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THE DIOCESAN BOWLING TOURNAMENT to combat childhood hunger took place April 6 all over the diocese. In Saint John, Bishop David Edwards was one of dozens of bowlers who raised money and bowled at Fairview Lanes. Read more about the bowling tournament on pages 10-11.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS

A note from the editor: 12 Neighbors

The staff at the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton have been using the 12 Neighbors series as part of our staff meetings/bible study this spring.

It asks the question, “what does it really mean to love our neighbours?” As a mission-minded diocese, we have been inspired by the series — seeing such wonderful stories of redemption and hope — to find more and innovative ways to be servants in our communities.

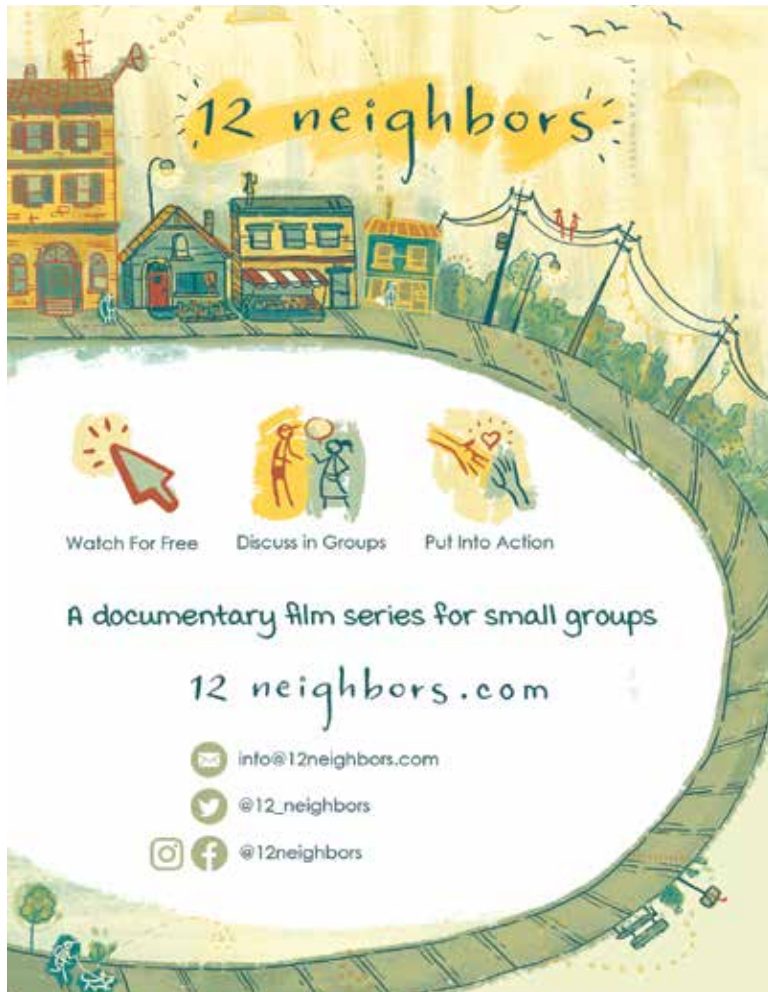
Each week features film clips, and the website offers guidance and questions for discussion. After viewing each clip, there is no shortage of conversation around the table — about the people, the attitudes, and in particular, the creative ways of doing good things.

This series has strong New Brunswick ties. The executive producer is Marcel LeBrun, a tech executive and social entrepreneur, and formerly the CEO of Fredericton’s Radian6 and SVP at Salesforce.com.

His foundation owns Snider Mountain Ranch, formerly Circle Square Ranch outside Sussex, N.B.

Apart from the wonderful content, we are most impressed with the quality of the films. They are well done and each one tells a compelling story. The videos were created by Hemmings House Pictures of Saint John.

The music accompanying each video was created by Fred-



erickton musician Blaire Webber.

Each song is tailored to the video content and her sweet voice and lyrics are a treat to hear over and over. She is currently training with Hillsong College in Sydney, Australia.

We highly recommend checking out 12 Neighbors. It’s free, interesting and an excellent resource for study in parishes in

seven parts, both for adult and youth studies and discussions.

Find the website at 12neighbors.com and be sure to click on small group discussions > resources to find all you need. You can also find it our website: anglican.nb.ca >resources>prayer>Lenten studies.

Gisele McKnight



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Bishop’s Court emergency shelter open another month

The Bishop’s Court Out of the Cold emergency shelter, due to close March 31, was given permission to operate for an additional month by the City of Fredericton.

At a Planning Advisory Committee meeting held March 28, members accepted the recommendation from city staff and granted the extension, allowing it to run until April 30 to avoid forcing shelter guests to sleep outside while the weather was still cold.

At least 28 letters supporting the extension, many from volunteers helping at the shelter through the winter, were received by the committee.

The empty Bishop’s Court was

identified by Bishop David Edwards last November as a possible temporary shelter, which, though it had many hurdles, was approved to open in early December.

Since then, it has been almost full or full with 20 guests every night, running on funds from the Department of Social Development. It is operated by the Downtown Community Health Centre with staff and a large contingent of volunteers.

The city has said it will not approve Bishop’s Court operating as a shelter next winter, and has told the provincial government that more permanent solutions are necessary.



DEADLINE for news and photos for the June edition of the New Brunswick Anglican is May 1. Send submissions to gmcknight@diofton.ca



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

The word is eclectic

This month we continue with reflections from *Water to Wine* by Brian Zahnd. The word he has helped me to explore this month is eclectic.

He tells the story of how he moved from a very closed understanding of Christianity to a much broader sense of the good things which exist in various ways of expressing the Christian faith.

In reading Zahnd, I found echoes of my own experience. Although at my core I remain a British-style Anglican evangelical, in the tradition of people like John Stott, Tom Wright and Alister McGrath, I have found that insights from other traditions have broadened my horizons.

As a younger man I would have been very dismissive of the ways of worship and belief which did not align with mine. I have now come to realize that the centrality of



Jesus, and through him into the life of the Trinity, is what lies at the core of our faith.

Therefore, we can receive insights from various expressions of our faith which shed shafts of light upon and enhance our own.

I first began to appreciate this at my pre-ordination retreat. It was not the five days of silence which made the impact, but the fact that we gathered around a large bowl of incense, represent-

ing the prayers of the people ascending to heaven.

I had not been that up close and personal to such a thing before and the sense of being in God's presence was palpable. It has remained with me as important ever since.

The reason why an understanding of the eclectic nature of Christianity is so important is that the church needs to move towards unity, though not conformity. The words of Pope John XXIII are helpful here:

"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity."

One of the weaknesses of the Christian faith is that, although the prayer of Jesus in John 17 calls us to be one as he and the Father are one, we have tended to splinter, often on issues of practice, rather than belief.

As I have said on many occasions, the main reason I am an Anglican is because we are a big

tent. We are made up of many different ways of expressing worship across the Worldwide Communion, yet there is a commonality about what we do.

One of the ways in which we see this is that our liturgy is generally the same shape, yet it is expressed in different ways.

During my life I have attended high masses and seen a service led by the Goth community for the Goth community in Oxford, England. They were very different, yet recognizable.

Being eclectic yet centred is, in my view, an Anglican essential. It enables us to look more like Christ and reflect his glory.

David Edwards is
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.



DYLAN-MCLEOD ON UNSPLASH



Mike Briggs

Thoughts on Easter

and thinking back, could see where God was working in my life even though I did not realize it at the time.

Part of the course involved taking stock of all the gifts God had given me, discussing this with others, and finding examples of these gifts working in my life and how they can be used in loving service of others.

There were a few things that did surprise me.

God has given us our gifts freely with no expectation, other than that we use them wisely. Of course, we should thank God for all he has given us and make sure that we do not squander them on selfish things but use them in service of others.

Having a lot of assets that just sit there and do nothing to help those less fortunate is not much help to you or others. I have just finished rereading Archbishop

Justin's book and to use his words I will 'dethrone mammon and make money serve grace'* more than I have in the past.

I was pleased to learn recently that a number of parishes have received bequests that will help with their ministry, so I am hoping that some have read my columns and acted on them or had already made a decision to remember their parish in their wills.

Either way, it is a statement that members are thinking of their parishes. As members contribute to their parish, so parishes contribute to the diocese.

I was pleased to read Bishop David's thanks to parishes for their contribution to the Shared Ministry Budget. Every parish contributed something, even if they could not contribute all they had been asked. Again, good stewardship.

The bowling challenge is not that far away and I know in Moncton we have 18 teams that will fill the lanes available to us.

A lot of people are giving up an afternoon to do something for others and support fighting child poverty in the Moncton area. I am not sure how the other areas are doing but I am sure they will be as successful as Moncton will be.

Coming up in June is 'Deep Roots' a diocesan gathering where we will be able to listen to keynote speeches from Michael Frost, the author of 'BELLS.'

There will be other speakers and breakout sessions and I urge you to attend. There will be something for everyone at this gathering, including a stewardship presentation.

Mike Briggs is the diocesan stewardship officer.
* Justin Welby, 2016, 'Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace,' Bloomsbury Continuum, an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc.

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LENTEN TALKS

Lenten Talks 2019 – Springtime for the Soul II

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Retired Bishop Bill Hockin reprised his Lenten Talks series again this year with three parable presentations on March 11, 18 and 25. He spoke at the first and third talks, and the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove spoke on March 18.

The bishop's first presentation was called *The Scandal of the First Responders*, and of course dealt with the Good Samaritan as told in Luke 10. He read the passage and asked those gathered if anything stood out for them. Several people responded.

The story begins with a lawyer — a man well-versed in the laws of God — asking Jesus a question about eternal life. It was a test and led to the question, 'who is my neighbour?'

"Neighbour" is a very loaded word," said Bill. "How long is the list of people I need to care for? Who else am I obliged to?"

But instead of answering with a list, Jesus launched into the parable known as the Good Samaritan, a term well-known in our society.

The setting for the parable was one everyone in the crowd would have been familiar with. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was about 25 kilometres, windy, dusty and hilly. Muggings were not uncommon.

The second part of the parable, the incident, involved a mugging, where a man was left beaten and robbed. Two people, a priest and a Levite, happened to pass by, "on the other side."

"The priest would have known the verse in Leviticus — 'Love your neighbor as yourself' — but it was a deliberate act to avoid contact with the victim. In anyone's language, he was not a good responder," said Bill.

Levites served priests in the temple, and he too would have known the relevant scriptures dealing with a beaten person in need, said Bill. Both would also have been familiar with the love and compassion of God described in the Psalms.

"But they did not respond," said Bill.

Bill cited the writing of Father Thomas Keating, a Trappist monk, who said



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ABOVE: RETIRED BISHOP BILL HOCKIN. ABOVE RIGHT: The crowd during the second Lenten talk with the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove.

priests, Levites and ordinary lay people made up the triad of Jewish society. Many listening to Jesus that day would have been expecting that the third person to come along would have been a lay person, and that the lay person would be the hero.

"But that's not the story Jesus tells," said Bill. "It was shocking because it turns out to be a Samaritan. Not a good priest, not a good Levite, not a good lay person. It was a Samaritan!"

Samaritans were the furthest thing from the good, he said: outsiders, corrupt traitors of Israel, mortal enemies of the Jews.

"You didn't invite a Samaritan to dinner!"

Yet here was this mortal enemy stopping, and not only stopping, but tending to the needs of the victim. And not only tending to his needs, but doing so with extravagance. He wasn't dribbling wine, an antiseptic, and oil, a balm, on the victim's wounds, he was pouring them on, said Bill.

Such extravagance was important in the story, and not unlike the same reaction of the father to his prodigal son in another parable Jesus told. It was not just a little bit of care, but more than enough.

The bishop spoke of the principles of Christianity, saying, "Compassion is the non-negotiable work of a follower of Jesus Christ. Whatever

else we do in the church ... it comes second to being a compassionate person. Compassion is feeling someone else's pain and doing something about it."

Empathy has its limits and falls short of compassion, he said.

"The priest and the Levite might have been empathetic to the man on the road, but they did nothing about it," he said. "Compassion always costs us something."

While divisions and boundaries within Jewish society might have kept people from being inclusive, there are no such boundaries in God's kingdom, said Bill. Christ has been our first responder who saw us lying in the road, and he says to us, 'I have done this for you; now you do this for others.'

Both the priest and the Levite failed in their religious duties.

"That's the scandal in the story, but we are not Good Samaritans all the time either when confronted on the road by a stranger," he said.

He recalled a vacation in Victoria during the Easter season. He'd gone to a bakery to buy hot cross buns, and was walking back with them under his arm. While crossing the street, he met a man who said, 'Got your lunch there, eh? Must be nice to have a lunch.'

"His words stung — for days," he said.

"I'll be looking for him



again this April. Hopefully I'll do it differently this time."

First century Roman society was rather sophisticated at the time of Jesus. They cared for their families, for people in their own income bracket. But it was the Christian church that added the homeless, the poor, the hungry, the destitute to that list, said Bill. It was a new concept and it's had a lasting impact.

It was five Christian women from Switzerland who founded the Red Cross, which ultimately led to the founding of Doctors Without Borders. And from Youth For Christ came World Vision, he said.

"They heard the story of the Good Samaritan and they wanted to be one themselves," he said.

Bill ended with a prayer and the Peachtree Benediction.

Lenten Talk 2, with the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove: Remember The Time...

The Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove was the speaker at the second in the Lenten series.

Albert spoke on one of the most well-known parables, the Prodigal Son from Luke 15.

But first he described Bill as a blessing, and a lifelong learner and teacher, which prompted enthusiastic applause.

Albert's wife, Archdeacon Wandlyn Snelgrove, read the passage.

"Has this wonderful story been a part of your life for-

ever?" he asked the large crowd. "It's always been a part of mine."

He asked for comments from the audience on what they saw in the passage. Several responded, including one man who noted the longing of the father for his son.

In earlier years, said Albert, the emphasis was on the younger son, but "now we look more closely on the older son."

Noting the complexity of the story, and the familiarity we have with it, Albert described it as a diamond — multi-faceted — but he outlined three points during his talk.

First, the line "he came to himself" is noteworthy as the son realizes what a mess he's in.

"What is it that sparks that comment to himself, that he can't go on any longer?" asked Albert. "His good-weather friends have left him. The spark is he has a memory of a dad who was a very good man."

"And not just a good father, but a good man, as a boss. It's that memory that begins this story of grace," he said.

Do not discount the power of good memories, he said. We have the opportunity to create positive memories in life, with each other, our families and our community. We can create a memory of a place where people are treated with respect, where there's joy and laughter.

"That could be the spark that leads someone back," he said.

Albert recounted a parish where, every time an event occurred, it was marked with a time of fellowship that included a big slab cake from Sobey's.

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L E N T E N T A L K S

Lenten Talks 2019 – Springtime for the Soul II, continued

It so happened that there were several events on five or six successive Sundays.

“The kids loved it. They would be the first in line,” he said. “At a business meeting of the parish there was some objection. ‘Too many cakes. Hardly a week goes by. And the kids, first in line, waiting for cake. Are they going to grow up thinking that church is all about cakes and parties?’

“Well, it’s a start! It’s a memory... ‘We used to have fun at church when I grew up. People were happy, eating cake.’

“You know what worries me most, are people who have no positive memories, whose only memories are of nastiness, meanness and abuse. There was no place where they were treated with dignity, value and respect.

“The value of creating memories is a powerful thing,” said Albert, returning to the parable. “I think it was the memory of his father that sparked him.”

Albert’s second point was that God doesn’t treat us like hired help, but as his children.

“The son feels he hasn’t any right to return as a son,” he said. “The best plan he can come up with is maybe his dad might give him a job.”

So he practiced his speech on the way, ready to pour it all out when he got home. But the father was watching from far off, and the son hardly gets a chance to get his words out.

“There is no hesitation – his heart is filled with happiness to see his son,” said Albert. “Quickly – the father says to the servants – don’t give it a second thought. Quickly, the ring, the sandals, the robe, the fatted calf, for he is home.”

“There’s so much in that word ‘quickly. It’s instant, without reservation,” said Albert. “‘You will never be a hired hand. You will always be my son, my child.’ God doesn’t want us to be the hired hand.”

Albert noted the show *Downton Abbey*, where the servants were separated from the family. They ate downstairs and slept in Spartan rooms in the attic. They lived apart from their masters.

“That’s not the relationship God wants with you and I,” he said. “God want us to sit beside him, be part of the conversation and live side-by-side.”

Albert’s third point was the



THE REV. CANON ALBERT SNELGROVE during his presentation.

renewed relationship between father and son. It was probably closer than ever since the son had learned the great depths of his father’s love for him.

“Imagine a string running from God to each of us,” he said. “Some of us make the decision to cut that string. We don’t want him telling us what to do. Like the prodigal son, we cut it.”

Then something happens and we realize how wrong that decision was, so we want to go back.

“What does God do? God takes the two ends of the string that have been cut, makes a knot and joins them back together,” he said. “What happens when you do that? The broken string becomes shorter, and we are actually closer to God.

“God loved the world, even before Jesus was raised up,” he said. “But on the cross we discover just how valuable we are to our heavenly father.”

Lenten Talk 3, with retired Bishop Bill Hockin: *Getting The Most Out Of Church*

The third and final Lenten Talk of 2019 took place March 25 at the Crowne Plaza in Fredericton. Retired Bishop Bill Hockin always draws a large crowd and this event was no different. The title of the talk was “How to Get the Most

Out of Church” based on Luke 18:9-14.

As he often does, Bill quoted New York Times columnist David Brooks, who compared the parables of Jesus with the myths of ancient Greece.

“While myths celebrate grandeur, parables puncture pretension,” said Bill, quoting Brooks. “They celebrate humility and service, and this one is certainly a puncturing a pretension.”

The parable describes two men in Jerusalem who go to a sacred place to pray, a normal, first century behavior. The first is a Pharisee, a group whom Jesus was often in conflict with.

The second man was a tax collector, despised by the Jewish population.

“He had no credits to come with,” said Bill. “He relies only on God.”

John MacArthur, in his book on parables, gives insight into the two men, which Bill cited. The difference between the two men is quite pronounced.

First, the social status of the Pharisee is rather high. Pharisees were religious and social insiders.

“To have a Pharisee attend your dinner party was a coup, while the tax collector was morally bankrupt and had a reputation for dishonesty,” said Bill.

The second point was the difference in prayer postures. The Pharisee stood upright, which was normal. While it was normal posture, he was in a prominent place where he could be seen. He also prayed aloud for others to hear him,

he said.

In today’s terms, the Pharisee would be in the front row, while the tax collector would be “trying to crawl under a kneeler in the back,” said Bill.

As well, the tax collector beat his breast as if in pain, at least spiritual pain.

The third point was the contrast in prayers.

“The Pharisee prayed with himself, to himself rather than to God,” said Bill. “He used the first person pronoun (“I”) five times. And he was specific, as the self-righteous often are.”

The tax collector, on the other hand, addresses God and pleads for mercy.

“Obviously he’s there out of shame,” said Bill. “We can speculate on the mess he’s in. Has his wife left him? Is he out of a job? Is his life in danger? Whatever it is, it drives him to his knees.”

The tax collector went home justified, said Bill, explaining that justified means accepted and forgiven.

Bill imagined their wives asking how it went when they both got home. The Pharisee’s answer would probably be something like “same old thing.” The tax collector’s wife, though might say, “Wow! Something happened to you. You’ve changed!”

“We must recognize ourselves somewhere in the story,” said Bill. “Either in the two characters or somewhere in between.”

Bill explained that Jesus often used hyperbole — exaggeration — in his teaching, so maybe we think we can’t relate to either of the men.

“But with the Pharisee, we must open the door to the possibility that we carry some of his sins.”

Bill told of a friend of his who went to a Billy Graham crusade and found Jesus. He promptly went home and condemned his church-going parents, saying they were not Christians.

“They were not amused,” said Bill.

Some Christians are known for their judgmental attitudes, he said.

“Some think they have the moral right to judge,” said Bill, adding that we must always add mercy to our behaviour.

He cited his own example of a friend who was a strong evangelical Christian. When

Bill sought his spiritual help in a crisis, “He didn’t judge and question. He was all mercy and compassion. Truth and mercy were embraced in him, and I was the better for it.”

One of the lessons of Bill’s talk was that God can be found in both the ultra religious and in the mess-ups.

“In times of desperation and moral failure, God is there, though we must ask for it,” he said.

That’s the virtue of humility — we must ask for help, although in our culture, we insist we don’t need help and say we’re OK.

“God says otherwise,” he said. “Ask for help. Could that be the lesson of the parables?”

Bill recalled that last year after the horrific deadly crash in Humboldt, Sask., former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy, a man who suffered untold abuse at the hands of a coach, spoke these words: “People will be happy again, but it will be difficult. People need to ask for help and stop asking why. When people keep asking why, the hole is harder to get out of.”

Bill cited the hit song from 1972 by Bill Whithers, *Lean On Me*.

“Jesus is saying that to us — ‘I’ll be your friend; I’ll help you carry on; I’ll share your load.’”

Bill outlined trigger phrases for accessing the grace and mercy of God:

I’m sorry.

Please help me.

This isn’t working anymore.

Lord have mercy.

“Whoever else gets the message, God always does,” he said.

Then he quoted Oscar Wilde: “Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.”

Bill ended his talk, as he always does, with the Peachtree Benediction: “And now go in peace, and as you go, please remember that it is by the goodness of God that you were born. And also remember that it is by the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ that you are redeemed, forgiven and set free. As well, remember that none of us leaves this place alone, He goes with us, he promised he would. And while some out there may call us servant, He calls us friend. Therefore, in the strength of that great friendship, we go now from this place to love and to serve, until we meet again.”

MOTHERS' UNION

Journeying – In Step with God

BY KATHLEEN SNOW

Journeying – In Step with God was the theme of a week's meetings with the worldwide Mothers' Union which I had the privilege of attending Feb. 25 – March 1 in London, UK.

Last summer I was elected to the position of Zone B Trustee representing Mothers' Union members from Canada, United States, West Indies, South America and Brazil.

My role on the newly elected Board of Trustees commenced in January for a three-year term.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the worldwide Mothers' Union, which exists in 84 countries around the world and boasts over four million members.

Our members are devoted to making a difference in our communities at the grass roots level by upholding our Christian faith and transforming lives through supporting relationships within the family and promoting reconciliation.

This is evidenced by the running of programs such as literacy, parenting and family life. We work with the disenfranchised and the vulnerable to build healthy families and communities, all in step with God.

We have a purpose, aim and objectives, which are upheld by all members of the movement as noted on our website: <https://www.mothersunion.org/our-vision>

The week began with getting to know the new board of 12, three of whom were returning members. We came prepared and shared poster presentations of our zones, so that we would become familiar with the rich diversity of the global movement.

We described membership numbers in the different zones, languages spoken, and projects which members were working on.

I met Mary (South Sudan), June (Northern Ireland), Jenny (Wales), Nikki and Catherine (England), Marie-Pierrette (Madagascar), Thembsie (Kenya), Roshini (Sri Lanka), Paul (Scotland), Libbie (Australia) and of course our worldwide president Sharon (Guyana).

History was made with this

international board of directors. For the first time in 142 years, Mothers' Union has elected a worldwide president from outside of the UK, and a male trustee on the board.

Day Two was exciting as we met with many of the diocesan presidents from Britain and Ireland, some friendly faces and some new friendships made. We later travelled to Southwark Cathedral where we were commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby during an Evensong Service.

Over 600 members attended, including our Canadian provincial president Alice Kennedy, and my husband, Tim. Several of our provincial presidents and diocesan presidents from Zone B also attended to support the newly elected Board.

Staff from Mary Sumner House, the administrative headquarters for worldwide MU, were in attendance as well.

As I had previously sat on two international working committees for the last three years, it was good to meet with many of my friends and colleagues who give so generously of their time and talent to this amazing movement.

I am in awe of our Lord's generosity when I work in this movement. He gives us more than we can ask or imagine. Mothers' Union is truly the work of His Hands and His Feet.

Archbishop Welby, in his sermon, so warmly supported the work of Mothers' Union. He stressed that we need to make ourselves better known throughout the world.

Ten years ago, when I was provincial president attending meetings in the UK, the then Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams mentioned that the worldwide Mothers' Union was the fifth instrument of unity in the Anglican Communion.

Our relationships have no boundaries — that is what makes us such a global cohesive movement.

I met 11 women and one man from different countries - we all come from differing cultures, differing languages, differing churches, and yet we



are all part of the Anglican Communion, we all have the same love for the Lord and the same aim and objectives in our lives.

It doesn't matter that we haven't met before — we are not strangers. That is the beauty and the success of our movement. Our work is not for ourselves but for others in his name.

The remainder of the week was spent in meetings on governance training, fiduciary duties of trustees, finance, data protection and safeguarding.

I have been named to chair the Development Committee, which is responsible for many of the programs within the global Mothers' Union, including the MULO visioning workshops (Mothers' Union Listen, Observe, Act) which were attended by members worldwide to lead us forward in transforming communities.

I will be attending a Worldwide Council meeting in Kigali, Rwanda in early June. Leaders from around the world will be meeting to set the future direction of Mothers' Union having listened to the voices of the membership through the MULO process.

In our closing Eucharist, Father Philip from a nearby church spoke to us about belonging, listening and following.

• He quoted Matthew - "Come, **follow me**," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

• He quoted Psalm 23 - "Surely goodness and love will **follow me all the days of my**



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TOP: TRUSTEES AND MSH STAFF MEETING with world-wide president Sheran Harper and CEO Bev Jullien (centre) at one of many meetings. Kathleen Snow and Marie-Pierrette Bezara are seen at right.

ABOVE: Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and world-wide president Sheran Harper at the commissioning service.

life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."

• And he quoted John - "When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep **follow him** because they know his voice."

The take-away from this is that we are meant to belong and to be in relationship with

Jesus and with one another, we are meant to listen to our God and to one another, and we are meant to be followers of Jesus. Belong, listen and follow. That's what we do as Mothers' Union members.

Kathleen Snow is the parish nurse at Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton.

An afternoon with the chief

Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Fitch was the featured speaker at the St. Mary, York ACW meeting

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

With ACWs struggling to maintain their numbers, the group at St. Mary, York on Fredericton's north side decided to shake things up a bit with a special speaker.

In March their meeting included about 50 people who came out to hear Fredericton Police Chief Leanne Fitch discuss her life and career now that she's on the verge of retirement.

Leanne is a life-long Anglican, ensuring her presentation was relevant to many who attended.

They had watched last August as she navigated the aftermath of four devastating murders, two of whom were her own officers, when a man opened fire in his apartment parking lot.

"I want to get the emotional part out of the way first," she said as an introduction. "I sought out and came to [the Rev. Canon] Kevin [Stockall] for advice on my speech for the funeral.

"There has been tremendous help, comfort and support from the clergy my whole career, but especially last August. Kevin helped me get my mind into a place to be able to honour our fallen officers."

She spoke of her Christian faith as the cornerstone of her life and career.

"Without that hope, throughout my career, I don't know how I'd survive. I don't know how others do it," she said.

Her career keeps her busy, but taking time to prepare for the presentation, "was a gift. It forced me into a quiet place to reflect, to review my strengths and weaknesses, the things I did right and not so well," she said.

Her father was an RCMP officer, which in many ways set the foundation for her future. However, it was a somewhat rocky path to get there.

Her high school boyfriend told her he would not allow his

wife to be in policing, she said, something she found limiting.

She describes her first year of university at St. Thomas as a time of conflict and chaos — partying, dating, and very little study.

"I drifted, though I never felt adrift from God," she said.

In late summer of 1982, she was ready to return to university — St. Francis Xavier this time — but she never made it. A catastrophic ATV accident near St. George left her near death, trapped under the machine in a ditch, seriously injured.

"I prayed and prayed, and felt an inner strength," she said, adding she somehow found the power to crawl up the bank and onto the side of the road, only to find her friend had gone for help and she was alone.

A man and woman in a truck found her. The woman happened to be the chief X-ray technician at Saint John Regional Hospital and summoned help.

"I recited 'The Lord's Prayer all the way,'" she said. "I didn't know how to pray to be saved or healed. I just prayed 'The Lord's Prayer.'"

Her internal injuries prevented her from leaving for university, but she was able to attend UNB when she was well enough, all of which turned out to be blessings in disguise.

"The seemingly random act of flying over the handlebars of an ATV set me on a path," she said.

"I met all kinds of people who opened doors. I learned that some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers."

She began her policing career with the Toronto Police Force but came home and then earned a masters degree in sociology.

On the force in Fredericton, she didn't always find policing easy. She'd arrive on a scene to find the complainant refused to speak to a female officer, or a person would insist on speaking to the male cadet she



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

CHIEF LEANNE FITCH IS SHOWN during her presentation to the ACW members and guests on March 11. She told the crowd that before Aug. 10 of last year, she was excited about retiring this June. Since Aug. 10, the day the force lost two officers, she has felt great sadness. On the screen to Leanne's right are photos of the four people murdered that day, including Constables Rob Costello and Sara Burns. Two civilians, Donnie Robichaud and Bobbie Lee Wright, were also killed.

was training rather than her.

"I developed a chip on my shoulder," she said. "I felt not wanted or accepted in my career. So I went to my father to whine that I didn't fit in."

"There will always be people who won't like you just because you're you, and they can all go pound sand," was his answer.

"I've had good people in my life to go to, and I've never taken that for granted," she said. "My mother, my father and my faith have helped me to never be afraid of dying and death."

"It's given me courage to walk down those dark alleys," she said, or walk into a police gym, a training course or a workshop and find she was the only woman there.

In the late 1980s she finally found the love of her life, Sarah, "my future partner and wife. We have good Anglican families on both sides," she said.

Sarah is also a police officer with the Fredericton Police Force.

"Our journey in policing was difficult and not always accepted," she said. "But it's not the time to turn away from one another and we never turned our backs on God."

"We've always turned to God to help us through. So

many times we've just given over the situation to God.

"But always having to prove our worth — it's exhausting," she said. "We've had some challenging years, but being on the right side of right is very important."

In 34 years of policing, the last seven as chief, Leanne noted policing has become more challenging and complex.

Last year especially, with first the floods and then the murders, taught her once again that, "none of us travel this journey alone. I can't imagine going through this past year without my team."

"In policing, there are some things you see that you don't get to unsee. Some people don't think that applies to Fredericton."

"It's been an exhausting journey in many ways. I have been broken, remade, broken, remade."

She cited Bishop David Edwards' recent column in the New Brunswick Anglican where he spoke of the healing of the cross, which she has applied to her own life.

She will retire soon, and though she's looking forward to it, the past year has tempered that feeling.

"Before Aug. 10 I felt very excited about retiring in June.

After Aug. 10 I felt very sad," she said.

Leanne and Sarah live on a horse farm, and she is looking forward to pouring more of herself into their horses, some of which are SPCA rescues.

One she named Super Trooper had a rough beginning. He's now nine, and is "my reminder of the power of faith, hope, love, resiliency and kindness."

Her retirement plans also include a road trip, and perhaps a book.

"I've wanted to write a book on the nexus between nature, spirituality and justice," she said.

Leanne shared a mission statement with the group that she developed over the years of her career.

"By the end of 2010 it read like this and has remained the same: 'To make the practice of policing more kind, ethical, compassionate and professional worldwide in all that I do by acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God.'

"These few lines have guided me throughout my terms as a deputy chief and chief of police. And now, as I look back over my 34 years I can see it was my undefined mission statement all along."

LENTEN RETREAT



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ABOUT 30 PEOPLE GATHERED March 24-25 for a Lenten retreat at Villa Madonna in Rothesay. Eva Morton describes the setting and the activities in a review below.

Musings on a Lenten retreat

BY EVA MORTON

It was a welcome blessing to experience a 24-hour retreat coinciding with the Feast of the Annunciation, March 24-25.

There were over 30 participating at Villa Madonna, and many of us found ourselves reminiscing about retreats of the past, and shared a longing for more.

The presenter, John Paul Westin, rector of Stone Church and pastor of the Vineyard Community in Saint John, led us through a series of meditations, including the Stations of the Cross, which, in spite of ice and snow, was accomplished without mishap.

An unexpected “blast from the past” was the use of Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as Prayers at Mid-day. Our song selections were from the old (I mean really old) blue hymn book.

The theme was the Virgin Mary, and some of us discovered hymns we had never sung! I think it was a wise

choice, and prepared us nicely for the celebration of Holy Communion at the end.

Of course there was method in this structure, for these offices include the Benedictus, the Magnificat, and the Nunc Dimittis, all prayers which involve the Virgin Mary and her role in God’s plan of redemption.

Bible readings, which we discussed in small groups, and always a favourite experience for me, (we learn so much from one another!) began with Genesis 3:1-24: the story of the fall and the prophecy that Eve’s descendant would be attacked by the serpent, but crush the serpent’s head. The second was Luke 1:39-56, Mary’s visit to Elizabeth.

There was a nice balance of large and small group activity. I appreciated that John Paul began each session with a few minutes of centring prayer. I also appreciated that many of the books he recommended are already some of my personal favourites.

I have long been blessed by the writing of Richard Foster,

and more recently, by Dallas Willard and John Ortberg.

I also felt blessed and recognized the hand of God in our use of the offices from the Book of Common Prayer, as my rector had challenged our parish to do the same throughout Lent.

It was wonderfully reinforcing to recognize God’s working in all of my Lenten activities. Perhaps the most moving experience occurred on the last afternoon with the dividing of the larger group into “prayer circles” of four or five.

We sat in silence, waiting for a word from the Lord about one another, which we shared afterwards. It was sweet and intimate, yet not intrusive. I think I can confidently say that God blessed us all.

It was only 24 hours but seemed like much longer. I think it was smart to start on one afternoon and end on another. It felt like two days, but was in reality half that time.

Many thanks to those who organized the retreat, and I look forward to more in the future.

The Widow’s Mite

Editor’s note: According to the author, this is a true story that took place in an old church in the South End of Saint John.

BY CAROLYN VANBUSKIRK SR.

Stooped and shabby, the old woman stood at the door of the rector’s study, requesting a little food.

“You know,” she told him, “I’m here every Sunday, but I stay out in the vestibule.”

Asked why she didn’t come inside and participate in the service, the woman shook her head. “I couldn’t,” she whispered. “The people here are rich and I’d never fit in.”

The Reverend tried to reassure her that they all weren’t rich, and she’d be more than welcome in the congregation. But taking a step back, the woman timidly declined.

Finally, after several attempts to draw her out, she shyly explained that it’s “the organ.”

Captivated by the magnificence of the instrument ever since she was a child in Europe, it seems she listened to the masterfully played music in the church entryway each week — slipping out unnoticed just before the final hymn.

“My happiest hours have

been the ones I’ve spent here,” she said, commenting on how blessed the church was to have such a magnificent organ and fine organist.

Moved by her humility, he guided the woman into the sanctuary to examine the great organ for herself.

“It’s rather old,” he apologized, “and I’m afraid we’re soon going to need a few repairs.”

She touched the keys and gingerly ran her fingers over the finely carved wood. She was truly ecstatic.

A few weeks later, when the pastor was busily preparing for Sunday’s service, the woman appeared out of nowhere.

“This time I haven’t come to ask for something,” she beamed. “I want to give you this. I’ve been saving it up for the organ.”

She handed him a small brown paper bag and left as quietly as she appeared.

At worship that morning, the rector recounted the story, held up the rumpled bag, and asked a volunteer to come forward and open it.

Inside the bag were 111 pennies — the woman’s total wealth.

And inside the church there wasn’t a dry eye.



The Rev. Canon Walter Williams has resigned from active ministry in the Parish of Oromocto and Maugerville, effective June 30.

There will be a Celebration of New Ministry for the **Rev. Jonathan Hallewell** June 4 at 7 p.m. at St. James The Less in the Parish of Renforth.

ATTENTION ACW MEMBERS!



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5TH MARK OF MISSION



Mixing science with a bit of prayer

Editor's note: Marian and Bruce Langhus, from the Parish of Gagetown, were given a task: Speak (as scientists and geologists) about fracking in Albert County (Hillsborough and Elgin). They were cautioned that they might experience some difficulty as the topic is a hot one that has divided many communities.

Here's Marian: "During the prep of my presentation, I received an email from Leith Box asking when our talks were going to be. I wrote back saying March 25 and 26 but that I needed prayers NOW in prepping the talk.

"I want you to know that I believe that their prayers gave me added strength and insights. Even with last minute

jitters and pressure to change my talk, I just said, in confidence, 'No! They prayed for me!' I was steadfast in my preparation and I was not changing anything.

"There is no way for science to prove that prayers helped me, but I can tell you, in all certainty, that they did."

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My husband and I both have doctorates in geology. Bruce has over 50 years of experience in the oil and gas industry and served on the regulatory boards for oil and gas in Oklahoma and Montana. He owned an environmental company and consulted in the wastewater industry. I was an educator in geol-

ogy and science before becoming a consultant with Bruce in managing both water for fracking and the wastewater resulting from fracking in the Bakken Oil Shale of Montana.

Speaking to an audience that is clearly split on a controversial topic such as fracking is not an easy task, but we decided to take the approach that I would present a rather enthusiastic portrayal of the exciting "wild west" description of fracking and the resulting boomtown of Watford City in North Dakota.

A friend in the audience heard grumbling: "They didn't come to hear a proponent of the fracking industry."

But the audience soon came to find that Bruce was there to illustrate how fracking worked,



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regardless of geography. And Marian was there to teach that the success of shale gas in N.B. depends on the availability of fresh water and the ability to safely dispose of the wastewater.

The development proposed in Albert County is to use "high volume water fracture stimulations" which takes at least 20,000 cubic meters of fresh water to frack one well. It would take more than three of these large tanks (pictured above) to frack one well.

It may be easier to envision the same amount of water as 1,500 tanker trucks.

If the oil shale were to be developed — 1,000 to 1,400 wells as proposed — it would mean two million truckloads of water. Where would that fresh water come from in Al-

bert County?

The water that is injected into the shale under high pressure (8,000 to 9,000 psi) can cause earthquakes.

Water (known as "flow back") comes to the surface full of pulverized shale and all that is natural to the shale, such as hydrocarbons, sulfurous compounds, metals, chemical solvents, plus additives from the fracking operations. It is two to three times as salty as seawater and has naturally occurring radioactivity.

When the flow back water is filtered, the filter itself becomes radioactive and has to be transported to a proper facility, the nearest being in Brampton, Ontario.

In other shale basins, this water is injected underground into a porous rock formation. In the Bakken, the Dakota Sandstone is a mile beneath the surface. We have no such formation here in which to inject the water. Where would this water go?

Bruce was rewarded when audience members thanked him for giving them an overview of the industry that they had never seen before, even though they worked in Saskatchewan.

I spoke in church on March 31 sharing how the prayers of our community gave us inspiration and strength to bring this information to at least 200 people in Albert County, N.B.



PHOTO CAPTIONS, clockwise from top left: It takes over three of these water tanks to frack one large-volume well; Marian Langhus next to a water tank in North Dakota; Water trucks used in the fracking industry.

**5th Mark of Mission:
To strive to safeguard
the integrity of
creation and sustain and
renew the life of the earth.**

Record-breaking day at the bowling alleys!

Almost \$40,000 raised to combat childhood hunger in N.B.

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Anglicans and friends gathered April 6 and 7 all over the province to bowl for kids, raising, as of Tuesday, \$39,476. The third annual diocesan bowling tournament, again this year, will send its proceeds to organizations that feed children.

The tournament began two years ago in Fredericton with a few local parishes and revenue of \$7,500 for Bishop McAllister College's library in Uganda. It grew last year to include the Kennebecasis Valley and Moncton area parishes, with a windfall of about \$25,000 to help alleviate childhood hunger in New Brunswick.

But this year, every archdeaconry was represented and the effort redoubled, something that makes the Rev. Kevin McAllister, the organizer, very happy.

"What is encouraging is that throughout this incredible experience, our mission-minded bowlers were already talking about taking part next year. How incredible is that?" he said.

"On behalf of the Parish of Marysville I would like to thank all who gave their time, money, and prayers to support this important mission. God Bless!"

Kevin is quite certain they'll surpass the \$40,000 mark. "My treasurer is confident based on his experience, that number will increase over the next few weeks," he said.

Money raised will go to local school breakfast and lunch programs and food banks in various areas of the province. In Fredericton, the money will help fund the Student Hunger Program at Fredericton Community Kitchens.

At the bowling event in Fredericton, FtonCK operations manager Mike Smith spoke of the number of meals they provide every week to hungry kids.

"To hear that close to 2,000 lunches a week are provided to area students provided our bowlers with fresh perspective on this injustice," said Kevin.

In the Kennebecasis Valley, 30 bowlers from three parishes — Hammond River, Quispamsis and Gondola Point — were there for fun and for a purpose.

"Each parish has a passion for getting rid of hunger in children and families," said bowler Cleo Cyr. "All three parishes are oriented towards helping families."

The Rev. Michael O'Hara was there as a fan and supporter, as he was last year.

"It's a good idea," he said. "It started small with Kevin, and the parishes have embraced it. I think it's great."

In Saint John, Fairview Lanes, managed by Bob Cormier, was the centre of all the action. Bob is a member of All Saints in East Saint John, and he set up a silent auction, which added hundreds of dollars to the proceeds.

The Inner City Youth Ministry's Lunch Connection is the recipient of the proceeds in Saint John. It serves lunch to children in three schools several times a week. One of the schools is St. John the Baptist-King Edward in the south end, where Bob once attended and where his niece is now principal.



"It's an emotional connection for me," he said. "I know all about the problems in school. That's the only meal some of the kids have in a day."

Erin Hodge runs ICYM and was at the bowling alley.

"I'm really grateful this is happening!" she said. "It's lots of fun and the best fundraiser! Fairview Lanes deserves a mention!"

Each dollar raised in Saint John represents one noon meal for a child. ICYM provides about 47,000 meals a year for children in Saint John, not including its Lunch Connection summer program which provided about 1,400 lunches in two months last year.

The highlight in Saint John was a special bowler — Bishop David Edwards, who, after scoring 59 points in his first string, admitted that, "I'm really bad at this!"

"However, it's important to support this because we need to strike out child hunger. More importantly, we need to strike out child poverty."

In Moncton, teams had to bowl on April 7 due to a league tournament already booked.

The Rev. Barb Haire was the main organizer there, happy with a great turnout.

"We had a great day bowling — 16 teams, 76 people from the Deanery came for an afternoon of fun," she said. "We awarded certificates for best team name, best dressed team, most strikes, most spares, most enthusiastic team, best youth team, best over-all team score. It was a great time."

Back in Fredericton, Kevin was blessed by happenstance in the middle of all the noise and fun.

"We were in the midst of registering teams and collecting the donations when a foursome entered hoping to bowl. They were not part of this mission. They were simply wanting to bowl," he said.

"When they learned why it was so busy and what we were doing, they felt called to donate to help our children. It was an incredible act of generosity."

And, as always, there were a few shots hurled across the lanes.

"I am quite surprised to report that Gutter Ball Father Paul Ranson picked up his game from last year," said Kevin. "It seems as though being closer to the alley is an unfair advantage. I suspect, but can't prove, that he used his son Isaac's score as his own."

Regarding his challenge that the priest with the lowest score would have to sing at this fall's Clergy Conference, it might come back to bite him!

"I am reporting to a relieved Clergy Conference that Gutter Ball Ranson will not be singing this fall. From some of the eye-witness reports, it could be me or Bishop David who will regale the conference with song."



The Stats:

Archdeaconry of Woodstock

Parishes: Richmond, Woodstock, Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel & Aberdeen

Active bowlers: 32

Cheerleaders: eight

Money raised: \$3,000

After-party: A lunch of corn chowder, fresh rolls, cookies, tea, coffee and Easter treats.

QUOTE from the Rev. Harold Boomer: A huge thanks goes out to all who took part and supported this event.

The gift of money will be presented to the Valley Food Bank who provide the required groceries to the breakfast programs at schools in Woodstock, Hartland and Florenceville.

Nackawic

Parish: Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury & Southampton.

This was a community event organized by the Rev. Debbie Edmondson, who works at the Nackawic Public/School Library. Debbie played on the St. Clement's team.

Four teams: Splits 'n Giggles - Nackawic Ladies Social club (Captain Ruth Anderson); Two Nancys - Nackawic Area Wellness Committee (Captain Dilys Toole); Clement's Candlepins - St. Clement's Anglican Church (Captain Audrey Cernivz); The Book-ies - Big Axe Book Club (Captain Paulette Tonner).

Money raised: \$1,158, for the Feed the Hawks brown bag lunch program which benefits the three schools in Nackawic.

Archdeaconry of Kingston & the Kennebecasis

Parishes: Hammond River, Quispamsis and Gondola Point

Bowlers: 30

Money raised: \$1,865

After-party: Lunch at St. Lukes.

QUOTE from Warden of Layreaders Cleo Cyr: We had two octogenarians (Bingie Baxter just turned 87 and Vera Raeburn a little younger) on our 13-member team and two pre-teens, Lily and Ruby — oldest and youngest! The octogenarians also had the best bowling scores of the whole team!

Archdeacons of Saint John & St. Andrews

Churches: Stone, All Saints, Christ the King, Trinity, plus the Parish of St. George in the Archdeaconry of St. Andrews.

Money raised: \$6,080

Archdeaconry of Chatham

Miramichi area: Chatham parish (15 bowlers) bowled

with the Parish of Derby & Blackville parish (10 bowlers). Money raised: \$2,324.26

Bathurst area: The Parish of Bathurst had two teams of six bowlers each and bowled three strings.

Money raised: \$1,120, which will be donated to the local schools for their food programs.

QUOTE from Archdeacon Sandy MacPherson: We had a great time of fellowship and it was a competitive afternoon. This was well received by those who bowled and by all who sponsored the bowlers. We had just finished bowling and the talk was of what to do next year.

Campbellton area: 16 bowlers, with a combination of parishioners and friends, along with cheerleaders and kitchen helpers.

After-party at Christ Church: baked beans, biscuits, hot dogs and desserts, plus a sing-song, led by Marina Mills on guitar.

Money raised: \$2,333 through sponsors, donations and a bake sale, all going to schools in Campbellton and Dalhousie to support their breakfast programs.

Of Note: The Child Poverty Report Card (2018) by the Human Development Council notes that Campbellton and area has a child poverty rate of 37 per cent.

Last fall, volunteers from three area churches began using the local food bank's kitchen to prepare meals on Saturdays twice a month for anyone looking for a meal and conversation.

QUOTE from the Rev. Ann Fairweather: It was a fun day! And for a wonderful purpose! We are looking forward to next year's tournament, building upon what we've done this year!

Archdeaconry of Moncton

Active bowlers: 76 people on 16 teams.

Churches represented: St. Mary's (Hillsborough), St. James (Moncton), St. Andrew's (Sunny Brae), St. Ann's and St. Paul's (Sackville), St. Martin in the Woods (Shediac), St. John the Baptist (Riverview), St. George's (Moncton), St. Andrew's (Petitcodiac), St. Mark's (Mt. Whatley).

Certificates: awarded for best team name, best dressed team, most strikes, most spares, most enthusiastic team, best youth team, best over-all team score. Money raised: \$10,923, with much of it going to support backpack programs at local schools.

Archdeaconry of Fredericton

Money raised: \$10,673

Number of bowlers/lanes: 60/12

Teams' makeup: seven parishes, the Fredericton Community Kitchens Student Hunger crew, and one Base Gagetown team

After-party: 50 bowlers and fans gathered for supper at All Saints in the Parish of Marysville.

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

COMMUNITY KITCHENS

Fredericton Community Kitchens:

At the heart of hunger

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Perhaps the best description of the Fredericton Community Kitchens is small but mighty.

The kitchen is no bigger than the one in your average house. There are three trained chefs who make whatever the donated ingredients allow. And the dining room is deceptively small. The office area is even smaller, with two desks in the hallway.

But this is the place where skill, innovation and compassion meet up to feed hundreds of people every day of the year. The breakfast crowd numbers about 30; lunch and supper see 80-100 people a day. The shelter next door ensures there will always be people here at mealtime.

On March 11, Bishop David Edwards toured the facility and the off-site trailer at Leo Hayes High School where the Student Hunger Program is run. The tours were arranged by the Rev. Kevin McAllister to highlight the need in the run-up to the annual bowling tournament he has organized for the past three years.

For the past two years, including 2019, the funds raised have been earmarked for childhood hunger programs. In Fredericton, the money raised will go to the FtonCK's Student Hunger Program. In other locations, organizers are encouraged to donate their fundraising to breakfast, lunch or backpack programs for children.

The bowling tournament is April 6 in Woodstock, Fredericton, Saint John, the Kennebecasis Valley, Miramichi, Bathurst and Campbellton. Due to a shortage of bowling lanes, Moncton's tournament will be held April 7.

The FtonCK, running since 1982, operates with seven full-time and one part-time person — including three chefs, three administrators and a driver. The Student Hunger Program employs one person.

The kitchen could never function without a fleet of volunteers. There are 800 on the books and about 200 active volunteers, many from area churches, who keep the two programs going. Managing the volunteers is time-consuming, and has led to the hiring of a full-time person just to coordinate them.

Back in the kitchen, Dale Larsen describes his seven years at FtonCK.

"It's a dream job for a cook," he said. "So much is donated. We just see what's here. There's no plan."

The week prior to the visit, the kitchen received 800 pounds of protein donated from area businesses. Protein — mainly meat — is the most expensive food to purchase, so it was doubly appreciated.

To illustrate his point, Dale pulled a large baking sheet from the oven. On it were dozens of pieces of golden brown chicken. The smell was enticing. Lunch was going to be delicious.

"Chicken with corn flake coating. Doesn't that look good?" he asked. "It's a favourite here. So is lasagna."

Chef and kitchen manager Louis Cosman will mark two years here this summer, and he couldn't be happier.

"I chased corporate dollars for 34 years, I've cooked for kings and queens, but there's no more of that," he said.

He always wanted to work here, but the timing was never right. When a position was open, he was fully employed. When a restaurant closed and he was out of work, they'd just hired someone.

"I tried to get in here for close to 15 years," he said.

"The only mandate we have here is, 'did I do the best I could yesterday, and how will I be able to change someone's life today?' It's instant gratification," he said.

"We do excellent, five-star quality food off this line when the ingredients are there."



ABOVE: VOLUNTEERS JOANNE Braman, Stewart Jones and Cheryl Stairs help pack John Howard Society lunches under the direction of chef Dale Larsen, 2nd from right. RIGHT: Kitchen manager Louis Cosman displays the sympathy card he received from shelter guests after his beloved cat died.

To confirm for Louis that he's where he should be, he spoke of a recent incident where his beloved cat had to be put down. It was a heartbreaking time which he shared with his co-workers. Within a day the news had filtered down to the guests, who responded with love and compassion.

"A day later, I get a sympathy card, signed by all the people [at the shelter]," he said. "The people next door have more to think about than my cat and me, but they took the time. They gave a lot to me that day."

"This is what I was meant to do. I was ordained to do this," he said.

By mid-morning, the dining room was busy with volunteers, mostly from Brunswick Street Baptist Church, readying 50 take-out meals for the John Howard Society. That's a weekday program, prepared and delivered by FtonCK, and distributed by the society to its own clients. On the day of the bishop's visit, the menu was beef stew over rice, with a roll and mixed vegetables.

Joanne Braman is one of the volunteers. She lives nearby and comes on Mondays at 7 a.m. to make toast and coffee, serve breakfast, clean up and start preparing for lunch, which often includes vegetable peeling and helping with the



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John Howard meals.

"I love it here," she said. "I love serving the folks. It's not just meals they serve here, it's meals with flair!"

Hamburgers with grilled pineapple slices, mashed potatoes piped in artistic designs have impressed her and others.

All this effort, including the Student Hunger Program and the John Howard Society program, resulted in 156,000 meals served last year by FtonCK.

So who pays for all that?

"It's all corporate and private donations, and some grants," said interim operations manager Mike Smith. "As far as the food goes, it's all donated. Businesses donate their time too. Employees come in to volunteer."

Student Hunger Program

A blue trailer valued at \$100,000 has been sitting outside Leo Hayes High School for about 18 months now. It's the headquarters for the Student Hunger Program, which began in 2014. Donated by Earl and Sandy Brewer, the trailer's main feature is a large walk-in cooler.

A few years ago, the Brewers' daughter was part of a group at LHHS that began making lunches for their fellow students who didn't have any. Mom Sandy identified the need, which led to the donation of the trailer.

The Student Hunger Pro-

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COMMUNITY KITCHENS

Fredericton Community Kitchens, continued

gram is staffed by Carlos Lamadrid, who relies on volunteers five days a week to prepare healthy lunches for about 350 students a day. On the day Bishop David visited, the crew from All Saints, Parish of Marysville, was making ham sandwiches on the assembly line.

Teacher Mike Smith saw the real need for student lunches before retiring two and a half years ago. So he joined the FtonCK board and took the lead on the Student Hunger Program. That led to his temporary job running the whole organization from February until the end of the school year while FtonCK reorganizes.

“From here the food is under strictly controlled conditions,” he said of the assembly line. “It goes into picnic coolers and then into the walk-in cooler where it stays until tomorrow. Then our driver, Jerry Woodcock, delivers it to 14 local schools. That’s 350 lunches.”

But that’s not all that goes on in the fight against childhood hunger. Another program sees volunteers packing backpacks full of non-perishable food — enough to make two meals for a family of four on the weekend.

Those backpacks go out on Fridays, and Jerry picks them up the next week,

RIGHT: AT THE STUDENT Hunger Program headquarters, members of All Saints, Marysville, and Bishop David Edwards, prepare student lunches for the following day. Clockwise from bottom left: Iona Storey, the Rev. Kevin McAllister, Sherry Pope, Donelda Kolijn and Bishop David.

BELOW RIGHT: CHEF Dale Larsen displays a large tray of corn flake coated chicken at the Fredericton Community Kitchens. It’s a favourite meal among guests.

where they come back to be repacked and send out again — for 40 weeks, the academic year.

Mike saw the effects of this program in the classroom, recalling a boy putting on that heavy backpack on Friday with a look on his face Mike has never forgotten.

“He was providing for his family,” he said. “That boy was so proud.”

Besides the backpacks and the 350 daily lunches, FtonCK also provides and delivers to four other smaller programs:

The Enterprise program at Fredericton High School distributes snacks and filled backpacks to youth at risk. FtonCK sends bulk food to Minto High School every two weeks for their own backpack program.



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They do the same thing once a month for Lincoln Elementary School. And they provide food to the Culinary Arts program at LHHS, where students prepare the donated vegetables and cheese to give out to students in need at lunch time.

None of this could ever hope to be successful without the huge support of the people, organizations and businesses of the community, said Mike.

“That proves to me that if there’s a good cause, people will do what they have to, to get it done,” he said. “The Student Hunger Program is a shining example of this. The whole community is doing something about it.”

Staff and volunteers of the Fredericton Community Kitchens formed a team and bowled on April 6.

Meet your Diocesan Council members

Diocesan Council members were asked to answer the following questions: What is your background and/or career, and how has that prepared you for your work on DC? Why did you decide to become involved with DC? What parish do you worship in? Who is Jesus to you? What is your hope for the diocese?

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The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral

I was ordained a deacon in 1990 and priest in 1991. I have served in the parishes of St. Philip’s Moncton, St.

Paul, the Tobique, Grand Bay and Ketepec. I was assistant to Archbishop Claude Miller 2003-2014. Currently I am Dean of Fredericton.

My membership on Diocesan Council is by virtue of the office Dean of Fredericton.

Jesus is the image of God in human form, the Son of the living God and the author and perfecter of the faith.

My hope for the diocese is that we reflect the image of Christ, his love for the world and those who live in it. Faith in Jesus Christ grants us the gifts of the fullness of life both now and in the world to come.



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GEOFFREY HALL, ABOVE LEFT, with William Ross and Robert Taylor, during a recent Diocesan Council meeting.

BISHOP MCALLISTER COLLEGE

Hooked on success

Bishop McAllister College holds an irresistible appeal for Rosemarie Kingston

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

There's a little guesthouse in Uganda on the campus of Bishop McAllister College that Rosemarie Kingston calls her home away from home.

"If it wasn't for my grandchildren, I think I'd go live there," she said. "I'm hooked on it — the successes. I'm a junkie!"

She and her husband, Darryl, have just returned from a three-week trip to Bishop McAllister College. It was her fifth visit since 2003, her husband's fourth.

Bishop McAllister College is an Anglican boarding school in Kyogyera, Uganda, with 70 staff, an alumni association and nearly 1,000 students. Some are theological students, but most are primary and secondary students who either pay their way or are sponsored by donors or groups like ACWs in Canada.

The school's reputation for well-disciplined children is well-known. Canon Paul Jeffries, originally from New Brunswick, is its rector.

So what's the draw for Rosemarie?

"It's the work being done there. The children being educated and how the country's being improved," she said.

But a trip to Uganda is no vacation. They pay their own airfare, and when they're there, they buy and cook their own food. They also volunteer at the college.

BMC is their happy place. They've happily paid the school fees for several children over the years. It's those successes that have forged an unbreakable tie to the college and its students.

Hannington, now grown, was one of their sponsored students.

"He came to BMC about 10 years ago with his aging 89-year-old grandmother," said Rosemarie. "His grandmother was the only relative he had. Canon Paul said he was one of the poorest

children ever to come to the school."

He was a smart boy and earned high marks. He graduated, earned an education degree and now teaches geography at the school. This fall he will begin a masters program.

"Darryl and I are really his only family now," said Rosemarie. "He calls me Grandma."

Joseph is another of their sponsored students. His father died, leaving multiple wives, but Joseph was a Christian. He started school there, graduated, went to university, now teaches religious studies at the school and is hoping to be ordained.

The problem is too many priests and not enough parishes in the diocese, so the bishop has put a hold on ordinations, she said.

That so many students return to work at the school is a testament to its quality and the good memories made there, she said.

During their recent visit, Rosemarie and Darryl did what they usually do. Darryl is an electrician, so this time he wired the new library. It's the same library the people of this diocese helped to build with a \$7,500 donation from the bowling tournament of 2017.

Darryl always puts his trade to work while visiting, and often, he's paired with someone at the school who is interested in pursuing the same work.

This year he also had St. Luke's Gondola Point warden Terry Sleep along to give him a hand.

When Darryl talks about the school, tears come to his eyes. This year he insisted he's not going back again, but once there, "he was saying, 'when we come back next time...'" she said.

Rosemarie has spent a lot of time at the school just getting to know the students who have so many questions about Canada. They are always interested in her camera, and many have never seen a photo of themselves and often do not



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recognize themselves.

"They're so sweet and innocent and there's so much gratitude," she said. "They don't realize how poor they are."

On one visit, Joseph's brother asked about her impression of Uganda. She replied that it's a very poor country.

"I still remember the tears in his eyes," she said. "He didn't know they were poor. A mud hut with a mud floor — they have nothing to compare it to."

This time Rosemarie was at the school to review sponsorships with Paul and Joseph, who, in addition to teaching and being the assistant chaplain, also helps administer sponsorships.

This year, 105 students at BMC are sponsored by people and groups in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton. One year's fees cost \$435. While both Rosemarie and the school would like donors with long-term commitments in mind, sometimes people's circumstances change and they can't continue year to year.

"Even a year is a help," she said.

The number of sponsorships is directly related to how many children are able to go to the school. And when you hear the success stories, it's hard not to get hooked.

Readers may remember Coleb, the son of parents who were both deaf and mute. His story was in the December 2014 issue of the New Brunswick Anglican:

"He came from a mud hut, a peasant boy, smart and determined to get an education. He eventually became a project boy,



TOP: DARRYL KINGSTON AND PARISH OF GONDOLA POINT warden Terry Sleep work on the wiring in the new library.

ABOVE: Darryl and Rosemarie Kingston with Hannington, who recreated his graduation that the Kingstons missed.

digging in the hill for years, but before that, he had no money for school fees...

"After graduating from high school, he moved to the capital city, Kampala, and worked to put himself through university, earning a degree in computer science. This year, he's a masters student, with full scholarship, at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden."

Coleb has completed his education and now works in Sweden. His father has passed on, but his mother, whom he now supports, was happy to welcome him home for a visit at Christmas.

Rosemarie is already planning to take their granddaughter to visit the school, as she did her grandson a few years

ago.

"Our son-in-law said 'she's not going alone. I'm coming with you!'"

Yes, Rosemarie and Darryl are already planning their next visit.

"This is what I feel called to do," she said. "This is what we're all called to do — help our fellow man and woman."

If you'd like to donate to the school or sponsor a child, contact the Diocese of Fredericton: 506-459-1801, or visit our website: anglican.nb.ca and click on donate at the top right of the screen. Click on fund, and in the drop-down menu, click on Bishop McAllister College - school.

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BISHOP MCALLISTER COLLEGE



TOP: HARRINGTON, WITH JOSEPH, both BMC graduates who work at the college. Both were sponsored by the Kingstons.

ABOVE: Rosemarie, Terry and Darryl visiting with students.

Hooked on success continued

You can also support Canon Paul Jeffries by going to the same page, but selecting Bishop McAllister College – Canon.

A note from Canon Paul Jeffries:

“The school is doing well. We are nicely into the first term of our school year. Our annual Resurrection Race has started as a way of keeping ourselves focused on Lent and preparing for Easter.

“Easter falls within the school term this year, so that will make for a wonderful Easter celebration, particularly with the Easter Vigil, my

favourite part with the hundreds of candles and large fire outside.

“We had a wonderful visit with Rosemarie and Darryl Kingston, and Terry Sleep, all from St. Luke’s Gondola Point. Rosemarie and Darryl have visited the school for a number of years, and the staff and students always look forward to their visits.

“Rosemarie has been coordinating the student sponsorship program for a number of years now. The program is a very important part of the school’s ministry, and has changed a great number of

young children’s lives over the years.

“Darryl is always a welcome visitor. Over the years he has worked on a lot of our buildings, wiring or repairing wiring.

“During his last visit he wired the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, and this time Darryl and Terry wired the new library. Another step ahead!

“We now have two-thirds of the library project completed, which is really quite amazing.”

More next month on another BMC graduate

News from around the diocese

Cookie Mission 2019

The 10th annual Cookie Mission at St. George’s Church in Bathurst took place on Thursday, Feb. 14.

What a morning! There were cookies, cookies, cookies and still more cookies — cookies of all shapes, sizes and flavours, and all of them were delicious. We baked, packaged and delivered about 100 bags of the best cookies ever — and we were finished in time for lunch.

Our purpose was to spread a little cheer to young families and anyone else who could use a pick-me-up on this cold winter day.

We are so blessed to have a strong, faithful and supportive church family, who show up every year to make this a successful event. It takes a whole church to host a successful cookie mission, and we did it!

This is a great outreach to the community. We have fun doing it and it breaks up the winter. The special bags were decorated by the clients at the Best Group on Youghall Drive. **Submitted by Wanetta Walls**

Soup’s On in Blackville

The Soup’s On initiative has been a tradition in the community since 2012.

It happens every spring and has its genesis in the work of the Greater Blackville Resource Centre. (Our priest, Fr. Gerry Laskey, is a member of the board of directors and has been since its inception).

Two of our three congregations are very active in this project — St. Agnes’, Gray Rapids and Holy Trinity, Blackville. It is a part of the

mandate to address food security and community health.

It is also intended to provide a mid-winter opportunity for members of our community to leave their homes on a weekly basis and gather in community and fellowship. The Soup’s On meals regularly serve 100 to 150 meals a week.

Shrove Tuesday celebration

The Shrove Tuesday celebration (March 5) at Trinity Church in the Parish of Andover was an incredibly successful evening in absolutely every way.

Many thanks to the Planning Committee and volunteers who helped with the cooking, cleaning, serving, and helping guests who required a little extra assistance.

The love shown was beautiful and reflected the principles of *Surprise The World*, the B.E.L.L.S. book by Michael Frost.

Along with an overwhelming number of familiar faces, we were blessed with many newcomers from other denominations in the area.

It was a great time of sharing and fellowship, with obvious signs of hope and love. It was a great way for all to say goodbye to winter and hello to spring.

Our very own Father Stephen Harnish seemed to thoroughly enjoy serving the tea and coffee.

It gave him a chance to welcome approximately 100 people — the most we have served in years.

Submitted by Lorraine Stiles

MISSION IN MOTION: food



CAMP MEDLEY

What's new at Camp Medley in 2019?

It's that time of year again, campers! Your week at Medley is just around the corner, and whether you're a long-time camper or brand new this year, we can't wait to see you!

Every summer we are excited for what a new season will bring to Medley, and 2019 is no exception!

While we've been busy working away on all the programming and planning for the summer, we thought we'd share a few exciting details about Summer 2019!

Missions Camp (15-18) NEW IN 2019!

Do you have an interest in serving others, and want to know how you can contribute to your community in a positive way?

Campers will become educationally aware of some of the social, physical, and economic barriers in the community.

Campers will gain hands-on experience serving others through opportunities like preparing meals, maintenance projects, and so much more! And yes, there will still be a taste of the regular camp activities!

Family Camp (All Ages!) 2019 Updates

Our beloved Diocesan Family Camp is looking great for this year! Every year we enjoy seeing our returning family campers, and love welcoming our new families!

To see all that's new at Family Camp this year, you'll have to come along, but for now we'll share with you some of our newest additions!

Looking to "up your camping game?" Families now have the option of tenting out for the weekend! Camp Medley will provide everything needed for your family camp-out, and of course our warm showers and cooked meals are just a few steps away.

Saturday, June 22 will be Camp Medley Family Day! Can't commit to the entire weekend? Register for Saturday only, and come enjoy the

on-site fun for all ages, from sunrise to sunset!

Parent Café: Not quite ready for bed at sun down? Put the kids to bed, and let the counselors stay close by while you head off to the dining hall for a parents' evening of activities, snacks and fellowship.

For more information on all things Camp Medley, and more details on these new camps, visit our website at campmedley.ca or contact Allyson at acaldwell@diofton.ca. See you soon, campers!

Counsellor in Training (15-18) NEW IN 2019!

Camp is a formative experience for young people, and we believe it's the perfect place for youth to work toward growing their leadership abilities.

CIT will give participants a well-rounded camp leadership experience as they spend three weeks participating in missions, staff training workshops, and aiding in the overall maintenance of the camp.

CITs will gain hands-on experience leading activities with campers and creating mentoring relationships. If you love working with kids and are interested in working in camp ministry, then CIT is definitely for you!

Campership Fund

Did you know that over half of Camp Medley campers apply for access to financial aid? Camp Medley believes that every child in New Brunswick should have the opportunity to experience camp in their lifetime, and we can't wait to meet them!

It is our goal to ensure that family finances do not stand in the way of allowing campers to come and enjoy a week of fun in community, where they can experience a lifetime of memories and be exposed to the gospel message.

With your help and support, we aim to allow for \$30,000 in campership funds for this camping season. If you would like to make a donation to the Camp Medley Camper-

ship Fund or would like more information on how you can support the program, please contact John or Allyson, or visit campmedley.ca and click 'Give.'

Medley Spring Clean-Up Days:
May 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

It's that time of year again! Spring is here and camp preparations are well under way as we prepare for the arrival of our camp families this summer.

Get out your rubber boots, your best work clothes, and come help us prepare the camp for a summer of fun! There



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is lots to do at Medley this time of year — from cleaning rooms to painting cabins, hauling brush to organizing craft materials!

Want to make your trip worth-the-while? Come up the night before for a campfire and stay the night! Grab your sleeping bag and pillow, and enjoy an evening of fellowship around the campfire.

Don't worry! The coffee will

be on bright and early, before we hand you the paint brushes! Meals will be provided, and your time will be appreciated!

Are you on board? Great! If you are interested in helping in any of the ways listed above, or in another capacity, we want to hear from you! Contact John Galbraith at director@campmedley.ca or call 488-2874 and let him know you want to help out!

CAMP MEDLEY

Registration Now Open!

READY FOR THE SUMMER OF YOUR LIFE?

June 21st - August 23rd, 2019



WELCOME TO CAMP: AGES 7-9
July 14-17, August 4-7

BOYS AND GIRLS: AGES 9 - 11
June 30-July 5, July 14-19, August 4-9

JUNIOR TEEN: AGES 12-14
July 7-12, August 11-16

GIRLS WEEK: AGES 7 - 9
July 21-26

NIGHT OWL: AGES 15-18
August 18-23

FAMILY CAMP: ALL AGES!
June 21-23

BOYS ADVENTURE: AGES 12-14
July 7-12, July 28-August 2

GIRLS ADVENTURE: AGES 12-14
July 28-August 2, August 11-16

MEDLEY MAKERS: AGES 13-15
July 28-August 2

GIRL BOSS: AGES 13-15
July 21-26

AROUND THE DIOCESE



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AROUND THE DIOCESE

TOP LEFT: SUSAN MURCHISON received her Layreader's certificate on Sunday, March 10. Fr. Stephen Harnish made the presentation at Trinity Anglican Church in the Parish of Andover.

TOP RIGHT: THE WOMEN OF WORSHIP group from All Saints Anglican Church in the Parish of Bright visited Scott's Greenhouse recently in hopes of blasting away the winter chill. There were beautiful plants, warm greenhouse temperatures and smiles all around as we enjoyed fellowship with one another. Spring has sprung!

RIGHT: GETTING IN S.H.A.P.E.!

This spring layreaders gathered for a wonderful six weeks discerning their 'shape' for God's service. Six layreaders and one parishioner were on-site at Holy Trinity in the Parish of Hammond River and two joined weekly from St. Phillips in Moncton via Skype. Together they explored their spiritual gifts, hearts desires, abilities, personalities and experiences to discern their call to God's service. Cleo Cyr facilitated the course with clergy support from the Revs. David Turner, Michael O'Hara and Douglas Painter.


Left to right 1st row: Peter Jubb, Brenda Bowron, Kathy Ferguson, Paulette Black, Lana Van Beelen, Cleo Cyr. Left to right 2nd row: Mike Briggs, Harry McClenaghan, Craig Patstone, Craig McDermott



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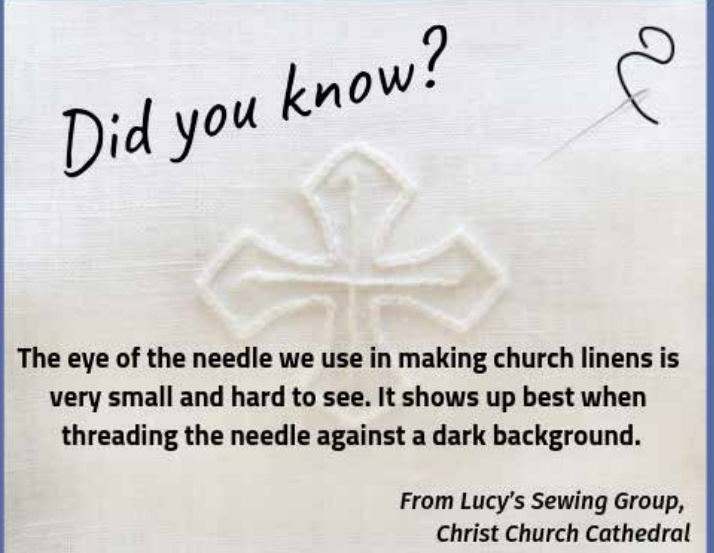
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Notice regarding Bishop McAllister College

As of last fall, the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton has administered scholarships and donations to Bishop McAllister College in Uganda. That means all cheques for sponsorship and donations to the college must be made out to the *Anglican Diocese of Fredericton*. Send to 115 Church Ave., Fredericton E3B 4C8, with a notation of Bishop McAllister College scholarships. Alternatively, you can donate online via our website: anglican.nb.ca and click donate at the top of the page. Please note: The annual fee to sponsor a child is \$435. Special thanks to St. Augustine's in the Parish of Quispamsis for their work on this project over the years.


Did you know?





The eye of the needle we use in making church linens is very small and hard to see. It shows up best when threading the needle against a dark background.

From Lucy's Sewing Group,
Christ Church Cathedral

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This is a network of confidential intercession for the parishes, people and ministries of the Diocese of Fredericton. If you are interested in being part of the Diocesan Prayer Chain, contact diocesan AFP representative the Rev. Debbie Edmondson: debbie.edmondson@anglican.nb.ca or 506-363-3246.

Why a pilgrimage?
Bishop David says: "It is important for the bishop to be seen in the diocese and to visit and pray in different parts of it; and it gives me an opportunity to slow down."

Please check the website for up-to-date information:
anglican.nb.ca > click on **about > bishop > bishop's pilgrimage**

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE # 5

May 30-June 12 in the Archdeaconaries of Saint John and Kingston & the Kennebecasis

What you can do: • Pray for the bishop and those who will support him in this endeavour • Join for an hour or a day. Call his office (506-459-1801, ext 223) for more information.


Deep Roots




"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither." [Psalm 13]

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Visit nb.anglican.ca/deeproots for more details and workshop details. Pre-registration is required.
Cost: \$75/person (not including accommodations)

MUSIC COLUMN

The long-awaited 'anti-album' for our time

Songs on the radio are there in part because of their accessibility — they are quite short (3:25 on average), and they get your attention quickly.

No long introductions, no musical interludes of more than four bars of music, and very little building of tension/growing musical complexity.

The idea is hit 'em fast (the listener), as there is no time for anything else, for fear they lose interest in the song.

Streaming services such as Spotify and iTunes report that people often skip a song within five seconds of hearing it if they don't like it. That's all the time a song has to win the listener over (you took longer to read that sentence!). Ten-song albums are often less than 40 minutes long today.

Enter Amanda Lindsay Cook. A Canadian-born singer who recently joined the popular Bethel Worship team musicians, Amanda has just released her own album, *House On a Hill*.

It is called that because she left social media for a while



(something no musician is advised to do by managers these days), made no appointments or commitments for several weeks, and locked herself up in a... house on a hill (but you knew that already).

The result is an organic, patient, congruent album that can completely fill your head if you allow it. The songs are lengthy by most standards (most are between five and six minutes each), and full of vocal-free sections.

The songs do not depend on clever hooks or over-processed, computer-altered sounds. In short, this is an "anti-album," or the opposite of what most albums are in the Christian market (and most others) today. And we are the better for it!

To show this is a differ-



ent kind of project, the first song, "Awakening" (good title) comes in at 6:25 in length.

The passionate vocals shown in the quiet parts of the song, as well as the climatic final section, show Cook's patience and commitment to the slow growth of the song format.

The destination of the song and the time it takes to get there are an exercise in patient, quiet abiding that is rather refreshingly unpredictable. One has to "lean in," so to speak, to catch everything. Echos of Psalm 46 might come to mind: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Other songs catch your attention in similar ways. "I Am

- Because You Are" is much like the album opener, and shows off Cook's voice that, in my opinion, is better suited to the soaring anthem style of song than the intimate, quiet ones (which she also does well).

Here Amanda sings that she longs to be "taken back to simpler things / where innocence was everything / Like a child my song would be unrehearsed / Wild and free."

"Water Under the Bridge" is the shortest track on the album, and also the most synth-driven. It's not exactly a made-for-radio single, but is the most predictable in terms of structure.

In short, this album de-

mands your time and your attention. It will get your attention with loud guitars and thrashing drums for an hour; it invites you into its own world.

This is not an album to have on, in the background, while doing other things! Rather, there is much to discover by giving up an hour to listening to it — all its nuances, and all the lyrical imagery held up for consideration.

I had initially passed on reviewing this album, but found myself coming back to it twice before getting hooked on it.

Congratulations, Amanda Lindsay Cook, you have been able to pull off something wonderfully fresh in its simplicity!

More than that, you have managed to get it released by a major record label without promise of multiple singles and guaranteed numbers of streaming plays.

Give this album a try!

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



Kathleen Snow, Mothers' Union worldwide trustee, parish nurse at Christ Church Cathedral

Favourite book of the Bible - John

Birthplace - Montreal, Quebec

What you love most about God - His presence in my life

Favourite place on Earth - Brackley Beach, PEI

Farthest you've been from home - Guyana

Favourite meal or dessert - Prime rib

Biggest fear - Poverty

Hidden talent - I shovel a mean driveway

Favourite movie or book - *Katherine* by Anya Seton

Your hobby - Baking

Three things always in your fridge - Cereal cream, wine, and eggs

Favourite sports team - Fredericton Wanderers



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Mothers' Union members gathered April 9 at Cathedral Memorial Hall to pack care bags for university students to enjoy during exam week. Their call for cookies and treats was well heard — they had more than enough to go around. After packing the bags, the next step — the next day — was to pass them out on the campus of the University of New Brunswick. From left: Susan Watson, Isabel Cutler, Donna Crowe, and Diane Radford.

CAMP BROOKWOOD



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June 24 - Staff training week

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July 7 - Ages 7-9

July 14 - Ages 9-11

July 21 - Ages 13-14

July 28 - Ages 8-10

Aug. 4 - Ages 5-7

Aug. 11 - Ages 11-13

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Chaplains needed for the weeks of July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11. Contact
MaryLee Phillips: dphillips@aernet.ca or the camp's Facebook page.

Camp Brookwood is a Christian summer camp operating with the oversight of a board composed of members from the Anglican Deanery of Woodstock in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton. Summer camping programs include swimming in the pool, archery, recreation, hiking, handicrafts, Christian education, worship, games, special events and campfires.
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