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MISSION IN MOTION: children

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: ANNE BYERS AND ELAINE REID, Parish of the Nerepis & St. John, enjoy an afternoon admiring the fabrics; Lunch was as much about fellowship as it was refreshment; Kaye Small, Christ Church Cathedral with Betty Cluthé, also from the Cathedral; Elaine Reid, Barbara Meade (Parish of Kingston), Kaye Small and Anne Byers investigate a particular piece at Christ Church Cathedral.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

‘Fabrics, falls and frontals’ on display

It began with a query from a parishioner in another parish: Do you ever exhibit all the needlework Christ Church Cathedral has?

That query came to fruition on April 13 when dozens of people came in to view all that was on display: “the fabrics, falls and frontals that grace pulpit and altar,” as the Cathedral bulletin announced.

The Cathedral’s Anglican

Church Women hosted the event, with guides the Rev. Canon Pat Drummond, a skilled fabric artist, and verger Hank Williams, giving information to curious visitors.

The many years of work illustrate the signs and symbols of the faith, and “the variety of stitches used that enhance these magnificent ecclesiastical hangings – some of which date to the 19th century.”

Lucy’s Sewing Group members were on hand to explain the work behind the altar linens on display. This group meets weekly to work and chat and many work at home on their needlework for the Cathedral and other projects.

Refreshments were appreciated by those who dropped by for an enjoyable afternoon admiring the many works of art.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

No progress without community

The fourth word I want to look at from Brian Zahnd's book, *Water To Wine*, is Community.

One of the great mistakes made by the Western Church during the last 200 years or so is to see salvation as an individual rather than a team event.

In recent years people have become concerned about their own salvation, whereas the Church has previously seen this differently, in terms of confessing what the church has taught about Jesus, declaring him as Lord and being baptized in the name of the Trinity (there are some exceptions to this latter condition such as the Salvation Army).

Salvation throughout most of our history has been regarded as personal within the Church, not individual outside.

In fact, the Desert Fathers, who effectively began monasticism during the early Third Century said, "One Christian is no Christian."

Is this idea of community biblical? I want to suggest that it is in several ways.

Firstly, in Acts 2: 42f we find that the disciples held everything in common.

In the Old Testament we have



the idea of Israel as a community called for the benefit of the whole of creation.

If we look at John's Gospel, we see that community sits at the heart of the salvation promise.

In our funeral liturgy the following passage is often read:

[Jesus said] 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14: 1 – 3 NIV).

This takes us to a concept which originates in ancient Israel. The best example is found



in the Book of Ruth, when Boaz rescues Ruth and Naomi from destitution and takes them into his household.

The tradition was that the person in Boaz's position (kinsman redeemer) was to take his nearest destitute kin into his household (bet av) and build a room for them.

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to his Father's bet av to prepare a room for them and that he will take them there. Jesus, as our kinsman redeemer, takes us into the household of Father. It is a community.

When we are thinking about what Church is, we have to think about this idea of bet av.

I am not suggesting that we live in some kind of com-

mune, but there is a need to see ourselves as the body of Christ, functioning in the world.

Does not knowing each other's names or where they live speak of community, of interest in the joys and sorrows of others?

It is a long journey from where we are to fully understanding the bet av and being a community. We will not make progress unless we begin.

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

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MINISTRY
JON HALLEWELL

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WATERFORD AND ST.
MARK, AND SUSSEX

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GATHERING

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FALLS, SUMMER
WORSHIP

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Mike Briggs

More reflections on giving

This will be the last column before the NB Anglican takes a summer break. It is also the last one where the paper is delivered to you automatically.

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My last couple of columns reflected on giving and I will continue with these thoughts. I find that when a parish has a specific project in mind and asks for support from the congregation, it is usually forthcoming.

As a diocese we raised a tremendous amount of money

a few years back for 'Caring for Colin.' In the last three years the bowling tournament that just finished has gone from parishes in the Fredericton to the whole diocese.

What both projects have in common is a need expressed clearly — and a specific end goal. This makes it easier to ask donors for support.

We also see this with PWRDF where there are specific goals and different projects both here in Canada and throughout the world.

As a church, we have not done a good job of asking for funds to help with our every day expenses.

For most parishes the major expenses are buildings, perhaps a church and a rectory or just a church, contribution to the Diocese Shared Ministry Budget

and finally a priest, either full-time, part-time or shared with other parishes. I think that in a lot of parishes, the only time the parish gets a comprehensive report is with the AGM package.

As shown above, when we ask for a specific purpose the congregations are usually generous and we achieve the goal we set.

Maybe it's time to make it a habit for each parish to report basic numbers monthly. This can be simply as total revenue, church building expense and Diocesan expense and finally a net result of either a surplus or shortfall of income to expenses.

For most parishes, we have just gone through the most expensive months with winter heating bills and possibly a few missed services due to weather,

so lower offerings.

I know from different stewardship conferences I have attended that there is a wide divergence of opinion as to how much detail needs to be given and also to whom.

In my opinion there is a need for the congregation to be fully informed and we are starting this in my own parish.

As treasurer I will also add a few comments as it gives a better understanding of the results.

I wish all my readers an enjoyable, relaxing summer. I will see some of you at Diocesan Choir School in July and will have seen others at the PWRDF conference in May and some others at Deep Roots in mid-June.

Michael Briggs is the diocesan stewardship officer. He lives in Moncton.

A C W

ACW annual meeting held in Bathurst

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Ven. Sandy MacPherson welcomed about 70 ACW members to their annual meeting held at St. George's Anglican Church in Bathurst this year.

The May 7-8 event featured two Holy Communion services, reports, a business meeting, installation of new officers, a vote on a revised constitution, a banquet and more.

Bishop David Edwards was the speaker at the May 7 morning service. He began by thanking those gathered for their love and support during his time of bereavement, noting it was six months to the day that his wife, Janet, died. Janet was the honorary president of the Diocesan ACW.

The bishop noted the story of the stoning of Stephen as read in Acts 7.

"Two things spring to mind that Stephen said," he said. "The first was 'into your hand I commend my spirit.' A few weeks ago we heard someone else say that — Jesus."

Stephen also asked God to forgive his tormentors, and we heard Jesus say that as well from the cross.

The bishop explained that the significance of Easter begins on Maundy Thursday, when Jesus introduced Holy Communion.

"Breaking the bread and drinking the wine were to teach the disciples that he was going to die and rise again," he said. "St. Paul in Corinthians says we are to do this until Jesus comes again."

"What those signs do is declare to the powers of the universe that Christ died, Christ rose and evil was defeated. Whether it's Pope Francis in front of 20,000 or Sandy here in someone's home, it's a declaration — he rises to new life."

In a total immersion baptism, the priest takes the person under the water — as in a grave — then raises the person to a new life, he said.

In that new life we still see a lot of evil, but it's our role to be Christ in the world — his banner carrier, the image bearers — while we await his return.

"It's not pie in the sky when you die; it's steak on the plate

while you wait!" he said.

The bishop noted the banner carriers in St. George's church. Each Thanksgiving, the congregation forms a human chain, passing donations of food from their church to the food bank next door.

That's how we show people God loves them, he said, and that is our challenge — how do we, like Stephen, reflect the image of God?

After the service, Diane Todd, who manages the Book of Remembrance, read the names of 45 ACW members, including Janet Edwards, who have died since last year's May meeting.

Diocesan ACW secretary Linda Collins Lebens did the roll call by deanery.

Lunch consisted of sandwiches and sweets and was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon began with a presentation by Rosemarie Kingston, past president of the diocesan ACW and vice-president of the national ACW. She had two topics: Bishop McAllister College in Uganda; and her attendance at the national ACW conference held last fall in P.E.I.

She began by asking those present this question: If you had absolute control, what would you keep as an ACW activity. Many gave answers: receptions, visiting shut-ins, quilting, mental health initiatives, mission of the church, banquet for graduates, Farraline Place, sponsored children at BMC in Uganda, Honduras mission and so on.

She relayed her experience at the conference and the compelling story of its keynote speaker, John Doran, an assistant professor at the University of Prince Edward Island. He was three years old when the RCMP and social workers came to his house, taking him, his older sister and younger brother from his indigenous parents in Nova Scotia.

They were some of the 14,000 children who were taken across the border to the United States to be adopted — \$6,000 per child, all cash, no records. Many children went to middle class families. He and his sister were adopted by an Amish couple who couldn't have children. Thus, he is an



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A CHANCE FOR SOME SHOPPING, lunch and fellowship; the kitchen crew, from left: Carol Sealy, Maxine Goodspeed, Irene Pitre, Murray Sealy, Fran Glover and Joan Moore; awaiting the start of the service; Diane Todd reads the Book of Remembrance; the iconic asparagus sandwiches and cherry cream cheese sandwiches were among the lunch choices.

indigenous Canadian raised Amish who continues to practice the Amish ways.

Photographs are considered to be vain, so you will not see a photo of John on the UPEI

website, nor were photos permitted to be taken of him during his presentation last year.

John continues to have a loving relationship with his Amish parents. Somehow

he found his birth mother in Cape Breton. His father had died. The one person he has never found is his younger

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ACW



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Rosemarie went on to read letters of greeting from the three ACW-sponsored children at Bishop McAllister College. The three letters included some heartfelt comments: 'I promise I will not let you down; I really appreciate you for your prayers; I will make sure I work hard. We thank the Lord who has kept us alive; My family members love you all; I have a vision of being a doctor. I have a lot of pain when I see Ugandans die; We love you.'

During the financial report, given by treasurer Joyce McElman, there was discussion on the budget with the conclusion drawn that there are fewer active members and branches, which has led to less money being raised.

"What comes in just goes out, but there's less of it," said Joyce.

Reports on many aspects of the ACW were given, including on Farraline Place, annual Quiet Day, the Pickett-Scovil Memorial Fund and many others. That evening, members enjoyed a banquet.

The next day after a service of Holy Communion, members installed new officers and finished their business meeting, including a vote on a revised constitution. The annual meeting ended during the noon hour.

President Linda Fury is beginning her second year as leader of the diocesan group.

"I'm very impressed with what the deanery group has done here," she said. "They have a small group but they've thought of everything!"

"I'm glad so many people came. Thank heavens for good weather."

The diocesan ACW executive for 2019-2020 is as follows: Cathy Lutes - treasurer, Diane Todd - secretary, Rosemarie Kingston - past-president, Linda Fury - president and Jill Stewart - vice-president.

1. BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS AND ARCHDEACON SANDY MACPHERSON during the service. **2. Secretary Linda Collins Lebans and president Linda Fury** during the business meeting. **3. The 2019-2020 ACW executive:** Cathy Lutes - treasurer, Diane Todd - secretary, the Ven. Sandy MacPherson, Rosemarie Kingston - past-president, Linda Fury - president and Jill Stewart - vice-president. **4. Bishop David Edwards** during his sermon. **5. Sybill Hills** takes care of housekeeping items at the opening service. **6. Rosemarie Kingston with Linda Fury** in preparation for Rosemarie's presentation. **7. Lunchtime,** with a wide choice of sandwiches and sweets.

ACW meets in Bathurst, continued

ACW continued from page 4 brother, who was one when they left Canada. He has not seen him since they were separated in Boston so many years ago.

This heart-wrenching story prompted one unnamed ACW member at the May 7 event to stand and speak to those gathered.

"I ask this group to be more

accepting when meeting native people," she said. "They didn't grow up with our advantages. People say, 'oh, the natives.' We shouldn't say that. We are all responsible to treat indigenous

people with respect.

"Whoever did this to them is not of God... In my community they are ill-treated. We play our part in abusing indigenous people."

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

MOTHERS' UNION

Our God is on the Move!

BY CINDY DERKSEN

Echoes of singing, laughter, prayers and renewed friendships filled St John's Anglican Church in the Parish of Richmond on April 27, which hosted the annual spring rally of Mothers' Union.

Approximately 60 MU members and guests from around the province united for the 'Sowing the Seeds of the Spirit' theme for the day.

While the MU branch in the parish is small at five active members, they put on a great rally.

Although the flooding of the St. John River and inclement weather prevented some people from attending, God had the people He wanted there!

Bishop David led worship, assisted by our MU chaplain, the Ven. Wandlyn Snelgrove.

The worship offering will assist the Northern Clergy Families Fund and our Diocesan camps. We sang the song, "Our God is on the Move" — the theme for the Canadian conference in June 2020.

The banner parade revealed the individuality of the branches attending: Christ Church Cathedral, All Saints-Marysville, St. Mary York, St. Paul's-Hampton, St. John the Baptist-Riverview, St. Mary & St Bartholomew, Trinity-Sussex, as well as the Diocese of Fredericton and the Canadian MU banners.

Alice Kennedy, Canadian MU president, brought greetings and information about upcoming travel plans for Kathleen Snow, worldwide representative for the Americas, and Alice, to the worldwide MU board of trustees' upcoming June meeting in Rwanda. The New Brunswick influence is evident in our representation on the MU worldwide board.

Joanne Ham, Diocesan president, also brought greetings, as did conference co-ordinator Lilian Ketch, reminding us about the June 3 – 6, 2020 Canadian Conference being held at UNB. This event will gather together members from across Canada.

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko spoke about both he and his wife, Hope, growing up in families with Mothers' Union influence and their future vision to assist mothers living in Uganda.

Hearing about MU work in another country and the challenges they face makes our Noonday Wave of Prayer that goes around the world that much more meaningful.

Mary Beth Rideout, a local Carleton County resident and lay reader from St.

Luke's Anglican Church in Woodstock, addressed the challenges of meeting the needs of young people in this rural area through the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program.

This agency meets many of the aims of MU. One of our Parish of Richmond members is a Big Sister and she graciously shared her experiences nurturing a little sister.

Kathleen Snow, Cathedral branch, spoke about her installation to the worldwide board by the Archbishop

of Canterbury, Justin Welby, as well as a humorous story about this worship service and the humanity involved in her participation.

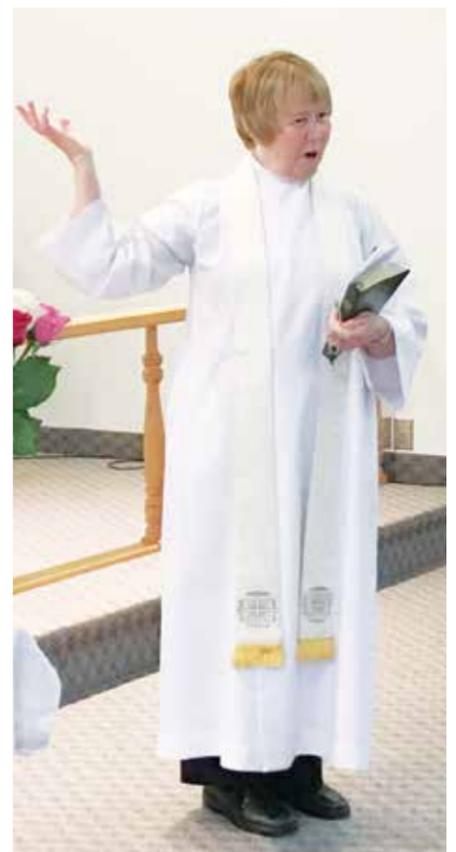
Time for the MU literature shopping, browsing the MU history books, and visiting the table so graciously provided at short notice by the Open Bible Bookstore in Victoria Corner, provided a chance to acquire some unique items.

A venture of the Parish of Richmond with a gently used Christian books table available for a small donation net-

ted a gift to the Big Brothers organization of \$80.

A lovely lunch prepared by diocesan members was served, as well as a traditional cake which celebrated our rally. We are thankful for the volunteers who served and did kitchen duty so MU members could enjoy their day.

Travel prayers sent the participants off to face the heavy rains and closed highways that remind us of the roadblocks of everyday life. The day was truly a blessing to everyone.



MARILYN WILSON PHOTOS

MOTHERS' UNION MEMBERS AND GUESTS CELEBRATED their annual spring rally in the Parish of Richmond on April 27. The top photo shows the entire group. The middle photo shows Pat Margeson scooping ice cream to go with the celebratory cake. Bottom photo shows the members during worship. Finally, at right is the Ven. Wandlyn Snelgrove in her role as Mothers' Union chaplain.

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage # 5: What you need to know

Bishop David will embark on his fifth diocesan pilgrimage May 30-June 12, this year in the archdeaconries of Saint John and Kingston & the Kennebecasis



Bishop David Edwards

Daily schedule

Each day, with the exception of Sundays, will follow a schedule approximately as follows:

8 a.m. - Morning Prayer at the overnight stop

Noon - Mid-day Prayers on the route

7 p.m. - Evening Prayer at the overnight stop

8:30 p.m. - Pilgrims' quiet time (Subject to change for some days.)

All are welcome to join Bishop David for morning and evening prayer as well as the special worship services. See the route for the location of overnight stops and specific service times.

Each day's journey will begin after Morning Prayer. All are welcome to walk with the bishop but please note that the pace is expected to be 3-4 km/hour.

Special services/events:

Saturday, June 1, evening, concert at Trinity, Kingston, in celebration of their 230th anniversary

Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m., Holy Communion at Trinity, Kingston

Sunday, June 9, 8 a.m., Holy Communion at St. Mark's, Sussex Corner

Sunday, June 9, 11 a.m., Holy Communion at Trinity, Sussex

From the bishop: Why am I walking?

There are several reasons, all of them equally important.

The first is that I have been called to be Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, which is the province of New Brunswick. Throughout our history, the Anglican Church has seen itself as responsible for the geographical area in which it is set and the people who live there. Walking will give me the chance to see the land and meet people whom I would not usually come across.

As well, there will be time for reflection. Walking will mean I have to slow down and it will give me time to ponder.

In addition, there will be set prayer times along the route. A rhythm of saying the Offices morning and evening will be established and anyone with us at those times can join in.

Walking with people means that we come to know each other, the good and the bad. For those of us walking there will be plenty of time for fellowship.

There will also be opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with those we meet. This is not solely intended to be a walk, but also to be a mission. In essence we will be heading out on a journey, uncertain as to how God might use us, but knowing that he will.

There is also a major faith component. Apart from the question about whether or not I will be able to complete the journey, there is also the question of what God will allow to happen along the way. We see from scripture that when Jesus and/or his disciples set out on journeys, there were always unexpected encounters – Zacchaeus, the woman at the well, the wealthy young man and many more. Jesus was not ready for these meetings and he responded very differently in each situation, but he treated each as a God-given opportunity to share the good news of the Kingdom.

Things will also be learned. New parts of the province will be discovered by the team. Not rushing by in a vehicle will mean we can see what we might usually miss. We will discover greater depth in each other and great depths in God.

It is my hope that you will give prayerful consideration to joining me in June for all or part of this adventure in the south-west corner of our diocese.

+David

MISSION IN MOTION: pilgrimage

For up-to-date route info:
<https://nb.anglican.ca/the-bishop/bishops-pilgrimage>

Tentative daily route

Thursday, May 30 - Saint John

Morning Prayer, St. Luke's, 369 Main St. Walk to St. John's Stone, 87 Carleton St, via Harbour Passage and Safe Harbour (5.8 km)

Noon bible study at Stone Church Walk to St. Mary and St. Bartholomew, 646 Westmorland Rd, via Mission Church at Outflow Shelter, 162 Waterloo St (6.7 km)

Supper and service

Friday, May 31 - Saint John

8 a.m. - Morning Prayer, Church of Christ the King, 2000 Loch Lomond Rd Walk to All Saints, 35 Park Ave. (11.5 km) Afternoon walk to Trinity, 115 Charlotte St via Rockwood Park (9 km). Stop at Catapult Coffee & Studio, 116 Princess St.

Saturday, June 1 - Kingston

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Diocesan Council, Kingston Evening concert at Trinity, Kingston, in celebration of their 230th anniversary

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 2 - Kingston Peninsula

10 a.m. - Holy Communion, Trinity, 3949 NB-845, Kingston

Afternoon walk to St. James, 3365 NB-845, Long Reach (11.7 km)

Monday, June 3 - Kingston Peninsula to Rothesay

8 a.m. - Morning Prayer, St Paul's, White Head, 23 White Head Wharf Rd Walk to All Saints, Clifton Royal, 1291 NB-845 (8.3 km)

Afternoon walk to St Paul's, 4 Church Ave, Rothesay (11.8 km)

Evening: Commissioning of Erin Hodge as evangelist with Threshold Ministries, St. Paul's, Rothesay

Tuesday, June 4 - Rothesay to Renforth

8 a.m. - Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's, Quispamsis. Morning walk to Saint James the Less, 1770 Rothesay Rd, Renforth via Hillside Trail (10.6 km)

Afternoon circular walk via Villa Madonna and Kennebecasis Park (7.2 km)

Evening, Celebration of New Ministry of Jonathan Hallelwell in the Parish of Renforth

Wednesday, June 5 - Gondola Point, Quispamsis and Hammond River

8 a.m. - Morning Prayer, St. Luke's, Gondola Point

Morning walk to St. Augustine's, 239 Quispamsis Rd, Quispamsis, via Saunders Brook Trail and Quispamsis Town Hall (10.2 km)

Midday prayers and parish luncheon, St. Augustine

Afternoon walk to Holy Trinity, 2 Hammond River Rd (6.6 km)

Walk in Hammond River Nature Park (1.5 km)

Thursday, June 6 - French Village to Smithtown to Upham

8 a.m. - Morning Prayer, St Andrews, French Village, NB-860

Walk to Holy Trinity, Smithtown Rd (8.1 km)

Afternoon walk to St Peter's, 2227 NB-820, Upham (12.5 km)

Friday, June 7 - Barnesville to Upham; Jeffries Corner to Sussex

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer, St. Barnabas, Barnesville

Walk to St. Peter, 2227 Route 820, Upham (8.8 km); Prayer at All Saints, Jeffries Corner, Route 111; Walk to Trinity, 853 Main St. Sussex (12.8 km)

Saturday, June 8 - Waterford

Bishop to personal commitment in the morning Local walk from St. John the Evangelist, Chambers Rd, Waterford, including Sussex Corner Bluff

Sunday, Day of Pentecost, June 9 - Sussex Corner and Sussex

8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, St. Mark, 4 Needle St, Sussex Corner

Walk to Trinity, 853 Main St, Sussex (4.0 km)

11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Trinity Afternoon walk to Church of the Ascension, 2983 NB-121, Apohaqui (10.5 km)

Monday, June 10 - Highfield to Belleisle Creek

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer, St. John, Highfield

Walk to St. Jude, Belleisle Creek (15.9 km)

Tuesday, June 11 - Belleisle Creek to Springfield; Bloomfield to Hampton

Morning walk from St. Simon and St. Jude, Belleisle Creek, to Trinity, Springfield (may be completed in opposite direction) (6.9 km)

Afternoon walk from Christ Church, Bloomfield, to St. Paul, Hampton (12.7 km)

Wednesday, June 12 - Hampton to Lower Norton to Gondola Pt.

Morning walk in Hampton (6.3 km)

Travel by boat to Church of the Ascension, Lower Norton Afternoon walk along Norton Shore Rd. to Perry Pt. Rd. (9.2 km)

Walk from Gondola Pt. ferry to St. Luke, Gondola Pt., 12 Quispamsis Rd. (1.5 km)

KIDS LEAD!

Yes! Kids Can Lead!

BY JASMINE CHANDRA

When you were a kid, how many times do you remember hearing the words “you’re not old enough,” or “when you are older...”

There are a lot of things that kids are not old enough to do, and as parents we rightly tell kids that they have to wait to be allowed to do certain things. My kids are not allowed to go out after dark by themselves, drive, get a tattoo or piercing, wear makeup...and the list goes on.

But sometimes we get so used to telling kids what they can’t do, that we forget about how much they can do.

Kids have imagination and creativity that are uninhibited by the fatigue and negative experiences of adult life. Kids believe that things can change and change quickly because they are constantly changing and growing themselves (just ask me about my son’s shoe size).

And kids can motivate others around them with an energy and spark that we adults wish we still had. All these things make them the perfect catalysts for community development — if only we’d let them.

The ‘Kids Lead’ program was created to give kids an opportunity to learn about how the community of Saint John works, what problems we face as a city, and what organizations are involved in helping making our community better.

During this 12-week program, we visited and heard from seven non-profit organizations. We asked each non-profit to ‘pitch’ a project that the kids could take on to help their organization. The kids then chose what projects interested them, came up with plans on how they were going to help and then implemented those plans.

Each week the kids had a snack together, worked on their plans, and gave updates on the progress of their projects. We also found that having a time of prayer was a good way to consider the struggles facing members of the community and to be aware of the things happening in the lives of the kids who attended the



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program.

On our last day, Monday, April 15, we celebrated the achievements of these kids by hosting a closing event. In attendance were parents, grandparents, the organizations involved, members of the community, local clergy, Bishop David Edwards, and Wayne Long, our area MP. Wayne Long presented the kids with certificates of achievement for their roles in helping the community.

Here are the seven projects that these nine amazing kids undertook along with a description of what they accomplished:
Outflow Ministry: Sophie Morrell set up a table at Catalyst Coffee Shop where she accepted donations for easy-to-make and non-perishable lunch food for the men staying at the Outflow Shelter.

She made signs, handed out flyers, and advertised on social media (through her mom) to make people aware of her campaign. In the end she collected four large reusable grocery bags full of food.

Creative Connections: Creative Connections is a creative

art space run by L’Arche Saint John. It is a place where people with intellectual disabilities and members of the community can make art.

Samuel Chandra, Jacob Kennedy, Maren Selig, Nate Selig, and Thatcher Rice-Sawyer went there for an afternoon of painting. The paintings were then turned into beautiful postcards that are being sold for \$3 each with the proceeds going back to Creative Connections.

Elizabeth Fry Society: The Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John helps women who are incarcerated or at risk of incarceration through various programs.

They offer a read aloud program for moms who are in jail. They have the mom record themselves reading a book and then they send the book and the recording of the mom reading to her child. The mothers can send up to three books and can record personal messages as well.

The society also helps women coming out of the prison system find support back in the community. Elijah Arbeau Martinez collected clothing for women coming out of prison

and books for the read aloud program.

ACAP: ACAP is an environmental group working in and around Saint John. Jacob Kennedy, Thatcher Rice-Sawyer, Nate Selig, Maren Selig and Samuel Chandra each took on five environmental challenges and asked people around them to also try to do better environmentally.

The challenges involved using less water, minimizing plastics, cleaning up garbage on the playgrounds, recycling cans, doing a beach clean-up, and encouraging composting.
Community Food Basket: Anika Kennedy, Elijah Arbeau Martinez and Isaiah Arbeau Martinez all collected food for the Community Food Basket. They filled several plastic bins. A sign was posted at the Food Basket to let clients know that this food was collected by the Kids Lead team.

Inner City Youth Ministry: Maren Selig is also involved in a long term partnership with Inner City Youth Ministry to help them restart a reading program at St. John the Baptist and King Edward School.

She is helping to raise funds

to purchase the books, will help pick out the books, create crafts and activities to go with the books, and will volunteer in the school once the program starts in the fall.

Central Saint John Community Ministry: We also asked some of the kids to write letters to Central Saint John Community Ministry recommending the program to others, and helping us find ways to improve.

We are grateful to all the organizations that gave their time to be part of this program, to Erin Hodge of Inner City Youth Ministry for partnering with us, to Barbara Shantz from Giveaway Visioning who helped create fundraising plans, to Trinity Church for the use of their space, and to Wayne Long and his office for helping to acknowledge the work the kids did in the community.

We hope to run the program again in the fall.
The Rev. Jasmine Chandra and her husband, the Rev. Terence Chandra, run the Central Saint John Community Ministry. Visit their blog, penniesandsparrows.org.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: PARTICIPANTS in the Kids Lead program; a postcard designed and produced at Creative Connections; Jasmine Chandra addresses the crowd; the finale of the 12-week program held April 15 .

MISSION IN MOTION: children

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The vergers retires

BY HANK WILLIAMS

In June of 2001, I was approached by Dean Keith Joyce of Christ Church Cathedral to take over the post of vergers. I have been in the job now for 18 years. Let me tell you a bit about it.

I chose Christ Church Cathedral in 1979 as my spiritual home. In 1980 I became a member of the choir. For the next 21 years that was my role in worship. It was a wonderful experience as it deepened even more my love of church music and the role it plays in worship.

The dean said that due to my having been in the choir, I was familiar with what to do in procession, so he asked me if I'd like to take the job. I hesitated a bit as it required my operating the sound system, among other duties.

I had already accepted to train and supervise the summer tour guides the year before, after having retired from teaching, so I dove into the deep end of the pool and have never looked back.

It has been a job full of satisfaction and more than a few amusing incidents.

The duty of the vergers at the cathedral here consists of three main duties: setting up for all services, preceding the dean in procession, and training and supervising the guides.

The bulk of the work is in the preparation of the building for services. These include Eucharists, prayer services, weddings, funerals, and opening, closing and supervision of the space for concerts, and so on.

Over the years, tasks have been added, but usually by

my own choice, as it is a joy to serve the members of the groups as well as the congregation in whatever way I can. I might also have been the first man on the altar guild!

Just what is the origin of the word "vergers?" It comes from the word "verge," from the Old French verge which derives from the Latin virga or "twig."

The verge is a rod I carry in procession to protect the dean from, God forbid, being killed by anyone (Anglicans love tradition!).

I have yet to have to perform that duty!

I believe the French word is *bedeau*, a word similar to the Middle English "beadle," which was a nightwatchman in mediaeval England.

The term sacristan is usually used by the Roman Catholics and the Hebrew word *shamas* in Judaism in the synagogue.

I chose the job as vergers, as mentioned above, to be able to serve God through serving my fellow Christians. It has proven the best thing I could ever have done. The motto of the North American Vergers' Guild, of which I am a member, is "Service in worship and worship through service," a perfect expression of what vergers do.

I turned 70 in December and while 70 isn't that old nowadays, I find the job is catching up with me physically.

For that reason I am retiring as of June 30. While it is a job I dearly love and hate leaving, I have asked for assistance but no one has yet to come forth, either for the job or to join any sort of guild which we could



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HANK WILLIAMS, vergers of Christ Church Cathedral, will retire June 30.

set up and which I would train.

I was once told by a licensed layreader that my job description sounds very much like what they do in parishes so it is possibly no wonder why

there seems to be no other vergers in the diocese.

Our first cathedral vergers was Thomas Wandless in the mid-1800s, and I hope that the post will be carried on.

I personally know that God indeed does hear prayer, so I will retire in the sure knowledge that the tradition of cathedral vergers will surely continue.



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Easter at Christ Church Cathedral

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Maudy Thursday Morning Service
Bishop David Edwards was the preacher at the Maudy Thursday morning service held at Christ Church Cathedral April 18.

The service was also the blessing of the oils and renewal of ministry for lay leaders, deacons and priests. After the service, the diocese hosted a lunch at Cathedral Memorial Hall, prepared by the Cathedral ACW.

The sermon dealt with the significant event of the Thursday evening before the crucifixion — the Last Supper.

“Today we remember the evening of evenings and move forward into the night of nights,” said Bishop David as he began his sermon. “To put it into modern parlance: the whole Jesus project stands on a knife edge.”

In fact, it could have fallen apart — “the intention of God could die here” — had Jesus insisted that his father take the cup from him. But even before that, he had a gathering with his disciples.

“It is no accident that Jesus chose to bring his earthly work to an end at the Feast of the Passover,” said the bishop. “He could have confronted the religious and political powers at any time or at any of the other great festivals, such as Tabernacles, yet he chooses Passover. Why?”

Jesus “reached back into the history of the Jews” to bring the historic Passover into the present — and for us, the future.

Passover celebrated the escape from slavery, the time in Egypt when the angel of death passed over the homes of God’s people and brought destruction to the first born of Egypt. The Jews were able to escape bondage via the Red Sea, into the wilderness and finally to the Promised Land.

“The Last Supper proclaims escape from slavery too,” said Bishop David. “Every time we break the bread and pour the wine, we are declaring Jesus’ victory over the principalities and powers of this present age which enslave and injure humanity and the whole of creation.”

And it makes no difference whether the breaking and pouring is done in a great cathedral or with a few people in a nursing home, he said.

A call to service is another theme Jesus used at the Last Supper. He tells the disciples to wash each others’ feet, and service is a hallmark of Christianity.

“In our present age we are surrounded by those who are enslaved to evil or



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: LAITY RENEW THEIR VOWS DURING THE MAUDY THURSDAY morning service at Christ Church Cathedral; Dean Geoffrey Hall during the Maudy Thursday evening service; Dean Geoffrey Hall uses an egg to symbolize the empty tomb during his sermon on Easter Sunday; the 11:45 music group at Christ Church Cathedral: from left: Brent White, Kathleen Snow, Cheryl Jacobs, Gail MacGillivray, Wilma Clowater, Joanne Barfitt and Tom Fetter; the line for supper at the Maudy Thursday evening meal at Cathedral Memorial Hall included, from left: Jane Hand, Kevin Percy, Al Kingston, Helen Kingston and Althea Barlow.

who are held down by broken systems,” said the bishop. “Those addicted to alcohol, drugs, or pornography. The widow, the orphan, the refugee, the child living below the poverty line, the person so trapped by work that their family is being torn apart, the lonely, the social structures which imprison people, the abused.

“To people in those situations, it does not feel as if evil has been defeated... Today as we gather to recall that radical evening in an upper room and also to be reminded of our calling as ministers of the Gospel, let us reflect upon how we and the whole church are called to be the image of God in the mission of God.”

Bishop David led the renewal of vows, and Moncton layreader and diocesan stewardship officer Michael Briggs led David in his renewal of vows.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the bishop was assisted by the Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall and the Rev. Debbie Edmondson.

Maudy Thursday Evening Service

The observance of Maudy Thursday continued with a simple supper of soup and some quiet fellowship at Cathedral Memorial Hall. Following supper, parishioners gathered at the Cathedral for the evening service.

The scripture from John 13 described the foot washing at the Last Supper and Peter’s loud exhortation that Jesus “will never wash my feet.” Dean Geoffrey Hall spoke on the passage, particularly the meal Jesus and his disciples shared the night before the crucifixion.

“Leave it to Jesus — worker of miracles, rabbi, master teacher, Son of God, Son of man. He took a loaf of bread and a cup and said, ‘Do this in remembrance of me.’

“A simple act, a meal, intended to be a sign of all he is — into the trenches of war, our homes, hospitals and nursing homes, to church picnics, with missionaries in places far off and near and in worship spaces all over the world.”

Next to water, bread and wine are the staples of basic human sustenance, he said.

“On this night, Jesus fully intended this sign would last forever — ‘do this in remembrance of me.’”

It is tragically ironic that at that table, united with one another in anticipation with their Lord, the body is broken by deceit. That brokenness is what St. Paul addressed in his letter to the Corinthians: a long list of divisions in the church. The community was broken — “a harbingering of what lay ahead for the larger Christian church that lasts today,” said

Geoffrey.

The body of Christ is a broken body, and it began well before Paul said it. In fact, it began on this very night at the table in the upper room.

They gathered at the invitation of Jesus. Anticipation and fear filled the air. Simply being in his company put them in danger, but they came, perhaps hoping for some news.

But no, it was a simple meal, a foot washing.

“If they didn’t know it before, they knew it now,” said Geoffrey. “There was trouble in the air.”

Then Peter tries to take servanthood and turn it on its head, he said. Only hours later he would deny Jesus three times.

This night is not special for the impending doom of the next day, said Geoffrey. Its most important words are, “do this in remembrance of me” — to the broken people, to the broken church. The church remains broken and divided, “one holy and apostolic church” yet we live otherwise.

“Let us pray for the church, pray for ourselves and press on, even in spite of ourselves,” he said, in conclusion.

After Holy Communion, volunteers got to work quickly. As passages from the Psalms and Matthew were read, they removed all ornamentation from the sanctuary — all candles and candlesticks, cushions, linens,

hangings, vessels and crosses — carrying them to the sacristy.

When every adornment had been removed and the altar was laid bare, Geoffrey loudly closed a large bible and the lights were extinguished. The congregation left the darkened church in silence.

On Good Friday a morning service was held. Then on Saturday evening, an Easter vigil, with Bishop David Edwards, was also held.

Easter Sunday

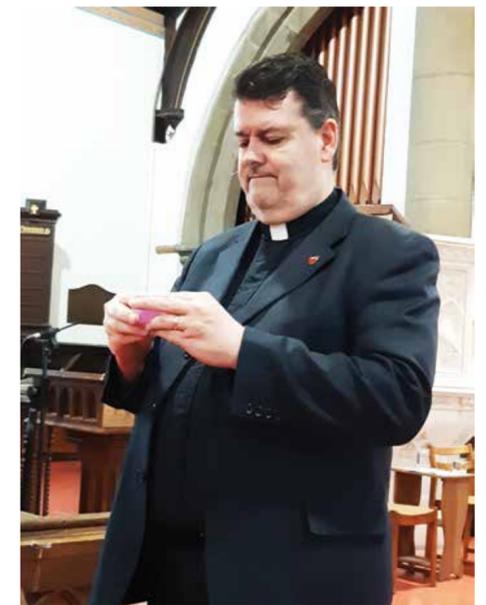
There were three services at Christ Church Cathedral on Easter Sunday. At the 11:45 Come Worship service, the praise team led the music with several resurrection-themed songs, including Above All.

Bishop David Edwards was the celebrant and Dean Geoffrey Hall was the preacher and presider.

“It’s been a long walk to Easter Sunday,” said Geoffrey. “It began more than 40 days ago, and for clergy and some lay, this past week is considered the most demanding of the year. So it’s difficult for some to get the Easter joy juices flowing.

But that’s where the resurrection comes in, he said.

“Good Friday cannot stand on its



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“SHARING HOPE & HELP”

RURAL NEW BRUNSWICK

Surviving — dare we say thriving? — in rural New Brunswick



The Rev. Dr. David Mercer

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Editor's note: This is the introduction to a series on rural parish ministry in the diocese. There are two common beliefs held by some that this series on rural parishes will challenge: that rural parishes are one step away from dying, and that mission work is predominately done in urban areas.

The New Brunswick Anglican visited with the Rev. Dr. David Mercer, priest-in-charge in the Parish of Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury & Southamton, just up river from Fredericton. He has some definite ideas on and experiences with rural parishes.

"Most rural parishes are discouraged," said the Rev. Dr. David Mercer. "But the Christian faith is about hope. If we can't give our parishes hope, they'll go elsewhere to find it."

Tenacity, though, is often what keeps rural parishes going.

"Rural people — the reason they're surviving is they dig in their heels. Their biggest fear is their church will close."

David said listening to CBC back in the 1980s, a professor talked about the three fixtures vital to rural communities: store, school and church.

"If you take those away, the community will die," he said. "It resonated."

His parish has three points — All Saints, Magaguadavic; St. Luke, Temperance Vale; and St. Clement, Dumfries. In Dumfries, St. Clement's is a newer church and rectory, brought about by what some would call an act of God. They were trying to decide whether or not to build a new church building. Then one morning, they found their building full of water. The decision was made. They rebuilt.

In winter, the parish closes the older two churches and they all gather at St. Clement's where they remain until after Easter.

Then from May 1 until Nov. 1, they rotate hosting the service each week, with lunch afterwards, which seems to work.

"The biggest fear when St. Clement's was built was that the other two would close, but it hasn't happened," he said, adding that drivers offer rides to those who need them so that everyone can get to church, no matter how far they live from the Sunday service. They average 50 a service.

"They're a community," he said. "Not three separate entities."

At 74, he's served in several parishes, but he's never had a stewardship campaign.

"I always said if you can look God in the face when you put your envelope in the plate,

you'll not have a problem with me," he said.

His small parish goes about its missions in a quiet way. They give to people in need in the community without fanfare. They gave to the Canadian Red Cross after the ice storms in northern New Brunswick two years ago and after the wildfires in Alberta. St. Clement's holds a Thanksgiving feast for the community, and in Magaguadavic, there are monthly community breakfasts each summer — by donation only.

David advocates home visits as a way to keep the connection strong between parishes and families.

"Even a handful of people should be ministered to, and it's amazing what a handful can do," he said. "You have to love people, encourage people, support people. People will do wonderful things when they're encouraged."

David is part-time in the parish, offering a Sunday service, weddings and funerals — "those kinds of things," he says, for which he takes no money. He also teaches part-time at the University of New Brunswick's philosophy department.

David has been in the parish since 2015, and he has no plans to change that.

"It's a family," he said. "It's great. The bishop has given me an opportunity to have fun!"

MISSION IN MOTION: food

Baking in Belleisle

Editor's note: This is part one of a series on rural parish ministry in the diocese.

The New Brunswick Anglican visited with the Rev. Dan McMullen, a missionary serving in Upper Kennebecasis and the Kennebecasis Valley. Dan has several missions and ministries on the go, but one of particular interest is his weekly baking class at Belleisle Regional High School.

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It's not his kitchen skills that got the Rev. Dan McMullen the job of baking mentor at Belleisle Regional High School every Monday.

"I stole the idea from a program going on at Hampton Middle School," he said. "We really try not to do much and just let them figure it out. I make a joke that we're just here to eat!"

He and teacher Sarah Garnett, who is also the youth pastor at Midland Baptist

Church, had a meeting with the principal, Micheal Chaisson, two years ago where they pitched the idea. Since then, they've been gathering in the home economics kitchen with six students — three from the upper grades and three from the lower grades — who pair up as a mentoring exercise.

The students are new each week, allowing Dan to meet and get to know virtually all the 225 students in this 6-12 rural school in Springfield, Kings County.

Just down the road in Belleisle Creek, it's the ACW at St. Simon & St. Jude's who supply the ingredients. So far the lemonade biscuits are a favourite, though muffins are popular as well. During this visit, the recipe is for chocolate chip cookies. Dan has forgotten to pick up the chocolate chips, so a partial bag of chips in the cupboard will have to suffice for the three teams of bakers.

"Each team gets four
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: RYAN BYERS AND Jordan Desruisseau; teacher Sarah Garnett and the Rev. Dan McMullen; Alex Guitard, 11, and his sister, Jillian Guitard; Austin Cormier, 11, and Austin Proctor, 17; Sarah, Jordan and Ryan; Ryan and Jordan do the dishes as part of clean-up once the cookies are in the oven.

More than baking: 'It's relationships, mentoring, blessing the community'

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chocolate chips!" Dan announces to the students.

Everyone is aproned and working together. They forego the electric mixers in favour of pulling up their sleeves and mixing by hand. Once the cookies are in the oven, they get to work on the dishes.

"Make sure you wipe the counters off, and the sinks too," says Sarah.

And once the cookies are baked, they eat a few and are allowed to take the rest to share.

"Feel free to share with your teachers — who allowed you to leave class," says Sarah.

"I love it," says Ryan Byers, 17. "I love free food, and it's a good bonding experience."

"It's a good way to spend time," says Austin Proctor, 17. "I know everyone looks forward to it, mostly for the cookies."

The purpose of all this is not really to learn to bake, though Dan is getting

better, and the kids certainly enjoy it.

"It's relationships, mentoring, blessing the community," said Dan. "The mentoring is great. We're just working on fundamental skills and building relationships. I come in and the kids say, 'it's cooking with Dan.' It sounds like a TV show!"

Dan does more than act as a baking mentor. He also began a bible study that has morphed into an action group. They were studying the book *Love Does*, by Bob Goff and the study inspired the kids to begin doing random acts of kindness. They meet about once a month to do good works at the school.

"It's mostly stuff around food," said Dan. "We make cookies, pass out cookies, pizza. These are very church kids."

"The kids said 'we don't want another group where we learn more. We want to be Christians in our school,' and that's led to the random acts."

Dan believes he's found the key to rural missions.

"Mission in very rural areas is dif-

ficult because the kids are so spread out geographically," he said.

"That's why the school is so important. You go to the places where they're already gathered."

But the fact that Dan, an Anglican priest, is allowed to mentor the students might surprise some. Much has to do with Mr. Chaisson. He taught for 20 years in the Roman Catholic school district in Fort McMurray, Alberta, and he's just a few courses short of a Masters degree in Theology. He's been the principal for four years.

"When I came here, I realized there was a substantial involvement in the faith community, so I wanted to give kids opportunities to be involved at the school level," he said.

"But we didn't have anything and I didn't have staff interested in taking it on, on top of the 101 other things they do."

But two years ago, Sarah came back from an educational leave and asked if he'd support a Bible study at lunch time.

"It was like my prayer was an-

swered," he said. "I'd wanted to do it. Sarah connected with Dan in the faith community and the program has blossomed from there."

The principal is pleased with the results.

"I think the kids look forward to it," he said. "They are learning life skills and consuming what they've created."

He's also pleased that it helps reinforce the intentional mentoring strategy at the school.

"The younger kids know the older kids are here to support them," he said. "We've worked hard at that."

As for a priestly presence in his school, he describes it this way:

"If you were skiing at Poley Mountain, and you fell down and hurt yourself, and a person came over to provide first aid, would you question his religion? You'd accept his kindness as a Good Samaritan."

"When Dan comes into our school, he's here to mentor, not specifically from a denomination. If it's good for kids, we'll do it."

MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

'A long way from Moncton'

Priest deploys to Kuwait, Iraq for six months

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Really, the Rev. Canon Chris VanBuskirk had no idea what he was getting into when he volunteered to be a military chaplain.

That was nine years ago, when Carolyn, his wife, had a brother who was being deployed to Afghanistan.

"I thought if Murray could go over there, then I should try to do something," he said. "But I really didn't realize what it was all about."

For example, he didn't know he'd have to undergo basic training and become an actual soldier.

"Basic training — when it came up, I thought it was going to be a seminar!"

The Rev. Canon Walter Williams, a retired military chaplain, had tried to recruit him years earlier.

"Walter didn't tell me anything, and I think it was probably smart that he didn't!"

But Chris survived basic training and found a whole new world as an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserves. That was in addition to his role as rector of St. George's Church in the Parish of Moncton.

"In the army, they want you to find new limits — to stretch yourself but not break you," he said. "I really needed it."

In these nine years, he's trained in Labrador three times, and in the State of Virginia as well.

Then he left the 8th Canadian Hussars and moved to 37 Brigade Headquarters, taking over Walter's old job as military chaplain overseeing all of New Brunswick and Newfoundland & Labrador's Primary Reserves. That was in 2017 and it came with a promotion to major.

One year ago, Chris was getting ready for his first deployment — a six-month training assignment in Kuwait. He was away from July to January.

He is thankful for the patience and understanding of



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LT. COL. BERNIE SCHEID AND CHRIS VANBUSKIRK, right, on the ice at Kuwait's only arena. Chris and his team played the Kuwaiti national team — and lost.

Bishop David Edwards in approving his leave, and for the Rev. Canon Allen Tapley for filling in at St. Georges during his absence. His parish team was also incredibly supportive.

"Nobody freaked out over the whole idea," said Carolyn. "Everybody was really good."

Deployment is not mandatory in the Primary Reserves, but for Chris, it came down to duty.

"Carolyn and I talked about this. I want to serve my country if I can. And I thought it would be a way to make a statement to our kids about being Canadian. And we've been in the parish for 14 and a half years. Maybe it would be good for the parish and for us," he said.

He had no choice of loca-

tions, but he figures he got lucky going to Kuwait, a small, modern, oil-rich Arab country next to Iraq that has rebuilt after the Iraqi invasion of 1990 and the subsequent Gulf War.

"My brother had done the same deployment the year before," said Carolyn.

Canadians have a presence in Kuwait at the Ali Al Salem airbase. Camp Canada has about 250 Canadian troops, part of a multinational operation led by the United States.

Camp Canada acts as a support hub for all Canadian initiatives in Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries. It also houses the Joint Task Force Iraq, to which Chris was attached.

"This is a training mission to support Iraq in its rebuild-

ing and defence against ISIS," said Chris.

His role was to provide spiritual support and religious services to Canadian troops in Kuwait. After a month or so, that role expanded to include Iraq, so his scope grew considerably and he spent a lot of time in that country.

His role was also to train peer supporters. Called Sentinels, they are troops who keep watch over their buddies for signs of distress, PTSD and so on, to get help before problems escalate. Chris described them as his eyes and ears.

Chris met and supported other chaplains from other countries. Within the Joint Task Force, there were 24 chaplains from eight countries, including the U.S., Denmark,

Italy and Spain, among others.

He also held Sunday services and had a role in special ceremonies like a change of command. And he gave regular talks to troops on all kinds of topics like forgiveness, spiritual resiliency, meditation and so on.

"The spiritual support was not limited to Anglicans or even Christians," he said.

Another role was religious leader engagement — building bridges with local religious leaders. That proved challenging.

"It's striking up a friendship or establishing trust with other religious leaders on the ground," he said. "We have the green light to do this, but nobody says, 'here's the list,'" he said.

So he had to do his own research, starting with Chapters and Google. At Chapters, Carolyn found two books that Chris described as a godsend: *They Say We Are Infidels*, by Mindy Belz, and *The Last Christians*, by Andreas Knapp.

As for Google, Chris found one Anglican church, St. Paul's, in Kuwait and one in Baghdad, St. George's. But contacting them proved difficult. He then came across Bishop Michael Lewis, of the Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf, who has oversight of the Middle East.

"He helped me to understand how we speak as a church in a Muslim-dominated country," he said, adding that the bishop referred him to other religious leaders in the region.

He found that St. George's in Baghdad had a free medical clinic, pharmacy, dental clinic and a school — for everyone, no matter what religion, and staffed by people of many religions. He also visited St. Paul's in Kuwait and was the guest preacher.

As part of cultural engagement, Chris played hockey several times at the one arena in Kuwait. Specifically, his Canadian team played the Kuwaiti national team and got beat 4-3. Playing hockey meant having his hockey gear sent, which Carolyn took care of.

The days were busy at his job — up at 5:30, gym at 5:45, and work until 8:30 or so at

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'A long way from Moncton'

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night.
 "And I never got all the work done!" he said.
 His longest stretch in Iraq was 16 days, but he never felt unsafe. He did get stranded by sand storms on occasion, though.
 He was bolstered by the lessons being taught to Iraqi leaders on things like the fair treatment of prisoners — seeing them come to a different way of thinking, from Allah the avenger to Allah the merciful, said Chris.

"You realize this is all part of our need to speak into this," he said. "And there is an opportunity to speak as a church back home. We think we don't have anything to say [but] we can speak hope."

With his church services, only a handful attended. Then it was down to Chris and one soldier for six weeks.

"Every week this guy came," said Chris. "'When two or three are gathered' — that was really big! Then his deployment was over and I said, 'OK God, what now?'"



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But God sent replacements — and more! While cleaning out his dilapidated old chapel tent, he found a box while clearing a shelf. In it were real gold flakes, frankincense and myrrh.

"So on the 12th Day of Christmas, the Americans came down carrying gold, frankincense and myrrh and we all sang We Three Kings," he said.

Chris is thankful for many things from home. His parish sent a big box that arrived at his birthday. Lots of cards and well wishes were included. He also had almost daily contact with Carolyn, sometimes even face-to-face when technology worked.

"The whole deployment was a real gift," he said. "I was flying over Iraq one day, looking

down at the Tigris and Euphrates, thinking, 'man, you are a long way from Moncton!'"

For Carolyn, a job filling in for parish outreach coordinator Klaudia Ross while she was on leave helped pass the time. The house was empty at night, which was difficult, but she found company in her family, her parish and the clergy wives in Moncton.

During the six months, his parish took the opportunity to build him a proper office, something he probably never would have done on his own.

For Chris, missing the rhythm of parish life was hard, but he felt God's hand on him during the entire time.

"I sensed that the Lord was in it, and it renewed me to get back," he said.



LEFT: CAROLYN AND CHRIS VANBUSKIRK. It was as much Carolyn's deployment as it was his, said Chris.

TOP: Coalition chaplains at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, with the Canadian Chaplain General during his visit in August 2018. Chris is second from right.



RIGHT: Chris at the Ali Al Salem airbase in Kuwait.

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EASTER CELEBRATIONS

BELOW: THE PARISH OF FREDERICTON JUNCTION held its annual "Easter Cookie Tin" project on April 20. Volunteers packed 24 Easter cookie tins with home-made cookies and Easter treats plus a chocolate cross for various members of the parish and community. It was a fun day and a wonderful experience for the parish. We pray those who received the cookies were comforted and supported in the knowledge that the parish keeps them in their thoughts and prayers.



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ABOVE: CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH) CHURCH HELD another successful Easter breakfast & Easter hunt for the children on April 21. It was held from 9:15 to 10:30, between the two services. As you can see from the photo, people were lined up for a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes, egg & ham casseroles, waffles, toast, fruit, cereal, juice, tea, coffee and hot cross buns — yum! We fed a large crowd of hungry people. This event was successful because the members of the church donated food and/or volunteered their time. Pictured in left foreground, from right to left, are servers Linda Wolstenholme, Cathy Butler and Carol Blacklock.

CENTRAL SJ COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Spring Update: Central Saint John Community Ministry

BY JASMINE & TERENCE
CHANDRA

Ministry to Newcomers

Each Tuesday evening, Terence and Steve continue to host a bible study for newcomers learning English as a Second Language

For this group of mostly Latin American students, the English Language Bible Study is an opportunity to expand their vocabulary, hone their grammar and practice their conversation skills.

Terence also ran an eight-week course on the Old Testament — a course also geared towards students of English as a Second Language.

This class (although considerably smaller than the Tuesday night Bible Study) consisted mostly of people from historically non-Christian countries — people who never had an opportunity to seriously study the Bible.

In mid-May, Terence is hoping to launch the second half of this class — An Introduction to the New Testament for Students of English as a Second Language.

Terence continues to teach an intermediate English class each Tuesday morning through the Saint John Newcomers Resource Centre — an organization that, on the 10th of April, hosted its annual volunteer appreciation dinner.

As well as celebrating their volunteers, the staff of the centre also celebrated some good news; namely, a reverse in Saint John's population decline that comes in large part, through immigration.

The staff of the Newcomers Resource Center have, no doubt, played a significant role in making Saint John a more attractive city to settle in and Terence is grateful for the opportunity to serve with them.

Ministry Updates:

There have been a lot of new developments since our last newsletter as programs keep going and others multiply.

The Emmaus Way:

We now have three Emmaus Way teams on the go. Each Emmaus way team

consists of a group of people gathered around a person who, for various reasons, may be living in unstable life circumstances. They meet together each month, share a meal and talk about how best to achieve their goals.

After a year and a half in the hospital, Janet, from our first team, has recently moved into a nice nursing home. The home has a chaplain on staff and regular services, events, and programs for her to attend.

We are looking forward to her quality of life improving as her team continues to visit her. The second team has been helping a single mom with four kids.

The youngest of the four has had some medical issues, so the team has been able to assist with transportation to the hospital and clinics.

They are currently working on financial management and budgeting.

Our latest team just formed around another single mom with two very young and active kids. She moved to Saint John from away and doesn't have friends or family here.

The main goal in these early stages is making sure that she gets some relief from her constant work as a mom and some opportunities to engage in social time with other moms.

We are so grateful to the many volunteers who make these teams happen!

Drop ins:

We continue to offer our community drop-in program once a week on the second floor of Trinity Church. We have somehow muddled through with three of our volunteers going away to seek shelter in warmer climates. Now that they are back, we are even more grateful for their time with us.

We have also been asked to start a coffee and social time at a seniors apartment building in the Waterloo Village area of Saint John.

This subsidized building has over 90 units and their social committee is looking for ways to better engage the residents.

Once a month we offer a coffee time with refreshments,



TERENCE CHANDRA PHOTO

TERENCE CHANDRA WITH HIS BIBLE STUDY GROUP. The participants are newcomers to Saint John who are learning English while studying the bible.

MISSION IN MOTION: community

games and adult colouring. We have a couple of wonderful people bringing some food, and our Archdeacon Keith Osborne volunteering his time.

It would be great to have a couple of others so that we could have more activities. We hope this is something a local parish will be interested in taking on.

Programs for youth:

Our Youth Discipleship group continues to meet once a week. Some weeks we look into scripture or different spiritual issues.

Other weeks we focus on building community through games and social time. We recently discussed anger and what healthy and unhealthy expressions of anger look like.

Jasmine has been helping Erin Hodge at Inner City Youth run a "Fit, fun, and fierce" program for girls in Grades 5 and 6.

This has been a wonderful time to mentor these girls and address important issues in their lives. We have talked about societal values, looked at the rights of the child, discussed the things that are important to them, and heard about their lives, their struggles, and their hopes.

Sophia House Prayer Program:

Jasmine completed another session of the Art of Prayer with the women at Sophia House, a recovery centre for women dealing with addictions.

There was a wonderful moment when we looked at prayer through music and the small group sang along to each of the songs, ending with an a cappella version of 'Jesus loves me.'

Never has that childhood song seemed so moving.

Community Partnerships: We are going to be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club and the Aquatic Centre to offer a leadership program for youth aged 12-15.

We continue to walk the neighbourhoods, attend community meals, support community events, pack groceries for the Food Purchasing Club, and assist on boards for Inner City Youth, KAIROS, Safe Harbour, and IARCCUM. We also help with a monthly Messy Church event at Stone Church.

We are always wonderfully surprised at who comes to these events as they are a fantastic blend of people from the community — people from various churches and friends we have gotten to know from our time here.

We enjoy this different expression of church immensely, but our kids like it even more.

Kids Lead:

We've had a fantastic time running this program with Erin from ICYM. Thanks to Barbara Shantz of Giveway Visioning for her help! We look forward to running this program again soon!

You can read more about this great kids' program on page 8 of this paper.

To support Terence and Jasmine:

While we receive some funding from the Diocese of Fredericton (Thank you!) and Stone Church (Thank you!), and free space from Trinity church (Thank you!), we largely rely on donations to make our work possible.

If you feel this is something you would like to help with, tax receiptable donations can be made to the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton with a note that funds are to go to Central Saint John Community Ministry.

This can be done through Canada Helps (CSJCM is in a drop down tab on the page) <https://www.canada-helps.org/en/dn/13778>, by cheque sent to the Diocese - 115 Church Street Fredericton, NB E3B 4C8, or by phone (506) 459-1801.

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BISHOP MCALLISTER COLLEGE

TODAY I CAN STAND OUT OF THE CROWD

BY NABIMANYA CATHERINE

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for." Jeremiah: 29:11

I am so grateful to God that He gave me hope for the future through the best school, Bishop Mcallister College Kyogyera, where I got the opportunity to grow holistically.

My name is Nabimanya Catherine; I am a sixth born out of seven children.

I lost my father in 1997 when I was only three years old and my eldest sibling was in primary six. Getting food and other basic necessities since then was too hard for a single mother who never had a job or even any investments; we used to have one meal in a day.

We never had any other support from either friends or even relatives, but God knew us before even we were formed in our mother's womb so we were able to survive with our mother selling grains in the market and working in people's gardens for a living.

My two eldest siblings left school after the death of my father and they joined mum to work and produce food for the family.

The five of us stayed in school but we were sent home for school fees over time because we never paid school fees in time, which was worth 2,000 shillings per head.

I thank God who gave my siblings and I wisdom that much as we were always absent from school, we used to perform well, hence earning us favor from the administration which would let us do exams with debts of school dues.

Through struggling, I completed primary seven with first grade, and little did I know that I would join any secondary school. After I had received my results, I was home with no hope of joining a secondary school.

Glory to God, who brought forth before me a woman of great mercy and compassion, Mrs. Hope Asimwe Twina-

matsiko (the wife to Rev. Can. Caleb Twinamatsiko) whom I met at church, and she learned about my painful story.

Later a bit of hope came to me and I joined a private school which was just being established near my home and was offering me a bursary. Aunt Hope, who I had met at church, advocated for me in the school where her husband was the head teacher.

Special thanks to them and the Rector, Rev. Can. Paul Jafferries, who accepted and got me a caring mother.

He also visited my family and prayed with us, which gave us a lot of hope. Canon Paul was sent to us as Ugandans by God to give light, and I always pray to God to bless him. He is a father to many of us.

I was registered on sponsorship at BMCK and left the former school after one term. I started a better life at Kyogyera!

I got a very caring mother Mrs. Jane Henderson (may her soul rest in eternal peace). She was an older Canadian woman who devoted herself to sponsoring five girls every year. I was very happy to be the fifth girl in 2007 and since then, my ever-frowned and sad face got a daily charming smile!

It was always great for me to sit in class and study with no worry about school fees or even up-keep. I enjoyed all the study trips for six years because my ticket was always paid for. The school offered me all opportunities to identify and exploit my capabilities in all aspects.

I was a bible study coordinator and prayer secretary, co-curricular prefect and class counselor. This gave me leadership skills as well as experience on both self-management and administration.

While at McAllister, I was given a platform to exhibit my talent in soccer where I managed to play as a defender for six years. This opened for me more doors to play.

For example it was in 2010 when I was selected to participate in the Airtel Rising stars Tournament from which I was



Nabimanya Catherine

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given a certificate.

After completing senior six in 2012, my darling mum, Ms. Jane Henderson, sent a memo that she could not sponsor me to the university because she was getting too old and could no longer raise money. She promised to keep praying for me.

I thank staff and administration for the moral, social, spiritual and cognitive support they gave me to ensure that I excel holistically throughout my stay on the hill at McAllister: "The place where the Holy spirit dwells."

Through my senior six vacation, I was volunteering in a charity organization where I met an intern from Uganda Christian University Mukono.

I shared my testimony with her and she connected me with the Ladies' soccer coach for Uganda Christian University.

By faith I applied for a degree in Library and Informa-

tion science. I was admitted but had no money for self- sponsorship and the Sports department was only offering board fee, so I had to pay other fees. The sports department covered almost 80 per cent.

During vacation I had savings my family relatives and my friends contributed for me for the top up and upkeep and I left for university in September 2013.

I applied for work and study scheme at the university where I would work for 10 hours per week and they would pay me 400,000 Ugandan shillings (\$142 CDN) per semester. My family had also slightly improved and they would send in any affordable amounts to ensure that I had complete tuition.

I completed the first semester and started the second, which I studied up to the last day, but failed to do exams for I failed to raise 570,000 USH

(\$203 CDN) and so I registered a dead year.

I again returned to where I had worked during vacation and worked with them for eight months. Having made savings for the second semester tuition, I returned to the university because I had to prepare for East African University games. Later I resumed school for second semester Year one and successfully completed it.

I went through hardest and good times while at university but I always prayed to God to keep me on the right track.

When I joined second year, the University Sports Committee started topping up for me to finish tuition starting from what I could raise. My third year was so great that I even cleared before the semester began!

All this happened because God was up-holding my game performance that always impressed the Sports Committee. I was not enrolled on a formal university scholarship, but through hard work and God's provision, I successfully completed the course in August 2017 and graduated on 27th October 2017.

Currently I am volunteering at the same charity organization that helped me save money for school and I am hoping for God will as I am applying for jobs.

I am supporting my family in providing the basic needs in life and am looking forward to working hard and inspire other females that are in Uganda faced with such challenges.

God is so faithful. I am the first graduate in my family with a degree in Library and Information Science from the best university in Uganda.

It so painful that Mrs. Jane Henderson is now living eternally. I did not get a chance to congratulate her for the great work she did. May she continue to rest in peace.

The Psalmist says, "Trust in Him at all times you People; pour out your hearts to him for God is our Refuge" Psalm: 62:8

My special and sincere appreciation go to my Canadian family, Rev. Can. Paul Jafferries, Aunt Hope, Rev. Can. Caleb, staff of BMC for making me who I am today. May God bless you richly.

Long live my home — Bishop McAllister College.

Nabimanya Catherine -
SOARING TO GREAT HEIGHTS!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

'All things work together for good'

BY KIMBERLEY MUNN

Christ Church in the Parish of Pennfield, built in 1835, has recently experienced some major weather-related issues.

In the spring of last year, the long-standing steeple was destroyed in a wind storm (and not covered by insurance).

Then, over the past winter, the shingles on the main roof succumbed to storms as well, causing leaks in the church.

Again, not covered by insurance.

The congregation, which has shown recent growth, had a major decision to make: how could we raise a substantial amount of money (\$16,000) to repair the damages in a fairly short amount of time?

The Rev. Caleb Twina-matsiko stated that the church, built 184 years ago, was built to last and under his watch it was not going to fall into irreparable damage.

Caleb led us on by saying, "I know we have all the money we need, it's in our pockets and we just have to find a way to get it out."

Everyone seemed fine with



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Building church birdhouses has proven popular in the Parish of Pennfield. Here apprentices Claude Holland, Brent Dakai and Tony Munn work with the Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko.

Caleb's take on the situation and so began the team work.

On March 10, while Caleb was announcing the first goal of \$1,000 by the end of March,

\$1,500 was given — almost immediately.

Needless to say, by the end of March we were fully involved in raising funds.

The giving of time and resources by our church family has been phenomenal!

A few of our major fundraisers have been: construction

and sale of replica bird houses in the style of churches (all supplies donated by local business people), Lenten self-denial bags, music night at a local community hall (with free-will admission going to support our cause), a large spring yard sale, and a Zumba day with participants paying to attend the sessions.

Parishioners have willingly stepped out of their comfort zones to support, and even take the lead, in fundraising events. To date we have raised \$9,000.

Who would ever think that storm damage would bring a congregation closer and enable them to work together for a common goal?

Surely, you've heard that the Lord moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform!

The birdhouses have been particularly popular.

One parishioner was overheard saying to Caleb, "You must let your family back home (in Uganda) know that you've built 75 churches in the year you've been here. Not everyone can boast of that!"

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MUSIC COLUMN

The wacky, wacky world of October Light

Anyone remember the Mighty Mighty Bosstones? That band would put a smile on your face almost any time.

They were an example of a band influenced by ska - the Jamaican bright, shuffling, jazzy kind of music that is a popular niche sound every few years in pop music.

That sound, with the grooves, the horn lines, and the rhythmic guitar is front and centre in the music of October Light, as they just released their new album, *Till the End*.

October Light is not a name known everywhere around here, and that might not change right away, but now you can say that you know at least one Croatian ska Christian band.

Perhaps because English is not their first language, their words are much easier to understand than many groups recording today, as they ensure every syllable is announced well. It may seem a little dry, but it fits the clean style of the music very well. Most of tracks make for a great album to have



playing outside as the weather gets warmer out.

The lyrics may be a bit “hokey” in some places, but this simplicity of thought and message can be rather refreshing in a time when so much other music’s text is clothed in metaphor and secrets that only superfans of the artist would comprehend.

The album starts off with a great, energetic, groovy track called “No Good.” It’s melodic, it’s simple, and it’s fun to listen to. You could call it a classic ska track, and that’s more than OK.

The title track follows, with a simple message that says everything will be OK, because God goes with you. Just when this group seems to be figured out, a rap song drops in the middle of the album, in German! (I tried to find a quick translation, but online lyrics



were not forthcoming).

If that wasn’t enough, there is also a ’50s “doo-wop” tune called *Someday* that shows up as well. Add to that the song “Heart’s Desire,” which starts off slowly, but soon opens up into a funk/disco kind of jam. If that weren’t enough variety, *October Lights* shows their synth-pop side in the slower, ballad-esque track, “Close To Home.”

This is a strong song, which features additional guest vocals from band friends Zsa Zsa and Ninos Hanna (also not household names here, as much as

I can figure out). The simple idea of this song: “When I pray I’m close to home.”

One might think all the changes of musical style would leave a listener somewhat dizzy, but that is surprisingly not the case. There are common elements of lyric style, and often the timbre of the horn section. Whatever it is, it works.

The album finishes with two rather interesting tracks. “Something Special” is a new recording of an older song. It’s a rocking, horn-driven tune whose melody can stick in your head for days (ask

me how I know).

The last song is a rather cheeky ska version of the creation story from the book of Genesis. I find it kind of neat how they paraphrase the six days of creation, and yes, I am rather partial to the alto sax playing (power to my people!).

It has been quite a while since a person’s choice of music was defined by what was at the record store. Online music listening and purchasing means we can find almost anything in the world.

While October Light may not crack the North American music charts, or top the sales lists, it is still some fine music, and has a good message to convey.

For me, that makes any music worth listening to. I hope it is so for you, dear Reader, too.

Give this Croatian ska band with German friends, and many different musical styles, a try. You might find your new favourite song for a while!

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



Fredericton Police Force Chief Leanne Fitch, lifelong Anglican, retiring this month

Favourite book of the Bible - Isaiah

Birthplace - Moncton

What you love most about God - God’s never-ending love

Favourite place on Earth – My home

Farthest you’ve been from home – Australia

Favourite meal or dessert - My mother’s roast beef dinner and Yorkshire pudding

Biggest fear – A lost child — in every sense, an abducted or missing child, and Children of God who lose their way. People who lose their way and who corrupt their power and authority.

Hidden talent – Oil painting

Favourite movie or book – *Foul Play* with Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase. Favorite book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Your hobby – My horses

Three things always in your fridge – Eggs, maple syrup and beer

Favourite sports team – Hmmm... I will revisit that in retirement when I have enough time to watch and decide. But if pushed for an answer — the Leafs, always the Toronto Maple Leafs!



The Rev. David Peer has been appointed Executive Officer for the Diocesan Synod, effective July 1. He leaves the Parish of East Saint John.

The Rev. Chris Hayes’ appointment as Regional Dean of the Deanery of Shediac is extended for a further three years, to April 15, 2022.

The Rev. Fran Bedell has been re-appointed Regional Dean of the Deanery of Woodstock for a three-year term, until April 30, 2022.

The Rev. Geoffrey Howson has been appointed incumbent (part-time interim) in the Parish of Grand Manan, effective June 15. Geoffrey is retiring to

New Brunswick from Peterborough in the Diocese of Toronto.

The Rev. Chris McMullen is appointed incumbent (part-time interim) in the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis, effective Sept. 1.

The Rev. Craig O’Brien is appointed incumbent in the Parishes of Sackville and Dorchester, effective Sept. 1.

A service of ordination will take place, Sunday, June 23 (Nativity of St. John the Baptist deferred) at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton. **Harold Boomer, Jonathan Hallowell, Cole Hartin and Rob Montgomery** will be ordained priests.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SCOUTING CELEBRATION!

RUTH AIKEN, LEFT, WITH HER WELL-ADORNED SCOUTING BLANKET, and Allen Urquhart, right, are stalwarts in the Scouts Canada organization in Moncton. Both have been long-time leaders at St. George's Anglican Church, the meeting place of 1st Moncton St. George's Scouting. This fall, it will host a celebration of 100 years of Scouting at St. George's and invites all those who have been involved over the years — Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders. Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. is the date for this centenary service and reception. Contact the church more information: 506.855.5209 or office@stgeorgesmoncton.ca.



100 YEARS STRONG

ST. LUKE'S ACW, GONDOLA POINT, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year with a banner made to celebrate the occasion. The banner was a combined effort of the ACW members. ACW was called WA (Women's Auxiliary) back in 1919. Minutes from annual meetings dating back to the 1940s helped St Luke's ACW find its starting point. Celebrations have already begun in the parish. In January the group presented an anniversary cake to the congregation at an after-service brunch. On Easter Sunday they hosted a pizza party after the service. On Mother's Day the members planned to wear hats. And in June, members plan a tea with neighbouring churches invited. Front row, from left: Donna Perry, Barb McDermott, Rosemarie Kingston (parish president), Alice Parlee and Joyce McElman. Back Row: Heather Hynds, Winnie Cooper, Karen Patterson and Tara Hasany.



AMPHITHEATRE CONSTRUCTION



CONSTRUCTION OF THE JONATHAN YOUNG MEMORIAL AMPHITHEATRE at Camp Medley has begun with underground infrastructure, and will accelerate in the coming days. The erection of structural steel, construction of the deck, roof and wheelchair ramp, installation of the fireplace, and the addition of electrical components are all expected to be completed in time for this summer's camping season. Fundraising is ongoing for this lovely addition to the camp, in memory of camper Jonathan Young who died of brain cancer in 2014 at the age of 11. To donate, call the diocesan office (506-459-1801, ext. 221) or go online: anglican.nb.ca. Click on "donate" at the top right and choose Camp Medley Jonathan Young Memorial Amphitheatre under FUND.