is longer than a typical Jars album,



are all about what God's call to us actually looks like when we live it out."

This album is a non-stop, sonic thrill-ride of rock/pop textures that sometimes recalls synthesizer sounds from the 80s ("Weapons") and rock anthems of the early 90s ("Hero"). In fact, "Hero" was used before the album was released in ads for the NBC show "Kings."

You will even find a lullaby among these songs, courtesy of a beautiful piece called "Boys



(Lesson One)". Steve Mason calls this a song that "captures the desire of a father to talk to his son in a way that doesn't lie about how hard living is. And it does it with love and a radical trust in the belief that God isn't afraid of our questions."

Jars of Clay continues to write music that sticks with you,

coupled with texts that keep you thinking for quite a while. The band members continue to be thankful for what they've been given in their life and they have channeled much of their earnings in music towards mission, through their non-profit effort Blood:Water Mission. It seeks to provide clean health, and clean water to the people of sub-Sahara Africa. According to lead singer Dan Haseltine, "The water side of Blood:Water feels like it's working, so the blood side — the HIV/AIDS side — is where we're putting our focus this year. We're spending time in African communities to find out what's working for them as far as prevention and care for people with HIV and AIDS, and then doing what we can do to support them, rather than imposing western models

on them. It's a vast, broad approach, but it's exciting as there are so many more human stories to connect with."

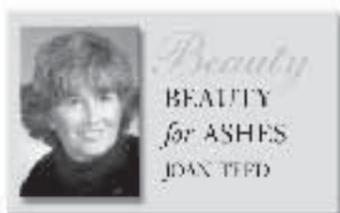
Perhaps what makes Jars of Clay's music stand out is that it comes from those who have lived and experienced first-hand the best and worst of what exists in the world. Maybe it is because God has given them eyes to see, and ears to hear that they have a heart to serve. Whatever the case, this album is typical Jars of Clay — it's very, very good and can inspire many, many things in the hearts of those who listen.

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

Like a bit of sand in an oyster produces a pearl, soul mates are synergistic

We may or may not immediately like our soul mate, but we grow into each other over time and become inextricably bound to one another. Our souls, in effect, mate.

If you think your soul mate is a special person born with special traits that fit perfectly with your personality, preferences and life ambitions, you will probably never find one. You may come close with one two people, if you are lucky — but I think they are more apt to be kindred spirits than soul-mates. A kindred spirit is someone you like right away and with whom



you are in complete agreement. Occasionally that person is your soul mate as well, but that is uncommon.

Kindred spirits bring out the best in each other; soul mates make each other better than either could be on their own. We usually marry someone who possesses qualities we admire

but do not have in abundance. However these very qualities are the ones that we often hate early in the relationship. They rub us the wrong way. A neat freak perfectionist matched to a more laid-back messy type isn't one made in Heaven. But as the annoying bit of sand in the oyster makes a pearl, there are rewards. The union of these spirits creates loving appreciation and deep communion. It confirms our journey, gives us hope to struggle, and encourages us to "hang in there" when the going is tough.

Radical intimacy is the product of the mating of two very

different souls in a life-long companionship. This does not occur with a safe harbour friend, a kindred spirit. In order for very different personalities to weather the resulting storm (and we know opposites attract), they must challenge each other with patience and honesty. There may still be storms, but there will also be growth.

The truth is, though, we are blessed in life when we have both kinds of relationships, because in stressful times, especially in loss, the kinships of both types get us through. That kinship may be found in our community, friends or family kinfolk if the relation-

ships are rich in bondedness. It confirms our journey, gives hope to struggle, and encourages us to "hang in there" when the going is tough. Empathy and compassion are part of this depth of sharing. The solidarity of spirit is a loving resonance that speaks for itself.

I believe that our churches need to provide us with kinship, be the kind of places where we share our journeys and affirm each other, through Christ and with His grace.

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St. Andrews — on land and sea

BY VICARS HODGE

The Archdeaconry of St. Andrews occupies the southwest quadrant of our diocese, from St. Stephen to the St. John harbour and includes the beautiful Fundy Isles of Campobello and Grand Manan. Included are all of Charlotte County, and parts of the counties of York, Queens, Kings, and St. John. The Anglican Church's ministry is offered in the region through 14 parishes and 21 churches organized for ministry into two deaneries, Lancaster and St. Andrews.

We have churches planted and built by Loyalists, historic buildings from Medley's era, and newer facilities constructed in our own day. Railway towns, port cities, fishing villages and farming are part of the tapestry of the archdeaconry.

A tour of Lancaster Deanery begins with St. George's Church on the West Side, built in 1821. It's Georgian design has rounded arches and a clock tower. It's neighbour is St. Jude's Church, a Medley construction you'll find en-route to the Digby boat terminal. These parishes share in a very important food bank ministry that serves hundreds of families.

Up the hill in Lancaster is the Church of the Good Shepherd with an active Alpha Ministry and a completely renovated kitchen to better serve its mission.

We come next to the Parish of Musquash with St. Margaret's, Lepreau and Trinity Church, Maces Bay. St. Margaret's recently installed a wheelchair stairway and renovated the hall.

Then there is the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, the product of the 2003 amalgamation of the former parishes of Westfield, Grand Bay, Ketepec and Greenwich. The parish built a new facility, the Church of the Resurrection, in Grand Bay-Westfield and we moved in this year. Stained glass and memorials from former churches are included in this new facility. St. Paul's Oak Point, a beautiful little Georgian church on the St. John River, serves the northern part of the parish. The parish also recently welcomed St. Peter's Church, Wickham to its fold.

Our tour of St. Andrews Deanery begins with Christ Church, Pennfield, active in its community and strongly supportive of mission beyond the parish. Next is St. Mark's in the Parish of St. George. Hard work and faithfulness carried this parish through the loss of their beloved church by fire in 2001. A new facility was built the fol-



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lowing year and this church continues its faithful ministry. The next parish is St. Andrews, with two historic churches: All Saints in the town of St. Andrews and St. John the Baptist, Chamcook. Both are beautiful historic facilities that invite a visit. The Parish of St. David and St. Patrick has two churches, Christ Church, Elmsville and St. David's, Oak Bay

In the border community of St. Stephen is a two-point parish with Christ Church and St. Peter's, Milltown. It also includes St. Thomas, a chapel-of-ease at Moores Mills.

The historic railway town of McAdam has an active congregation at St. George's.

On the Fundy Isles are the parishes of Campobello and Grand Manan. St. Anne's on Campobello is the oldest church on the island (1855) and United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his family were once summertime parishioners. St. Paul's in Grand Harbour and the Church of the Ascension at North Head serve this people of the amazing island of Grand Manan.

During these past few years in the Archdeaconry of St. Andrews we have watched for opportunities to increase our sharing of Christ's ministry among our parishes. At a recent greater chapter meeting interaction among the parishes was encouraged by a show-and-tell session with a sharing of the ministry methods they employ.

Some of the churches in our corner of our beautiful diocese are real treasures and we can also boast a delightful collection of clergy and lay leaders. An actual tour would be much more satisfying than this narrative one, so come along any time, a warm New Brunswick welcome awaits you.

The Ven. Vicars Hodge is Archdeacon of St. Andrews.

INTERCESSIONS

June

- ¶ 18: Parish of Campobello, open incumbency, the Rev. Brenda McKnight, interim Priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Prosper Francis Kwame Deh Assistant Curate, Kpando.
- ¶ 19: Parish of Canterbury, open incumbency.
- ¶ 20: Parish of Carleton, the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson.
- ¶ 21: Oturkpo (Province of Jos, Nigeria) the Rt. Rev. David Bello. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Cathedral Deanery, the Very Rev. Simon K Ablorh, Dean of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow - St. Luke's, the Rev. Susan Titterington, the Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family, lay ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 22: Parish of Central Kings, open incumbency. The Rev. Paul McCracken.
- ¶ 23: Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Gordon Thompson. Diocese of Ho, Rev. Fr. Joseph Wilson Kwame Hayibor, assistant curate, Ho.
- ¶ 24: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Isabel Cutler parish nurse, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistant. The Rev. Lloyd McFarlane (retired).
- ¶ 25: Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, the Rev. Gregory McMullin. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Redeemer Ametefe Semevor, assistant curate, Worawora.
- ¶ 26: Parish of Dalhousie, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 27: Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 28: Patna (North India), the Rt. Rev. Philip Phembuar Marandih. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Kpando Deanery, the Rev. Canon Joseph K. Bentum, Rural Dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, the Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher, diocesan administrative officer, members of the Diocesan Executive Committee, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 29: Parish of Derby & Blackville, the Rev. Douglas Barrett. The Rev. Reg. McKinnon (on leave).
- ¶ 30: Parish of Dorchester & Sackville, the Rev. Kevin Stockall. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Charles Anum Tetteh, priest-in-charge, Worawora Deanery.

July

- ¶ 1: Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, the Rev. Canon William McMullin. The Rev. Brenda McKnight (retired).
- ¶ 2: Parish of East Saint John, the Rev. Canon Edward Coleman, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Justice Richardson Komla Macarphuy, seminarian.
- ¶ 3: Parish of Fredericton, the Rev. Anthony Arza-Kwaw, the Rev. Paul Ranson assistant curate, the Rev. Deacon Joyce Perry.
- ¶ 4: Parish of Fredericton Junction, open incumbency, Bishop George Lemmon, interim.
- ¶ 5: Phulbani - (North India), the Rt. Rev. Bijay Kumar Nayak. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Council of the North, Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior - the Rt. Rev. Gordon Light, suffragan, people and clergy. Diocese of Ho, Agbozone Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, Rural Dean, Bishop 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.
- ¶ 6: Parish of Gageton, the Rev. Valerie Hunt & the Rev. Karman Hunt, priests-in-charge. The Ven. Karl McLean, on leave, Archdeacon to Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada.
- ¶ 7: Parish of Gondola Point, the Rev. George Eves. Diocese of Ho, Bro. Clemence Ahun, diocesan catechist.
- ¶ 8: Parish of Grand Manan, the Rev. Dana Dean. Anne Walling, diocesan PWRDF coordinator.
- ¶ 9: Parish of Hammond River, the Rev. Peter Gillies. Diocese of Ho, Sr. Joyce Agbefu, diocesan catechist.
- ¶ 10: Parish of Hampton, the Rev. Leo Martin.
- ¶ 11: Parish of Hardwicke, the Rev. Richard Steeves, priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 12: Portsmouth - (Canterbury, England) the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kenneth Stevenson. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Worawora Deanery, the Rev. Charels A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, PWRDF representative, Diocesan ACW President Gloria Hockley, and all ACW members, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 13: Parish of Kent, the Rev. John Pearce, priest-in-charge. The Rev. Canon Dr. David Mercer (on leave).
- ¶ 14: Parish of Kingston, open incumbency, the Ven. Arthur Gregg, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Bro. Felix Atta Boakye (in training), diocesan catechist.
- ¶ 15: Parish of Lakewood, the Rev. Ellen Curtis. Archbishop Harold Nutter (retired).
- ¶ 16: Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen. Diocese of Ho, Mrs. Christiana Asamoah, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 17: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. Andrew Fraser.
- ¶ 18: Parish of McAdam, the Rev. Kevin Cross.
- ¶ 19: The Rt. Rev. Samuel Azariah, Moderator, Church of Pakistan & Bishop of Raiwind.

- Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Cathedral Deanery, the Very Rev. Simon K Ablorh, Dean of Ho, Bishop 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, the Rev. Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 20: Parish of Madawaska, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc, priest-in-charge (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry), the Rev. Deacon Fran Bedell. The Rev. David Plumer (retired).
- ¶ 21: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. Canon John Cathcart. Diocese of Ho, Mr. William Agbalenyo, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 22: Parishes of Maugeville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett. The Rev. Dr. George Porter, director of youth ministry.
- ¶ 23: Parish of Millidgeville, the Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate, the Rev. Canon Brian Campion, the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistants. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Hope Fiebor, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 24: Parish of Minto & Chipman, the Rev. Philip Pain.
- ¶ 25: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris Van-Buskirk.
- ¶ 26: Rhode Island - (Province I, USA) the Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Kpando Deanery, the Rev. Canon Joseph K. Bentum, Rural Dean, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from the diocese - the Ven. Arthur Privett, Canon David & Alice Kalles, the Ven. John & Deacon Carol Tyrell, the Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson, the Very Rev. Peter Williams & Barbara Williams, Marion Carroll, Edith Josie, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 27: Parish of Musquash, open incumbency, Capt. Rob Marsh interim. The Rev. Ronald Rippin (retired).
- ¶ 28: Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, the Ven. Vicars Hodge, the Rev. Michael Caines, assistant curate, the Rev. Deacon Eleanor Dryden. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Joseph Dzanka, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 29: Parish of New Bandon, the Ven. Patricia Drummond. The Rev. Donald Routledge (on leave).
- ¶ 30: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Rev. Richard Steeves. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Gabriel Agbodo, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 21: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Bruce McKenna.

August

- ¶ 1: Parish of Pennfield, The Rev. Keith Osborne.
- ¶ 2: Rochester (USA) - (Province II, USA) the Rt. Rev. Prince Singh. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. 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, Agbozone Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, Rural Dean, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Christ Church Cathedral, the Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy, the Rev. David Pritchard, Ellen Zimmerman Licensed Lay Minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 3: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Eileen Irish. Canon Fred Scott, diocesan treasurer & Synod office staff.
- ¶ 4: Parish of Prince William, open incumbency. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Aloysius Genya, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 5: Parish of Quispamsis, open incumbency, Canon Stuart Allan, priest-in-charge, Ms. Kym Vessey lay pastoral assistant. Canon Dr. R.B. Smith (retired).
- ¶ 6: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney, the Rev. Canon Ed Coleman, pastoral assistant. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Godwin Dumavor, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 7: Parish of Restigouche, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 8: Parish of Richmond, the Rev. Chris Hayes.
- ¶ 9: Ruwenzori - (Uganda) the Rt. Rev. Benezeri Kitembo. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Worawora Deanery, the Rev. Father Charels A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene, Toad River, Alaska Highway mile 150-506, the Rev. Dawn MacDonald and the Rev. Neville Critchlow; the Rev. Dr. Lana Thompson and family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 10: Parish of Riverview, the Rev. Brent Ham. Canon Tom Smith (retired).
- ¶ 11: Parish of Rothesay, the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, the Rev. Jasmine Chandra, assistant curate. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Daniel K. Atikor, parochial catechist.
- ¶ 12: Parish of St. Andrews, Canon John Matheson. Donald Snook, director, Saint John Inner City Youth Ministry.
- ¶ 13: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, the Rev. Robert Salloum. Diocese of Ho, Rev. Fr. Kwasi Oteng Boampong, Bishop's Chaplain.
- ¶ 14: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 15: Parish of St. George, The Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid.
- ¶ 16: San Joaquin - (Province VIII, USA) the Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Cathedral Deanery, the Very Rev. Simon K Ablorh, Dean of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Watson Lake - St. John the Baptist, Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek - St. Aidan, Dease Lake, Glenora, Tim Liverton, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 17: Parish of St. James, Moncton, the Rev. Donald Hamilton, priest-in-charge. The Rev. Ted Spencer (retired).
- ¶ 18: Parish of Saint John, the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls, the Rev. George Trentowsky, honorary assistant, the Rev. Deacon Constance Soulikas-Whittaker. Diocese of Ho, the Very Rev. Simon Kofi Ablorh, Dean of St. George's Cathedral, Ho.
- ¶ 19: Parish of St. Margaret's, Canon Jon Lownds, the Rev. John Harvey, honorary assistant. Mr. Clyde Spinney, Q.C., chancellor Diocesan Synod of Fredericton.
- ¶ 20: Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, the Ven. Capt David Edwards. Diocese of Ho, Rev. Fr. Lawrence Danny Amenuvor, priest-in-charge, Penyi.
- ¶ 21: Parish of St. Martin's & Black River, the Rev. Gerald Laskey, priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 22: Parish of St. Mary's (York), the Rev. Ian Wetmore.
- ¶ 23: The Most Rev. Francis Kyung Jo Park, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Seoul, Bishop Coadjutor of Seoul, the Rt. Rev. Paul Keun-Sang Kim. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Kpando Deanery, the Rev. Canon Joseph K. Bentum, Rural Dean, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross, St. Saviour's, the Rev. David Pritchard & family, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing, Teslin - St. Phillips, the Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the Ministry Team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 24: Parish of St. Peter, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb. The Rev. David Staples.
- ¶ 25: Parish of St. Philip's, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. George Dartery Asiamah, Rural Dean and priest-in-charge, Agbozone.
- ¶ 26: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. William Morton. Canon Ron Stevenson, Chancellor to the Anglican Church of Canada.
- ¶ 27: Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, the Rev. Dick Black. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Joseph Kingsley Bentum, Rural Dean, and priest-in-charge, Kpando.
- ¶ 28: Parish of Shediac, the Ven. Richard McConnell.
- ¶ 29: Parish of Simonds, the Rev. Terence Chandra, priest-in-charge.
- ¶ 30: The Most Rev. Dr. John Chew, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Singapore, Suffragan Bishop of Singapore the Rt. Rev. Rennis Ponniah. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Agbozone Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, Rural Dean, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, communities of Carmacks, Keno, Faro and Ross River, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 31: Parish of Stanley, open incumbency. The Ven. Reginald Stockall (retired).

September

- ¶ 1: Parish of Sussex, the Ven. David Barrett. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Prosper Francis Kwame Deh, Assistant Curate, Kpando.
- ¶ 2: Parish of the Tobique, the Rev. Amanda Longmoore, priest-in-charge. The Rev. David Titus (on leave).
- ¶ 3: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Fr. Joseph Wilson Kwame Hayibor, Assistant Curate, Ho.
- ¶ 4: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis & Johnston, the Rev. Wally Collett, priest-in-charge.
- 5: Parish of Victoria, The Rev. Canon David Kierstead.
- ¶ 6: The Most Rev. John Wilson Gladstone Moderator, Church of South India & Bishop of South Kerala. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate Anglican Church of Canada. 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, Worawora Deanery, the Rev. Father Charels A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Atlin - St. Martin, the Rev. Deacon Vera Kirkwood and family, Dorothy Odian, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 7: Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley. The Rev. John Tremblay (retired).
- ¶ 8: Parish of Westmorland, the Rev. Kevin Stockall, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Redeemer Ametefe Semevor, assistant curate, Worawora.

YOUTH

What you have probably depends more on where you were born than how hard you work

BY JASMINE CHANDRA

The young people of St. Paul's, Rothesay recently invited members of their congregation to dinner. Some of their guests enjoyed courtly service, fine cuisine and elegant surroundings; others sat at self-service tables with just the necessities and had to wait for their food; and yet another group sat on small chairs or even the floor, lined up and waited until everyone else was fed before they got a meagre meal of rice and water.

This hunger banquet raised money for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and for child and youth programs at the church, but its true focus was on raising awareness of the different standards of living that exist in our world today.

When the dinner guests arrived, they were divided into three categories: low-income, middle-income, and high-income. About half of them (22 people) were designated low-income and were shoved off to the back of the church hall to wait. Slightly more than a third of the guests (16 people) were designated middle-income,

they sat at plastic covered tables and in dim light they ate rice, curried lentils, carrot salad and chicken legs.

The 15 per cent of the diners (six people) designated as high-income were led to a well-lit and beautifully decorated room. They ate first and received full service and classical music played in the background. They were served rice, curried lentils, pappadums, and cilantro lemon chicken breasts with sides of chutney. They were encouraged to eat as much as they liked. There were extra chairs and table settings to demonstrate the true excess of this section compared to the low-income section where there were those who had to sit on the floor.

Following the dinner the three sections were brought together to discuss their experiences as well as share dessert and leftovers. During the discussion, it was noted that while those in the middle section took some of their food to the low-income section, the high-income section didn't think about sharing their food until they had finished eating. However, those in the middle-income section were not allowed to feel good about

their benevolence because some in the low-income section said they only shared their food to alleviate their guilt. A few from the low-income section ventured to the high-income section with empty bowls and begged for food from their family members. They were granted a few scraps but were not encouraged to stay.

During the banquet, the low-income section clearly was the loudest with laughing and lively discussion. In contrast the high-income section was rather subdued. We found out during the discussion time that those at the high-income section spent some time talking about why they deserved to be there and many of them said they felt guilty.

While there were many youth and their parents who helped to stage this event, special mention should be given to Mary Fleet for coming up with the idea and carrying it through with a lot of behind the scenes work. Mary Fleet, Hannah Fleet and Susan Thomas cooked all afternoon to make sure that we had great tasting food. Thanks as well to Alan Thomas who helped the youth members set up the



When they were invited to dinner by members of the youth group, the people of St. Paul's, Rothesay, didn't know a few of them would be treated royally and rest wouldn't.

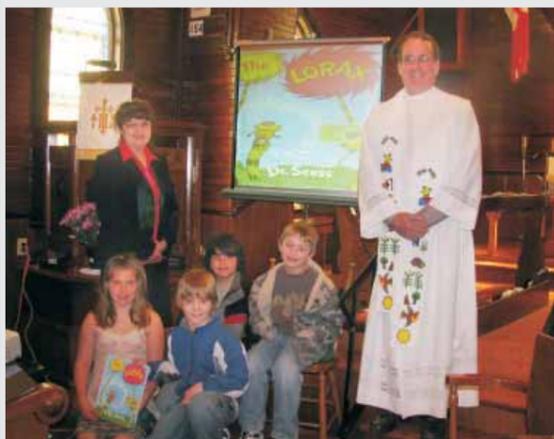


St. Paul's youth group did a fantastic job of helping and serving. Their presence made the dinner a success.



The Rev. Jasmine Chandra is assistant curate and in charge of youth ministry at St. Paul's, Rothesay.

EARTH & WATER



MARGARET LAKING

Sunday school students at St. George's in McAdam shared a celebration of Earth Day and Water Day with the entire parish. With the help of Dr. Seuss' story of *The Lorax* they illustrated some of the worst environmental problems affecting the earth and learned that hope for a healthy future can rest with a caring child. The students also read appropriate lessons for the day: Troy Gaines read from Genesis, Josh Watson read the youth Psalm God is so Wonderful. It, too, speaks of creation. Caitlin Gaines read 1 Corinthians 13, the chapter on faith, hope and love. The congregation sang *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.

World Water Day, designated in 1992 by a United Nations General Assembly resolution, is an international day of observance and action drawing attention to the many that lack access to clean, safe drinking water.

Earth Day is probably the most celebrated environmental event worldwide.

A letter from Camp Brookwood

Hello Brookwood parents and campers! In a few short weeks Camp Brookwood will be alive with youth and we are very excited about this year.

Matt Martin from Saint John is in charge of our nature program and he has lots of new equipment — telescopes, binoculars, a small green house and compasses. Brookwood campers will be able to explore the beauty of God's creations as they never have before.

Kendra Sprague, a former camper and CIT, knows what works and what doesn't when it comes to crafts and she's come up with some interesting new ideas she can't wait to share.

Thierry Pelletier got his national lifeguard certification earlier this year so he is our lifeguard, swimming instructor and survivalist. He's also been known to find time for water games.

Back by popular demand are co-assistant directors Lindsay Parker and Jens Jeppesen. Lindsay is in charge of sports and group activities and will look after a cabin too.

Jens and our director Scott McKinnon will work closely to ensure the camp is operated in a spiritual, fun and safe manner. Jens and Matt play guitar and Thierry is a drummer, so expect lots of music at camp. Expect lots of letters from home too. We've got a mail drop box so parents/guardians can leave letters for the week at registration and we will deliver them daily — postage free!

Your camp registration includes meals, accommodations, a T-shirt, camp photo and tuck money and all the fun you can imagine. Sure hope I see you at Brookwood this summer!

Regards and God Bless,
Mary Lee Phillips
For the Camp Brookwood Board

Meet the Medley crew!



Shawn C. Branch
Assistant Director

I was commissioned as an Evangelist by Church Army in 2004 and serve as Communications Director for the Church Army in Canada. Prior to that, I served in the Diocese of Saskatchewan as Youth Ministry Coordinator. I plan to begin work on my Masters in Ministry degree through St. Stephen's University in the fall and on May 30 I married the beautiful and talented Hilary LaddNicholas



Alicia Dobbeltsteyn
Program Director

I hail from Sussex and am midway through my degree in human rights and psychology at STU. I want to do graduate work so I can help protect children's rights especially in the area of human trafficking. Camp Medley and I go way back to 1997, I've been on staff as a counsellor and want to reach out to all the unique youth that come through our cabins!

Mallory Cunningham, Head Female Counsellor

I am from Saint John and just completed my second year at STU. I am majoring in English and human rights and hope to become a teacher. I have been at Camp Medley as a camper, LIT and staff for over 10 years and am really excited about connecting with the new staff, LIT's and campers.

Nicholas Gould, Head Male Counsellor

I am from Bathurst and study communications at ABU and would eventually like to teach middle school. I've been at Camp Medley as a camper and a counsellor and really look forward to the chance to grow both with God and in my own leadership abilities.