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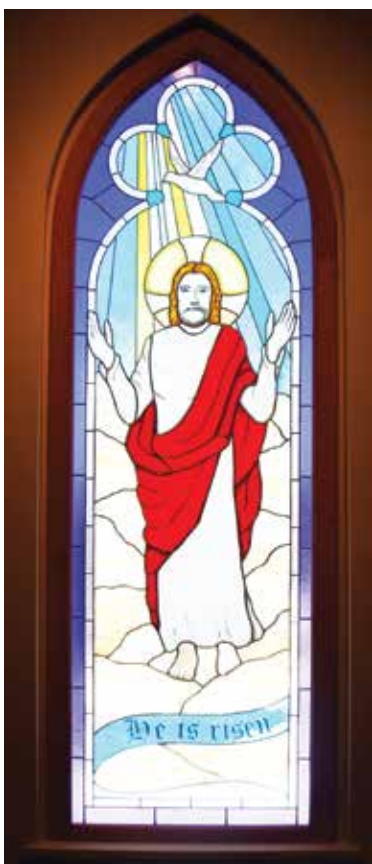


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## He Is Risen



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The message of this stained glass panel at Holy Trinity church in Nasonworth is perhaps the most amazing and compelling aspect of our walk with God. Our saviour is alive! Happy Easter.

## SAFE HARBOUR OPENS!



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The long wait for a youth shelter in Saint John ended March 17 when the doors to Safe Harbour finally opened. At 50 Broad St. in the south end, it sits on the former site of St. James Anglican Church. Here residential manager Lindsay Gallagher walks through the kitchen of the 10-bed facility a couple of weeks before opening.

## Camp Medley gears up for anniversary season

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The goal of this, Camp Medley's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is to fill the camp with kids this summer.

"Seven-hundred campers — that's the goal," said youth and intergenerational ministries director Colin McDonald. "We're excited about this camping season. We fully expect we're going to see 700 kids at camp."

That will mean almost doubling the numbers from last year, but Colin is determined, offering special deals to encourage families and parishes to send

their kids.

"We have much more cost-effective pricing," said Colin. "But we're committed that every kid that wants to go to camp will go to camp. If you can't afford it, tell us."

Colin cautions that if families can pay, the camp still needs the registration fees, but he sees the need to expose more kids to camp on a spiritual level.

At Diocesan Council Feb. 21, Colin's report and aims for Camp Medley prompted some discussion.

"Going to Camp Medley is



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a springboard to faith," said administration team chair Jim Morrell. "It's a springboard to church leadership as well."

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## Council passes deficit budget

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Diocesan Council unanimously passed a deficit budget of \$418,381, but not without considerable discussion and concern.

At the council meeting, held Feb. 21 at Christ Church (Parish) Church, the 2015 budget of \$2.3 million generated talk of how to deal with a deficit and what is causing it.

The Rev. Chris McMullen

admits he's troubled by the numbers.

"Any business person would say you have to reduce expenditures. It's scary," he said. "We have to think of something. We can't just secretly hope for a good stock market year."

"I don't sleep well when I think about deficit budgets," said treasurer Irene Adams. "To do everything we do will cost us

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## DIOCESAN NEWS



KATIE BONNER PHOTO

This group of campers from 2013 dressed us as ducks to take on the infamous Camp Medley obstacle course.

## Fundraising dinner set for May 2 in Fredericton

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The price is \$300 per child, but the price will drop for parishes as they send more kids. As well, there are some strategies in place to help subsidize kids who cannot pay. Colin will emcee a fundraising dinner May 2 at Christ Church (Parish) Church, featuring a \$30 salmon supper and donor cards for generous diners to fill out. As well, he's applying for grants and other funding to help support the camp.

"We're also looking for individuals within the Anglican community to sponsor kids to go to camp," he said, adding donations can be sent to the diocese office with a notation for Camp Medley.

Preparing for the camping season is keeping Colin busy. First he's had to find a camp director. That was still in the works

as of press time.

As the season nears, he's looking for volunteers to get the camp ready for the season. Throughout May, several weekends and weekdays will be set aside for camp clean-up and some renovations, including an upgrade to the craft room.

"Anyone who can use a paintbrush, push a broom or cook a meal for volunteers is welcome," he said.

Colin is also looking for camp chaplains at both Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood.

"If you would love to spend a week ministering to kids, getting waited on, having dinner served to you, call me," said Colin, adding clergy do not have to take vacation days to spend a week at camp.

Finally, Camp Medley has a redesigned website that's more interactive and user-friendly. [campmedley.ca](http://campmedley.ca)

## Financial stewardship the focus

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more than we currently have, and we have activities that need to be taken on."

Although 86 per cent of the budget expenditures go to supporting the work of the parishes, either through direct service provisions or by providing ministry on behalf of the parishes, only 70 per cent of the expenditures are actually funded by the parishes, leaving a rather significant deficit in budget funding, said Adams.

During the budget discussions, the need for a parish development officer was highlighted, specifically the need to focus on financial stewardship to help parishioners grow in this area.

"I think we need to get that person. We need to start cultivating that stewardship," said Dean Geoffrey Hall. "We need to get [that position] filled."

Other ideas for improvements included identifying opportunities for savings, reviewing fee structures, increasing stewardship awareness and encouraging full parish support of the Shared Ministry Budget.

Adams reminded delegates

that the budget they were examining was not set in stone, and that, like last year, actual expenditures might be less than those projected.

### Other council news

- Conciliation training will begin in April for 12 laity and clergy who have agreed to become facilitators.

"We have some dysfunctional

ministries included plans for Camp Medley's 70th anniversary this summer. The goal is 700 campers in year 70, which is ambitious, he said, since that would almost double last year's numbers.

"We're committed that every kid who wants to go to camp will go to camp," he said. "If they can't afford it, tell us."

- McDonald noted that Tuesday night spaghetti dinners for university students and career-aged young adults at Cathedral Memorial Hall are becoming popular, with numbers swelling from a half-dozen. Camp Medley staff who wanted to stay in touch last fall, to

upwards of 25 a week now.

Donations and visitors are always welcome, he said.

- Council voted to hold a one-day Synod on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Christ Church Cathedral.

- Council voted to table two motions dealing with Cathedral Memorial Hall for further study.

- Council voted to approve the appointment of Lorna Williams as diocesan archivist for a five year renewable term. Long-time archivist Frank Morehouse retired in February.

*"We're committed that every kid who wants to go to camp will go to camp. If they can't afford it, tell us."*

parishes, conflict between congregations in parishes, between parish and clergy — this is an attempt to deal with that," said Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, the bishop's executive assistant.

It's also a proactive exercise to deal with small issues before they become big ones, she added. The facilitators could be ready for deployment by May, with debriefing and further training after their first experiences.

- Colin McDonald's report on the youth and intergenerational

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## ANGLICAN ENERGY



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Ann Deveau, Bishop David Edwards, Cheryl Jacobs, Irene Adams and Archdeacon Cathy Laskey were the winning team during the Coldest Night of the Year walking fundraiser in Fredericton, raising more than \$3,800. Anglican teams in N.B.'s three major cities raised over \$10,000 for the homeless and marginally housed.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# Studying the archbishops' society

This Lent I set myself a reading discipline, to read at least two biographies of the eight men who have been Archbishop of Canterbury since 1944.

I cannot think what possessed me to do this — perhaps it was that I went to Bishops School in Canterbury in February, who knows?

Along with the ones I had read before I began this project, I have now read all of them except for George Carey and William Temple.

As I read I discovered that each of them was very different, yet they were all centred upon their faith in Jesus. For some it was hard to hold their faith and their ministry together, whilst for others the join was seamless. Yet despite this, each of them had a depth to their faith which may not have been immediately



obvious.

During their time in the role they each faced different pressures and joys, but what comes across is their struggle to deal with these things in a Christian way. That being said, they were all flawed.

Michael Ramsey, widely regarded as a very holy man, was often scathing about evangeli-

als. Geoffrey Fisher — highly efficient and organized, so much so that God was often sidelined in the bureaucracy. This should be greatly encouraging for us as we struggle to be Christians in our everyday world.

The seat of St. Augustine of Canterbury sits high up towards the east end of his cathedral. If one begins to explore the great building from below the west window, high above in the stained glass is the story of the Bible from beginning to end.

In the centre of the first row of glass is a picture of the fallen Adam. Archbishop Runcie pointed out that if a laser beam was fired from that pane directly through the nave, into the quire and on to Augustine's chair, it would pierce the heart of the archbishop — a reminder that we are all broken creatures, no matter how high we climb.

As we leave Lent and come into the season of Easter, let us remember that despite this, we are made whole again by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This does not mean we do not seek to live less broken lives, just as the archbishops strove to do, but we have a great hope, which bursts forth on Easter day from the death of the tomb to the life of the garden and way beyond that, to the healing of the cosmos.

We must not forget who we are, but we also must remember who we are.



David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

APRIL 2  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
(RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS)

APRIL 3  
GOOD FRIDAY CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

APRIL 4  
EASTER VIGIL CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

APRIL 5  
EASTER SUNDAY CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

APRIL 9  
BISHOP'S COUNSEL

APRIL 10-11  
DIOCESAN DEACONS' RETREAT

APRIL 12  
PARISH OF PRINCE WILLIAM, DUMFRIES, QUEENSBURY AND SOUTHAMPTON

APRIL 13-17  
HOUSE OF BISHOPS

APRIL 19  
PARISH OF ST. PETER'S, FREDERICTON \*

APRIL 22  
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

APRIL 25  
MOTHERS' UNION RALLY

APRIL 26  
PARISH OF BRIGHT

MAY 3  
PARISH OF MINTO AND CHIPMAN

MAY 5  
ACW ANNUAL MEETING

\* DENOTES CONFIRMATION

# Responding to human need in loving service

“I just wanted to reach out to you personally and thank you for the amazing contribution your team has made to the Coldest Night of the Year. I am truly blown away by the support you have generated in the community for this event! We deeply appreciate it!”

This is a note your Synod Office staff, Coldest Night of the Year team, Anglican Energy, received a few days before the walk, from Faith McFarland, co-event director, Coldest Night of the Year.

Many of us who were at Diocesan Council Feb. 21 finished the day off by participating in this fundraising event in either Fredericton or Saint John. The teams with Anglican leadership together raised more than \$10,000!

I share this not to focus upon the thank you, although it is a blessing to receive such appreciative feedback from the secular world. I don't even share this to draw attention to the amount raised, even though this amazing figure is a reflection of the generous hearts of many who are reading this.



I share this to go a little deeper into how being a part of a community activity like Coldest Night is really about living the Third Mark of Mission: To respond to human need by loving service. Randall Goodfellow, when he was here for the stewardship conference in October, said in relation to this third mark of mission that “we do a lot of that generally. It's a lot of our out-reach work.”

This mark of mission is about helping people in need, about simply caring. It very much reflects our baptismal promise of seeking and serving Christ in all

persons, loving our neighbour as ourselves.

Through *Youth in Transition*, many Fredericton young people who couch surf each night will be helped with safe and supportive housing. Through the John Howard Society, at-risk and low-income individuals in the Fredericton area will have access to support services, housing and training. Through Outflow, help will be provided to the working poor and homeless in Saint John, by attending to physical and spiritual needs.

Being a part of this community activity created opportunity to work together. In our case, both as a relatively new synod office staff team, we learned about each other in a different context as well as had a lot of fun.

The morning before, a couple of us went to a kick-off event and it was there while waiting in the lobby that we learned what our young people are encountering in day-to-day living — heart-wrenching stories with light being shone into them by the loving service offered by various organizations.

Within each of our communities, parishes and homes, there are no doubt similar heart-wrenching stories. There are also examples of responding in loving service. Within this edition of the NB Anglican we have stories of people living the second mark of mission; namely, Fire Watch Ministries, Soup's On and the Parish of Upham ministries.

During this Easter season as we celebrate Christ's resurrection changing everything, let's celebrate the ways we are already a part of changing the lives of others through loving service.

Let's also respond as faith communities to those human needs that are not being met. Bless you.

Have a look:

- Creative care – Rethinking the Sacred (October 2014) video on the Stewardship Resources Page on the diocesan website.
- <http://yitfredericton.ca/>
- <http://www.johnhowardnb.ca/>
- <http://www.outflowsj.com/>

Archdeacon Cathy Laskey is the executive assistant to the bishop and secretary of Synod.

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**Mothers' Union rally**

- April 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$10 to register - do so by April 17.
- Church of the Resurrection, Grand Bay-Westfield.
- Send name, address and cheque to Bonnie Greenwood, MU diocesan treasurer, 158 Odell Ave., Fredericton, E3B 2L5; • Email: [robgre@rogers.com](mailto:robgre@rogers.com).
- Make cheques payable to “Diocese of Fredericton Mothers' Union.”

# This is where lives are c

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

*Editor's note: A shorter version of this story appeared in the Feb. 17 edition of E News.*

It's 10:30 on a cold Saturday morning, and in a small storefront on Gordon Street in Moncton, a group of 13 men gather — one leader, 12 disciples, they joke.

This is the headquarters of Moncton Community Chaplaincy and Fire Watch Ministries. This is where lives are changed.

Eden McAuley is the leader of this rag-tag group, while Carolyn, his wife, is the behind-the-scenes support. He drops Carolyn off every Saturday at 9:30 to get the coffee going and the heat on. Then Eden picks up the guys who cannot walk to the meeting of Overcomers Anonymous.

I've been invited to sit in on the meeting.

Eden begins by reminding the men that this is a house of God and behaviour must reflect that. One of the men, Luke, opens in prayer. It's a long, lovely prayer that includes thanks for shelter, food and sobriety.

Then Eden shares news the men are interested to hear: Johnny has been beaten up in jail this week; Charles has been sent to Restigouche for a psychiatric assessment.

## The lesson

The 12-step program meeting begins and Eden opens his well-thumbed leader's manual. They introduce themselves to me, first names only, of course.

The scripture is from Matthew 25, and includes verse 40: "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

The lesson today is on self-esteem, specifically the harm of comparing ourselves to others. Eden explains that comparisons lead to false expectations, resentment and jealousy, wanting what others have and ultimately, to theft. He urges them to be thankful for what they do have rather than pining for what they don't.

"Look around this room," he says. "There's been dark days, but we are all healthy, we have friends, we have a place to stay..." A new guy, Dave, finishes the sentence: "And we all woke up this morning."

## Break time

After 45 minutes of the lesson, of



GISELE MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Members of Overcomers Anonymous meet every Saturday morning with Edén McAuley, centre back, while his wife, Carolyn, second row, in red, makes the coffee and sandwiches. All have served time in provincial jails, and in some cases, federal prison, but they're all striving to serve God these days. Edén and Carolyn run Fire Watch Ministries in Moncton.

conversations that get off track and of Eden always bringing them back to the point, it's time for a smoke break.

Edén signs up men for a night out together at some upcoming Moncton Wildcats hockey games. The guys go in and out, grabbing a coffee, using Edén's cell phone, chatting to each other.

One guy has a Habs hat, the other a Bruins hat. That makes for some good-natured ribbing.

"Edén, do you have any NIVs?" asks one man, referring to the New International Version of the Bible.

"Yes, but my supplier..." answers Edén.

That answer prompts all sorts of jokes: "I know a guy... Hey, I can hook you up..."

## Out of jail

Seriously though, drugs have played a huge role in the lives of these men, as has alcohol.

"Every fellow in here is either an alcoholic or a drug addict in some stage of recovery," Edén tells me after the meeting.

They're not criminals, he says, but addicts who break the law to support their addictions. Every one of them has served time in provincial jail; some have done hard time in Renous, a federal penitentiary.

At the South East New Brunswick Regional Correctional Centre in Shediac, jail chaplain Rev. Wayne Haggerman works closely with Edén and those preparing to leave jail.

"If the men are open to Christian

support, I go meet them," says Edén.

He doesn't come empty-handed. Everyone gets a backpack filled with warm clothes, hygiene products, food and other essentials. They're prepared by Carolyn, with much help from the woman at local churches, particularly their own, St. John the Baptist in Riverview.

Edén helps them find a place to live and makes sure they know about the Saturday morning meeting, plus the Monday night Bible study. Through the week, he takes men to food banks and child visitations, appears in court to support them and offer testimony, and drives them to medical appointments.

The most common favour he's asked is, "Will you call my mom and tell her I'm sorry?" He's on the run from dawn to dusk, and beyond.

In short, he and Carolyn have devoted their lives to men that society would rather not think too much about — addicts and ex-offenders.

"Carolyn and I truly value our role as a big brother and big sister, and in some cases, mom and dad," says Edén. "We treasure it. We cultivate it."

## Epiphany

A decade ago, Edén had a successful career in fire safety, hence the name of his outreach ministry.

Then his son's best friend committed suicide, and Edén was never the same again. He began taking a greater interest in young people and their issues.

At the same time, he was exposed to young men serving time, and the feeling that he should — and must — act seized him.

"I was watching the degradation of addicts and I wanted to do something," he said. It didn't take long for that something to appear.

"I read in the NB Anglican about a course coming up by George Porter called Helping the Struggling Adolescent," he said. "I'd never heard of Taylor College but I signed up."

The five-day course at Threshold Ministries hooked him. He switched his job to part-time, and he and Carolyn sold their Riverview home and downsized to a condo to simplify their lives.

Then Edén began an education that took four years — three days a week of driving to Threshold in Saint John.

For his on-the-job placement, the principal at the time, Reed Fleming, matched him with the Rev. David Way of the Wesleyan Church, who also ran Moncton Community Chaplaincy. He's been there ever since, with Rev. Way as his mentor.

## A work in progress

It's been six years, and some of the men in the group are charter members. Others are brand new.

One has three years of university behind him, another was a lead mechanic. Some have run businesses.

There are varying degrees of capability, spiritual maturity and addiction recovery in this group of

men. They are a

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I ask him who group.

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sion had been made, and he's staying right where he is. As the bishop said, what could be more important than bringing troubled men to Christ?

**Funding**  
Back at the meeting, the lesson is over and it's time for lunch. Carolyn serves a large platter of sandwiches, specially purchased because I am a guest. Every scrap is eaten.

I've brought a plate of Rice Krispie squares, for which they are truly thankful. Usually it's peanut butter sandwiches and Wagon Wheels, so this is an extra special day. They take the Wagon Wheels home for later. These are hungry men.

Fire Watch Ministries survives solely on donations, "and we don't have nearly enough," says Eden. They have funding from a couple of local Anglican churches, plus ACWs and individual donations. And they're living off their savings as well.

"This keeps a lot of guys out of jail," says Eden. "It's a support and no one's judging them. Here they have a 'family' to turn to.

"They're just a bunch of guys who fell by the way. Otherwise they're no different than you or I."

A decade ago, Eden had a successful career and, "I wouldn't have wanted anything to do with them," he says. "Now I love them."

You can support Fire Watch Ministries with your prayers. For those wishing to donate, you can send a cheque to St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Box 25022, Moncton, E1C 9M9. Be sure to write "Fire Watch Ministries" in the memo section of the cheque.

[www.firewatchmoncton.com](http://www.firewatchmoncton.com)

## The mission that's stuck in my head

**Commentary**  
BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

*"Those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." Mark 8:35*

If you've ever wondered what that verse looks like in action, you have only to peer through the window of a Moncton storefront on a Saturday morning.

There you will find upwards of a dozen men from their 20s to their 50s — all recovering addicts, all ex-offenders — gathered around Eden McAuley, the founder of Fire Watch Ministries.

They are there because Eden and his wife, Carolyn, have become their mentors, their support system, their family and their saviours to some extent, though Eden would disagree.

"Guys like to credit me, but I correct them. I'm just carrying the Lord's toolbox," he said.

Eden and Carolyn gave up their comfortable lives to work with men leaving jail in the Moncton area. They have, as the Bible verse says, lost their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, and in doing so, have gained a new one in the work they do for these men.

Eden left his career behind, and they sold their home and bought a condo in order to have very little house maintenance. They wanted all their energies to go to their mission.

Eden describes his work as their entertainment and their reward. They spend holidays with the men. They use their savings to partially fund their ministry. Their lives are



GISELE MCKNIGHT PHOTO

**Eden and Carolyn McAuley**

wrapped up in this group.

It's been weeks since I went to visit Fire Watch Ministries and I still can't get them out of my head. I think about them every day. I pray for them. I am in awe of the whole ministry, but the natural question that follows is, could I do something like this?

The answer is no. I could not. I could not spend hours each week in jails and psych wards. I would not willingly part with a good chunk of my worldly goods to help fund a mission. I suspect I'm not alone, but I'm sure glad the McAuleys have the faith and the desire to do the work God has chosen for them — work that desperately needs to be done.

At the South East New Brunswick Regional Correctional Centre, if men indicate they would like Christian support as part of their release plan, the jail chaplain calls Eden, and he picks them up.

From there, a relationship begins, with Eden helping them find shelter, food, jobs and medical care. He runs a 12-step program on Saturdays, a Bible study on Mondays. He takes the guys home to visit their families and make peace with relatives they've burned. He attends when the guys have supervised

visits with their children. He stands up in courts and attests to their progress. He is their best friend.

Along the way, there have been loses and gains. Some fall away. Some have been with them since this journey began six years ago.

This is what Doug, one of the fellows, said at the meeting I attended:

"My dad always told me I was a worthless piece of trash. Those words I began to believe. I believed what others said about me — teachers, judges, lawyers, girlfriends.... When I came to the Lord 12 years ago, I didn't change just like that (he snaps his fingers). But I had to change my way of thinking. Now it's God who tells me who I am. I'm blameless. I'm the apple of his eye."

Eden and Carolyn have given up their comfortable lives to do something I could never do. They're not complaining, but they are hurting for financial support.

Fire Watch Ministries is an Anglican mission, as close to the heart of Jesus as you're going to find. The least we can do is support them — with our prayers, and if we can, with our money. God has blessed us with enough. Let's bless them.

For those wishing to donate, you can send a cheque to St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Box 25022, Moncton, E1C 9M9. Be sure to write "Fire Watch Ministries" in the memo section of the cheque.

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*Gisele McKnight is the editor of the New Brunswick Anglican.*



## FEATURE STORIES

# Soup's On, and it's delicious

When you join Soup's On, you join a community

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

At Soup's On every Thursday at lunch time, almost everybody wears a name tag — diners included.

Diners have become such an integral part of this outreach at St. John's church in Oromocto that name tags just seem like a good way for everyone to get to know each other.

Once you've been there a couple of times, you'll probably be offered one.

And if you've been there once, you'll probably return — for the four or five kinds of soup, the crackers, rolls, bread and biscuits, plus the dessert, tea and coffee — all for a donation. It's a good deal.

Every Thursday since 2009, the crowds have come. By 11:50 a.m. on a recent snowy day, 54 people were already enjoying corn chowder, baked beans,

chicken noodle, hamburger cabbage and something called Rockin' Moroccan soup. On a good weather day, there's at least 80, and sometimes, 100.

"It's an outreach program for the community," said volunteer Betty Gravelle. "It's caught on. It's very successful."

There are St. John's parishioners here, plus Christians from other denominations. It also attracts a lot of retired people, plus students and staff from nearby Oromocto High School and troops from Base Gagetown. Across the street is Oromocto Public Hospital, and visitors there often drop in for lunch.

"Once a year we invite the town's outside workers," said Charles Thomas, warden at St. John's.

He's there every week, raising money for his church, but money isn't the primary reason Soup's On exists.

"It heats this building. It keeps the doors open, but primarily, it's an outreach," said Canon Walter Williams, rector at St. John's. "For new people, they can come here and



GISELE MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Some of the Soup's On crew, from right: Ellen Reid, Nate Marsden, Charles Thomas and Becca McIntyre.

meet new friends. They come to Soup's On and they come to church, and they're not even Anglican. They've found a community here."

The donations, however, have allowed St. John's to support other causes, like St. Paul's in Zealand when an oil spill put the church in jeopardy, and both Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood.

People love Soup's On as a gathering place as much as for a meal, illustrated by a family

reunion held there. A man in the community was dying, and to say goodbye, he invited his family members to join him at Soup's On.

These family gatherings continued for several weeks. As Williams said, one week there was a whole family of them here, and the next week, he was gone.

It takes a fleet of volunteers to put on this weekly lunch — more than a dozen of devoted helpers who show up each week.

"I inherited this," said Wil-

liams, who's been rector for four years. "Everybody has jobs to do and it's well run."

So well run that there's been a spin-off of sorts. There is a weekly Wednesday luncheon a few kilometres away at Lincoln Baptist Church.

"They studied what we did, and they asked our permission, which I thought was good," said Williams.

If you want lunch at Soup's On, the biggest crowd arrives around 11:30. Plan accordingly.

## Meet your bishop

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Bishop Bill Hockin is one of those people who has found plenty to do in retirement. Since retiring as bishop in 2003, he has continued to teach, preach and write books.

"I have six published, and another one in my head," he said, adding he is looking at the fall of 2015 for the seventh's publication.

The books come from a wildly popular series of lectures, or talks as he calls them, that he's given during Advent and at one point, during Lent.

Years ago, he would draw a crowd of 400-500, so large he had to rent The Playhouse, but numbers have dwindled over the years. He shares the Advent talks with Dr. Barry Craig of St. Thomas University and they're held at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Fredericton each Monday before Christmas, still drawing upwards of 200 each time.

"They're purposely not in a church," he said. "We've devel-



Bishop Bill Hockin

oped an ecumenical community of every denomination."

Preaching has also kept him busy, most recently as an interim priest at Christ Church (Parish) Church in the city, which concluded at the end of February.

That's quite a daunting schedule for a man of 76.

"I'm still as busy as I want to be," he said. "We do what we can."

Bishop Bill grew up in Dutton, Ontario, near London, and was ordained in 1962. He had one trip to New Brunswick, to St. Luke's in Saint John, before being courted by the Fredericton

diocese to become the dean of Christ Church Cathedral.

"I was invited to come and be interviewed by the bishop of the day, George Lemmon," he said. "I was looking for a change, but I never dreamed I'd come here."

He left his duties as priest at St. Paul's on Bloor Street in Toronto to come to Fredericton, and the intervening 18 years have been productive and blessed by God.

He was dean for only two years before becoming co-adjutor with Bishop George.

"We had two bishops for two years, which is unusual," he said. "But it worked out really well. We divided up the work. I did the new stuff and I visited all the clergy."

By the time Bishop George retired, Bishop Bill felt well-prepared to take on the role alone. He spent five years as bishop, three as the sole head of the diocese.

This is the third in a series of interviews with the Diocese of Fredericton's bishops. This month, we feature Bishop Bill Hockin, who served from 1998-2003

"I retired at 65," he said. "In my day, they didn't stay past 65."

Bishop Bill might well be remembered as the leader who nurtured the wellbeing of his clergy. One of his lasting legacies is the establishment of the clergy college — a week in June for the continuing education of clergy.

It's held at the provincial forestry school, and the clergy of the diocese are invited to come, stay and take workshops and courses on everything from effective preaching to stress management.

"There was a rationale behind it," said the bishop. "Every priest gets an allotment for re-education, but not all were spending it."

Some found workshops elsewhere, but it's expensive to travel, so Bishop Bill decided to bring the experts here so that everyone had the opportunity to benefit. The diocese continues to fund the clergy college.

He also sought to build community in another way, this time with his wife's help.

"Isabelle and I started a tea on Sunday afternoons for retired

clergy," he said. "It was very well received."

When he became bishop, he took some good advice from professor Michael Green, of Oxford University in the UK who happened to be in Fredericton on a speaking engagement.

"He said I would need a support group of people to meet with, so I did," he said.

"It was very informal — 10 or so who would meet with me on occasion for Saturday breakfast, pray for me, give me advice.

"Those people still meet with me from time to time. They're very good friends," he said. "That was a good gift."

Bishop Bill looks back fondly on his rather short time as head of the diocese, but he doesn't miss the nights in hotels, the demands of the job and the travel.

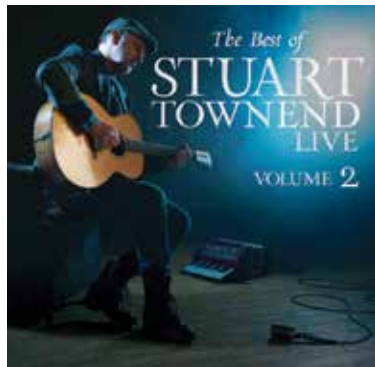
"It was a short time but I did what I could," he said. "I saw my time as being a servant to servants."

Soon Bishop Bill and Isabelle hope to move from their home in Mactaquac into Fredericton to cut down on rural travel.

## MUSIC COLUMN

# Stuart Townend continues to preach through music

*Note: Over the next few months, this monthly column features a series called "The Songwriters," focussing on musicians known for their depth of lyric-writing and meaning they put into their songs. This month, we feature a well known songwriter from the UK who's found an audience throughout the world: Stuart Townend*



In 2010, Crosswalk magazine noted that, "the uniqueness of Townend's writing lies partly in its lyrical content. There is both a theological depth and poetic expression that some say is rare in today's worship writing."

How correct they are. Much more than a praise chorus, or a single thought repeated over and over, Stuart Townend writes stories of faith and deep truths into his music that's easy to sing, easy to follow, yet can be pondered for a long time. It is food for the

soul.

Some of his better-known songs include "In Christ Alone," "How Deep the Father's Love For Us," "The King of Love," and many others. His music is sung in churches around the world, and he himself is sought after as a worship leader and speaker at conferences everywhere.

Not bad for a guy from Halifax, West Yorkshire who studied literature at the University of Sussex — he's really putting his education to work!

Townend's music seems to fit well into the a divine worship service, and not just as a featured hymn or praise song. His

father was an Anglican priest in England (until his death in 1985), and Stuart had grown up knowing the liturgy of the church. His music serves well in some instances as benedictions; at other times as psalm refrains, and as anthems (choral and otherwise!).

If you're new to Stuart Townend music, and want to experience a sampling of it, an excellent source is out right now. *The Best of Stuart Townend, Live, vol. 2* releases on St. Patrick's Day. This is a 25-song CD

that features many of Stuart's hits and well-loved music. It's offered for the mere price of \$10.99 on many digital sites. It's well worth the investment, in my opinion.

Stuart has worked with long-time collaborator Keith Getty, originally from Belfast, Ireland. There's the famous story of Keith writing the melodic tune "In Christ Alone" on the back of an electric bill, which he then forwarded to Stuart, who wrote the lyrics (but didn't pay the bill).

Some songs were written on the stages of worship conferences, such as "Creation Sings." Their music has not been without controversy in some quarters, however. In 2013, "In Christ Alone" was rejected for inclusion in the Presbyterian Church's new hymnal, as they wished to change the lyric "Till on that cross, as Jesus died / The wrath of God was satisfied," to something that did not portray

a wrathful God. They suggested "... the love of God was satisfied."

The songwriters denied their request, even though hymnals exist with this hymn and the altered lyric, perhaps changed without the writers' permission.

While Townend's music is sometimes said to sound rather generic after a while, such a critique is best left up to the listener. There is a wide variety of instrumentation, tempos, and styles to be found here. Townend himself plays piano, keyboards and even banjo, which together provide plenty of flavour.

Many guests over the years have appeared on his albums, bring even more colours to the musical palette. Take some time to do nothing but listen to this music —time well spent!

*Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician as well as a priest serving in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock.*

## Getting to know Ho

BY HEATHER MILLER

The Diocese of Fredericton has had a companion relationship with the Diocese of Ho in Ghana, West Africa, since 2007.

This means the two dioceses support and pray for each other, form relationships and even visit. This is the second in a series of short articles about the various churches and parishes within Ho.

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Agbozume is the largest church in the diocese of Ho and the compound includes a mission house and large elementary school. They have a new priest

for the parish who is not new to them. The Rev. Dennis Obediegwu was ordained in August 2014 but had served as assistant curate in Agbozume for several years. He has a wife, Antoinette.

St. Paul's is a thriving parish with an active youth group, Sunday school, church choir, Mothers' Union branch and talented church band. It is the home parish of Bishop Matthias.

The school has over a dozen teachers and approximately 600 students aged 5 to 11 years. It also runs a very successful corn mill/cassava crusher.

Agbozume is a busy town west of Ho and near the border



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**St. Paul's Anglican Church, Agbozume, Diocese of Ho, Ghana**

to Togo and the Gulf of Guinea. The area is famous for the weaving of Kente cloth and the town has an open market four days a week. The main language spoken in this region is Ewe.

St. Paul's, Agbozume is paired with the Kingston/Kennebecasis Archdeaconry and hopefully this will give a better understanding for whom we are praying.



**Eden McAuley, Fire Watch Ministries, Moncton**

**Favourite book of the Bible** – 1 Peter  
**Provenance (birthplace)** – Saint John, N.B.

**What you love most about God** –  
Second chances at life

**Favourite place on Earth** – Fundy  
National Park

**Farthest you've been from home** –  
Marseille, France

**Favourite meal or dessert** – Roast  
turkey dinner

**Biggest fear** – Montreal Canadiens  
winning the Stanley Cup

**Hidden talent** – Making people think  
I'm busy

**Favourite movie or book** – Lord of the  
Rings

**Your hobby** – Cooking

**Three things always in your fridge** –  
Oranges, ham, cheese

**Favourite sports team** – Boston  
Bruins, Arsenal Gunners

## Episcopal announcements

• Bishop David Edwards has appointed or re-appointed the following as honorary assistant clergy at Christ Church Cathedral: **the Rev. Canon David Staples, the Most Rev. Claude Miller, the Rev. Canon Thomas Smith, the Ven. Patricia Drummond, the Rev. Canon Jon Lownds.**

• **The Rev. Canon Bill MacMullin** will retire as rector of the Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis effective June 7.

• **The Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove** is appointed priest and rector in the Parish of Fredericton, effective May 1. She leaves the Parish of Sussex.

• The diocese extends condolences to the family of **Liz (Elizabeth) Spinney**, wife of former chancellor Clyde Spinney. She passed away Feb. 6. Her funeral was held from Holy Trinity church in Nasonworth Feb. 11.

• Diocesan Council, at its Feb.

21 meeting, approved the appointment of **Lorna Williams** as diocesan archivist, effective immediately, for a renewable five-year term. She replaces **Frank Morehouse**, who retired this month after 14 years.

• The diocese extends condolences to **Bishop Matthias** of Ho in Ghana on the sudden death of his youngest brother Isaac, full name WOI Isaac Kwablatsey Gadzegu. Isaac, 49, served in the Ghanaian army. He has left a wife and four sons.

# Two appointments, two retirements for archives

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It is a season of change for the Diocesan Archives Committee, with two mainstays retiring in the same month.

Diocesan archivist Frank Morehouse and Twila Buttmer, who has managed the Anglican records at the Public Archives of New Brunswick, both retired in February.

"After 14 years I thought I had done mostly what I set out to do," said Frank. "And I'm retiring because Twila is retiring. We were a good team so it's a good time to go."

There are big shoes to fill, but at the PANB, it is Joanne Aiton Kerr who is now acting manager of private sector records. And at the Feb. 22 Diocesan Council meeting, council appointed Lorna Williams as diocesan archivist for a five-year renewable term.

"My background is in Canadian history and I've done papers on churches in the diocese," said Lorna. "I thought this would be a nice way to use my knowledge."

She's a member of the Diocesan Archives Committee and is married to Canon Walter Williams who serves in Oromocto.

"I have the time now to do the same type of work Frank has done. I love to do research and I'm familiar with the archives. I think this will be a good challenge for me for the next few years."

She's well aware of the impact Frank has made. "He's set a good example. His are big shoes to fill. I just hope I can do as well as he did."

Most of Frank's initiation into the role was on the job. Harvey Malmberg, previous diocesan archivist, became a mentor to both Frank and Twila, recruiting Frank to replace him.

"Harvey said to me, 'Frank, you'd be a good one for the next diocesan archivist.' It was all on-the-job training," said Frank.

Twila became the caretaker of Anglican records in 1989.

"It's been good for me," she said. "It probably made me do a lot more things than I would have, like public speaking. I don't think I ever said no. I'm



GISELE MCKNIGHT PHOTO

## Twila Buttmer in the repository at the Public Archives of N.B.

glad they pushed me."

It was in 1963 that Bishop Harold Nutter asked parishes to bring their records to Cathedral Memorial Hall to begin an archive.

"He saw the value of preservation," said Twila.

Whenever she needed answers, the United Church member was told, 'Call Bishop Nutter.'

"I finally broke down and did it, but I didn't even know what a bishop was," she said.

"He was a great source and a great teacher. He would tell me where I might find what I needed."

Twila remembers Phyllis Cathcart as a great source as well.

"She always helped me. She called me for information and I called her. She was just wonderful."

The Anglican records Twila has so lovingly cared for are stored in the repository of the archives building on the University of New Brunswick campus.

Among 33 kilometres of New Brunswick records sit ours, in a large, high room set at 10 degrees C and 30 per cent relative humidity. Some Anglican records here date back to the late 1700s, mostly from

early parishes like Kingston, Gagetown and St. Andrews.

Up until her last day of work at the Public Archives of New Brunswick, Twila was still getting requests for records — copies of confirmations, marriages and so on. She has been happy to respond.

"It's important that the Anglican Church not just give us their records and forget them," she said.

"I've enjoyed building up the collection and it's wonderful to earn that trust. I want to tell you how much I've enjoyed working with the parishes and the volunteer diocesan archivists."

Now that spring is coming and Twila has more time, her plans include a few weeks just to sit and read. First on her reading list is a new biography of Johnny Cash. Then gardening, golf and some family genealogy will occupy her time, as will selling more diocesan history books she and Frank have produced.

"It's been a wonderful job," she said.

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Reach her replacement, Joanna, this way: [joanna.aitonkerr@gnb.ca](mailto:joanna.aitonkerr@gnb.ca) or 506-453-8431.

# Parish news

## Updates from Upham

The parishes of Upham and Central Kings have joined forces to offer a free hot lunch to the Hampton High School students the first Wednesday of each month at St. Paul's Church, a short walk from the school. St. Paul's offers the same lunch the third Wednesday of each month, with sometimes more than 100 students attending.

On the menu: soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, with a Rice Krispie treat for dessert.

The two parishes have begun an exchange program of lay readers, meaning lay readers from each parish attend the other parish on Sundays to experience God's word from a different perspective.

Each Sunday, the Parish of Upham has something called "tube money." People put their extra change in a tube, which is used for various Mission Group causes: hot lunch program, local schools, PWRDF, send kids to camp, Council of the North, transition house, Rev. Canon Paul Jefferies in Uganda, to name a few.

Parish breakfasts are proving to be very popular and well attended. It must be the kitchen staff! Held every second Saturday of the month, it's a time to share food and fellowship with neighbours and friends.

The parish will host another online auction in April. They are collecting new-to-you items, so if you're cleaning out your closets, please remember them.

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## Sooley baptism

On Sunday, Feb. 1, Trinity Anglican Church in Perth-Andover enjoyed its first baptism of 2015 when Kathy Ruest and Rick Sooley had their baby boy, Mason Robert Joseph Sooley, baptized.

Godparents Melanie and Roger Arbeau were in attendance, along with many other family members and friends.

There was a lovely lunch afterwards with a baptism cake as a special dessert made by Mason's mom, Kathy.

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## Come and pray

*What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind*

*also. 1 Corinthians 14:15*

The staff at Synod Office pray daily, offering up prayer on behalf of our bishop and diocese before beginning the work of each day. If you are visiting the Fredericton area or are living here, please plan to join us and share in this important ministry at the office (115 Church St. - across the street from the Cathedral)

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:45 a.m.

Weekly Bible study: Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m.

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## Got plans for Victoria Day weekend?

Are you 16-21? Got questions about life and spirituality?

Want to explore this away from everyday pressures and a judgmental society?

Have a closer look at Jesus at the 23rd Teens Encounter Christ NB weekend. The weekend includes informal worship, talks by other youth and spiritual advisors, small-group chats, good meals and playing time.

Teens and adults are already preparing to meet you, pray for you, and share Jesus' love with you.

TEC is at Camp Medley beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, until around 4 p.m. on Monday, the Victoria Day holiday. Participants are expected to stay for all three days.

Already been to TEC? Encourage a friend or sibling to attend.

Contact the diocesan office for more information.

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## Spring ACW meeting planned for May

The spring diocesan ACW annual meeting is set for Fredericton May 5-6 at Christ Church (Parish) Church, 245 Westmorland St.

The theme is "I am the bread of the world." Enjoy dinner, entertainment, free time, fellowship, worship, news and more.

The registration fee is \$5; banquet is \$20. Questions and registration forms go to Brenda Smith, 59 Country Lane, Island View, NB E3E 1A2; 506-457-0862 or e-mail [kbsmith@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:kbsmith@nbnet.nb.ca)

Your registration form must be received by April 22.

Look for further information via E News.