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ON THE BLUFF

ON THE LAST FULL DAY of the 5th annual Bishop's Pilgrimage, a hearty group climbed what is commonly known as The Bluff in Sussex Corner to enjoy incredible views of Dutch Valley in all its autumn splendour. The pilgrims are, from left: Carol Makepeace, the Rev. Dr. Sean Davidson, Bishop David Edwards, Barb McMillan, Brad Buchanan, and his children, Lauren and Nathan.

Busy, productive day at Diocesan Synod

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

For the 137th time, Diocesan Synod gathered to debate and decide on its future path, this time at Journey Wesleyan Church in Fredericton on Nov. 2

A quorum was declared early in the day, with 67 of 80 clergy delegates and 131 of 169 laity delegates in attendance. Many others, including invited guests, observers, musicians and diocesan staff were also present.

Three ecumenical guests were introduced: the Rev. Lisa Vaughn, parish vitality coordinator in the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island; the Rev. Canon Neale Bennet, president of the Atlantic School of Theology; and Audrey Lounder, representing the United Church of Canada.

One of the first orders of business was an explanation of why several clergy were dressed in military uniforms. The Rev.

Michael Caines, one of several military chaplains from the diocese in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve Force, told the crowd that their choice of dress was to encourage other clergy to consider military chaplaincy, as there is a pronounced need across the country.

Morning Prayer was enhanced by the music of three women who also led worship during the Deep Roots diocesan gathering in June: Joni Richard-

son and Alysa Melanson on vocals and L.J. Smith on keyboard.

BISHOP'S CHARGE

Bishop David Edwards presented his charge, beginning with appreciation for the decision to cancel last year's synod because of his wife Janet's sudden illness. He also thanked everyone for their support in the past year after Janet's death.

The focus of the charge was mission.

"During my time as Bishop, my emphasis has been on mission and partnership. I have been impressed how this has been taken up," he said.

"I constantly find that as I visit parishes, I am told about the ways in which things are being done for others: the knitting

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"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS

Synod adopts missional, discipleship motions

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Two motions dealing with enhanced discipleship and a plan for missions were passed at the 137th Diocesan Synod held Nov. 2 at Journey Wesleyan Church.

Parish development officer Shawn Branch presented information on both topics and moved the motions.

The first dealt with “A Season of Intentional Discipleship,” a world-wide Anglican initiative launched in 2016. The motion to adopt this initiative was planned for 2018 synod which was cancelled.

For this diocese, the motion has sprung from the momentum of the *Surprise the World* book by Michael Frost and the subsequent study of its tenants: Bless, Eat, Listen, Learn, Sent out. That was presented at the 2017 Diocesan Synod and had a deep and lasting impact on the diocese.

“We’ve put a large focus on becoming people of mission, reaching out in our communities,” said Shawn. “Across the globe, the Anglican Communion says it’s time to take this seriously.”

The Season of Intentional Discipleship, says its website, is “about equipping Christians to live their everyday lives as followers of Jesus Christ, following his example and his teaching.

“It is about putting faith into practice and training other believers to do the same. It is about mentoring and encouraging believers so that their faith has an impact on the world around them.”

“We want to stand with our brothers and sisters around the globe about having a Jesus-shaped life,” said Shawn. “This is important for the future of our diocese.”

Shawn showed a video on the initiative which included Archbishop Justin Welby, who said, “what you don’t do intentionally, you don’t do at all, frankly.”

From the floor, there were several comments on the motion.

The Rev. Canon Greg McMullin: “I really appreciate the spirit of this motion.”

The Rev. Canon Patricia Drummond: “I think this is the most important thing we’ve



discussed all day.”

The international Season of Intentional Discipleship initiative runs until 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

The second motion was on parish Mission Action Plans (MAP) – “that each parish discern and develop a Mission Action Plan during 2020 that outlines its mission, discipleship and ministry focus for the next five years.”

“This is for every parish,” said Shawn. “I know some already doing this have found it’s given them great fruit and encouragement.”

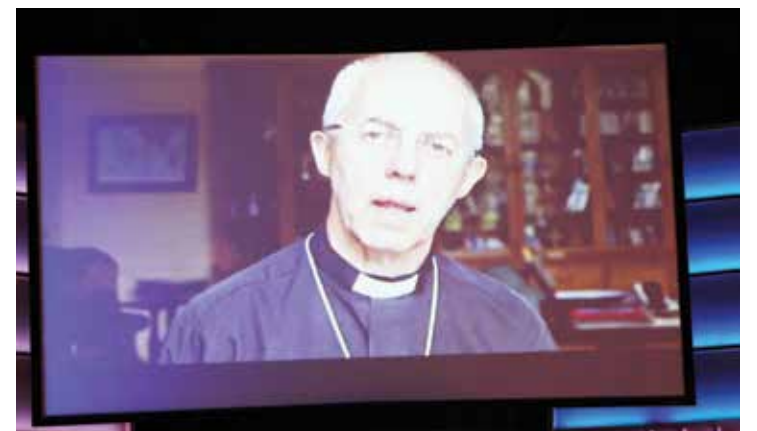
This motion passed with no discussion and a unanimous

vote.

“As I mentioned in my Charge, the whole of my professional ministry since 1989, and before that as a volunteer, has centred on mission and evangelism,” said Bishop David Edwards.

“My heart’s desire is to see the Body of Christ, the Church, being healthy in all its manifestations.

“To that end, I am delighted that the motions concerning Mission Action Plans (MAPs) and intentional discipleship were passed. It is my hope that we will become more focussed in these aspects of our life together.”



TOP LEFT: THE REV. CANON PATRICIA DRUMMOND speaks on the motion to join the Season of Intentional Discipleship.

TOP RIGHT: Parish development officer Shawn Branch speaks on the two motions — discipleship and missions.

REMAINING: Shots of the Season of Intentional Discipleship video played during Shawn’s presentation, including one of Archbishop Justin Welby, above.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

From light to light



As we come into December liturgically, we move from the almost unremitting green of the Trinity or Pentecost season, firstly to the white of Christ the King and then to the purple (I know some of us are blue) of Advent.

As the Church's year ends, we are reminded of who Jesus is, the King, and then through the dark days of our new year in December we are reminded to look for the king.

I am afraid I am a traditionalist concerning Advent, being a purple person not a blue one.

I realize that for some there is a need to differentiate between Lent and Advent, but I see both as a preparation for one of

our two major feasts, Easter and Christmas.

Consequently, each of these seasons gives us time for reflection and penitence.

In the northern hemisphere, December is the time of year when the light retreats, days shorten, and the nights become long and dark.

We are a long way from the careless days of summer. The lake where we may have swum during the hot days of July and August is slowly freezing over.

Soon the hardy can go out to skate or clear a rink, but most of us will, at best, stare across the frozen wastes, thinking of warmer times and giving us time to reflect.

The bright glory of Christ the King Sunday emphasizes the darkening of Advent. As we search ourselves, we too can see the darkness within.

The light of Christ will reveal those things which have to be illuminated as we seek to walk more closely with him. This exposing is not an act of judgment by God but one of grace.

We are called to turn away from those things which harm us, to freely receive the healing



WALDEMAR-BRANDT ON UNSPLASH

power of God.

There is also joy in Advent. On the third Sunday, Gaudete, we are reminded to rejoice. We share the joy of the shepherds as they discovered the Christ-child. We also have the first hint of John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord.

Once again, we travel on through the darkening days until, on Christmas Day, we are reminded that Jesus is the light who shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put the light out.

In five short weeks, we move

from light to light. The glory of Christ the King, to the celebration of his birth and the anticipation of his coming again.

The journey is from light to light, but we have to pass through the darkness.

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

DECEMBER 1
PARISH OF ST. GEORGE;
MONCTON, LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 4
PARISHES OF CAMBRIDGE & WATERBOROUGH AND GAGETOWN

DECEMBER 8
* PARISH OF PRINCE WILLIAM, DUMFRIES, QUEENSBURY & SOUTHAMPTON

DECEMBER 8-9
DIOCESAN PRAYER RETREAT

DECEMBER 15
* PARISH OF ST. PHILIP'S; PARISH OF EAST SAINT JOHN

DECEMBER 22
PARISH OF MCADAM

DECEMBER 24-25
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

JANUARY 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE AND RECEPTION - CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

JANUARY 4
WEDDING OF BISHOP DAVID AND DEBBIE COLLICOTT

JANUARY 5-18
VACATION
* CONFIRMATION



Mike Briggs

Stewardship reflections during Advent

I am writing this just a few days ahead of All Saints Day but by the time you read it Advent will be here, or very nearly. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in the Church and a good time to reflect on the past year and on the year to come.

I have quoted before from Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby's book, *Dethroning Mammon**.

As part of each chapter, he takes a reading in one of the Gospels, explains it from his point of view and then during the chapter, poses question that force you to reflect, not only on

what you have just read, but on your own life and experiences.

This is very powerful and a great way to think of being a good steward of all that God has freely given you to use for good or not.

Chapter 3 is titled 'What we have, we hold' and uses John 12: 1-11 as the Gospel example. In this reading Mary has just anointed Jesus' feet with nard and Judas was aghast and questioned this.

He was not necessarily being generous, but he looked after the disciples' finances and occasionally stole from it. Later Jesus goes on to say that the poor will always be with them but He will not.

Some of the questions Justin asks in the chapter are as follows: 'What is your most valuable possession? Are there any

circumstances under which you can imagine giving it away?

'How do you shape your life in order that worship of Jesus comes first,' and lastly, 'Do you remember a time when someone acted in a surprisingly selfless manner to your benefit?'

Do you remember a time when you acted in that way? Have you ever regretted it?'

Mary's act of anointing Jesus' feet with nard, a very valuable oil, was not just an act of selflessness, but a way of worshipping Jesus while He was still with them.

She gave away a valuable possession with no thought of reward, just the satisfaction of serving and worshipping Jesus.

As we approach Advent with all the attendant waiting for the Nativity, and special services where we praise God with cheer-

ful songs, use the time to reflect on some of the questions I have quoted above from *Dethroning Mammon*.

How are you being a good steward; how much do you hold onto unnecessarily? This exercise may lead you to declutter your space. I wrote on this recently after moving and it revealed to me how much we had held onto that we did not need.

I wish you all a blessed Advent and Christmas.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD

Busy day at 137th Diocesan Synod

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of hats for babies, the making of prayer shawls, bowling to help feed hungry children, and so on.”

The bishop noted two recent events with the same missional theme: the Deep Roots gathering in June, which featured *Surprise the World* author Michael Frost; and the September clergy conference led by Canon Phil Potter.

“Today we will begin an intentional response to these inspirational events,” he said.

The first was a motion voted on later in the day to join the rest of the Anglican Communion in the “Season of Intentional Discipleship,” an invitation to commit our lives to learn everything about Jesus and as much as possible, live like Him.

The second was a call for every parish to devise a Mission Action Plan (MAP).

“There will be resources available for this,” said the bishop, adding they could be simple or complex plans, as the need dictates.

“If that means dropping something internal to do something external, then so be it,” he said.

Bishop David spoke of the 2019 General Synod, highlighting the many positive initiatives that were sadly overshadowed by the Marriage Canon vote, which did not receive enough votes in the House of Bishops to include same-gender marriage as a sacrament in the church.

“I want us to concentrate on the cure of souls in this province, to provide innovative ministries and traditional ministries, to educate followers, to establish partnerships with other entities for the good of our communities, following the Five Marks of Mission,” he said.

“Our purpose is to extend the Kingdom of God, to change our communities, to see men and women, boys and girls come to know Jesus.

“That is my passion. I pray it will be all our passions,” he said.

Diocesan communications officer Gisele McKnight gave a short presentation on the new mission statement, tagline and logo for the diocese and



TOP: THE VIEW FROM THE head table.

ABOVE: The music of Alysa Melanson and Joni Richardson on vocals and L.J. Smith on keyboard (background).

ABOVE RIGHT: The Rev. Canon Ross Hebb speaks to one of the many motions before Diocesan Synod.

Photos by Gary Barfitt and Derwin Gowan

the rationale for the choices. Mission statement: Followers of Jesus sharing hope and help in our communities and beyond. Tagline: Sharing hope and help.

MOTIONS

There were 18 non-procedural motions put forth during the day, all but one of which were passed. Most dealt with canon changes to reflect the reality of the time and the necessary change of wording.

However, the first motion, to reduce the age range for a parish's third delegate to synod, took the most time and prompted the most response, both for and against.

At the 2017 Diocesan Syn-

od, the upper age of a youth delegate was raised from 25 to 35, though it also prompted much debate. Immediately afterward, there was a plan to bring this motion back to synod, with the hope of lowering the age back to 25.

This time, with about 20 synod members arguing for or against, the vote showed not everyone wanted the change, and the motion was lost.

Parish development officer Shawn Branch explained the history of the Season of Intentional Discipleship, a world-wide Anglican initiative, and the need for the Diocese of Fredericton to join it.

It and the Missional Action Plan (MAP) for parishes, both

of which were motions, were unanimously adopted.

The Revs. Leo Martin and Paul Ranson co-authored a unity motion in response to the outcome of the marriage canon vote at General Synod in July. Leo introduced the motion with these words:

We bring this motion forward with the idea that even though we may disagree on certain definitions in the Church, we believe we are all called to co-exist and to promote — by example — the ministry of reconciliation to ourselves as a body, and to others.

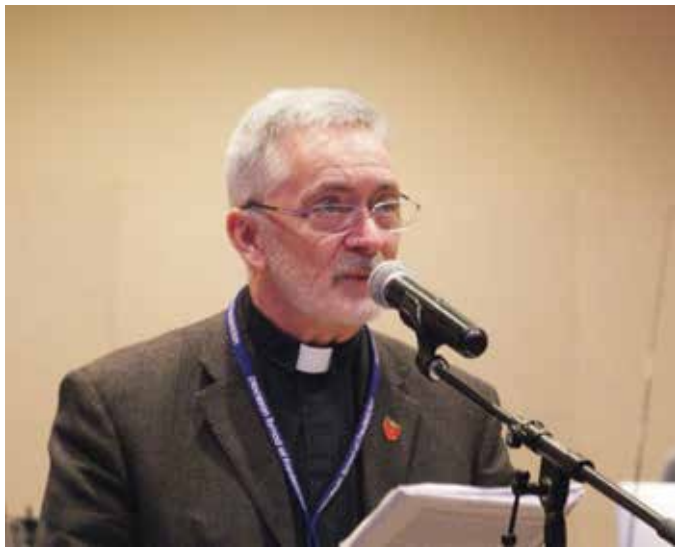
Over the past years, we have faced some rough periods. We have been polarized

on the definition of marriage within the Church. Disagreements and debates are normal, and they often happen around our dining room tables; but polarization can be detrimental to the model of Christian behaviour we are all called to show.

So I move this motion, seconded by the Rev. Paul Ranson, NOT to reopen the debate, but in the hope that we stand as one body, embracing our differences and committing ourselves, under the banner and leadership of Jesus Christ, to work and walk together in unity towards the mission which is set before us.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE REV. CANON LEO MARTIN speaks on the unity motion; the Rev. Michael Caines speaks to the Rev. Stephen Harnish at the recruiting table for military chaplains. All the diocese's military chaplains were dressed in uniform to highlight the need for chaplains in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve Force; Bishop David Edwards delivers his charge; members vote on a motion; the Rev. Canon Chris Vanbuskirk speaks to a motion; Matthew Pitman speaks on the age of youth delegates motion that tried, but ultimately failed, to change the age from the upper limit of 35 to 25.

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There was one comment at the microphone, and the motion passed unanimously.

LUNCH

The venue of Journey Wesleyan Church was new for the diocese, and offered one-level access, large and comfortable theatre-style seating, and a separate gym for the noon meal. Lunch was catered by a large crew from the Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, and included an array of choices: sandwiches in many varieties,

vegetables, nachos and dip, fruit kebobs, pastries and ice cream sundaes.

Two elections were held for delegates to General Synod in 2022 and Provincial Synod in 2021. See the synod election story in the December edition of the NB Anglican for results.

OTHER

Guests Neale Bennet and Audrey Louder addressed the delegates and thanked Diocesan Synod for the invitation to attend.

Richard Walsh, of the Parish of Chatham, gave the response to the bishop's charge, say-

ing, "Thank you for being our Good Shepherd, for guiding us at this time, for teaching us in such an inspiring manner. God bless you abundantly, Bishop David."

Kathy Asch, Parish of Woodstock, presented the final motion, which was to send greetings from Synod to a long list of people, beginning with HRH Queen Elizabeth, to our political leaders and our church leaders near and far.

Bishop David offered some closing remarks: "Thank you for the debate. As a diocese we need to continue to work our way through how we do mission and how we do evangelism."

Just before closing, he

introduced his fiancée, Debbie Collicott, and invited everyone to their wedding, taking place Jan. 4 at Christ Church Cathedral. (You must RSVP; see the story in the November paper; ad in the December paper).

The day ended with worship and Evening Prayer.

On Monday morning after Diocesan Synod, Bishop David had these words to sum up the 137th Diocesan Synod:

"In general, I think Diocesan Synod was a good event. We managed to make significant adjustments to some of our Canons to reflect practice.

"There were also good levels of debate around important issues, which led to good ideas coming forward, which could

make a difference in the future.

"I felt that in the main the venue was good, though there are clearly some wrinkles to work out with regard to use of space. It was particularly important to have good access to seating. I also think the dining area worked well for us.

"I am grateful to everyone who participated in many different ways to enable things to run smoothly."

More coverage of Diocesan Synod will appear in the January edition of the NB Anglican, including stories on the motion to change the definition of youth delegates, a more in-depth look at the motions and the Bishop's Charge.

DIOCESAN SYNOD



Synod elections have more gender diversity this time

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

In July 2019, the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton sent eight delegates to General Synod, all of them men.

That caused some to wonder why there was no female representation from the diocese at such an important event. The simple answer was no women were elected as delegates or alternates. One has to be nominated in order to get on the ballot.

This time, at the 137th Diocesan Synod held on Nov. 2, the diocese had a much more diverse list of candidates for the two elections held — for Provincial Synod in 2021 and General Synod in 2022. There were two on the Provincial Synod ballot and five women on the General Synod ballot.

All this ensures that, barring complications when the two synods actually take place, our delegations will be more representative of the population of the diocese.

Readers should note that delegates on the ballot are ranked according to the number of votes they receive. Those with the most votes are the first to attend. Should someone not be able to attend, organizers go down the list to choose the next available elected member. Therefore, the list of delegates is always fluid

until much closer to the actual synod dates.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD ELECTION

At the election for Provincial Synod there were two women and two men on the laity ballot. No women were on the clergy ballot.

Provincial Synod election results, in order:

CLERGY: Kevin McAllister, Rob Langmaid, Teddy Quaam, Thomas Nisbitt, Harold Boomer

LAITY: Robert Taylor, Laura McNulty, Jason Smith, Louise Whalen

The diocese normally sends a six-person delegation to Provincial Synod: bishop, youth delegate, two clergy and two laity. Assuming everyone is able to participate at the 2021 synod, our delegation will include Bishop David Edwards, Kevin McAllister, Rob Langmaid, Robert Taylor and Laura McNulty. No youth were nominated for the Nov. 2 election.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION

In the clergy category of the General Synod election, three women topped the list with the most votes: the Ven. Cathy Laskey, the Rev. Ann Fairweather and the Ven. Wandlyn Snelgrove. Among the laity,

Laura McNulty and Siobhan Laskey were on the ballot.

General Synod election results, in order:

CLERGY: Cathy Laskey, Ann Fairweather, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Paul Ranson, Cole Hartin, Bob LeBlanc, Gerald Laskey, Sean Davidson

LAITY: David Bell, Peter Irish, Laura McNulty, Siobhan Laskey, Richard Walsh, Beresford Price / Ken Brien (tied)
YOUTH: Eric Beek

The diocese usually sends an eight-person delegation including the bishop, one youth delegate, three clergy and three laity. Assuming everyone is able to participate in 2022, our delegation would include Bishop David, Eric Beek, Cathy Laskey, Ann Fairweather, Wandlyn Snelgrove, David Bell, Peter Irish and Laura McNulty.

“As I said at Synod, I am very glad more women stood for election to Provincial and General Synods and that some were elected,” said Bishop David. “This gives more diversity across our delegations.

“I am very grateful to all who let their names stand in the electoral process, thereby demonstrating their willingness to serve our Diocese in the wider Church.”



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE VEN. CATHY LASKEY garnered the most votes of clergy standing for election as a delegate to General Synod; Synod members, including the Ven. Rob Marsh and Diocesan Council member Joanna Saunders; the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid of the Parish of St. George, and delegate Andrew Grant from the Parish of Sackville; lunchtime with the Revs. Jim Crighton, Julian Pillay and Perry Cooper; the head table with chancellor David Bell at the microphone.

Photos by Gary Barfitt and Derwin Gowan

Betty Kennett retires

The maker of diocesan scarves and stoles has earned a well-deserved rest

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It's been so long since Betty Kennett, 82, took over making lay reader scarves that she cannot quite remember how many years — or decades — it's been. She inherited the job from Marjorie Secord, which she estimates was probably 30 years ago.

And now it's time to give it up, she says.

"I've been on the point of stopping several times," she said recently. "It's partly age. I'm almost 83. It really is time for someone younger, or maybe a person to team up with someone."

Warden of layreaders Cleo Cyr has plenty of accolades for Betty, even if Betty is uncomfortable hearing them.

"We will be forever grateful for the years Betty has volunteered her time and talents, both as a layreader and in developing the design and making of layreader scarves," she said. "Diocesan layreaders feel extremely honored and grateful to wear one of her designs."

Cleo has found a replacement for Betty in Marilyn Lewell at Christ Church Cathedral. She is a retired nurse who assists the parish nurse at the Cathedral, and is a member of the communications committee and the health ministry team there.

She's quite accomplished at the sewing machine, having made her daughters' bridesmaid dresses, her own clothing and even drapes, though she hesitates to call herself a seamstress.

"I like to give back," she said. "And this is something I can do."

MAKING A SCARF, AND MORE

Making a layreader scarf is second nature to Betty, having done it hundreds of times using the pattern she created. It takes about two hours, and 1.4 metres of fabric makes 1.5 scarves. She makes them in three lengths, depending on the height of the recipient.

But layreader scarves are not the only item she's produced for the diocese. Twenty

years ago, then-Bishop Bill Hockin had the idea to gift the clergy with millennium stoles. The cost of getting that order filled through regalia companies was astronomical, but her priest at the time, Keith Joyce, suggested her.

That led Betty to make one stole for each of the 82 parishes. Materials were provided by the Diocese and she received \$25 each for her efforts. She then made at least another 82 stoles for retired priests, chaplains, and subsequent newcomers at no charge — well over 150 in total.

But that's not all. When Church Army/Threshold Ministries moved its headquarters to Saint John, commissioned officers were permitted to wear scarves.

"I took on this ministry," she said, adding each scarf was personalized. "I have made it a practice to pray for everyone that I sew for."

THOUGHTS ON FINERY

But lovingly and prayerfully sewing all that ornamentation is actually an odd job for a woman who does not go for all that decorative church apparel.

"I'm not really 100 per cent behind all the finery our clergy wear," she said. "It's ironic I'm doing this. Jesus said you don't need two coats on your back. I honestly think we get hung up on the embellishments. All that finery — it's divisive. It creates a class distinction."

She told of a time at Saint Paul's Hampton, her home church, when thieves broke in and stole the silver. She recalls being quite delighted, thinking it was the best thing that could have happened.

With the rector's blessing, she set about locating some pottery vessels to replace them, more in keeping with what Jesus might have used at the Last Supper, but before she could finalize a purchase, the thief was caught and the silver returned.

RELAXATION? NO!

Now that Betty is retiring from layreader scarf production, you'd think she'd have time for some relaxation, but

no, that's not a word in her vocabulary.

She sold her 200-year-old, 13-room home on 1.5 acres in Hampton earlier this year, trading it for an apartment in Saint John. She swims five days a week, and walks the Harbour Passage the other two days.

Knitting now takes up some of her time. She knits baby blankets for First Steps, a program for pregnant girls in the city.

"I thought a hand-knit blanket would show that someone cared," she said.

She also knits baby bonnets for the hospital, since, she says, it's been proven that infants wearing hats lose less weight at birth. Every new baby gets a hand-knit hat at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Now she's knitting toe warmers for people who've broken their leg or foot.

"It goes over the whole cast like a large sock without a heel, and ties at the back of the ankle," she explained.

"I'll play at that during the winter and garden in the summer."

A NEW GARDEN

Betty thought she'd have to leave gardening behind when she sold her home. She had devoted thousands of hours to gardening in the 52 years she'd spent there. She was even on the air for 17 years as CBC's Information Morning resident gardener in Saint John.

This past summer, her first at the apartment building, she got permission to cut out some of the deadwood in the shrubbery. A man began chatting, and after a while, introduced himself as Narinder Singh, the general manager of all the not-for-profit housing in Saint John.

She seized the opportunity to show him the sorry state of all the gardens surrounding her building. His response: "If I give you a budget, would you oversee this project?"

"So I've won myself a garden!" she said.

FITTER THAN EVER

Betty and her husband, Anthony, came to New Brunswick

RIGHT: BETTY KENNETT IN HER sewing room with one of the hundreds of layreader scarves she has sewn in upwards of three decades.



CLEO CYR PHOTOS

MIDDLE: Betty was the guest of honour Nov. 5 at a quiet lunch to present her with a Layreader Emeritus certificate for her contributions. She is seen here with the Rev. David Turner and Bishop David Edwards.



LOWER RIGHT: Marilyn Lewell will take over from Betty in the new year.



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MISSION IN MOTION: layreaders

from the UK as newlyweds in 1957. He was a teacher at Saint John High School. They had five children in six-and-a-half years, and all were baptized at Trinity, just a few blocks from where she lives. Two of her children have predeceased her.

In 2008, when her daughter in Halifax was dying of cancer and her husband was in palliative care in Saint John with Huntingdon's disease, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. But, she says, she was too busy and preoccupied to worry about herself, despite undergoing surgery and radiation treatment.

In 2011, she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, so bad, "there were times when

I couldn't hold a needle," she said.

"But things are very good. I've been very fortunate. I'm feeling fitter now than I was 10 years ago."

Living in the south end of Saint John, Betty has met a lot of the region's poorest on the streets. She ministers to them in whatever way she can, but mostly she's realized they suffer from loneliness and a longing for someone to listen to their story.

She practices her lifelong credo to everyone she meets, including her inner-city neighbours: "Treat everyone the way you'd like to be treated. It's so simple, yet so hard to do. If we all did that, we'd have no war."

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

Part I



Day 1



Day 5



Day 7



Day 6



Day 4



Day 2



Day 3



Day 6

Pilgrimage # 5 ends with spectacular fall colours

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Pilgrimage # 5 for Bishop David Edwards was unusual for two reasons. First, it encompassed two archdeaconries rather than one, and it was split into two sections in two seasons.

The two-part pilgrimage was made necessary when the Bishop's mother, Doreen, became very ill, prompting a trip home to the UK to see her.

Part I began in the Archdeaconry of Saint John on May 30, moving into the Archdeaconry of Kingston and the Kennebecasis a few days later. But on June 5, Bishop David made the decision to halt the pilgrimage and left for the UK.

In his blog that day, he wrote, "My

parents have always supported me in everything I have done, even though at times they have not been impressed. In particular, they have had to come to terms with the fact that three years in Canada has turned into 21 and counting.

"Now is the time to honour them for all they have done. My mother's confusion means that this morning she had to ask me her name. In a way that was the straw which broke the camel's back. She has deteriorated quite quickly."

While she continues to deteriorate, her overall health has been somewhat stable.

The bishop relaunched the pilgrimage on Oct. 12, walking in Lower

Norton Shore and Hampton. From there he covered the remainder of the archdeaconry, ending the pilgrimage Oct. 20 in Sussex and Sussex Corner.

One daily aim on each pilgrimage is to hold Morning, Mid-day and Evening Prayer, usually in Anglican buildings along the way.

The New Brunswick Anglican caught up with him and walking partner (and route planner) Trevor Fotheringham on Oct. 18 as they walked from Apohaqui to Sussex, and from Jeffries Corner to Sussex.

As is the custom, several people joined the pilgrimage that day, including the Ven. Rob Marsh, archdeacon of Kingston and the Kennebecasis.

"I wanted to cover as much of the

walk as I could," he said. "I've done almost 80 kilometres now. This is my fourth day.

"We've had wonderful prayer time and worship services. And I'm getting to see parts of my parish and archdeaconry that I usually fly by in my car."

Trevor had some thoughts on this year's trek.

"Logistically this was different, particularly the spring part of the walk," he said. "With Saint John and the KV (Kennebecasis Valley) there are lots of parishes and churches that are very close to each other.

"To be sure we were at Morning or Evening Prayer at each one, we did a

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BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

Part II



Most photos by Trevor Fotheringham, with thanks



MISSION IN MOTION: community



Pilgrimage # 5 walked in two seasons for the first time

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lot of zig-zagging. Now, though, due to circumstances, we are enjoying the fall colours.

“We put so much effort into worship, time and attention to man-made buildings, while all around us is God’s creation, and it’s far superior.”

He referenced Matthew 6:28-29 to support his point: “See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”

Once the walking group reached Trinity Anglican Church in Sussex, they were driven to All Saints in Jeffries Corner to have Mid-day Prayers and

lunch.

The Rev. Dr. Sean Davidson, new to the Parishes of Waterford and St. Marks, joined the pilgrimage.

“We are pleased to have the bishop join us,” he said. “We’ve had a great turn out, and tomorrow we’re making the big trek up The Bluff. I’m looking forward to that and to dinner at St. Marks.”

“We’re pleased to host and be part of it.”

The group that keeps things going at All Saints put on a lunch of beef soup, sandwiches and fruit, which was enjoyed by all, particularly since it was a chilly, windy, overcast day. Afterwards, the group left to walk back to Trinity, where Trevor and the bishop would

spend the night.

But before leaving, Bishop David shared some thoughts about pilgrimage # 5.

“It’s been different because not as many have walked with us, but there have been more people worshipping with us,” he said.

“We’ve had a warm welcome in every parish we’ve been to, and we’ve slept every night in churches and halls this time.”

The goal of the pilgrimage is to visit every church in the archdeaconry in which the walk is taking place, and Bishop David said he’s accomplished that, with very few exceptions.

As for why he continues to walk each year, this was his answer: “It’s

important for me to be out meeting people in the diocese who I might not normally meet except in more formal circumstances.

“I hope I am able to encourage people to engage more fully in the mission of God.”

The bishop and Trevor walked 218 kilometres during the pilgrimage’s two parts. Next year, they will walk in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton.

As has been the case each year, Bishop David wrote a blog, with daily entries on his thoughts and activities during the pilgrimage.

To read it, visit <https://nb.anglican.ca/>. Click on **about > bishop > bishop’s pilgrimage**.

'God will be chairing the fundraising committee'

COMMENTARY BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Editor's note: This commentary is a rundown of the rural parish initiatives series in the NB Anglican, and my thoughts on it as it wraps up.

Last spring, Bishop David Edwards had a suggestion for a story. 'Why not check out some missions in rural parishes? There's a lot going on,' he said. And he mentioned a few parishes to focus on.

As a result, since June, readers have seen a rural parish initiatives series I called "Surviving — dare we say thriving? — in rural New Brunswick."

I put the spotlight on four parishes or initiatives that were interesting and successful, particularly in light of their geography, but I began by chatting with the Rev. Dr. David Mercer, who has been at the helm of many rural parishes over the years.

Here is David Mercer:

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

"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."

Baking class in Belleisle

After talking to David Mercer, I visited the Rev. Dan McMullen, who leads a weekly baking class at Belleisle Regional High School.

"Mission in very rural areas is difficult 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."

Of the baking class, he said, "It's relationships, mentoring, blessing the community. 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!"

Going outside the church in the Parish of Richmond

It was hardship that forced three congregations to act. It was fade away or make an effort to get things done in the Parish of Richmond in northwestern New Brunswick.

"We had no priest off and on for many years," said Sandra Black. "So that pushed people to act. Layreaders stepped up for services. Many priests stepped in for a few months."

"Not having a priest made us want

more," said Marilyn Wilson. "We felt so alone. We were struggling. There was no program to help a parish, so we grabbed whoever we could. In the hard times, you grow."

Now, with Archdeacon Rod Black at the helm, they haven't sat back and let him take over. They've continued to work, not just inside their church walls, but mainly outside, in the community.

These missions aren't aimed at Anglicans. They're aimed at their neighbours.

The outreach in the community among St. John's in Richmond Corner, Holy Trinity in Harland and St. Mark's in Jackson Falls includes something for everyone: financial support for children to attend Camp Brookwood;

Christmas carolling; a discretionary fund for community members in need; strawberry teas to raise money for a young woman in the community needing a lung transplant; Christmas tea for seniors; lunch for Woodstock's Memory Café; bathroom and refreshment station in the church during parades in Harland; food bank support; and a Valentine's Day cookie delivery to shut-ins.

At St. Mark's there is another rather personal outreach to its tiny community.

"There are three families near the church where the grandparents are rais-

ing their grandkids," said Sandra. "So we drop off little things for them — McDonald's gift cards, things like that. It's just to let them know they're not alone."

They've found their calling, and it is to be a compassionate neighbour to those in need.

Playing in the Parish of Salisbury & Havelock

Seven years ago, St. Andrew's church in Petitcodiac was for sale. Now that's the last thing on the minds of parishioners.

Much of their efforts to reinvent themselves have focused on children, the surest way to find a place in the hearts of families.

Now the place is thriving — pre-school and playgroup, yoga, soap making classes, community craft sales, dinner and a movie nights, family fun days, VBS, Nativity lunches, a new playground on the front lawn and very popular elementary school dances three times a year.

"One reason we do it is that parents said there's not a lot for kids to go to socially," said the Rev. Chris Hayes.

"This is something where there is no goal, other than to just have fun. It also helps make church not a scary place.

They've also begun a monthly games

night at both churches, in Petitcodiac and Salisbury, in response to parental concerns that if you're not into sports, there's not a lot for kids to do in their communities.

"No, it's not preaching, it's not giving out tracts. It's a step in a relationship. We're playing a long game here."

Therein lies the vision Chris and his parish have caught — the heart of mission is the relationships you build in your community.

Tapping into the neighbourhood in Hillsborough Riverside

'Let's have a potluck and invite the neighbours.' That little plan has grown into a most amazing mission in the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside.

Hillsborough, 25 kilometres from Riverview, has lower rents than in the Moncton area. It also has more than 50 rent-subsidized apartments, largely built inside the big, older homes and vacant businesses that line the village's main street.

And right in the thick of it is St. Mary's Anglican Church and a group of big-hearted parishioners.

The church has become the go-to group in the village for people in need. It began with the delivery of flyers announcing the potluck.

Then people began to trust delivery man Peter Jubb, husband of the Rev. Barb Haire. Then they began confiding in him. And pa-

rishioners responded to the needs.

The needs are great, and the network knows to call Peter — to help equip a mom about to give birth, move a family to a new place, take a person to the doctor, pay for medications, pay an overdue power bill, provide food in emergencies, find needed furniture, and so on. And the whole parish gets involved.

"Through this community meal, all these things have resulted," said Barb.

My thoughts on rural parish initiatives

I had the best time visiting these parishes and hearing their stories. It's a real blessing to be able to share them with you.

In the end, I came away with a real sense of how all these missions are able to flourish, and it isn't through wealthy benefactors who fund them. It's through faith in and obedience to God.

These are parishes that have a desire simply to be a good neighbour by doing practical acts of kindness.

They didn't know exactly how they were going to do it, and they certainly didn't know how they were going to pay for it, but they took that step of faith and just went ahead.

And God provided. I found it amazing to discover that in these parishes, they have similar financial stories that

show how faithful God has been to their mission.

In the Parish of Richmond

"People here love their church so much that we don't have to do any fundraising for ourselves," said Rod. "So any fundraising we do is given away."

"The vestry says we're not here to make money, we're here to be God's hands and feet," said Marilyn. "We support each other, we have things that bring us together, but we look beyond."

In the Parish of Salisbury & Havelock

The dances helped fund the youth program, but money in the parish was still tight. They used to do a takeout meal to raise funds, but it became taxing.

"We were killing ourselves with the takeout dinner and we needed a week to recover," said Chris. "We were putting our energy and time into fundraising and not mission."

So he made a bold proposal: "If 40 envelop holders gave \$5 a week extra, then we wouldn't need to fundraise. And they did it."

"It's a form of faith, and it's also made people think about what they were putting in their envelopes.

"God is giving the vision and ideas.

When I explained what the vision was — to get out to the people — the church caught onto it. I think we've turned a corner in the parish and people realize it."

In the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside

"It seems like just yesterday we were struggling to keep our heads above water," said Stephen Marshall, vestry member at St. Albans in Riverside-Albert.

To hear them tell it, God's in charge of all the fundraising.

There is no budget for outreach. The money is just there, said Barb — ever since they became more concerned with what was going on outside their doors than inside them.

"Once we stopped worrying, it changed our whole attitude," said Barb.

Conclusion

It was wonderful to look back on these stories and see one recurring theme — God provides.

When you prayerfully seek his will, and want to do the best for your community, God will be chairing the fundraising committee.

Don't wait for the funding. Take that leap, take that risk, because when you are taking care of God's people, he is taking care of you.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

MISSION IN MOTION: community

Photo captions:

BAKING IN BELLEISLE, WITH ALEX GUITARD, 11, AND HIS sister, Jillian Guitard.

The popular playground on the front lawn of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Petitcodiac.

Parish of Richmond members caroling at a seniors' home in the area.

A core group of people in the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside: the Rev. Barb Haire, Stephen Marshall, John Whitmore, Peter Jubb, Veronica Locke and the Rev. Rob Salloum outside St. Mary's.

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

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SCOUTING CELEBRATION

ON SATURDAY OCT. 19, CLOSE TO 200 PEOPLE gathered at St. George's Anglican Church to help 1st Moncton-St. George's Scouting and the southeast area celebrate 100 years of Scouting. A commemorative stone was unveiled in front of the church, with Rt. Rev. David Edwards; New Brunswick Commissioner of Scouting Kerri Daamen; 1st Moncton-St. George's Group Commissioner and chair of the 100th anniversary committee Allen Urquhart; Provincial Youth Commissioner of Scouting Nathan Benner; Her Honour Brenda Murphy, lieutenant governor of New Brunswick; and her partner, Linda Boyle.

1st Moncton-St. George's Scouting Group Commissioner Allen Urquhart with long-time Scouter and past Group, Area, and Provincial Commissioner Ruth Aiken cut the anniversary cake.

Open house honours the Rev. Canon Walter Williams

An open house was held on the occasion of the retirement of the Rev. Canon Walter Williams at St. John's Anglican Parish Hall on June 30.

He was ordained as a deacon in 1978, and priest in 1979 in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton.

Walter joined the Canadian Forces Reserves in June 1993, serving as the chaplain to the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, which includes Woodstock's (89th) Battery.

Padre Williams retired from the CF with the rank of Major as the senior chaplain in the 37th Canadian Brigade Group.

Walter moved to the Parishes of Oromocto and Maugerville in 2011, where he officiated in both Christ Church and St. John's. During his tenure, he also mentored Kevin McAllister, now the Rev. Kevin McAllister.

The open house celebrated Walter and his wife, Lorna, for

their support of and participation in both parishes. He was very supportive of the Thursday "Soups On," which has been a highly worthwhile fundraiser for the last 10 years.

Lorna, a professional caterer, with the assistance of Walter and members of the parish, also organized several fundraisers at Hazen Park Centre and the parish hall.

Many members of the community attended the open house, participating in the official ceremony, the highlights of which included, but were not limited to, the presentation of an official Toronto Maple Leafs jacket and a certificate presented by Mayor Robert Powell.

The musicians who are the regular kitchen party group supplied entertainment for the open house.

Walter and Lorna will retire in Woodstock N.B.; however, it is doubtful if either will fully retire.



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PRESENTATION OF TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS JACKET, with emcee Donna Mulholland at left and the Rev. Canon Walter Williams gratefully accepting the gift.



Game Changer in Bethlehem

How one life transformed what it means to be human

2019 Advent Series

with Bishop Bill Hockin & Friends

Monday, Dec. 2: Finding My Best Self - Ancestry•Jesus, with Bill Hockin

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

COMMENTARY

When your conscience knocks on the door

“The homeless are our conscience.” I forget now who said this to me, but I heard it while I was living in Toronto where year-round, outdoor living is made (barely) possible by the Subway heating vents and the occasional unlocked doorway. Anywhere I walked, I passed by our conscience.

In Saint John the homeless can be a bit more difficult to spot. “Friends” may let you sleep on their couch for a fee or a favour. Our shelters are well run and most times of day you can find someplace to eat and maybe even rest a bit.

But like the rest of the country, we are in a housing crisis. In the last six months we have seen rents in many central areas drastically increase.

As the Human Development Council recently accounted, our shelters are at 101 per cent capacity — meaning they are taking more people in than they have funded beds.

And so my conscience has been knocking on my office door in the form of two middle-aged men (though they look much older than their years) who are tired, worn out, and rapidly unraveling.

They sleep outside - they were outside during hurricane Dorian. They’ve been huddling in bus shelters, sleeping in plastic bags (a friend found them sleeping bags), and as the temperature drops, so does their hope.

Terence and I are making calls, going to appointments, filling out papers and every day they come back to see if any progress has been made. They often come at inopportune moments when I am furiously typing on my laptop hoping to get just one more thing done before I have to go to a program or a service or a meeting.

I have to admit to myself in those moments I don’t want to deal with my



PHOTO BY MAX BÖHME ON UNSPLASH

conscience at the door. I want to ignore it or make it understand how important my time and my work is.

But as our conscience tugs at us to do the right thing, I invite them in, talk, and see what I can do to help. The words they say are hard to hear.

They make me understand that although Saint John has an inordinate number of amazingly caring people, that although we have a wealth of quality non-profit organizations, although we have received millions of federal dollars to address poverty reduction, things are still broken, very broken.

“I’d sleep anywhere,” one man said. “Give me a garage, a garbage bin, some

place dry, anything.”

When I return to my laptop screen after spending time with them, whatever is there suddenly seems irrelevant, unimportant.

There are two men without a roof over their heads, who have known hardship, who have known pain that is unimaginable to me.

How can anything else matter? My conscience has knocked at the door. How has it knocked at yours?

The Rev. Jasmine Chandra and her husband, Terence, operate the Central Saint John Community Ministry. You can find their blog at this address: penniesandsparrows.org



Last chance to join CLAY

Attention 14-19 year-olds of the Diocese of Fredericton!

The YIG team is forming a group to send to Calgary, Alberta to attend the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) conference on Aug. 20-23. And we want you to attend!

CLAY is a biennial conference that moves throughout Canada. Anglicans and Lutherans gather for a four-day conference that includes worship, workshops, mission moments and opportunities to meet and delve into faith with other teens from all over Canada.

Anglicans and Lutherans are very close in regards to liturgical traditions and values.

Each conference has a different theme, and this year’s theme is En Route. We often focus on the destination, but life is all about the journey. Maybe that sounds cliché, but it’s true.

Our stories are unfinished, works in progress — we are En Route! And our journey causes us to ask some big questions along the way: Who am I? Where do I come from? Where am I going? Where do I belong?

Jesus was on a journey, too — a journey that led him up mountain passes and down wilderness trails, from the Jordan River to the streets of Jerusalem.

En Route, together, we’ll explore the paths that Jesus travelled, and perhaps learn more about our own journey along the way, because Jesus isn’t just waiting around for us to arrive at our final destination.

Jesus meets us on the road, says the claygathering website.

The YIG team is accepting applications until the end of December. The cost is \$515 per person plus flights. However, the YIG team may have grants to help with that cost.

Any interested participant should connect with the YIG team either through Facebook messenger or email: yigftn@gmail.com.

YIG chair Jason Smith will lead the team. He has attended the last two gathering in Charlottetown and Thunder Bay. The YIG team is looking forward to sending you to Calgary to represent the Diocese!



May the light and love of Christmas remain with you always

From Bishop David Edwards and the staff of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton



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APPLE PIE WEEK

THE NB ANGLICAN DROPPED IN at the Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis during late October to check on the pie making process, always a big week in the parish. About 2,900 pies are usually made during the week, with the help of a large fleet of volunteers who peel, chop, spice, roll out, fill, crimp, bag and sell pies. Here, some of the group takes a well-deserved lunch break. From left: Erma Price, Olive Harris, Kathleen Chambers, Marg Cole and Linda Derrah.

FINDING YOUR SACRED STORY

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 19, A GROUP OF 12 met at Holy Trinity Hammond River in Quispamsis for a wonderful workshop given by the Rev. Debbie Edmondson entitled "Finding Your Sacred Story." During the workshop Debbie helped those attending to deepen their personal spiritual connection with God our Creator through stories and poetry. From left: Barb Hill, Darlene Cannell, Kathy Allaby, Myra Stites, Debbie Edmondson, Minna Harjupanula. Missing from the Photo: Gail Eastwood, Brenda Bowron, Peggy Hanratty, Kathy Ferguson, Paulette Black & Cleo Cyr.



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Incarnated with Christ: Mystery made Man
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COMMENTARY



BUSHKO ON MORGUEFILE.COM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:
Re: Events at Clergy Conference and beyond

I want to thank you and update you on the situation I shared with you all at Clergy Conference.

For those of you who don't know, I had the opportunity at Clergy Conference to share a bit about a young man who works for me at Catapult Construction (a mission of Outflow Ministry in Saint John).

This young man is a hard worker and very talented, one of those people who can figure out anything you throw at them.

He is a leader, he invests time in those around him and most importantly, he is a dedicated father. His children are his reason for getting up in the morning.

He is also a recovering addict, an ex-convict, a former drug dealer and gang member. He grew up in a broken family never knowing his father as a child, and encountering negative male role models most of his life.

Over the last 14 months he had begun to open up to us about the struggles he is facing and his concerns that what he has to offer will not be enough.

It has been my privilege to become part of his life, and whenever possible to support him on his journey of being a father, an employee and a man.

He has become a very important member of our team and the community at Catapult.

We all know that God

moves things in many ways to bring glory and fame to his name and that his heart is for the least of these.

During the week of Clergy Conference the Lord moved things into line. Many of the things that have happened in his life over the previous months were about to come to a head.

That week I discovered his landlord had begun the process to evict him and his family because his rent was overdue by thousands. At Outflow we often help people with their rents, but rarely would that amount be more than \$500.

But I was and still am convinced that we serve a God of abundance, a God who goes farther than common sense suggests just for the opportunity to demonstrate how much he loves us.

The cross is our reminder of the abundant sacrifice for a world that should not have qualified for it.

So on the last day of Clergy Conference, Bishop David Edwards gave me the opportunity to stand in front of you and make my proposition.

I have to be honest — my heart was heavy and my mind was in a thousand different places trying to figure out my next steps to try and stop this family's eviction.

What happened next was a beautiful example of why the church is required in the world.

After giving my pitch and asking for help for this ex-drug dealer/convict/addict, what happened next was a vivid demonstration of God's abun-

dant love for his children.

I was met with a beautiful barrage of people putting cash in my hands or making a commitment to help.

When all was said and done, there was more than enough to help this young man erase his debt.

I know this letter is long but I need to stress the importance of what happened that week and how the Lord took the financial offerings of a small group of Christ followers and multiplied it into something even greater.

On the Tuesday of that week, three of our priests had taken the opportunity to participate in the "make your own cutting board" session offered at Catapult during Clergy Conference.

On the short walk from the front door to the workshop, these three priests met my young employee and had the chance to talk with him. Within five minutes the three were laying hands on him and praying for God's blessing on him.

When the prayer time was over, he looked perplexed and flustered. I suggested he take a break and compose himself (also known as having a smoke) and our group continued on to make their cutting boards.

On Thursday of that week when I had confirmed that all the money had been collected or was en route, I called him into my office.

I shared with him my sincere belief that I serve a God of abundant love who constantly gives us more than we deserve.

(He has heard this speech more than once from me).

I then began to tell him about my experience at Clergy Conference — that a bunch of Anglicans wanted to bless him and demonstrate the abundance of God's love for him by paying off his debt in full.

At first he eyeballed me, not sure whether I was messing with him or not.

"You're shittin' me," he said. "I would never shit you," I replied.

He stared at me, perplexed, for another few minutes before finally acknowledging the truth — a group of Christ followers whom he had never met (except for those three cutting board priests) had just freed his family from certain disaster.

And then it began. This former drug dealer, hardened ex-convict, menace to society began to cry in my office. Not just a few tears, but a full emotional release of built up stress, fear and anxiety.

Between the sobs of relief and disbelief, he shared with me that after the prayer time with our cutting board priests, he had headed upstairs, but instead of going for a smoke, he went to the chapel.

There he looked to the heavens and pleaded with a God he wasn't sure was there. He asked the question that so many have asked before him: "God, if you're really there, please help us."

He didn't understand in that moment what he was asking, or that there was a God who would hear him.

I can't express my grati-

tude enough to all those who contributed and prayed for this young man. Not only has he and his family been freed of this financial burden, but something has shifted in him and a new work has begun.

I was talking with him the other day about some challenges he is facing and he looked me in the eye and, with confidence, said, "I know it's going to be tough, but I understand now that God has my back."

Thank you for demonstrating God's abundant love in a tangible way to a young man who needed to see it in a real and tangible way.

This act goes well beyond him and will reverberate in the lives of his children, and grand-children one day.

Bless you all as you minister to those in need in your own communities, and if I can encourage you today— when you dig in with the least of these in our communities, God honours that and walks with you.

We see people's lives change because of the glory and fame of our lord Jesus Christ.

Colin McDonald is the half-time director of Youth & Intergenerational Ministry in the diocese and half-time director of Catapult Training & Employment at Outflow Ministry. Outflow funds its shelter and other initiatives by operating social enterprises such as Catapult Construction and Catapult Coffee, located in the former synod office at 116 Princess Street.

DIOCESAN HISTORY

Clergy mysteries

We need your help!

For his continuing book on clergy in the diocese, Frank Moorehouse, with assistance from Siobhan Laskey and the Rev. Canon David Barrett, is looking for any information and, if possible, photos, of clergy who have served in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton.

Below is a list of clergy names that lack information and details. Please contact Siobhan (hal9000@nb.sympatico.ca), David (barrettdavid@rogers.com) or Frank (frankm@nbnet.nb.ca) with your information. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

NOTE: Because the list is long, it will appear in sections in several upcoming editions of the New Brunswick Anglican.

Surname	Christian Names	DOB	Date of Death	Parishes/Employment
Aiton	William	1867	1900	1896-?, Bathurst & New Bandon
Alexander	Finlow	1834	1912	1875 - 1893, sub-dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, and missionary New Maryland
Allder	Harold Goring	1866	1943	1905-1911, Woodstock; 1930- 1938, Canterbury
Almond	William Russell	c. 1850		1873, Wicklow
Arnold	Samuel Edwin	1805	1874	1828-1831, Shediac; 1845-1846, Westmorland; ?-?, Sussex
Ayling	William Samuel		1912	1912, Grand Falls
Bacon	Frank Wright Mudge	1871	1956	1896-1899, curate, St. Luke's, Portland; 1899-1906, Musquash; 1906-1908, Newcastle; 1908-1917, Richibucto; 1917-1922, travelling Missionary, Diocese of Fredericton; 1922-1931, Campbelllo; 1931-1938, Richmond
Barnes	William Henry	1860	1937	1894-1895, Rector, St. Jude's, (Victoria), Saint John
Bartholomew	Joseph			1846-1856, Petersville and Hampstead
Barton	Bernard	1862	1936	1897-1899, Canterbury
Bedell	George	1825	1900	1854-1855, Musquash; 1855-1860, Lancaster
Beers	Henry Herbert	1852	1906	1891-1895, Addington (Campbellton)
Belliss	William Benson	1865	1954	1896-1898, Woodstock; 1898-1903, St. Mary (York), Fredericton; 1903-1911 Westfield, NB
Bennett	Todd Garfield	1897	1945	1926-1929, Ludlow & Blissfield; 1929-1934, McAdam; 1934-1935, Renforth & Coldbrook`
Berriman-Rutter	Gordon Henry	1902	1959	1952-1954, St. David & St. Patrick
Best	George	c 1793	1829	1823-1829, Fredericton
Best	William Edward	1871	1942	1913-1916, Weldford & Harcourt ; 1916-1922, Dorchester; 1922-1925, Waterford
Bisset	George		1788	1786 -1788, Saint John
Bisset	James	1774	1815	1803-1815, Maugerville
Bisset	Lester			1802, preached at Burton

DIOCESAN HISTORY

Clergy mysteries, continued

Black	John	1806	1871	1832-1836, Shediac ; 1836-1847, Sackville; 1848, Richibucto; 1849-1871, Kingsclear
Blackall	David Walker	1864	1944	1908-1944, St. Patrick's and St. David's, St. David's
Blackall	Lewis W.	1878	1916	1912-1916, Westmorland & Botsford
Bliss	Donald McQueen	1827	1902	1850, Hopewell; 1851-1853, Maugerville & Burton; 1853-1872, Westmorland
Bolt	Ernest Albert	1884	1945	1907-1908, curate, Woodstock
Bolt	Richard			1906-1907, curate, Christ Church (Parish Church), Fredericton; 1907-1908, McAdam
Boyd	Stanley	c. 1843	1900	1875-1878, St. Andrew's Church, Pont-du-Chene (Shediac)
Boyer	William Nathaniel	1817	1874	1848-1874, Moncton; c. 1897, Westmorland
Branch	William George			1921-1923, St. Mars (York)
Brasier	Frederic Mitchell ("Fred")	1874	1953	1914-1916, Grand Falls & Edmundston
Bridgewater	Edward Roden Gresham	1898		1924-1926, Wicklow Wilmot & Peel; 1926-1927, Grand Manan
Brown	Clement Decimus	1851	1929	1885-1887, Dalhousie; 1889-1891, Restigouche;
Brown	Edward Philip Denys	1888		1916. Licensed as Priest in the Parish of Saint John, under the supervision of the Rev. Canon Armstrong
Brown	Philip Holland (or Halland)	1834	1892	1872-?, Dalhousie
Brundage	Ronald Weldon	1904		1932-1933, Deacon, Grand Falls; 1933-1934, curate, Trinity, Saint John; 1934-1941, Prince William & Dumfries
Bryant	A A			late 19th century
Bulteel	Reginald Herbert Hillersden	1889	1944	1919-1922, assistant, Christ Church Cathedral
Burnyeat	John	1784	1843	1818-1820, Visiting SPG missionary working from Sackville
Caffin	George Fordyce Crawford	1875	1919	1908, Licensed as Port Chaplain, Saint John
Campbell	Alexander Digby	C. 1814	1877	1840-1841, Gagetown
Campbell	Charles			?-?, missionary, Douglas
Campbell	John Roy	1841	1928	1876-1882, Missionary, St. Martins, NB; 1882-1902, Dorchester; 1902-1906, Chaplain, Dorchester Penitentiary

Is that you, bishop?

As Bishop David Edwards packs up and sells his Saint John house, he's come across a lot of items that have been tucked away for many years. One was a copy of a magazine called *Share It*, a publication of Church Army. This particular edition was from Spring 1993 and had a feature on the bishop when he was an itinerant evangelist in the UK. The story goes on for several pages, but you can see some of it, and some interesting photos, below.

ShareIt

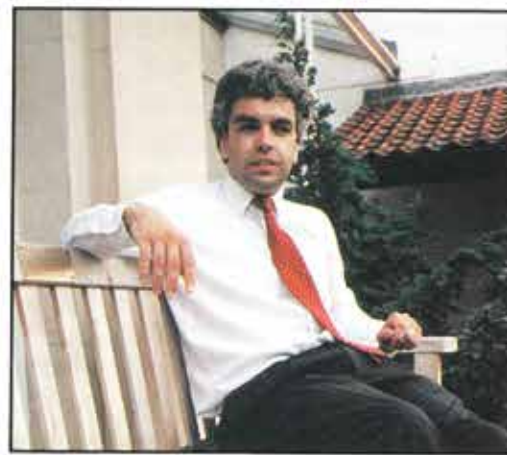
Most Church Army officers are fixed to a parish or project. A small number, the itinerants, have a wider role. Captain David Edwards is an Evangelism Adviser to a potential 400 churches in and around Chelmsford.

Look out, he's behind you

Unto the Westcliff Theatre in Clacton-on-Sea at Christmas there appeared before the eyes of hundreds of children a strange star, for lo, 'twas not a television or sports celebrity but behold, David Edwards of Church Army and wife Janet.

But while you can get away with manipulating a team of puppets on the pantomime stage it's not so easy to hide behind a wall of strange voices and costumes when you're hired to promote evangelism in a potential four hundred churches in the Chelmsford diocese. So he could appear anywhere!

Treading the boards is an important part of David's job as an itinerant evangelist, a small but highly

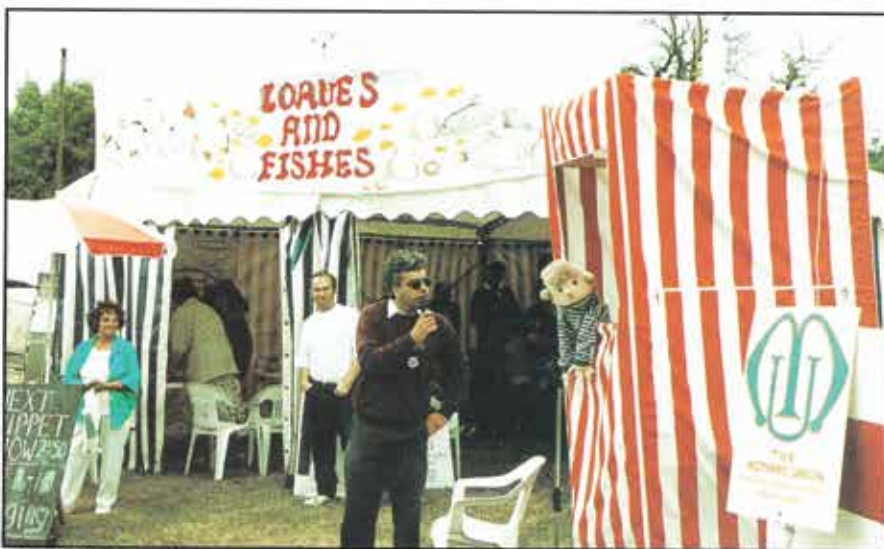


We're trying to do things in the open air and on stage, such as the County Show or the Cotswold Show, which are relevant and meaningful, building contacts as we perform. It's profile raising."

Now cover that!

A dozen Church Army officers are officially classified as itinerants, meaning they are not fixed to any particular parish church or project but work over a larger area - a deanery, a diocese, or an area as large as the north of England.

David's first contact with the Society, on a beach mission as a sixteen year old, fostered the idea of itinerant ministry. Working on seaside events for the next ten years, he rose as a history teacher to become head of humanities as a comprehensive school in Sussex before training to work with Church Army and has been in his current posting for nearly four years. Janet is head of RE in an Essex school. They live in a village just outside Colchester.



David Edwards takes the mike...this time at a County Show

effective group within the organisation. "It's a great way of not only communicating with hundreds of children at once but also letting people know I'm here.

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Episcopal Announcements



Bishop David Edwards has accepted the resignation of the **Ven. Sandy MacPherson** as rector of the Parish of Bathurst and Archdeacon of Chatham, in order to retire. The resignation is effective Jan. 31.

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The **Rev. Neil Osioy** has been appointed Regional Dean of the Deanery of York for a three-year term ending October 31, 2022.

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The **Rev. Rylan Montgomery**, incumbent in the Parish of Millidgeville, has resigned effective November 1, 2019.

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The **Rev. Canon Allen Tapley** has been appointed honorary assistant in the Parishes of Waterford and St. Mark.

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The **Most Rev. Claude Miller** has been appointed to the Parish of Fredericton Junction and the Parish of New Maryland in collaborative ministry with Canon Albert Snelgrove, effective Nov. 1.

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Allyson Caldwell has resigned from her position as Summer Manager of Camp Medley, effective Oct. 18. She remains in her Youth and Intergenerational Ministries position.

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The **Rev. Barbara Haire** has been appointed deacon-in-charge of the Parish of River-view, effective Sept. 15.



MUSIC COLUMN

Fantastic new recordings for Advent & Christmas



NOW MAY WE SINGEN

As has become tradition in this article, I have chosen two different projects to share as Advent and Christmas approach.

One is a choral project out of England; the other is a folk/pop/rock project from the United States.

Both feature new music along with traditional music for the season.

The first is a recording by the Choir of Westminster School called *Now May We Singen*. This is a 19-track collection of choral anthem, hymns, and canticles, sung by



a 40-member choir.

There are no superstars, no up-and-coming masterpieces, no glitzy gimmicks or odd production techniques. This is a straight ahead choral album of Advent and Christmas music, and it is beautiful.

This choir has a rare talent — the ability to sing reflective, introspective music with energy and motion, choosing tempos for pieces that are not too slow and dodgy, nor are they too bouncy or rushed.

The classic “Once in Royal David’s City” pushes towards the nativity climax of the piece — the birth of Christ.

Tavener’s “Ex Marie Virgine...” comes aggressively, almost forcefully, bringing

home the weight and importance of the announcement to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel.

One reviewer, Rob Barnett, declared the complexity of this piece to be ‘the aural equivalent of three-dimensional chess.’

“Alleluia! A New Work Is at Hand” is a wonderful, though short, piece that dances along with energy and pulse.

The order of songs creates a nice change in style throughout the album without giving the listener aural whiplash. A tasteful distribution of well-known and new compositions also keeps the interest level high.

It is difficult to remember that this is not a group of professional, experienced singers but a school choir! The Choir of Westminster School is very well-trained, as is the tradition of the place.

It boasts such alumni as prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley, as well as priest and poet George Herbert.

The choir is technically

very proficient, and the venue provides an excellent acoustic setting.

In short, this is a fantastic album to have over the next weeks!



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

The second project comes from the incredible heart, mind and soul of Andrew Peterson.

His very intelligent and theologically thought-provoking texts have paired with some beautiful melodies over the years (this column has reviewed several projects in the past.).

This album, though newly released, has a history. Twenty years ago, Andrew wrote a collection of songs that formed a concept album: welcoming children together to tell the story of Christmas.

Like any good theologian, Andrew knows that story begins not in the Gospels, but in the Old Testament. So some songs draw from the Hebrew scriptures.

Using traditional carols and material he wrote, the entire story of Jesus’ birth into the world is told by the end of the album.

It was incredible! Andrew was joined by various artists for a sold-out tour each year, and now, the songs have been properly recorded and released. Behold the album: *Behold the Lamb of God*.

The first song calls everyone together. Andrew Peterson’s easy manner of singing is most inviting, along with the acoustic guitar and band accompaniment.

This project is not about Andrew; it’s about God, and that shows in the music as various artists share the lead vocals on the songs, reminding us of the larger scope of the story being told.

While Peterson has grown tremendously as an artist over

the past 20 years, the high quality of these songs are a testament to his incredible artistic ability. But what’s the album like?

Though primarily song-based around a contemporary pop-rock style, the acoustic flavour is quite intricate, even though these songs are very accessible.

It was a bold choice, but I believe a good one to make the traditional carols instrumentals.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and “The Holly and the Ivy” are great arrangements.

“Matthew’s Begats” is done in a country shuffle kind of vibe, and explains the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1 in a way you’ve never heard before.

And just like any Sunday School Christmas pageant, the final song recalls the past numbers, as the message of God’s love born out in Jesus is brought to fruition.

On this album, that sense of “grand story arc” is present throughout, and the final tune, “The Theme of My Song” recalls most of the past tracks as the song comes to its own climax.

The fact that these songs stand strong 20 years after they were written is a testament to the song writing, and the spirit (big and little “s”) in which they were written.

If there is one negative thing to note, it might be that Andrew sometimes tries to cram too much into his songs, making the texts sometimes seem bigger than the music accompanying them.

Over the years, his music and texts have found a balance. It’s a minor thing, however.

My editor is about to cut me off, so I shall end this article by hoping you enjoy these projects (find them digitally wherever you download music), and that good music continues to be a part of your Advent and Christmas.

May God bless you all in this festive and holy time of year!

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

TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW



The Rev. Barb Haire, deacon in the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside; deacon-in-charge, Parish of Riverview

Favourite book of the Bible - Mark

Birthplace - Moncton

What you love most about God – His everlasting love

Favourite place on Earth - In the deep woods of Albert County

Farthest you’ve been from home - Holland

Favourite meal or dessert - Homemade beef barley soup and tea biscuits

Biggest fear – Spiders

Hidden talent – Oil painting

Favourite movie or book – Jean Aulel’s *Earth Series* (read them three times)

Your hobby – Painting & crafts

Three things always in your fridge – Cheese, yogurt, eggs

Favourite sports team - All Olympic sports

A D V E N T

ADVENT ACTIVITIES - December 2019

Fight for a cause that Jesus would support

Give a small gift to someone

Use a centring prayer to hear God's voice

Set aside time and place to listen to the Holy Spirit

Read Luke 3:7-18

Study the life of Jesus written by scholars

Invite someone to discover part of God's beautiful Earth with you

Bring lunch to someone who doesn't get out much

Read Luke 21:25-36

Encourage someone with kind words

Invite someone to share coffee and conversation

Do a secret act of kindness

Bake/buy muffins or cookies and share them with co-workers, friends, or anyone in need on the street

Listen for God's voice in music

Re-read and study the Gospels this month

Read Luke 3:1-6

Watch a film version of the Gospels

Read Luke 1:39-45

Reconcile with someone you've been estranged from

Read Luke 2:1-20

Share your Christmas feast with someone!

Inspired by the book, "Surprise the World," by Michael Frost

MISSION IN MOTION: community

What to buy this Christmas

Had it with shopping for Christmas gifts? Tired of receiving gifts you don't need? How about a new way of gift-giving? Give a blessing, in the form of a monetary gift, to one of many worthy missions and ministries - in your loved one's name, or ask them to do the same.

- Central Saint John Community Ministry (the Revs. Terence & Jasmine Chandra)
- Fire Watch Ministries (Eden & Carolyn McAuley)
- Camp Brookwood
- Camp Medley
- Jonathan Young Memorial Amphitheatre at Camp Medley
- Inner City Youth Ministry, Saint John
- Honduras Mission (Kara & Nelson Mejia)
- Bishop McAllister College (Canon Paul Jeffries)
- Diocesan Choir School
- Safe Harbour House
- PWRDF
- Anglican Foundation
- Youth mission trips
- NB Anglican – Anglican Journal
- Various bursaries, and other wonderful initiatives

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To the wedding of Bishop David Edwards and Ms. Debbie Collicott on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral.

PLEASE RSVP TO CHRISTY COLLICOTT (voice or text) BY DEC. 15 AT 506-260-3412.

Best wishes only

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Items needed: Shampoo, shave cream, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, mouth wash, body wash, deodorant, disposable razors, lip balm, comb, hand lotion, Kleenex, gloves, socks, scarf, toque, playing cards, game book, pen, Canada souvenir (pin/magnet/key chain), candy (individually wrapped), chocolate bars, chips, gum, Christmas card.

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