



THE NEW BRUNSWICK

ANGLICAN



A SECTION OF THE ANGLICAN JOURNAL

SEPTEMBER 2020

SERVING THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

Our bishop is now an archbishop

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Rt. Rev. David Edwards, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, has been elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The Province announced the news June 17.

“I’m looking forward to being able to serve in this new role both within the Province and nationally,” said Archbishop-elect David.

The election became necessary with the retirement of Archbishop Ron Cutler, bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island and current Metropolitan.

Despite its name, the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada’s region includes the Dioceses of Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Western Newfoundland, Central Newfoundland, and Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador — much of the land from Montreal eastward.

David, 60, was chosen by three groups of delegates: bishops, clergy and laity, and was elected on the third ballot. He will be known as the Most Rev. David Edwards. The role is effective Aug. 1 until he retires or resigns.

As for a ceremony, the effects of COVID-19 will dictate when that happens, though it will likely take place during the installation of the not-yet elected new bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. That election is planned for September.

In explaining what led to this change of title and increased responsibility, David said, “Every bishop has to allow their name to stand and write a vision of ministry for the Province of



David Edwards assumed the position of Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada on Aug. 1.

Canada.”

His vision, he said, is difficult to perceive due to the pandemic’s effects, but “the National Church appears to be making strides towards a more missional approach, and I’m almost certain the Province of Canada will be playing a role in that.”

The roles of archbishop are to chair provincial synods, call provincial meetings, consult with other archbishops across the country and with the primate, and be involved with the discussions surrounding the future of the Anglican Church of Canada.

“I’ll probably have a few more meetings to go to, but really, it’s a continuation of my role as bishop of Fredericton, which will continue to take up most of my time,” he said.

“I want to offer my congratulations to Bishop David on his election as the next Metropolitan of the Province of Canada,” said Archbishop Ron. “In my time

Archbishop continued on page 2



PHOTO BY MARK MOIR

PICK-UP SERVICE AT YOUR DOOR

Those in the Parish of Ludlow and Blissfield who were not using e-offering were still giving their Sunday offering with a slight twist during the COVID-19 lockdown. They taped their offerings to their doors or other designated areas, and each Sunday of the pandemic, nine-year-old acolyte Parker Moir collected the offerings in his area, delivering them to the parish treasurer.

Diocese marks 175 years

Celebrations are hard to come by this year during a pandemic, but we did not want this 175th anniversary to pass without acknowledgement.

*Here are some highlights, compiled by Gisele McKnight, of the early years of the Diocese of Fredericton, from the book, **Citizens With The Saints, A Brief History Of Anglicanism in New Brunswick**, by Lyman N. Harding, 1994.*

Anglicanism in New Brunswick did not begin with Bishop John Medley and the creation of the Diocese of Fredericton.

Anglicans had been living and worshipping in the province for many generations, helped along by the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and of course, the arrival of the Loyalists in 1783. Many churches and parishes were established in these years — in such places as Maugerville, Kingston, Saint John, St. Andrews, Gagetown and Fredericton.

In 1787, the Archbishop of Canterbury consecrated the Rev. Charles Inglis, former rector of Trinity Church in New York City, as bishop of Nova Scotia, which included jurisdiction over New Brunswick and other territories. He and subsequent bishops visited the province several times.

Slow but steady growth through the ensuing 50 years brought about the need for its own diocese and bishop.

“Where there had been six clergy in 1786, there were now 32 in active service,” by 1844 (p. 14)

“The lack of episcopal supervision and the shortage of clergy meant that, in many areas, significant numbers of Anglicans had been lost to other denominations.

“Nevertheless, the first steps had been taken towards self-support, and firm foundations

“The Letters Patent designated Fredericton as the seat of the diocese, thus propelling the town to city status, much to the chagrin of Saint John.

laid for what Queen Victoria was to designate the Diocese of Fredericton and for the 47-year episcopate of John Medley.” (p. 15)

Medley lived from 1804-1892. He arrived from Britain and was enthroned as the first bishop of Fredericton on June 11, 1845, St. Barbabas’ Day. He had been consecrated on May 4 in Lambeth under Letters Patent of Queen Victoria, by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the bishops of London.

The Letters Patent designated Fredericton as the seat of the diocese, thus propelling the town to city status, much to the chagrin of Saint John.

Medley arrived in New Brunswick having suffered much tragedy in a short period of time. In 1839, his son died, and his wife, Christina, died two years later of tuberculosis. Six children remained, the youngest only one year old. In 1843, his oldest daughter, who had taken over running the household, died of scarlet fever, and the next year, his mother, sitting beside him in a carriage, was killed when it crashed. He himself was severely injured.

Nevertheless, two months after his arrival, he launched a tour of the diocese, confirming 795 candidates, consecrating four churches, and ordaining three priests and one deacon.

Apart from building the diocese and a long list of other accomplishments, Medley’s most visible legacy is Christ Church Cathedral, which he planned

even before his arrival. Just four months after he set foot in New Brunswick, the cornerstone was laid and the work continued — for eight years, mainly due to a lack of funds. Most of the financial support came from outside the diocese.

The Cathedral was consecrated in 1853 “in the presence of most of the bishops in British North America and a number of distinguished guests from the United States...” (p. 25)

During the construction of the Cathedral, he oversaw the building of St. Anne’s Chapel of Ease. The two buildings ‘set the pattern’ for church buildings yet to come in the province, another legacy with some still standing today.

A comment from him at the 1873 diocesan synod shows how little life has changed in the church, and also shows his willingness to be flexible:

“If the Church is to make progress, and to show such signs of life as to make it worthwhile for any person outside her communion to join her, she must meet the want of the present generation, not by proclaiming stereotyped formulas and negative propositions, but by presenting all Scriptural and Catholic truth in its purity to the minds of the young, in a way that can interest and attract them, and by occasionally resorting to a new form in order to deepen the truth enshrined in the old.” (p. 20)

After his son’s death in 1889, the bishop was in sharp decline, never recovering from this loss.

“By the time of his death in 1892, Medley’s mark was to be clearly and indelibly stamped on the Church in his diocese — visibly in terms of wood and stone, and less tangibly in countless other ways, not the least of which is the high esteem in which the lay people of the diocese have traditionally held their bishop.” (p. 17)

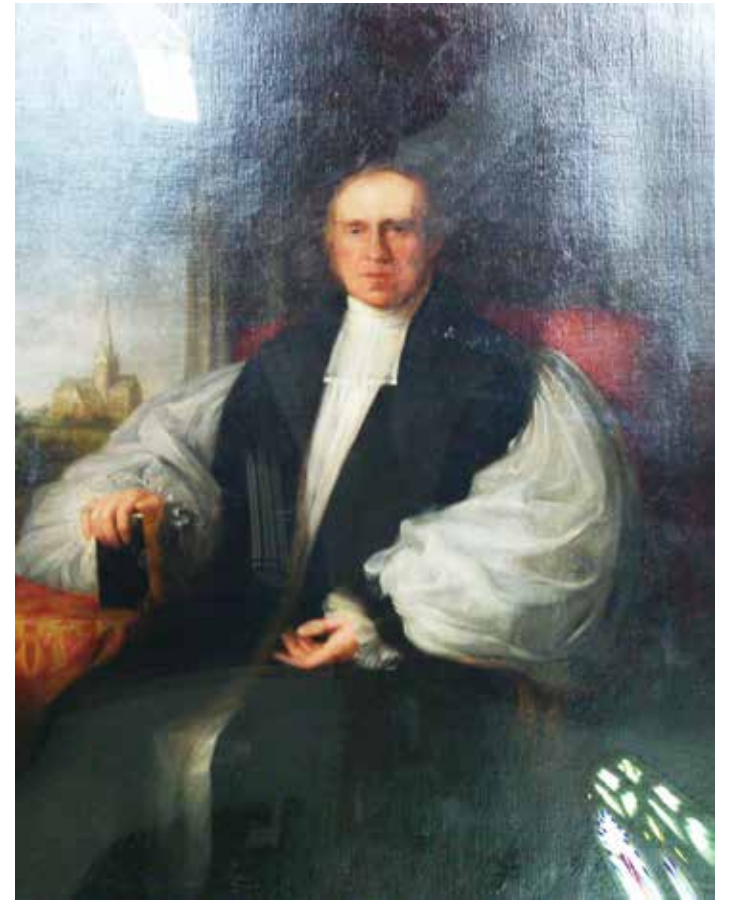


Photo of a painting of Bishop John Medley hanging in Christ Church Cathedral.

From 2019 parish reports

Licensed clergy: 122 (active, retired and other)

Licensed lay evangelists: 7

Parishes: 71 + Christ Church Cathedral

Church buildings: approximately 125

Parishioners: approximately 13,600 — 1,700 of whom are children



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



www.anglican.nb.ca

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON
A SECTION OF THE ANGLICAN JOURNAL

The Most Rev. David Edwards Bishop and Publisher

Gisele McKnight Editor
Cheryl Jacobs & Ben Bourque Proofreaders

Published 10 times per year. Price of subscription \$10.00

Please send news and photo submissions to
115 Church St., Fredericton, NB E3B 4C8
Phone: 506-459-1801, ext. 1009; E-mail: gmcknight@diofton.ca

Please send subscription renewals and changes of address to:
The New Brunswick Anglican, c/o Anglican Journal Circulation Dept.,
80 Hayden St, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 3G2
circulation@national.anglican.ca OR 1-866-924-9192 ext. 259

Printed & mailed in North York, Ontario
By Webnews Printing Inc.

From bishop to archbishop, as of Aug. 1

Archbishop continued from page 1

as Metropolitan, I very much enjoyed getting to know people throughout the seven dioceses which are our Province.

“I wish Archbishop-elect David every blessing as he assumes leadership of the Ecclesiastical

Province of Canada.”

Debbie Collicott Edwards, married to David for almost six months, is proud of her husband and his new role.

“I’m not surprised at all,” she said. “Whatever role David is asked to fill, he’ll do it with grace, dedication and conviction. David does things with

integrity.”

There are six Anglican archbishops in Canada, mostly based on geography: Canada (as noted above); Ontario; Rupert’s Land (the Prairies); British Columbia & Yukon; the National Indigenous Archbishop; and the Primate (head of the Anglican Church of Canada).

THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Our wilderness walk

After the Jews left Egypt, they wandered in the Wilderness for 40 years. They knew where they wanted to be — the Promised Land — and they knew how to get there, but they had to wait.

When they entered the land, it was not as they had hoped. For various reasons, it became a place of conflict and confusion. Many of them could not see God and turned to other ways. The last verse of the Book of Judges says, "In those days Israel had no king, everyone did as they saw fit."

As I sit here to write, it is mid-July, we are now four months into the COVID-19 era. There are many who hope that by the time you read this, we will be "back to normal."

I do not know enough to venture an opinion on that. At present it feels as if I am writing into a void. Perhaps this is something of how Moses felt when he led the Israelites: what comes next?

During the journey made by the Jews, there were many things to be thankful for, the main one being they had escaped the slavery and oppression of life in Egypt. Sometimes they forgot that, but their regular round of worship in the tabernacle was there to remind them.

Of course, the greatest thing we have to give thanks for is the



GHADER NEZAMI ON UNSPLASH



escape from the slavery of sin and death into the new life, brought about by Jesus' death and resurrection.

They were grateful for things along the way, as am I. I want to thank you for the support you have given to ministry in the diocese over these difficult months. It has been a great gift and a blessing.

As I mentioned, the Jews worshipped in the wilderness. They were given instructions about how to build their tabernacle and how it was to be used. They were not to forget about God.

For most of us, worship has continued in many and varied forms, from quiet personal devotions, through virtual events and on into restricted gatherings. We have all been made to realize that what we have taken for granted can be removed, and we have no idea when it might return.

The Israelites travelled together through the wilderness, and that is something many of us have missed. To be physically present with others at worship and other events is a thing some crave. It has been great to have phone calls and

video chats, but we all know there is more.

I could go on listing more parallels and differences, but I will move on. Forty years is a long time, and we have to hope and pray that our wilderness experienced is resolved before then. With two exceptions — Joshua and Caleb — none of the Jews who left Egypt entered the Promised Land.

What were they hoping for when they went in? What was the vision they had for life there? A land flowing with milk and honey? What might that mean?

God led the Jews on their journey from Egypt into the land that was promised. God knew how it was to be, but they found it hard to listen.

What are we expecting after our wilderness walk? What is our post-COVID promised land? What does God want us to be like when we enter in?

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

SEPT. 6
* PARISH OF THE NERPIS AND ST. JOHN

SEPT. 12
DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ELECTORAL SYNOD

SEPT. 13
PARISH OF GRAND MANAN

SEPT. 20
PARISH OF ST. MARGARET'S - 30TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPT. 26
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

SEPT. 27
* PARISH OF SACKVILLE; PARISH OF SUSSEX (ST. JOHN, HIGHFIELD)

OCT. 4
* PARISH OF MONCTON

* CONFIRMATION

Stewardship in different times

*Be still, then, and know that I am God.**

The words above are the opening sentence of the 11th verse of Psalm 46 and are the basis for a Choral Benediction written by Mary McDonald. They will be recognizable to Diocesan Choir School choristers who sang this at the Sunday Evensong a few years back as our choral benediction.

Now you may be wondering what this has to do with stewardship. Bear with me and I will explain.

It has been a very different spring and summer for sure: no church services in person until early June and no visiting our families in other provinces or countries until recently and then only NS, PEI and NFLD.



Mike Briggs

This time of restriction should perhaps make us more introspective. You never know what you have until it's gone. Even a two-and-a-half hour trip from Dartmouth to see us — a visit from Judy's sister — was a memory until very recently.

In this time of COVID-19 restrictions, have you taken time to be still and reflect on all that God has blessed you with?

The words from Psalm 46 instruct us to be still and listen to what God is saying to us. Even though it seems our lives are upside down with all the limitations on socializing and visiting, God is still there supporting us as we live with pandemic restrictions on what we would normally be doing this time of year.

Most of you will have read in e-News that both the fundraising for the mobile clinic in our Companionship Diocese of Ho, and Bishop McAllister College are in need of help.

I know this is a stressful time for a lot of us financially, but I urge you all to think on the opening verse, take time to be still and listen to what God is saying to you in the stillness.

He is always there and waiting for us to speak to Him in prayer, now more so than ever.

He never asks more of us that we can manage or imagine even though it seems hard. If your parish is doing OK financially, can you help to support either or both of the above Anglican causes or assist with a local food bank?

I will close with some words from the Choral Benediction I referred to above as they seem to me to be so comforting at this time.

'Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.'

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

Letter to the editor

To the editor:
The May NB Anglican letter to the editor — the Miracle of Matthew 25 — was heart-warming.

The sincere testimony of a parishioner while sharing a meal after a worship service is a powerful example of being missional people.

My thanks to Mr. Mann for sharing this experience.

Cindy Derksen
Parish of Richmond

Letters may be sent to gmcknight@diofton.ca

Diocesan Council highlights

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

For the first time in history, Diocesan Council gathered via a Zoom meeting.

The May 23 meeting began with Morning Prayer, led by Bishop David Edwards, using liturgy prepared for Thy Kingdom Come, the global wave of prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost.

The 36 people present sat through a short tutorial on Zoom features, particularly on how to vote on motions. Once that was taken care of, the business meeting began.

SYNOD OFFICE

The Rev. David Peer reported on the progress of finding a new location for the Synod Office.

"We are moving forward on a project between [Christ Church] Cathedral) and Synod Office, potentially building a building between Bishop's Court and the Synod Office," he said.

A draft rezoning plan has been sent to the City of Fredericton for approval. The lot between the two buildings would house both the Cathedral hall and the Synod Office.

"Once we get approval on the draft plan, we'll proceed with the selling of the two buildings," said David, adding they expect city approval before summer.

With Synod staff successfully working from home since March, it's clear we can function as a diocese without a building, he said, noting that

may be the scenario again, temporarily, as this process goes ahead.

PARISH OF EAST SAINT JOHN

David Peer gave an update on the status of the dissolution of the Parish of East Saint John.

"The parish is not functioning as a parish," he said. "Most members have found new homes in parishes in the city."

The parish is preparing the documents to transfer the physical assets, and the parish treasurer is preparing to transfer parish funds to the diocese. Once this is complete, the bishop will issue a Memorial of Dissolution, he said.

CONSTITUTION & CANONS COMMITTEE MOTIONS

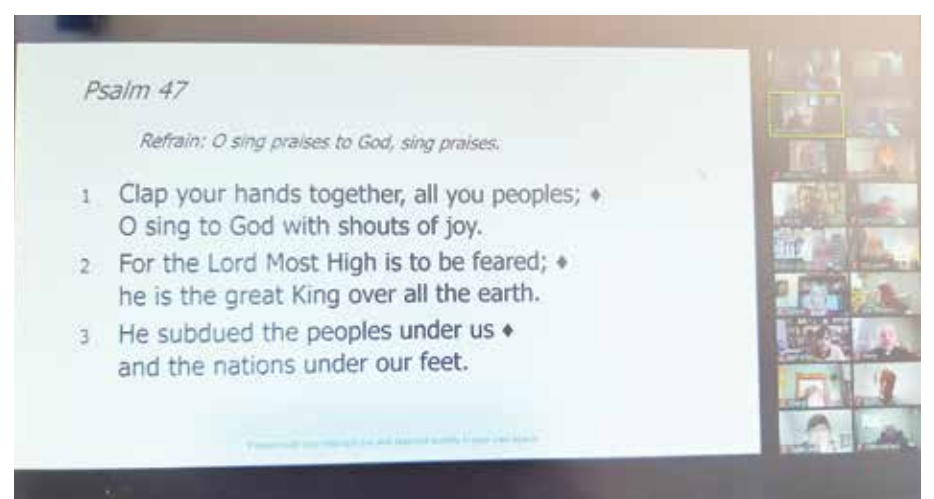
Chancellor David Bell introduced two motions, one of which was timely in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

Canon 3, the election of bishops, has a very rigid timeline, stipulating that an electoral synod must be held within 90 days of a vacancy. There are two dioceses in Canada right now — British Columbia and Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island — having to delay episcopal elections due to the pandemic.

The motion was designed to allow flexibility "in exceptional circumstances" should the office of bishop become unexpectedly vacant. Usually a co-adjutor is in place should a bishop resign or die. The circumstance is rare and has occurred once in our 175-year history.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



Top photo shows the participants during the Diocesan Council meeting in May — in the first to be held via Zoom. Bottom photo shows members participating in Morning Prayer as they begin the meeting. The next Diocesan Council meeting will be held Sept. 26.

The motion passed.

David Bell's second motion dealt with Canon 6: diocesan approval for parishes to purchase property, which is currently regulated only by policy, not legislation.

"It's a policy right now," said David. "It's a low level, inferior form of legislation. It... would be raised to a superior level of legislation."

The change would see parishes seek Diocesan Council approval at the beginning of a purchase. Typically a purchase would be for development, and Diocesan Council would want to be involved at the beginning of that process, not after the land purchase had already occurred. This change would not include gifts and bequests.

The motion was passed with four abstentions. Both of David Bell motions will come before Diocesan Synod for approval when it next meets.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Heather Harris-Jones presented her treasurer's report, noting the diocese has gone from a balanced budget to a one-million dollar shortfall, though that is a worst-case scenario. She will continue to develop forecasts through the upcoming months.

"In recent financial surveys, we see that parishes are doing better than we anticipated," she said. "E-offering has helped parishes weather this situation. Still, a few are struggling."

Finance personnel have been busy helping parishes apply for the federal wage subsidy. Fourteen parishes are not eligible for this program.

ANGLICAN FOUNDATION

Council approved a grant application to the Anglican Foundation from the Parish of Saint John for the Trinity Steeple Tower Restoration, Phase II. The parish is asking

for \$15,000 to help complete the \$300,000 phase.

This approval is to allow the parish to submit its application to the foundation. This is the only application from the diocese during this grant period. Parishes must be members of the foundation in order to apply.

COMPANION DIOCESE PROJECT

The fundraising campaign for a mobile medical clinic in the Diocese of Ho, Ghana, has been delayed by the pandemic. The original goal was to complete the fundraising by the end of May. Cheryl Jacobs, a member of the Companion Diocese team, thanked all parishes that had already sent in donations and encouraged everyone to consider a donation.

The next meeting of Diocesan Council is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26.

With files from David Peer.

Letters
to the editor

We welcome them!
Send yours to
gmcknight@diofton.ca

CHURCH REOPENINGS

Churches reopen slowly, carefully

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The news that Premier Blaine Higgs had moved the province to the Yellow (third) phase of COVID-19 recovery came with good news for parishes in June.

In the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, Bishop David Edwards issued a letter in light of the announcement.

He noted that part of the pro-

vincial government's recovery plan included allowing religious services of 50 people or fewer — indoors or outdoors.

However, strict guidelines were laid out by the province that had to be adhered to when a parish reopened its buildings.

A written operational plan had to be in place and readily available, and social distancing had to be respected. The bishop noted that the 50 gathered

included those officiating.

"Although church buildings can open for services, they do not have to," he said. "I am aware that some have taken the decision, due to local circumstances, to remain closed at present. That is perfectly acceptable to me."

The bishop went on to explain the difference between closed churches and closed buildings.

"I want to emphasize the fact

that we're opening buildings, not churches. Our churches have been meeting in all different forms. They've never closed.

"We're able to open our buildings now and I'm glad of it," he said. "But the Church has been open — some of it familiar, and some of it different."

One aspect of the pandemic that has proven interesting is the number of new people accessing online services produced in the

diocese.

"I've received significant feedback that through these different means, we've been able to engage with people we hadn't before," he said. "I hope we'll be able to continue to do that."

The bishop encouraged continued prayer for the province, the country and the world during this pandemic.

St. Luke's, Woodstock, reopens its doors for public worship

When God's children gather to worship together, they stay stronger, as fellowship gives strength to the weak and sick among us. It is a great avenue to learn and grow in our faith.

During the weeks of COVID-19 lockdown, while we were not able to gather publicly, we were able to offer on-line services, which reached and blessed many people and gave us a sense of worshipping with other believers!

Matthew 18:19-20 says, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." God's spirit binds us together as one during worship.

Rev. Shirley Noseworthy points out that the church has not been closed during the COVID-19 lockdown. We have been here, doing ministry in a different way. On June 14, we reopened our doors for public worship (of up to 50 people) as we moved into the yellow phase of recovery!

We followed the protocols set out by the government and health authorities, with our operational plan in a binder at the back of the nave.

Thank God for our operational plan team, wardens Jon Tait and Richard Dennique and Safe Church officer Bob MacFarlane who worked diligently to compile the plan and get our facility ready for public worship!

Praise God for our greeters Richard Dennique and Marilyn Sherman for taking on the task of screening, taking



TOP: St. Lukes' congregation practicing social distancing during the service.

ABOVE: Elizabeth Gallant and her mother, Marian Robinson, signing in.

RIGHT: Marilyn Sherman taking temperatures with an infrared thermometer.

ARMIN HACKELSPERGER PHOTOS

temperatures, asking folks to sign in and follow protocols, and for our usher Dorine Dennique for ensuring folks maintained physical distancing as they were seated. These duties

go above and beyond what is normally required of greeters and ushers!

We were predicting a turnout of 10 people, so it was a great blessing to see 20 people

out for worship! It was so good to gather as a church family!

The service was recorded and uploaded to Facebook and YouTube later in the day to watch from home. And it will

be available on our new parish website to be launched soon.

Submitted by the Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, rector of the Parish of Woodstock.

NEWSPAPER AWARDS

NB Anglican scores big at annual awards ceremony

Diocesan publication judged best Christian newspaper in Canada

At the 2020 awards gala presented by the Canadian Christian Communicators Association (formerly Canadian Church Press), the *New Brunswick Anglican* came away with many honours, the biggest of which was being judged best Christian newspaper in Canada.

The awards ceremony, normally held during the organization's annual conference, was held June 26 using a ZOOM format. About 40 nominees, judges and organizers attended, including *NB Anglican* editor Gisele McKnight, and editors from other Anglican newspapers. Many of the winning papers, besides *Anglican*, included Catholic, Lutheran, Salvation Army, United and Mennonite.

The *NB Anglican* won seven awards in the broad categories of news, features, photography, design, opinion and general excellence.

"I am delighted that the *NB Anglican* has received these awards," said Archbishop David Edwards. "It shows the results of the hard work of Gisele and other contributors as we have seen the face of the newspaper change.

"Personally, I am very happy that we have a concentration on articles about mission and that they are identified as such. I am always pleased to see the different and creative initiatives being undertaken by individuals and parishes across our diocese."

Here is the list of winning entries and the judges' comments.

First Place - General Excellence The submission had to include three consecutive newspapers published in 2019. The judge had the October, November and December papers to examine. The criteria



says the papers must be "intelligent, lively, diverse, engaging and inviting reply."

Judge's comments: First, congratulations on publishing a first-rate, informative and diverse paper that clearly reflects the issues of interest to the Anglican community of New Brunswick. I was particularly impressed with the in-depth coverage of the Synod. But you also found the time to explore rural parishes, missions, summer camps, gatherings such as Deep Roots, church gardens, and much more. Well done.

I only saw letters to the editor in the October edition. It's another way to give community a voice. Perhaps you might consider a higher-profile invitation to send letters or emails for publication.

Editor/Reporter (and I am

guessing layout person, photographer, headline writer, trouble-shooter and likely one-man band) Gisele McKnight may be one of the hardest working journalists I have had the pleasure to read, judging by the overwhelming amount of content she herself has produced. Amazing, and in my opinion, written and published at a professional level. Well done.

FIRST PLACE - Photo essay

The entry was coverage of the Blessing of the Animals service in the Parish of Stanley in October, conducted by the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc.

Judge's comments: I like the way this essay flows from one photograph to another. Your photographs back up your essay very well. This is a very difficult subject to tackle;

animals will not just stand around and pose for you. You have managed to do this very well. Congratulations on such a wonderful entry.

SECOND PLACE - In depth treatment of a news story

The news story was Bishop's Court being used as an emergency Out of the Cold shelter. The entry included the news stories and photos from start to finish.

Judge's comments: This is a story that does a very good job of explaining the numerous challenges that faced the opening of Bishop's Court. In the February installment the writer has researched and assembled some impressive statistics about the facility and its self-sustainable nature and accomplishments. The writer

provides readers with all the essential facts necessary.

The September follow up is essential because it closes the circle for readers. With winter approaching, the story provides readers with an important update and information about what the Bishop's Court accomplished the previous year, what a difference it made in the community. This serves as more than news; it is encouragement for all those who volunteered to make the shelter succeed.

SECOND PLACE – Feature photo

The photo was taken at the Camp On The Road event in the Parish of St. Stephen.

Judge's comments: This entry works on several levels. First, let's talk about how you managed to create a triangle with the children. This makes us to look at the entire photograph, from left to right. I am sure you did not plan this, but your background is what photographers refer to as neutral grey allowing all of your subjects' color to show. The children seem so happy and excited.

This is a very pleasant photograph very well done and very well composed. The triangle that you created forces me to look at every individual person. Well done. The neutral grey background enhances all of the colors in the children's clothes and then I look at their expressions. I think that they are having fun. I can feel the energy in this entry. Please accept my congratulations for such a fine entry.

THIRD PLACE – Feature layout & design The YIG (Youth & Intergenerational) annual poster was published in the *NB Anglican* and entered for its unique design features.

Judge's comments: This is a very unique and unconventional layout, and I'm at a loss of how to critique it for those reasons. It could double as a poster, and looks like a calendar of events. The colour choices are youthful and the background image is very powerful. It doesn't appear to follow a grid, it's like a free-form design. Maybe this is the wave of the future, like abstract expressionism was to sur-

Awards continued on page 7

DIOCESAN NEWS

Synod Office reopens with caution in mind

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

After a three-month closure, the Diocesan Synod Office reopened June 16. It is open to visitors Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the foreseeable future. A decision on where to go from there will be made in September.

While most staff will still work from home for the time being, the bishop, his secretary and executive officer the Rev. David Peer work in the office on days it is open.

“I feel as bishop, I should be available to people — person-to-person — allowing for safety, of course, if they feel that’s what they need,” said Bishop David Edwards. “I feel people need to be able to be part of the life of the diocese.

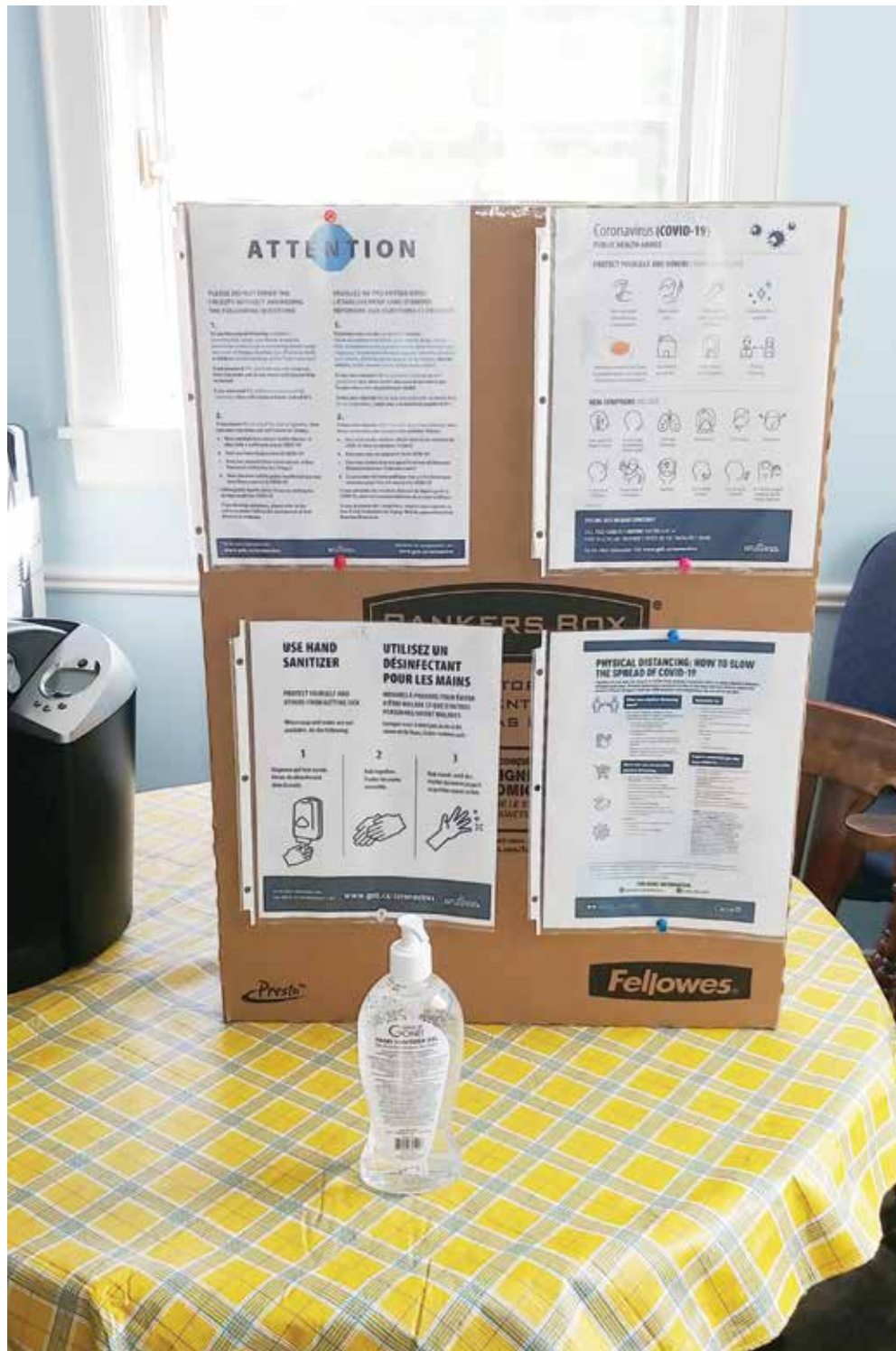
“Although we recognize the limitations, I think it’s important that people are able to come in to access the things they need face-to-face.”

This is a provisional opening in keeping with the current yellow phase of COVID-19 recovery. If the province returns to the orange phase, the office will likely have to close.

David Peer developed the government-required operational plan that allowed the office to open. As a commander in the Royal Canadian Navy, he held several staff posts similar to this one, and is trained in crisis planning. Thus, he was well-equipped for a time such as this.

“When we’re dealing with risk, we want to eliminate the risk,” he said. “The next thing to do is put up barriers to risk, and the next is to enact procedures,” he said in explaining his approach to developing an operational plan to help keep risk to a minimum.

As such, the office has safety



DAVID PEER PHOTOS

posters up, and it has limited opening hours. The few onsite staff have a list of guidelines for working together safely. All of the finance team is working from home, and the second floor, where they normally

work, is off-limits to visitors.

“If you drop in, we can’t guarantee the one you want will be there,” said David Peer.

Visitors have access only to the entrance hall, the board room, the bathroom and the

bishop’s office — all on the first floor.

But before a visitor can enter, he or she must read a checklist to ensure it’s safe to enter: have you travelled out of province; have you been asked



Instructional signs and warnings, plus hand sanitizer, all part of everyday life now, are in abundance at the Diocesan Synod Office.

to self-isolate; do you have COVID-like symptoms, and so on.

Once inside, “people will see tape on the floor for where they can stand,” said David Peer. “If we’re busy, you may need to wait outside. That’s the advantage to booking [an appointment] ahead.”

Synod staff continue to keep a log of everyone who has visited, in order to facilitate contact tracing, should that become necessary.

Despite all the precautions and regular cleaning going on at the office, with the Ops Plan “people can make up their own minds on how comfortable they are with coming to the Diocesan Office,” he said, adding all staff are available by phone and email during the work day.

As of press time, few people have visited the diocesan synod office since its reopening.

7 awards, including general excellence, for the *New Brunswick Anglican*

Awards continued from page 6

realism. For that reason, I’m intrigued.

The design did entice me to head to the website to see what was going on.

THIRD PLACE – Feature story
The selling of the historic Odell

House, the rectory of Christ Church Cathedral, was a feature story that appeared in the April 2019 edition of the paper. It outlined the past, present and future of the house.

Judge’s comments: This would have been of interest to architectural fans for sure, but also anyone who loves design

and old homes – and given the popularity of all the home renovation shows, I’d say that would be just about everyone. It was well organized. Very descriptive. Had great detail and anecdotes and historical detail.

THIRD PLACE – Personal Experience/First Person Account

This was a thank you letter by former Youth & Intergenerational director Colin McDonald, sent to diocesan clergy and others who attended Clergy Conference in Saint John. It outlines the generous deed they did, and its outcome.

Judge’s comments: At first glance, this inspiring first per-

son account looks suspiciously like another meeting report, but it quickly turns out to be so much more. Instead it chronicles what can happen when we are open to being followers of Jesus: we can change lives. The personal writing style is perfect for the story. Good use of detail and color.

Discovering God's Inextinguishable Church

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

What do you do as a diocese when you cannot meet and people have some time on their hands? You hold an on-line course.

From May 12-27, about 26 people, three days a week, joined a course held on Zoom called God's Inextinguishable Church.

It all stemmed from an offer from the Rev. John Paul Westin, prison chaplain. He received a promotion for a new book, *God is Indestructible: 12 Responses to the Relevance Crisis of Christianity*, by Christian A. Schwarz.

Intrigued, he offered to do something with it, which led to parish development officer Shawn Branch setting up the course.

"What hit me was it was a timely discussion given the reality of what we were experiencing," said Shawn. "Schwarz published the book before the COVID outbreak, but the colliding of events made conversations that much more fruitful."

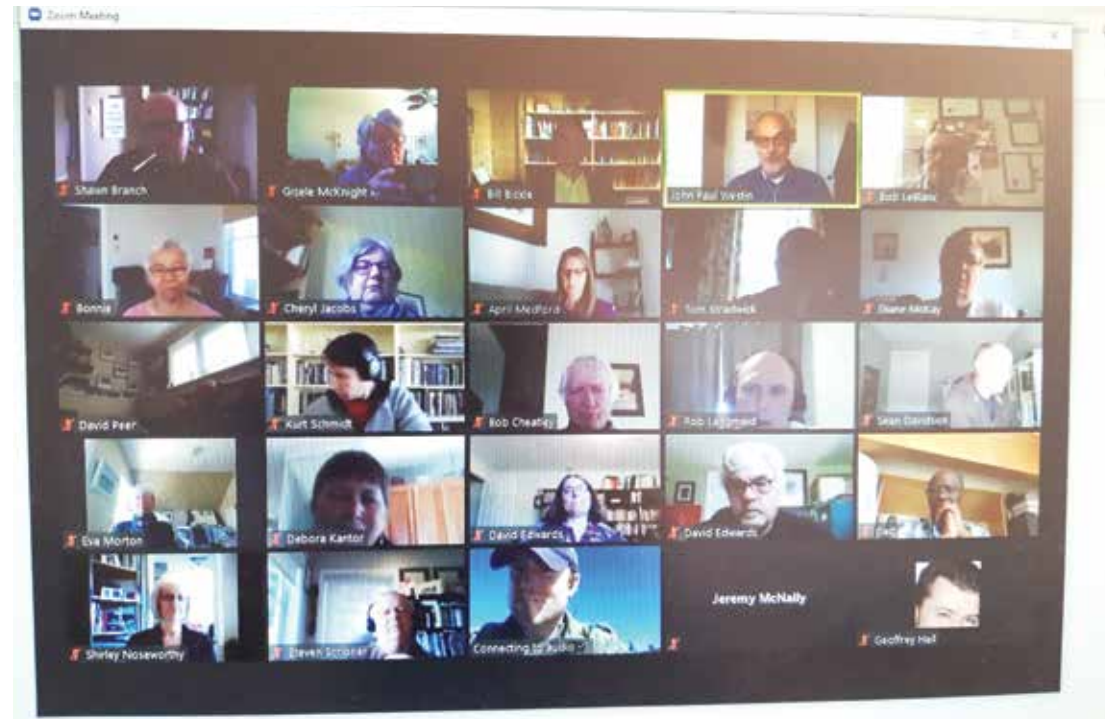
The offer led to Shawn organizing and hosting an intensive course based on the 12 chapters of the book. Participants were encouraged to read the book for familiarity, though that was not a prerequisite. Every day of the course, John Paul summarized a couple of chapters. Then participants in small groups discussed and reported back.

After reviewing participant feedback, "the big highlight was that people felt encouraged to think outside the box," said Shawn. "That shouldn't be a new thing, but it's one more piece of the puzzle. We've been saying we need to change our thinking and be open to what the Spirit is saying during this time."

JOHN PAUL'S TAKE ON THE COURSE:

I was first introduced to the work of Christian Schwarz at a clergy conference while working in Wisconsin, USA in 1999. Immediately I felt excited by his "paradigm shift" and the work he had initiated with Natural Church Development.

I began to use NCD material personally and in each



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Throughout much of May, three days a week, participants gathered via Zoom to discuss a book by Christian Schwarz called *God is Indestructible: 12 Responses to the Relevance Crisis of Christianity*.

church I served from that time on. I was so pleased to see that he had recently written another book, entitled *God is Indestructible*, for a much more general audience, using the same thinking behind NCD but dealing with some questions around relevance and Christianity that are so current today.

When Shawn Branch and Cathy Laskey approached me about the possibility of us doing a diocesan intensive study of the book, I was thrilled and contacted Christian Schwarz, who immediately responded and seemed even more thrilled than I was!

He loved the proposed format of a short, intensive study that could be repeated and duplicated with very little effort by anyone who had read the book. He sent along five 'impulse' questions to be used in our small groups and asked to be kept informed on how the study went.

Just before the end of the study he invited NCD Canada director Bill Bickle and myself to be on an NCD International coaches training zoom and interviewed us about what we were doing.

NCD coaches from across the world got to hear what we were doing in New Brunswick and were delighted to have another low-cost, user-friendly tool to use in their contexts.

I was amazed to find how many of the chapter themes were familiar to us from work we have been doing in our diocese over the past number of years.

From minster-model parishes to mission-minded thinking and acting, through all of our various conference speakers, we heard echoed by and added to from Schwarz's book a host of challenges to help us rediscover our vitality in Christ's inextinguishable Church.

As followers of Jesus, we need to look and listen differently for what the Spirit is doing in God's world. This can enable us to adjust the way we are living out the gospel in our local communities, so that we experience God's energy (indestructible nature) in fresh and empowering ways.

In turn that will energize our witness to that experience to/with other non-church people who are longing for that same experience of a relevant and empowered life with God at work in and around them too.

TWO VIEWS FROM PARTICIPANTS: EVA MORTON

Two things stand out for me which affirmed my own convictions, and two things which challenged me.

The two affirmations: Chris-

tians can learn from atheists, and science and religion are not enemies of one another.

To quote from our notes: "Faith and science are not distinct or mutually exclusive categories... they are complementary. No one area of knowledge can describe the whole of reality. God can't be found by science, but it doesn't mean science denies God." I have many friends and relatives who are atheists, and I am learning from them all the time.

The two challenges: Concentrating on my own spiritual growth and neglecting to share is "almost spiritual robbery." To quote the notes again, "Growth comes by sharing, by giving away the blessing... When we experience growth we should immediately share the insight with at least two others."

The other: There are times when I know I have "endured" church rather than enjoyed it. There are a variety of reasons for this, but the book brought this to my attention, and I think I need to work through some things as a result. It named one of the elephants in my church room.

I'm glad I read the book and attended the seminars. I like the opportunity to brainstorm with others about the Church and my faith. I appreciate Shawn Branch's efforts in organizing these events.

CHERYL JACOBS

What most surprised me is that Schwarz presents the theses in his book as provocative ideas in this time, and many agreed this was so. I see this as a confirmation, perhaps, of how poorly we are communicating the basics of our faith, both within and outside the church.

How do we both encourage and hold each other accountable to grow up in our faith? Doing so will also help to lessen the unhealthy expectations that clergy (or even lay leaders) do it 'all'.

Together we have been given a mission to share God's love and transcendence, and, individually, we each have a part in that. As someone put it, we need to shape an environment where outsiders say 'God is among you.'

Schwarz's points are important ideas to talk about. I enjoyed and found it helpful to discuss in small groups. My hope is that we can continue these types of studies post COVID-19.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Introduction: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's wake-up call

Chapter 1: Face the challenges of the global participation shift

Chapter 2: Re-define leadership

Chapter 3: Learn from both Eastern and Western Christianity

Chapter 4: Reclaim the New Testament reality of God's energy

Chapter 5: Encounter the transpersonal dimension of God

Chapter 6: Acknowledge different spiritual styles

Chapter 7: Abandon the us/them divide

Chapter 8: Communicate at eye level

Chapter 9: Defuse fundamentalist tendencies

Chapter 10: Update outdated notions about science and faith

Chapter 11: Embrace the 10/90 reality

Chapter 12: Pursue on-going growth

DIOCESAN TRAINING

‘Where Are We Now?’ webinar proved popular during pandemic

A lesson in how the world is changing, and how the Church can engage that change

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

In the struggle to remain active and address the need for connection during a pandemic, it was a conversation between Archbishop David Edwards and parish development officer Shawn Branch that led to a webinar drawing more than 130 participants from across North America.

Where Are We Now was held June 1 via Zoom, inviting participants to discern what ministry and church look like during and after a pandemic.

“We’d been wrestling with how we process what’s going on in the midst of this crisis,” said Shawn. “It’s something none of us trained for.”

It happened that Shawn had been talking with Dr. Alan Roxburgh about the same topic Alan had been discussing with churches across North America.

“I’ve heard him before and read some of his books. He knows what he’s talking about. The bishop and I talked about it and thought it would be a good idea, so we sent him an invitation.”

Alan is a widely sought after leader and teacher in missional theology, based in Vancouver. He is the founder of The Missional Network.

The webinar was included in the national Anglican Church calendar, which drew many more participants than expected.

Alan began the webinar with scripture from John 21:1-14, casting nets on the right side of the boat — an apt choice for a pandemic. The participants were asked to type in their responses and insights into the story:

- *It’s interesting that when Jesus appears, people don’t recognize him at first.*
- *Perhaps the net of the church needs to be cast differently.*
- *How often we miss Jesus when he is right there.*
- *We know the fish are there. The challenge is locating them.*



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Parish development officer Shawn Branch, Dr. Alan Roxburgh and Bishop David Edwards during the May webinar called *Where Are We Now*.

- *The enthusiasm of Peter. He just wants to get in there and be with Jesus. Peter always challenges me and comforts me.*
- *Peter is always impulsive and makes mistakes. Gives me hope!*

Shawn read many of the comments and Alan noted how completely disoriented the disciples were after the crucifixion of Jesus.

“They’re trying to figure out what to do with something that’s way beyond them,” said Alan. “And what we’re wrestling with in our own boats is huge.”

Despite the trends, the advice and the stories on what is to come, Alan told participants, “don’t believe anybody who says they know. As Pope Francis says, ‘we are not living through an era of change, but a change of era.’”

The pandemic, he said, is one part of a larger set of traumas that is having a fundamental effect on western life, and “we need to get our hands around this to be the light of Jesus,” he said.

Alan explained that fundamental change was seen in 2008 with the global financial meltdown. Since then, we’ve seen a new nationalism, fas-

cism, Trumpism, Brexit.

“What we’re experiencing is this breakdown of consensus of the world, and now comes this pandemic,” he said. “We’re being plunged into a world that makes no sense. These are not unconnected events.”

Alan has seen a few positive spin-offs of this new reality, beginning with an unexpected return to the local.

“Now people are seeing the undermining of globalism,” he said. “They’re rediscovering the local, the parish, the power of place — the rhythm of life in their neighbourhood.”

But he warned that this trend would be fought against by “a huge, powerful machine waiting to capitalize,” wanting us to forget the local and return to what was our norm.

Secondly, Alan sees a re-sacrilization of everyday life — the rediscovery of ordinary people we used to take for granted: nurses, garbage collectors, grocery workers.

“The ordinary is becoming holy, sacred,” he said.

Thirdly, he sees a vulnerability among people in this uncertain time, and it is our natural desire as people of the Church to care for them.

“We know how to give, to care for people,” he said. “But

people stepping off the treadmill of life and don’t want to get back on. There are all kinds of stories of hope.

“Those stories are some of the profound ways the spirit is already working.”

He encouraged participants to learn how to listen to the stories, and to connect those stories to God by asking where is God in the stories, what’s he up to, what’s he telling us through the stories.

“If this is a new era, God’s kingdom is not going to emerge from big leaders, it’s the bubbling energy from the ordinary,” he said.

Bishop David found Alan’s views quite in line with his own, noting, “My history is to try to relate individual stories to the big story. I think very much this is the direction in which we are headed.”

In the discussion that followed, it was clear that participants wanted to hear more about the Church’s role in this new era and how individual Christians can be part of that.

For the following four weeks, due to demand, Shawn led three separate group discussions on how to navigate the mission of listening to people’s stories and how that might lead to change in the Church.

“This was about creating space for those who wanted more in-depth,” said Shawn after the webinar. “A large part is learning how to hear, to process people’s stories, engage with people.”

“This is what Alan lives and breathes. His whole thing is equipping people and congregations to be more missional.”

Are you a baker?

We’re looking for your favourite Christmas recipe to include in our fall editions, plus a line or two about the recipe. Don’t delay. Send now! All recipes must be received by Oct. 26. Send to gmcknight@diofton.ca

MY JOURNEY HERE



CINDY DERKSEN

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The New Brunswick Anglican begins a new journey this fall. Each month until we run out of stories, the paper will feature a member of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton whose roots are far from New Brunswick. This feature series is called My Journey Here.

If you are, or know of a parishioner who is from away and would like to tell the story of 'how I got here,' send the name and contact information to the editor: gmcknight@diofton.ca or 506-459-1801, ext. 1009.

For Cindy Derksen, 74, vestry clerk, layreader and member of the Parish of Richmond, it was a cruise that changed the direction of her life.

Cindy was born in Rhode Island and worked for a New England dairy called HP Hood & Sons. Over time that job led her to live in New Hampshire. It was in the spring of 1972 that Cindy took a cruise. Dennis Derksen, from the tiny town of Langham, Sask., was on that cruise.

A few months later, the two were married, and Dennis moved to New Hampshire. It turns out they both had similar cross-border roots. Minnesota had been home to Dennis's grandparents before they moved to Saskatchewan around 1905.

And Cindy's grandmother was born in Nova Scotia. Her father bought a cottage there when Cindy was a child and she remembers many summers spent there.

The two lived in an apartment for almost a decade. They wanted to buy a house, but realized their savings would be better spent on real estate in Canada. One weekend they drove up I-95 to

Houlton, Maine, crossed over, stopped in Woodstock and bought a copy of *The Bugle*, the local paper.

"There was an ad in the paper for a house — our house," said Cindy, adding it was rustic and private and overlooked the St. John River.

In addition to the favourable U.S. exchange, the couple noted the beautiful farms, the friendliness of the people and the fact that with six or seven churches in the area, it was clearly a community of faith.

"We looked at the house in May 1981 and moved in November," she said, adding they had the house paid for within six months.

LIFE IN NB

Now that they were living in Canada, Cindy needed to find a new job. She'd worked at the dairy for 14 years, so she had lots of experience, but in subsequent interviews, employers felt a new arrival might not stay for long.

That was the last thing on Cindy's mind. She loved the St. John River Valley, its peace, its farms, but she couldn't seem to connect with employers.

Not long after, she needed to photocopy a document, and her husband suggested Craig Manufacturing. He knew they had a photocopier — and he suggested she apply for a job there while she was at it. She got her photocopying done, and within a month, she was working there.

"I worked there 29 years," she said. "I've been an accounting clerk my whole life."

She retired in 2011.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Cindy described Dennis and herself as having "a bit of faith" in the early days.

"I'd left faith behind, as many do. I was a Methodist. I

went to a Lutheran Christian school. Dennis was a Mennonite," she said.

But they weren't active.

In the meantime, Cindy's mother bought a house in Hartland to be closer to them. It wasn't long afterwards that her mom, a Congregationalist, began seeking out a church, and she felt Holy Trinity Anglican was close enough — in location and practise.

"She found out when the services were, and I asked her, 'would you like me to go with you?'"

So the two began attending in 1991.

"She's the one who sought the church out. It's been a blessing to me. It's my family," said Cindy.

LIFE WITH A SECRET

When Cindy was 17, she gave birth to a son, whom she placed for adoption.

"I wasn't forced, but I knew I had no other option," she said. "A marriage would not have worked."

Her family was heartbroken, as was she, but no one mentioned it — ever.

"That had an impact on me. It was so shameful," she said. "My soul was just ripped open, but I never talked about it."

But times change and having a baby while single doesn't carry the stigma it once did.

"I decided I'd punished myself long enough," she said.

It was 1994, her son's 30th birthday, when Cindy made the application to find him. She applied to a particular agency because it was the only one she knew of. He had applied to the same one because it was free — two years before.

They met in Orono, Maine, near where he lives.

"It's an adult relationship," said Cindy. "I talk to him every week. I don't consider myself a mother, but he tells me, no, you are a mother."

"We go to the cottage [in Nova Scotia]," she said. "He and his wife work on the cottage. [That he is in Maine] 'is in itself a miracle. He's two-and-a-half hours down the road from me.'"

She and Dennis met Gene for the first time on a Sunday. It was one of the most important days of her life. But how do you go to work on Monday, remain quiet and act like nothing's happened?

On that Monday evening, she had a vestry meeting.

"Bill Morton was the priest," she said. "I kept thinking I wanted to talk to him, but maybe no, I can't talk to him about this. Then, of all the people there, Bill said, 'Cindy, would you drive me home?'"

God had given her the opportunity, so she took it. When

they arrived at his house, she asked if she could come in to talk.

"It gave me a chance to talk it out," she said. "I'd never talked about it before."

She gave Bill permission to include his wife, Eva, and the two sat and listened to Cindy's 30-year-old secret.

Now the story of Gene is an open part of her life, not the heart-wrenching, guilt-inducing secret she'd kept for so long. Gene has been back in her life for 26 years.

"God is a God of second chances," she said.

LIFE'S JOURNEY

Dennis died in 2012. His obituary listed Gene as his son — a testament to his generous, inclusive spirit.

Cindy hopes she can stay in her home for as long as possible. Gene asked if she would move back to the U.S. But the answer was no.

"It's not about me. It's about where God has pushed, pulled and led me. I've found peace here," she said. "I see God in nature and I see him here."

She couldn't bear to leave her church family, she said. Now that she's found her way to New Brunswick, to her son, to the Parish of Richmond, and back to God, she feels her journey is complete.



MCKNIGHT FILE PHOTO

Cindy Derksen, centre left, during a recent processional into Christ Church Cathedral.

DIocese OF HO



MISSION IN MOTION: international

A message from Archbishop David Edwards

Dear friends in Christ,

COVID-19 has had devastating effects which, unfortunately, have had an impact on our diocesan fundraising campaign to buy and equip a mobile medical clinic for our companion diocese in Ho, Ghana.

What began in early 2020 as a solid plan to fundraise here and access Rotary Club funding for this \$268,000 (CDN) international project has been stalled by the inability to hold fundraising events in the diocese as a result of the pandemic, and a run on Rotary funding for COVID-related projects.

Yet the people of the Diocese of Ho still have little or no health care. We heard recently from health care workers in Ho that there is little help, limited testing, and incomplete statistics to add to the international database of cases. But the virus has not spared the region, and people are understandably fearful and desperate.

Our Companion Diocese Committee has reworked the application to Rotary and, thanks be to God, it has been submitted.

In the meantime, we must raise a good deal more money than we originally planned.

We need \$93,000, but the good news is we have already



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mothers' Union member Lilian Ketch with children she met during a fact-finding mission to the Diocese of Ho in January. Most of the people in the Volta and Oti regions of Ghana, where the Diocese of Ho is located, have little or no access to health-care services.

"It's not for us. We are well cared for. It's for the two million people in the Diocese of Ho who enjoy virtually none of the health-care services we do here at home."

received \$31,000 in donations — from the generosity of parishioners and parishes here, and a good many kind people in Grand Manan, where Companion Diocese chair Robbie Griffin has been unceasing in his efforts to get this project off the ground.

The need for this mobile medical clinic is great and the hand of God is surely on it.

In January, Robbie, Cheryl Jacobs (chair of the spiritual development team and my secretary) and Lilian Ketch (Mothers'

Union member) visited Ho on a fact-finding mission.

They did a needs assessment, asking 14 different communities in the rural area of the Volta and Oti regions how their communities could be best improved.

They met with teachers, parent groups and church groups. In every community, the primary need was health care.

But near the end of the trip, the group was dismayed. It seemed all the pieces were not fitting together.

Then, suddenly, everything fell into place — attitudes changed, answers were provided and support offered.

Now again, with this pandemic, when it seemed all was lost, money continued to trickle in, and Rotary opened up new grant opportunities.

We, the Companion Diocese Committee, truly feel God is pushing this project ahead, and we must do our best to see it to fruition.

What I am asking is that you

consider a donation to this most worthy cause. It's not for us. We are well cared for. It's for the two million people in the Diocese of Ho who enjoy virtually none of the health-care services we do here at home.

If you'd like more background information on the need and the mobile clinic plans, please visit our website to read stories that have been published on this project.

<https://nb.anglican.ca/nb-anglican/issues> for these stories:

- New Brunswick Anglican September 2019, page 12
- New Brunswick Anglican March 2020, pages 8-9

<https://nb.anglican.ca/news-letters/121/display> and click on recent issues for these stories:

- ENews March 3
- ENews June 30

To donate, visit our website < <https://nb.anglican.ca/> > and click the DONATE link at the top right. Choose Diocese of Ho Mobile Medical Clinic from the drop-down menu.

E-transfers are also accepted: send to this e-mail: finance@diofton.ca.

Or you can mail a cheque to the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, 115 Church St., Fredericton, E3B 4C8.

In all cases, be sure to note the project: Diocese of Ho Mobile Medical Clinic. Tax receipts are available.

I appreciate your attention and time to this appeal. May God bless you as you consider this request.

Sincerely,

If you can help, please visit our website, anglican.nb.ca, and click on donate. As you can appreciate, this very worthwhile cause has been derailed by COVID-19, but the urgency for health care remains. Please donate as you can.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camps cancel regular programs

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Any hope of a normal summer for diocesan camps was dashed by the continuing fallout from COVID-19.

While most of New Brunswick was in the Yellow phase of recovery at press time, restrictions were still tight and not conducive to the usual camping experience of crafts, sports, chapel services, campfires, talent shows, games, communal meals and so on. Social distancing is all but impossible in a camp situation.

Each of the four diocesan camps — Diocesan Choir School, St. Michael's Youth Conference, Camp Brookwood and Camp Medley — are independent of each other and made their decisions separately.

DIOCESAN CHOIR SCHOOL

Diocesan Choir School was the first to cancel its usual meeting in early July.

"We're sure going to miss everyone," said administrator the Rev. Paul Rideout in his notice of cancellation.

To help fill the void and maintain interest among choir school members, he is hoping to have an online project in July.

"We will be inviting all our choristers — past and present, junior and senior — to take part in a very special virtual project to be released during what would be Choir School week. Spread the word, stay safe, and we'll see you all next year!"

ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE

Held at the end of August, there was some hope that St. Michael's Youth Conference would take place late enough to avoid the tight restrictions. That turned out to be false hope. The Rev. Canon Kevin Stockall, director of the conference, broke the news in an email on May 27.

"In light of the regulations surrounding the COVID-19

pandemic, as well as my heartfelt concern that we not risk the health of our conferees and staff, I have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's St. Michael's Youth Conference," he said.

"Public health statements in New Brunswick have been clear that social and physical distancing will be required for a long time yet... It is impossible for me to imagine a St. Michael's Youth Conference operating effectively under the rules of physical distancing."

Another issue with St. Michael's is the distance many travel to attend — from Nova Scotia, Ontario and even the UK. Parents would be reluctant to allow their children to travel while there is still a risk, and inter-provincial travel might still be banned in August, said Kevin.

Kevin knows well the disappointment of his tightly-knit group.

"St. Michael's has been a central event in my life each year since 1989," he said. "I cannot even begin to think what the month of August will be like without the wonderful, crazy, blessed and joyful chaos of preparing for, and sharing in, the Conference. But I know that God is good and, if it is his Will, that he will call us together as a Conference in 2021."

CAMP BROOKWOOD

The board of directors at Camp



MCKNIGHT FILE PHOTOS



Programming at four summer camps in the diocese are cancelled, though some are doing online gatherings and Camp Medley planned a week of family drop-ins in August. Above is the lunch line-up at Camp Brookwood. At top is a spirited game of water basketball during St. Michael's Youth Conference. Both photos are from previous seasons.

Brookwood were heartbroken over the decision they made to keep the camp closed for the 2020 season.

"This has been a very difficult decision to make," said Mary Lee Phillips in a statement. "With all the required protocols that must be adhered to, the inability to allow for social distancing at the camp, and most importantly, the health and safety of both the staff and children, the board has determined the camp will remain closed."

Mary Lee encouraged

campers to watch the camp's website and Facebook page for fun activities, songs and craft ideas for children and their families to enjoy.

CAMP MEDLEY

Camp Medley director John Galbraith cited the safety and wellbeing of campers, staff and volunteers as the main reason for deciding to forego the regular camping program this summer.

He did not make this decision lightly.

"After running through

many different scenarios and considering all the options available to us, we believe that, despite our best efforts, this is the best decision," he said.

There is some small blessing in being closed.

"This is a great opportunity to focus on some things that we never have time to get to," he said. "We are hiring 10 staff. Our focus will be improving the camp experience in the future, giving attention to the development of sessions, programs, virtual camp, camp as a destination."

Repairs include rebuilding the deck and wall near the basement of the staff house, and resurfacing the field with top soil and hydro seed.

A week of socially-distanced drop-in activities for families went ahead in early August, in an attempt to give children some fun camping memories and to stay connected to campers.

Donations are welcome towards the costs of upgrades to the grounds and facilities at Camp Medley, which can be done through the diocesan office (506-459-1801 or <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13778>). John suggests checking the camp's website (campmedley.ca) and Facebook page for current information. Direct your questions to him at 506-471-2429.

BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS

Bishop David Edwards is concerned about those affected by the loss of the camping season.

"It's very unfortunate that COVID-19 has led to the cancellation of our camps this year," he said. "A lot of young people, both those hired to work and campers, are going to miss out."

"The most important thing they'll miss out on is discovering what it means to follow Jesus," he said, adding they'll also not have the same opportunity to make new friends and renew friendships developed over past summers.

The bishop noted some good news in this: the day activities some camps are planning, and the opportunity for infrastructure upgrades that are difficult to do when camps are open.

"My hope is we'll be able to have camp next year," he said. "Let's continue to pray for everyone across the country afflicted by COVID-19 and for everyone in essential services as we navigate the current situation."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Ben Bourque's debut album courting success

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Diocesan personnel and Safe Church officer Ben Bourque has a charming alter ego. He is one of two members of a band, and they've just released their first album called *It's The Little Things*.

Ben and his childhood friend, Alex Arthurs, are the duo called Charming To The Last, "a Star Wars quote that sounded like a good name," said Ben.

Alex plays guitar and keyboard on the album. Ben plays electric and acoustic guitar, plus keyboard, and is the only vocalist.

The song *Burn Bright*, written by Ben about his son, Hayes, was released in the spring and in a few weeks had 23,000 streams. That put it on some 'new music' playlists on Spotify.

"A lot of people 'liked' it, and because of that, it made it onto the radar of other playlists. People that 'liked' the song were notified when the album came out," he said.

In three days, they had 4,000 streams of the album, which he described as "pop/alternative rock with punk elements," with some songs that are more spiritually minded. It was released June 8.

By mid-June, Charming To The Last had sold about 100 of the 300 CDs ordered. To find it online, search Spotify, Google Play, Apple Music, iTunes, and YouTube Music. Their Facebook page is Charming To The Last, and their website is <https://charmingtothelastmusic.com/>.



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Diocesan personnel officer Ben Bourque and friend Alex Arthurs have produced an album that is getting a lot of attention.

THE BEGINNINGS

Alex and Ben met in middle school in Oromocto and both are from military families.

"We knew our window of friendship would be short," said Ben, adding that Alex moved to Kingston with his family and has been there ever since.

Still, the two kept up the friendship, and music was their common bond.

"We always talked about playing in a band together," said Ben. "We wrote a couple of songs and recorded them as teenagers."

When a youth pastor heard the recording and invited Ben

to join the worship team, he felt he couldn't say no.

"I was sick to my stomach for a year," he said of his nervousness. "Now at Hope City, I love it, as opposed to dreading it, but I'm not comfortable. I'm not doing it for myself."

Since then Ben's learned to play the guitar and keyboard by ear, but that frightening start, in front of a congregation, began a journey of self-awareness that includes writing songs for himself, not for others.

"I had fragments of songs — lots of verses and choruses — but nothing cohesive," he said. "I would always write songs with people in mind,

concerned with other people's perspective and their approval. This time I didn't.

"A lot are about family. They're all honest. I think I've grown a lot and [the album] has been the catalyst for that. The honesty has been helpful."

MAKING AN ALBUM

It was in January 2019 when the guys were discussing New Year's resolutions that Alex said 'mine is to record your album.'

"He had the equipment," said Ben. "He'd been looking into recording software a lot longer than I had."

They chose 11 of Ben's 30 fully written songs but he had to find a place to record. His house, with two small boys, was out.

But next door to the Diocesan Synod Office was the perfect spot. Bishop's Court was empty and quiet, so over the summer of 2019, with Bishop David Edwards' approval, Ben spent his lunch hours setting up equipment, recording, tearing down the equipment, and packing it away until the next day.

"The pantry was the only place in the house that had no echo, so I'd shut the two doors — no airflow at all in the summer. I was probably there for 50 hours," he said. "When you hear the album, think of me sitting in the pantry!"

All those separate recordings — vocals and harmonies, guitars, keyboard — were sent to Alex, who would tweak them and send them back for Ben for further tweaking. And Alex added his own guitar and

keyboard tracks.

"It's very time consuming," said Ben. "Back and forth, re-doing. But it's really cool how it all works."

The album has taken a lot of time and commitment in the past 18 months. He's balanced a full-time job, plus his roles as father to Levi and Hayes, and husband to Jenna, with the pursuit of music.

"Jenna has always been very supportive, and always wanted me to do music," he said. "I always talked about it but never did it. She's very proud."

"It's been tiring, because when I wasn't working on it. I was thinking about it," he said. "But I'm really happy with the way it turned out. I feel like it's good enough to be out there."

Ben plans to invest any profits into new and better equipment to keep making music.

UPDATE FROM BEN

We are at almost 100,000 streams and probably will be by the end of July as things seem to be gaining speed.

We've had lots of radio play on JoyFM and a couple radio stations in Kingston. I interviewed on JoyFM about the album.

We've had a couple reviews posted online (jesusfreakhideout.com being one spot — a website I frequented growing up) and the song *Orion* will appear in a compilation album on that website as well.

We are currently semi-finalists in the Unsigned-Only Music competition out of 7,000 submissions; still waiting on the finalists announcement.

Episcopal Announcements



The Rev. Geoffrey Howson has resigned as incumbent (interim priest-in-charge) in the Parish of Grand Manan effective Sept. 30.

Sharon Arbeau, of the Parish of Kingston, has been made a postulant in the diocese.

The Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks' appointment as incumbent in the Parish of St. James,

Moncton, has been extended to January 31, 2021.

The Rev. Thomas Nisbett, rector of the Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke, has been appointed one of two diocesan representatives on the Atlantic School of Theology Board of Governors, effective July 1,

2020 to June 30, 2022.

The Rev. Terence Chandra and **the Rev. Jasmine Chandra** have been appointed priests-in-charge of the Parish of St. Mark, Saint John, in a part-time role, effective July 9. They will also continue part-time with the Central Saint John Community Ministry.

The Rev. Kevin McAllister has resigned as priest-in-charge of the Parish of Minto and Chipman, effective Sept. 7. He will continue part-time with the Parish of Marysville.

Diane McKay, of the Parishes

of Waterford and St. Mark, has been made a candidate for ordination to the Diaconate. A date for the ordination service is yet to be determined.

The Rev. David Turner is re-appointed Regional Dean of the Deanery of Kingston-Kennebecasis for a three-year term, until June 30, 2023.

The Rev. Julian Pillay has been appointed rector of the Parish of Riverview, effective September 1. He leaves the Parish of Saint Stephen.

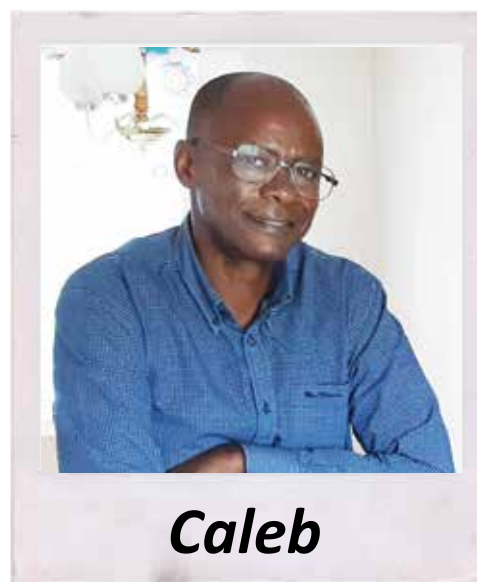
The Rev. John Galbraith continues in the position of

Director of Camp Medley, in a full-time capacity, effective immediately. He leaves his part-time role with Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis.

The Rev. Rose Steeves has retired from active ministry with the Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke, as of May 31.

Robert Cheatley, of the Parish of St. Andrews, has been made a candidate for ordination to the Diaconate. A date for the ordination service is yet to be determined.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Caleb

CALEB

Greatest challenge coming to Canada: COVID-19. I panicked a lot. And the weather. In Uganda, you can do anything, anytime. Here I feel the seasons. I love all the seasons if they aren't cold!
Favourite food: Oatmeal and fish. I love salmon, lobster and shrimp.
Do you plan to stay? At first I wanted to see how the family would adapt. But now, I am a priest of this diocese, so I think, yes. Coming here wasn't about Canada. But my heart was here because of the bishop. His leadership was the reason from Day 1.



Hope

HOPE

Greatest challenge coming to Canada: The weather. The snow and ice. We've all fallen down.
Favourite food: Pizza; I love meatballs; I love lasagna. I've turned into a cheese person!
Miss the most: My family — my siblings, my mother-in-law, lots of friends and workmates. I miss Ugandan food.
If you knew then what you know now: Take heart. God is in control.



Treasure

TREASURE

Greatest challenge coming to Canada: I don't think there was one.
Favourite food: I've gotta go with pizza.
Miss the most: My cousins
Sports: soccer, Basketball, volleyball, track
Why plumbing: People say there's good money in it.



Trust

TRUST

Greatest challenge coming to Canada: Adjusting to school, the type of teaching, the work I had to do and how we had to do it. There's lots of research.
Favourite food: Pasta
Miss the most: My family
Sports: Soccer
Work: Subway
Career path: Accepted at Mount Allison University for the fall of 2020 in the Faculty of Science. Long-term goal is to work in health care or become a doctor.
What has changed: I got a job and new friends, money to spend

AROUND THE DIOCESE



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

Hope and the Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko with their chickens at their rectory in the Parish of Pennfield.

'I'm glad we found a place like this'

Caleb Twinamatsiko and family have found a community in Pennfield

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Two and a half years ago, they were a newly arrived family of four from Uganda, set to settle in the tiny hamlet of Pennfield.

They didn't really know what to expect. Would their parish embrace them? Would the weather agree with them? Would the community accept them? Would God, whose path they were following, meet them here?

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko had been on staff at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda for more than two decades, when the desire for a change brought them here. He, his wife, Hope; son, Treasure; and daughter, Trust, moved into the newly readied rectory in March 2018, and by all accounts, they haven't looked back.

Oh yes, there are times when they're homesick, though Facebook and other forms of communication help them keep in touch with home.

Caleb is the rector in the Parish of Pennfield. These days it's a busy, two-car household with all four mem-

bers working.

The *New Brunswick Anglican* decided to check in to see how the family is doing.

TREASURE & TRUST

Both children have just graduated from Fundy High School.

Treasure, 18, works at the Independent grocery store in St. George.

"The first time I came here, I didn't speak good English," he said with a nearly indistinguishable accent. "I started hanging out with kids and got into sports and that got better."

He knew that, unlike Uganda, Canada allows 16 year-olds to work, so he quickly got a job. Now, during the pandemic, he's been working 38-48 hours a week stocking shelves. He's been accepted to NBCC's plumbing course.

Trust, 16, has graduated a year before she would have had she begun school in Canada. With 18 months between the siblings, she went to the same preschool classes at the same time as her brother, and continued on with him into school, keeping up with him all the way along.

When the family was home in Uganda for Christmas a few months ago, she had enough saved money to take her old friends out for a day, brought her cousins gifts from Canada and donated money to help pay a friend's

school fees.

She's been accepted into the science program at Mount Allison University.

HOPE

Hope, a former counsellor and lecturer in Uganda, first worked at the grocery store and now is at the Community Living Centre. There she and five others care for 33 people who have intellectual and physical disabilities.

"I love working with them," she said. "It was my dream."

Since arriving in 2018, Hope has cultivated a lot of friendships and goes out of her way to meet people.

"It's easy to find friends," she said, adding that sharing her various craft and artistic skills has helped.

Hope also loves the food in New Brunswick, for the taste as much as the convenience.

"It doesn't take so long to prepare," she said. "I'm not in the kitchen for a long time."

CALEB

Caleb claims his life has not changed a great deal.

"I think my life has been almost the same," he said.

"I've found work OK with no challenges. People are still the way I found them.

"What makes my work enjoyable is that everyone is willing to do things. We work together hand-in-hand. I

don't have to ask."

As examples, an 83-year-old neighbour fixed his van, something that would have cost a lot of money. As well, a parishioner found out they used to keep chickens in Uganda, and showed up with a new coop and four chickens, then came back recently to clean out the coop.

"I'm finding this is a nice place for me and my family," he said. "I enjoy living in a rural area and this suits me very well."

Other than the cold weather, Caleb's greatest challenge has been COVID-19. He admits to panicking when it all hit, worried they would catch it, and he was truly fearful for his 97-year-old mother in Uganda, who has remained healthy.

"My wife, with her counselling skills, had to counsel me," he said. "And what helped me was the diocese kept checking on us regularly. I'm glad the diocese asks us how we are doing."

The pandemic has been a challenge for every priest in every parish, wondering how to go about ministering to their people without being near them.

"We didn't know what to do," said Caleb, adding he held a meeting with the wardens to talk about various scenarios. He found livestreaming difficult without anyone present. But the first online service drew more than 60.

After two weeks, he had called every person in the

parish, all of whom assured him they were OK. As time went on, volunteers helped to make calls as well.

When permission was given to hold a service for 10 people, the problem was who to include. That led to them holding outside, drive-in services, with Caleb leading from the back of a Ford F-150 pick-up truck. The services have been a real hit with both parishioners and others they've never seen before.

"The drive-in services were a relief, both for me and for the church, to be able to see each other," said Caleb. "We've all enjoyed it and it's making a difference."

They've had as many as 76 at these services, many older people who love church, "but don't want to risk their lives. They are comfortable in their cars. It's the perfect compromise."

And neighbours near the church have told him they listen from their homes. One man asked Hope, "Is that your church? God tells me to stop what I'm doing and listen!"

Another benefit is that people get to 'visit' while in their cars, coming early to chat, said Hope.

EDUCATION

Although both children have been accepted into post-secondary programs, there is some question as to whether they will be able to go. The pandemic has made attending a challenge, for sure, but the other matter is tuition.

They've applied for permanent residency, but it has not yet been granted. The children are in Canada on student visas. That means they are considered inter-

national students, and their tuition is about double what it is for a Canadian resident.

"It depends on whether we have enough money to send them," said Caleb. "How they will progress from here will depend on that."

They've considered that with this financial issue and the pandemic, waiting a year might be the best way forward.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESE

Caleb and Hope love their new community, and contribute to it by volunteering. They help out with fundraising at the community hall, attend meetings, and even in the depths of winter, they go out carolling.

They held an open house for the neighbours and wondered if anyone might show up, or if it would only last a few minutes, but four hours later, they were all still chatting.

"I'm glad we found a place like this," said Caleb. "We have good neighbours. We love them. They love us."

"It has made us settle here so well," said Hope. "It's a small community where they know each other and care about each other. They are so friendly that you want to be here."

They feel the same way about the Diocese of Fredericton.

"We want to thank the bishop so much," said Hope. "He has treated us so well. The opportunity to learn and venture into so many things, meet new friends — we have no regrets."

Memories of New Maryland

BY CHRISTOPHER PRATT

After a conversation with the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, plans were made for a 40th anniversary trip to the Parish of New Maryland.

The opportunity to share in the worship of the parish family and to value and appreciate all that happened in those years, which seem both so recent and so long ago, is something that will have to wait for another time.

On July 1, 1980, as newlyweds, my wife, Carolyn, and I settled into our first home.

The next three years were exciting times for the parish and for us. With the episcopal support of Archbishop Harold Nutter and the priestly mentorship of the Revs. Ted Eaton and Major Alex Wakeling, the parish family offered its support as I was ordained a priest on Dec. 14, 1980.

A pewter chalice and paten, an ordination gift from the parish family, has since been used at the altars of different congregations which I have served during four decades of priestly ministry.

It also served as the model for the Bishop Charles Inglis Sesquicentennial Chalice which were presented to every diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada.

As the congregations of St. Mary the Virgin, New Mary-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

land and St John's, Beaver Dam grew in their awareness of what it meant to be a parish, so too the concept of worshipping together became a cornerstone upon which a shared ministry was built.

The acquisition of a rectory in Nasonworth and the purchase of several acres of land across the road provided

a focus for parish ministry in a new church building.

It feels so inadequate that in a few brief words, the summing up of the formative years of personal and parish ministry can be offered.

As the first resident rector of a newly formed parish, as a newly ordained priest, and as a newly married couple, we feel



At left, the Rev. Christopher and Carolyn Pratt on their wedding day. Above, the couple today in retirement in Ontario.

the Parish of New Maryland offered a warm and supportive environment in which mutual growth took place.

The birth of Jonathan Pratt in 1982, our first son, was reflective of the new life that was being experienced in the Parish of New Maryland.

The phrase, often heard in church settings, 'We have never done it that way before,' was a reality at that time, because new ground was being broken in the life of the parish, both physically and in the development of ministry.

In 1983, with the property cleared and the building plans

in place, we moved to another stage of ministry at Trinity Church in the Parish of Saint John.

After the arrival of our second son, David, who was born in Saint John, we moved to the Diocese of Huron.

Over the years, the memories, the relationships and the experiences of those early days in New Maryland are remembered with fondness and deep appreciation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a way of altering plans in so many lives. This brief reflection may help some who read it to remember. It may be new information to others.

Throughout our personal journey and experience of life, it is important not only to look to the future with hope, but also to value and appreciate the blessings of the past.

• • •

The Rev. Canon Christopher Pratt served in the Parish of New Maryland from 1980 to 1983. He was the Rector of Trinity Church, Saint John from 1983 until moving to the Diocese of Huron in 1988. After having served as the rector of parishes in Windsor, Owen Sound and Kitchener, and, for a time as a territorial archdeacon, Canon Pratt retired in 2015. He and Carolyn reside in Waterloo, Ont.



ARMIN HACKELSPERGER PHOTO

CONGRATULATIONS, CAMERON

The Parish of Woodstock vestry wanted to recognize 2020 high school grads connected with our congregation. Cameron Anthony was presented with a gift, with our love and prayers for God's richest blessings upon his future endeavors! He is shown here with the rector, the Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, and his mom, Leslie Anthony.

PARISH EVENTS DURING COVID-19

STRAWBERRIES & ice cream



'The new normal' includes strawberry shortcake, thankfully!

In the spring of 2020 the world encountered a paradigm shift. No longer could anyone assume that life would simply return to "normal."

The Church was called to adapt and change to meet the need of those who found themselves spiritually and emotionally lost as increasingly norms were being restricted and canceled.

In the Parish of Kingston, we adapted as best we could with all sorts of online means of communication, but we were lacking a sense of joy and were longing to bring that back in the safest way possible.

After much discussion and prayer, it was decided that we would try a take-out event, as take-outs were the only means of eating out in the early stage



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Social distancing, inside and out, was taken seriously during the strawberry shortcake take-out in the Parish of Kingston.

of the virus.

We settled on strawberry shortcake: it was simple, didn't require a large team and could easily be done by socially distancing at stations. Then came the questions of how to safely prepare the dessert? What do we charge?

An operational plan was put into place to make sure we met all provincial public health measures. A floor plan for the

hall was designed, following governmental regulations, maintaining a six-foot distance, with masks, and gloves, hand sanitizer inside and outside the building.

Everything would be done on-site, berries prepared, biscuits made in our hall kitchen (inspected by the Health Department of NB).

We sent the draft plan to the diocese first and responded

to their recommendations by making changes to tighten up the safety of the public.

In order to avoid handling cash, and to focus not on fundraising but giving back to the community, we decided not to charge but ask for a free will offering.

On July 18, we served 110 shortcakes for an hour on Saturday afternoon, and received wonderful compli-

ments on how safe people felt as consumers and as part of the service team.

It wasn't our normal practice to have a summer event, but we adapted to meet the changing times; and yes, everyone had fun and enjoyed a moment to appreciate the life the Lord has given us.

Submitted by the Rev. Douglas Painter and postulant Sharon Arbeau.

Drive-thru ice cream social at St. Mary & St. Bart's

On July 10, St. Mary and St. Bartholomew Church in Saint John had a drive-thru ice cream social. We served 58 treats and everyone had a great time enjoying a physically distant visit. It was great to see and hear the kids being back together.

We had many families stop to pick up a takeout VBS kit. This kit, focused on the Fruits of the Spirit, is filled with fun activities, family devotions, conversation starter cards, colouring sheets, games and some sweet fruit-themes treats.



The masked crew: Vanessa, Cyndi, Karen and Bonnie.



Vanessa took the orders as vehicles drove up.



BONNIE HUNT PHOTOS

Customers worked their way through the line: 1st stop, order with Vanessa. 2nd stop, pick up treats with Cyndi and Karen. 3rd stop, pick up a Take Out Church VBS kit with Bonnie.

COVID-19 RESPONSE



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Drive-up service report: Parish of Pennfield

On a beautiful sunny Sunday in May, the congregation of Christ Church Anglican, Pennfield was able to join together for the first time since March 15, to worship at a drive-up service. What a glorious day it was!

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko had been delivering services each Sunday and Wednesday, as well as each day during Holy Week, since the start of the pandemic, on Facebook Live.

This had been well received, and in fact, the messages had been viewed by many who had not been in church for a very long time – maybe these lost sheep will return?

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko, parish wardens Tony and Brent, as well as the music team led by Paul, Josh, and Gene (six — the accepted number) met, physically distancing, and put together a plan for an outside service. Things could not have worked out any better.

A message was posted on



Above, the Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko preaches from the back of a pick-up truck; At top, an overview of the outdoor Sunday services in the Parish of Pennfield.

Facebook outlining the service:

- It would run for less than an hour

- Offerings could be dropped in a box at the end of the church driveway, as you drive by
- Park as instructed
- Car engines must be

“The Peace was passed as unconventionally as everything else: honking horns and waving hands.”

turned off

- There are no washroom facilities
- You must stay in your vehicle

Stakes were driven two metres apart in the parking lot across from the church. The cars parked beside the stakes and then lined behind each other. Parking attendants Tony and Brent ensured that all parked as they should.

The music team, two metres apart, set up on a car hauler, and Caleb stood on the back of a half-ton truck. A generator provided the power for sound and music for this celebration of being together in God’s

space.

The Peace was passed as unconventionally as everything else: honking horns and waving hands.

By all accounts, it was a great success and we made plans to carry out services like this as long as required.

One message was received immediately after the service: ‘It was so wonderful to be with Church family again, even at a distance. It has brightened my world and everyone else’s and given us fuel to continue in isolation. Bless you all. –D. Hawkins

When you are given lemons, make lemonade! God will provide!

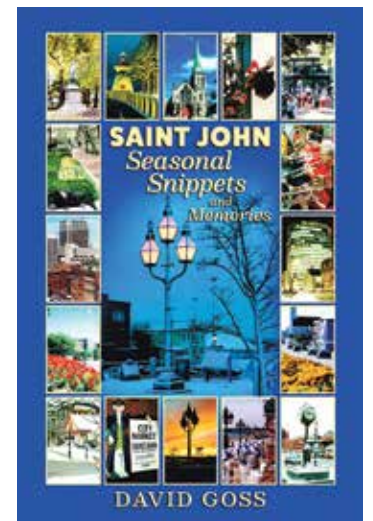
Book launched in Saint John

Saint John Seasonal Snippets and Memories by David Goss was launched in June. David is a member of Trinity Church in the Port City.

This is a follow-up to the well-received Saint John Snippets book of 2016 and is a 200-page collection of folk lore, local lore, trivia and historical happenings culled from local newspapers published from the early 1800s to the present day.

It differs from the previous publication as it is presented in a seasonal format with about 30 winter, spring, summer and fall stories mostly in the 500-word range in each section. There are also five longer pieces, being memories of growing up in Saint John by five former residents. There are about 60 sketches from a variety of sources that illustrate the stories.

The book sells for \$20 including GST, available by contacting the author at gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca.



THE BISHOP’S BIRTHDAY

The diocesan staff had a crucial issue to deal with in the spring: how to celebrate the bishop’s 60th birthday during the COVID-19 lockdown? They opted for a drive-by birthday party. Instead of each attending the morning Zoom staff meeting on April 21, they formed a line with their vehicles and arrived at Bishop David’s house in Fredericton. By then, the office had been closed for five weeks and it was good just to see each other! As David came outside, he saw 60 soccer balls on his lawn, the handiwork of the Revs. John Galbraith and Mary Anne Langmaid. He also got lots of honks throughout the day.

Debbie Collicott Edwards photo

AROUND THE DIOCESE



CATHERINE'S BURIAL

The Rev. Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove of Christ Church (Parish) Church led a short burial service in the rain on June 6 for young Catherine Gmah, beloved daughter in a refugee family sponsored by several Anglican parishes in 2016. Catherine died in March after her transplanted liver failed.

Her grieving father, Phillip Weah, (pictured at right) called her a precious child now at peace with the Lord. Friends, staff from the multicultural association, and representatives from some of the original sponsoring parishes attended the interment.

The previous evening, Phillip, his wife and their son were forced to flee their burning apartment building during a sudden, fierce storm. Lightning struck a tree which crashed onto the roof, tearing the power mast off the building and causing a fire. Their apartment sustained water damage. The family stayed in a local motel, thanks to help from the Canadian Red Cross, while insurance officials sorted out the damage and restoration.

COVID-19 has forced many changes at Fredericton Community Kitchen

BY CHERYL JACOBS

After three months of missing our every fourth Saturday evening shift at the Fredericton Community Kitchen due to the restriction of volunteers during our provincial lockdown, Peter and I discovered the Kitchen was welcoming volunteers again with some revisions.

In order to have as few different volunteers in the Kitchen as possible, they were asking people to commit to a weekly shift of four hours rather than the normal two.

We decided that weekly on Saturday was not going to work for us, but with permission for me to leave work early one day a week, we have committed to Thursday afternoons from 2-6 p.m. We started June 25.

Having volunteers in to help at all is a recent change. For several weeks at the beginning of the lockdown, the amazing chefs and other staff carried the load of preparing and serving three meals a day on weekdays and two on the weekends — averaging 14,000 meals each month.

Much has changed at the Kitchen with the COVID-19 pandemic. Each meal is now placed in a take-away container;



PETER JACOBS PHOTO

Heather and Brooke work to prepare and serve meals in a vastly changed environment at the Fredericton Community Kitchen. No dining guests have been inside since the lockdown. All meals are served from a cart in the doorway.

this, along with a wrapped dessert and baggie of cutlery, napkin, salt, pepper, sugar and coffee whitener, are bagged for quick and easy taking.

Cold drinks are made ready and coffee is poured to order in paper cups. Meals are dispensed by the chefs on

duty from behind a Plexiglass shield mounted on a cart in the doorway.

In the main dining area, most of the chairs are stacked on the sides and groups of tables are used as prep stations.

During each Thursday shift, we help prepare food items

for use in future meals. We've more than once chopped 100 pounds of potatoes, peeled and chopped 40 pounds of carrots, and cracked 40 dozen eggs for scrambling. We prepare many cutlery bags, serve up the take away containers and wash the pans and cooking utensils. The

time still passes quickly, even with the extended shift length.

We do, of course, miss the interaction with the guests. Heather, the chef our Cathedral team had been working with on Saturdays for several months, commented she misses hearing the happy interaction of the volunteer teams and the guests.

Expecting this new way of serving to carry on for a long time, we muse about what it will be like in the winter when guests who have no place to go cannot come into a warm building to sit and eat.

The Kitchen is still looking for some volunteers to fill a few weekday and Saturday slots, on a weekly basis. The daily morning shift runs from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you have some time to spare and would like to participate in this worthwhile activity, just send an email to volunteer@frederictoncommunitykitchens.com.

You can also help by donating funds or food items to the pantry box program (supplying food to about 180 families with children from the school lunch program).

More details at <https://www.frederictoncommunitykitchen.com/covid19>.

Cheryl and Peter Jacobs worship at Christ Church Cathedral.

NEWS FROM HONDURAS



Roatán update: Summer 2020, amid COVID-19

BY KARA AND NELSON MEJIA

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)

We give all glory and honour to the Lord for your partnering with us. Without your support and especially your prayers, our ministry would never have been possible or impact our generation. We give our heartfelt special thanks to all of you for your sacrificial giving.

The past few months have been totally different in every aspect. As we all know, the disruption caused this year by a global pandemic and many other challenging factors such as malaria, dengue, education, unemployment, delinquency, and the country's weak economy, have negatively affected us and forced us to cancel the plans that we had before the disruption.

Many people have had to work on projects to change and improve the way they earn an income. Many have had to leave their daily occupations and go out to sell bread, baleadas, hamburgers, vegetables and many other things to survive.

Driving change inside our church can be challenging when change outside our church is greater.

We pray for wisdom to take the challenges we are already facing, guided by God, confident in what the word of God says in Romans 8:31. That if God is in our favor, no one can be against us!

What is happening in our family?

Time goes fast; it seems like yesterday that a three-year-old boy arrived in Roatan in 2006, and this year he has received

his high school diploma. The school didn't celebrate graduation because of the impact of COVID-19; however, he is going to Providence University in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Stephen and Kara have arrived safely in Winnipeg ahead of the start of his first term, and I would like to ask your prayers especially for Stephen as he experiences living in a new culture and being at a new stage of his life.

This is the first time Stephen will be on his own; however, we knew it would happen eventually. We will miss him, but we know it is for the best. If you would like to send a message to Stephen: stephenmejia13@gmail.com .

Kara is returning to Roatan in the first week in September. Kelly's school is planning to start classes online and if the situation permits, they will have Art and Physical Education at the school.

Emmanuel Community Kitchen Project (soup kitchen)

We continue with the community kitchen, and at the moment we are feeding over 600 people around the Island. This includes adults and children.

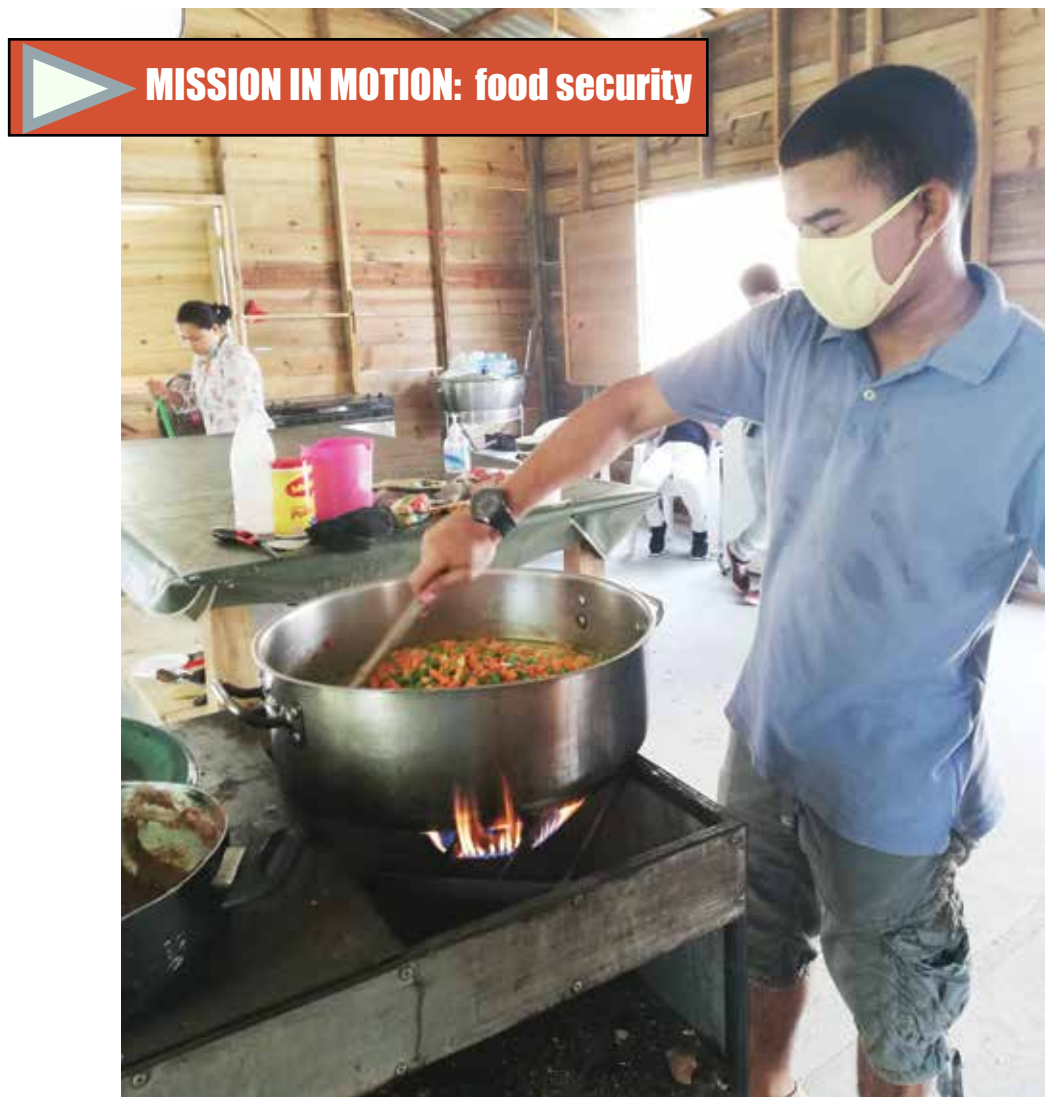
To see weekly updates and support this project, please go to: www.tttfmicro.com .

Please pray that all the resources will be found to continue with this project for the benefit of individuals and families on the Bay Islands who are impacted by COVID-19.

Impact of COVID-19

To update you on Honduras, at the moment we have 43,197 cases, 1,377 deaths and 5,794 people who have recovered. Here in Roatán, we have 202 cases confirmed at the moment, and 60 people who have recovered.

Roatan Emmanuel



MISSION IN MOTION: food security



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

ABOVE: A young volunteer stirs soup for the hundreds of Hondurans the Emmanuel Community Kitchen Project feeds each week. With so many people on the island working in tourism, and so few tourists during the pandemic, unemployment and hunger have become pronounced needs, and the church is responding.

RIGHT: The Mejia family: Nelson, Stephen, Kelly and Kara. Stephen is attending Providence University in Winnipeg this fall.

Episcopal Church

At Emmanuel Episcopal/Anglican Church, our building continues to be closed. Our Diocesan Bishop, Lloyd Allen, called the Episcopal Church in Honduras to be prepared with the biosecurity protocol to open our buildings when the government approves. The protocol includes all the regulations regarding being in the building and celebrating the Eucharist, Morning or Evening Prayer.

Projects at Emmanuel Church

We continue with the stucco of a side wall of the church, a small project that we had to stop due to government regulations.

We would like to give a special thank you to Tracey Larter from Vancouver who has donated some money for this project and also for the

delivery of bags of groceries to the people in need. Both churches — St. Peter in Brick Bay and Emmanuel Coxen Hole — received the benefit. Thank you, Tracey.

Financial Support

On the financial side, we continue to be very positive and to pray and praise God with faith and thanksgiving. We also ask you to continue to pray about our finances, that for the rest of the year our support will stabilize and be sufficient to cover our needs. At the moment our balance is very low. Therefore, please consider sending a special offering to cover our expenses and needs.

To donate now, please visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13778>

Or you can visit the Diocese of Fredericton's website (www.anglican.nb.ca).

Then click on "Donat." Be sure to select "Honduras Mission Fund" from the drop-down menu.

Cheques should be made payable to "The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton" and sent to: Anglican Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, 115 Church Street, Fredericton, NB E3B 4C8; Phone: (506) 459-1801. All cheques should have "Honduras Mission" noted on the reference line.

We know that with the global impact of the pandemic it is difficult for everyone in the world. That said, we greatly appreciate your prayer and financial support to date and trust that you will continue to support us.

Nelson and Kara Mejia operate the Roatan Episcopal Church Ministry in Honduras. Kara is the daughter of the Rev. Gordon and Bell Thompson in the Diocese of Fredericton.

Parish of Woodstock gains a new citizen

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:14

Editor's note: St. Luke's in the Anglican Parish of Woodstock sent along this story of one of its parishioners. Linda Smith, originally from England, became a Canadian citizen on June 30.

I came to live in Canada in February 2014, right in the middle of one of the worst winters for many years, I am told!

Where I lived in England, snow arrived one day and melted the next, and I remember asking why you have to shovel the snow off every day?

At the end of the first week I had my answer. I had truly never seen so much snow in my life.

I first became aware of St. Luke's when I was invited by my friend, Mary Beth Rideout, to attend a wreath-making class in the church hall.

I had never done anything like that before and had such a nice time. I met so many nice ladies who welcomed me and I felt very comforted by their friendliness as I didn't know anyone other than Mary Beth, who I had met through work.

I then went along to a WI



Linda Smith during her swearing-in ceremony as a Canadian citizen, and at right, sitting at her computer.

(Women's Institute) afternoon tea, and then I came along to the Nativity Service at Christmas.

I was very comforted by the church as it felt familiar to me from church from home, and

I felt that it was somewhere I wanted to be.

For me, citizenship was always my objective. I am very proud to become a Canadian citizen. I love the warmth and values of this country and feel

an immense sense of achievement!

Becoming a Canadian citizen is not something that's easy to do. It takes a lot of time and dedication and you have to fulfill a lot of criteria, which makes today very special for me. I couldn't have done it without the support and love of my friends and Church family.

The road was tough at times but I sincerely mean it when I say my faith and the love shown to me by my Church, friends, and colleagues kept me strong, and I am so glad I saw it through.

The ceremony today was very different due to COVID-19 and social distancing, done via Zoom; but it was still very emotional and I swore my Oath on my Bible gifted to me by St. Luke's church family.

Being the day before Canada Day, Mary Beth and work colleagues had an endless supply of hats, mugs, flags, balloons and even a feather boa to adorn their new fellow Canadian.

I feel truly thankful for the love and kindness shown to me. I am proud to be a member of St. Luke's, a resident of the Town of Woodstock, and citizen of Canada.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

School library update – a dream come true in just 2 1/2 years!

An update on Bishop McAllister College, Uganda, from its rector, the Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries

Editor's Note: The Fredericton bowling tournament in 2017 raised \$7,500 to help kick-start construction of the library at BMC.

In May 2017 the idea of constructing a school library what just a dream. Our students all these years had no dedicated place in which to study

apart from the few who could squeeze into the book store, and they had little access to books and other reading material. Our hope was to change that.

Plans were drawn and many prayers were lifted up for the success of this project. With a few start-up funds on hand, we took a step of faith. Choosing the site where school assemblies were normally held we began to move ahead in May.

By November 2019 construction was complete. We are so grateful to everyone who supported this project and made its completion possible!

In October 2019 we brought a local carpenter on site to

begin making the library furniture. We managed to have a few pieces complete in preparation for a visit of the Bishop of West Ankole.

While progress with furniture was slow, enough progress had been made by February 2020, the opening of our new school year. Students were able to at least make use of the floor.

By the time of schools being closed in late March, another delivery had been made for the lower floor. When we are up and running again, the last few bits of furniture will be added, and the library will be fully operational.

To God be the Glory!

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON
FALL CHRISTIAN FORUM

DOES LIBERALISM NEED CHRISTIANITY?

Dr. Tom Bateman
Professor of Political Science
St Thomas University

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020
7-8PM
ONLINE WEBINAR

Liberalism owes a deep debt to Christianity, having grown out of Christian theological ideas and moral commitments. The talk will explore whether liberalism therefore may not be intelligible or sustainable outside of that theological and cultural framework.

For more information or to register, visit:
nb.anglican.ca/fall-forum-2020

MOTHERS' UNION



Voices We Have Never Heard...

BY KATHLEEN SNOW

“Voices that we have never heard...”

This comment was made to me by Catherine Le Tissier, a Provincial President in the Mothers' Union movement from Northern Argentina.

We were discussing the voices of Mothers' Union members and the impact that our four million members have made in their communities in the 84 countries worldwide.

Like many organizations impacted by this pandemic, Mothers' Union Central Charity is at risk of closure due to the lockdown in the UK and around the world.

The movement is fully funded by donations/dues submitted by members worldwide, by the renting of our headquarters in central London, by the online retail operations and lastly by running campaigns and conferences.

An urgent appeal was sent out to members in early April informing all that if income was not forthcoming the movement very likely would not continue to exist beyond this month. As a charity, Mothers' Union keeps only enough funds to exist for a defined period. All reserves are put back into the grassroots project work around the world supporting families and children.

I am pleased to say that over £720,000 has been raised to date. We are continuing to cut costs as we are able and have been taking advantage of the furlough scheme which, like Canada, the UK government has put into place to support businesses and charities.

There is much more work to be done, and we are certainly not out of the woods yet; our members are supporting the movement to the best of their ability, and for that we are truly



MCKNIGHT FILE PHOTO

Joanne Ham, MU diocesan president, at the 2017 annual rally.

grateful.

I asked several of our members here in Canada for their comments – “voices” on what the Worldwide Mothers' Union has meant to them.

Ginny McEwen - Past Canadian provincial president (Diocese of Fredericton)

“It has been through attending worldwide meetings over the years that I came to understand that MU members have many serious challenges, such as armed conflict, poverty, lack of education etc. These challenges make life very difficult. We as a society can and should help. We need to step up. The need is great - we can do this.”

Alice Kennedy - Canadian provincial president (Diocese of Fredericton)

“Mothers' Union for me is my model of what I strive to be. I have been fortunate to attend several worldwide gatherings over the 30 years since I joined. I have met people from around the world, listened to their stories, and prayed

with them. I have become the person I am with the help of Mothers' Union.

I appreciate my country and way of life so much more after listening to stories from Mothers' Union members from other countries. I have never heard of anyone starving to death in Canada because of no food but this happens daily in some countries.

Canadians do not condone tribal practices that harm humans; we do not live with bombs exploding every day. Hearing these stories changes how you see the world and what Mothers' Union is doing to help. I am so very proud to be part of this amazing movement!”

Lilian Ketch - national conference coordinator, former diocesan president (Diocese of Fredericton)

“My journey to Africa January 2020 was instrumental in helping me to recognize all that Mothers' Union, through its members and supporters, does to care for families both locally and globally, and to be

able to promote the outreach of Mothers' Union throughout the world.

Many social issues exist as well throughout the developed world; support is also needed in these areas. I believe the resources are even more severely lacking in the underdeveloped countries and the work of the Mothers' Union globally through their development program are the priority to follow the mission and vision of Mary Sumner.

The connections made with the other women with the same vision is what strengthens me personally and allows me to move forward in my day to day life. God was calling me to see my family.”

Joanne Ham – Diocesan president (Diocese of Fredericton)

“In the dozen or so years that I have been part of the Mothers' Union, I have been consistently dazzled by its members, mindset and mission.

As I have met and talked with members from around the world, I feel that we are united in common causes and concerns, that we can each play a role in Mothers' Union initiatives around the world, from promoting literacy, safety and education in families, emergency assistance or fellowship between Mothers' Union friends.

What a wonderful honour to be part of something such as this!”

Shara Golden – Past and present provincial vice president (Diocese of Fredericton)

As a result of my visit to the CSW62, I came to understand that Mothers' Union is an important tool for the Anglican Church of Canada to minister to families, the marginalized, the downtrodden and the forgotten people living in our

country.

I came to realize that Worldwide Mothers' Union has a place at the United Nations and is welcomed to make a report at each session. Mothers' Union works very hard to increase the value of women in the family where there is so much inequality due to tradition, religion and customs all over the world. Mothers' Union works to lift them out of the obscurity.”

Our work and mission continues daily. Mothers' Union has established a WhatsApp COVID Chat Group which has allowed over 35 members worldwide to pray with each other daily. We meet weekly via Zoom to update each other on the status of our countries and our challenges. It is a time of prayerful support.

One issue which has surfaced is the ‘second pandemic’ of domestic and gender-based violence which has increased because of lockdown. Mothers' Union is now focusing on offering resources and support to the victims by working with our members on-the-ground in their communities to educate, support and work towards an end to gender-based violence.

If you are interested in contributing further to the work of Mothers' Union worldwide, please donate either by visiting the Canadian Mothers' Union website Mary Sumner House Appeal or the Worldwide Mothers' Union website Support Mothers' Union

We continue to serve our families, support our communities and to demonstrate God's love to the world as we have for the last 150 years. As my MU Sister Hermin in Jamaica stated, “He is the Way Maker, and He will make a way!”

Kathleen Snow is the Mothers' Union worldwide trustee for Zone B, the Americas. She worships at Christ Church Cathedral.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Cathedral news



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

A small company from Ottawa was called into action when copper plating fell from the steeple of Christ Church Cathedral. Here two men use an ariel platform to do an inspection of the steeple in late July.

MONDAY MORNING OUTREACH

JUNE - lower left
Before the pandemic, St. Margaret's Anglican parish in Fredericton helped monthly with outreach drop-ins at Christ Church Cathedral. That event has not been held indoors in the normal way since mid-March, but grocery store gift cards are distributed outdoors to people in need on the last Monday of the month. Penny Ericson (left), chair of the outreach committee, was delighted to receive a large donation of bananas delivered by Wendy and Rick Chase from St. Margaret's to help with the June 29th session. On that date 48 people received a gift card or some bus tickets plus a bar of soap and a goodie bag containing bananas, homemade muffins and cookies, and bottled water - all donated by members of the cathedral family.

JULY - below
Canon Patricia Drummond packs goodie bags as part of the cathedral's summer outreach efforts. Due to the pandemic, the weekly drop-in for people in need has not been held since mid-March, but supermarket gift cards are distributed outdoors on the last Monday of the month. On July 27, 50 people received a gift card or bus tickets plus a bar of soap and a goodie bag containing bananas, homemade muffins, cookies, a sandwich, a granola bar, and bottled water. Food items were donated by members of the cathedral family.

MISSION IN MOTION: food security



ANN DEVEAU PHOTOS



DIOCESAN HISTORY

Clergy mysteries

We need your help!

For his continuing book on clergy in the diocese, Frank Morehouse, 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
Parkinson	John Reynard Sylvester	1847	1911	1890-1898, St. Mary (York), Fredericton ; 1898-1899, St. Jude's, (Victoria), Saint John
Parlee	Henry Thomas	1856	1931	1884-1890, Stanley; 1890-1904, Westfield
Parnther	David Bernard	c 1808	1893	1872-1887, St. Jude's (Victoria), Saint John
Parry	John Jenkyns			1891-1892, Grand Falls
Perkins, Sr	Arthur Raymond	1886	1954	1924-1929, Prince William with Dumfries; 1929-1933, Cambridge and Waterborough; at Woodstock 1940
Peters	George Jarvis Dibblee	c. 1855	1927	1886-1891, Bathurst
Podmore	Richard Hillman	1820	1901	1852, visiting missionary; 1853-1856, assistant, Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton
Pollard	Henry (Canon)	1830	1914	1858-1861, Curate, St. Stephen; March, 1860-1869, Burton & Maugerville
Prescott	Joseph	1880	1955	1917-1921, missionary, Petersville; 1922-1926, Gladstone & Blissville; 1926-1928, Rector, Andover; 1928 - 1934, missionary, Springfield ; 1934-1938, Simonds & Upham
Price	Walter Thomas	c 1749	1817	1791, Bright (New Brunswick); 1790-1810, St. Mary and Stanley
Prime	Augustus	1842	1908	1874-1876, Newcastle/Hardwicke
Quinn	Clarence Rupert	1876		1901-1909, St. Mark's, Westmorland
Rees-Jones	John	1883	1952	1917-1919, Richmond; 1919-1921, Wicklow, Wilmot & Peel
Revington-Jones (1918, legally changed to Revington)	James Edward	1860	1950	1907-1908, Mission Church, Saint John
Richards	David	b. c. 1861		1892-1894, missionary, Madawaska; 1895, Bathurst
Rigby	Hazen Frederick	1882	1955	1903-1911, Campobello; 1913-1918, Wilmot, Wicklow & Peel 1920-1925, Woodstock
Rimmington	Gerald Thorneycroft	1930		1973-1981, Professor of Education, Mount Allison University (Assistant, Parish of Sackville and Dorchester, 1976-1981)
Rivers	Arthur			1970, Campobello

DIOCESAN HISTORY

Clergy mysteries

We need your help!

For his continuing book on clergy in the diocese, Frank Morehouse, 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
Roberts	Edward J W			1844-1845, missionary, New Maryland; 1845-1848, Kingsclear
Robertson	James			1846-1853, Musquash
Robertson	Thomas W.	1815	1854	1845-1854, rector, Lancaster (including Musquash)
Robinson	Rawlings Alfred	1869	1948	1911-1915, Dorchester; 1915-1922, Stanley
Rowcliffe	Robert Gay	1905	1975	1940-1942, Ludlow & Blissfield
Russell	Henry Fitzgerald	1821	1852	1844-1846, Bathurst; 1846-1848, Queensbury
Rutter	Gordon Henry Ber- riman	1902	1959	1952-1954, St. David's and St. Patrick's
Sanders	C. A.			1886, Woodstock
Saunders	Ernest Clement	1850	1927	1883-1885, rector, Holy Trinity, St Stephen
Sayer	John Martin	1935		1966-1972, Andover; 1972-1977, Dalhousie
Schofield	George S	1813	1902	1859-1861, Loch Lomond with St Thomas', Black River; 1861-1891, Simonds, Loch Lomond and St. Thomas', Black River
Scovil	Elias	1771	1841	1801-1803, curate, Fredericton; 1803-1840, Kingston with Springfield
Scovil	James	1732	1808	1786-1808, Kingston
Scovil	Samuel James	1816	1883	?-?, at 1857, Cambridge and Waterborough
Shannon	W			1879-1879, Edmunston
Shaw	Benjamin F.	1841	1898	1864-1882, SPG Missionary, Grand Lake
Shore	William Henry	c 1820	1860	1848-1850, Curate, St. Luke's, Portland (Saint John); 1850-1852, St. Paul's, Saint John
Simonds	James			1891-1892, Dalhousie
Simons	John			in retirement, interim, Sackville and Dorchester
Skerry	Arthur Leverette Lindsay	1880		1910-1915, Stanley
Slipper	Arthur Albert	1862	1939	1892-1894, Weldford (Harcourt & Brown's Yard); 1894-1898, St. Martins; 1898-1900, Waterford

BEYOND THE DIOCESE



PHOTO BY ARDEAN HAYWARD

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL!

In July a beautiful flag was placed in our memorial garden at All Saints, Parish of Bright, by parishioner George Hayward. Our garden is thriving!



Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is held annually from Sept. 1, the Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi Day. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON WEEKLY

ENEWS

Get eNews in your inbox every Tuesday; cancel anytime.

It's a great way to keep up with life in the diocese: news, events, and what's happening in parishes.

Have you signed up for eNews?

Go to anglican.nb.ca. At the top of the page, click on news, then select eNews. At the top right, select subscribe and follow the prompts.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

WITH CANON VICARS HODGE AND BISHOP TERRI DANCE

RESCHEDULED TO 2021. Still time to sign up!

May 22 - June 3, 2020

You're invited to join the group for the spiritual adventure of a lifetime. Walk where Jesus and his disciples walked and meet the people of the land that brings Bible stories to life. For full information: www.trinitytour.org

AFC Face Masks
now available

Made in Canada
cotton two-ply
\$8.00 each

ANGLICAN FOUNDATION OF CANADA

anglicanfoundation.org/store

REOPENING CHURCHES

MATCH THE PERSON TO THE TASK

PEOPLE	TASKS
<p>IRATE TWEETER</p>	<p>JOINING THE CLEANING ROTA</p>
<p>NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST</p>	<p>SUPERVISING THE VOLUNTEERS (ALL AGED OVER 70)</p>
<p>CONCERNED BISHOP</p>	<p>MANAGING THE JOYFULLY NON-COMPLIANT</p>
<p>LOCAL VICAR</p>	<p>FEELING WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT ALL GOES WRONG</p>

[HINT: THE VICAR WILL HAVE TO DO ALL OF THEM]

MUSIC COMMENTARY

Sidewalk Prophets continue singing faith to the masses

Sidewalk Prophets are a band that seems to have been around forever, or 2003, whichever seems longer to you ;-). The band has been constantly touring, sometimes doing over 275 gigs in a year.

Though they've been around for 17 years, they have released just their fifth studio album this summer, showing how active they've been playing live shows.

The Things That Got Us Here is reflective of their projects — full of energy, full of great music-making, and full of the love of God — the things they want to share with the people they play for each night.

Interestingly, their lyrics do not often mention God by name, yet speak of ideas found in the teachings of Jesus. For example, the song "Don't Sweat It" speaks to Matthew 6:34.

Sidewalk Prophets have had a very long career compared to the average artist performing Christian songs, yet they are not as well-known as similar industry veterans. Their songs are often recognized, but not immediately connected to them.

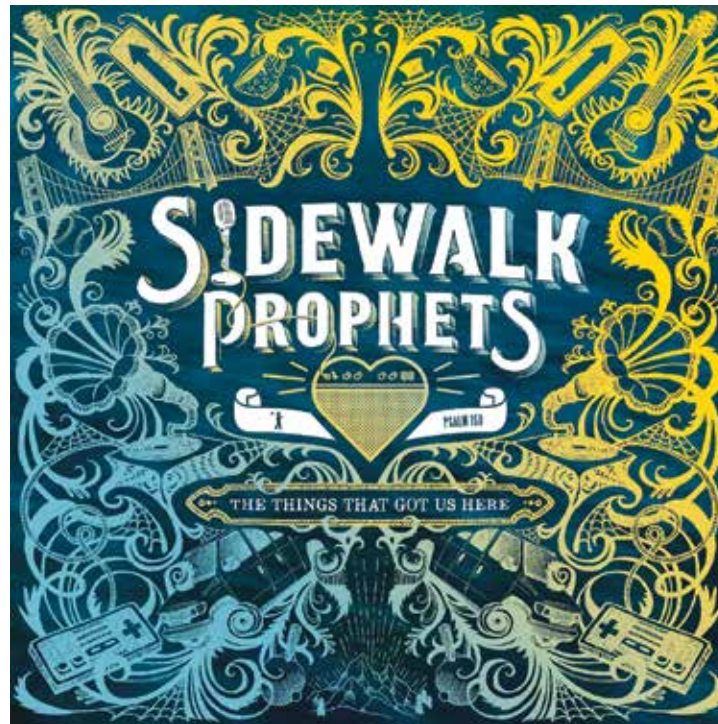
One reviewer likened it to



someone having "that kind of face" that people recognize but can't place. To exist as long as they have without having smash hit after smash hit, or "household name" status is a great rarity in the Christian music industry (and it IS an industry). But let's talk more about the music.

After a brief prelude, the album begins with the song, "Smile." With a title like that, the song has to be an upbeat one, and the band does not disappoint. The message of the song? There's always a reason to smile, even when things aren't going well, and your smile may be a help to others.

Another similar upbeat tune comes later, the aforementioned "Don't Sweat It," which encourages the listener not to cave in to the pressures so many feel in their lives. And there's a great tune called "Let Go Your Troubles" that likely



has found its way to many playlists this summer.

The album's tracklist is a well-planned one, with a nice variety of tempos, atmospheres, and styles throughout (albums often get weaker in their second half, trying to keep the listener's attention for as long as possible but front-loading the "better" tunes to the first half; I'm confident you've noticed this

before).

Some of the great mid-tempo tracks include "The Light," a song about The Light! Though God or Jesus does not appear in the lyrics, the context points to our Lord.

"I Believe It Now" speaks of lead singer David Frey's acceptance of Jesus in his life (does anyone else hear Imagine Dragons in this song?). And then there is the reflective

song, "The Comment Section," which speaks of the dangers of over-indulgence in social media today, and what can happen to you as a person.

To be sure, this album speaks of the energy and musical prowess that is Sidewalk Prophets. David Grey has a powerful, talented voice that should be heard by more people more often. They are reminiscent of MercyMe in many ways.

While you won't find lyrics with deep, cryptic messages that have to be puzzled out, you will find songs that are well crafted, have good melodies, are very well played, and point you to reflection.

While it is late to be calling this the "album of the summer" by the time you read this, good music never needs to be tied to a particular time to have value. Download or stream a copy of this album today. It is well worth it!

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

TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW

Cindy Derksen, layreader in the Parish of Richmond

Favourite book of the Bible – Psalms
Birthplace – Rhode Island, USA
What you love most about God – He is a God of second chances and I am his beloved child
Favourite place on Earth – Harbourville, Nova Scotia (on the Bay of Fundy)
Farthest you've been from home – Hawaii, Spain or Rio De Janeiro
Favourite meal or dessert – Baked stuffed haddock with rice pilaf
Biggest fear – Loss of vision
Hidden talent – I don't think I have one!
Favourite movie or book – Any of Louise Penny's books
Your hobby – Reading
Three things always in your fridge – Cheese, orange juice, eggs
Favourite sports team – I don't follow sports, but if I had to pick a team, it would be the Boston Red Sox because I lived close to Boston.

Looking for a way to continue your offerings?

Consider signing up for e-offering!

Contact eoffering@anglican.nb.ca for details or visit: <https://nb.anglican.ca/resources/eoffering>

There's never been a better time to sign up for e-offering!

WANTED

.....

The NB Anglican is always looking for your parish news: baptisms, confirmations, picnics, VBS, concerts, special guests, dinners, fundraisers — all your special events. Let your parish activities be a blessing and an inspiration to others! SHARE!
 Send photos and articles to gmcknight@diofton.ca

The Arusha Call to Discipleship

'Economy' is a stolen, warped word

The World Council of Churches' Conference on World Mission and Evangelism met in Arusha, Tanzania, in March 2018. From this meeting the more than 1,000 participants, who were all regularly engaged in mission and evangelism, issued the Arusha Call to Discipleship.

At our own national church General Synod last summer, resolution A-129 was passed that we affirm the Arusha Call; encourage bodies within the General Synod to integrate this call into the guiding principles of baptismal living for the shaping of national ministries; and commend the Arusha Call to dioceses for study and inclusion in their considerations of evangelism, witness and discipleship.

For one year, Spiritual Development Team members and others will offer reflections in the New Brunswick Anglican on the 12 points within this call. This is part 3, written by Chris McMullen.

☪ We are called to worship the one Triune God — the God of justice, love, and grace — at a time when many worship the false god of the market system." (Luke 16:13).

Today, business and political leaders often speak of the "economy." By that, they invariably mean the financial transactions of our society.

When the economy does well, it is because people are buying and selling lots of goods and services — goods that some of us really don't need and services often for our personal pleasure and consumption.

Services like looking after God's creation or other people don't count, unless, of course, they are for for-profit corporations.

When the economy is not doing so well (as it apparently is not right now), employment is low, at least compared to a few generations ago, when many households were able to afford housing, food, and the

other basics of life, along with some treats, on one paycheck.

Now as the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard suggests (Matthew 20:1-16), in God's purpose, everyone is entitled to meaningful work. But everyone is also entitled to an adequate living, whether they were able to work for pay full-time or not.

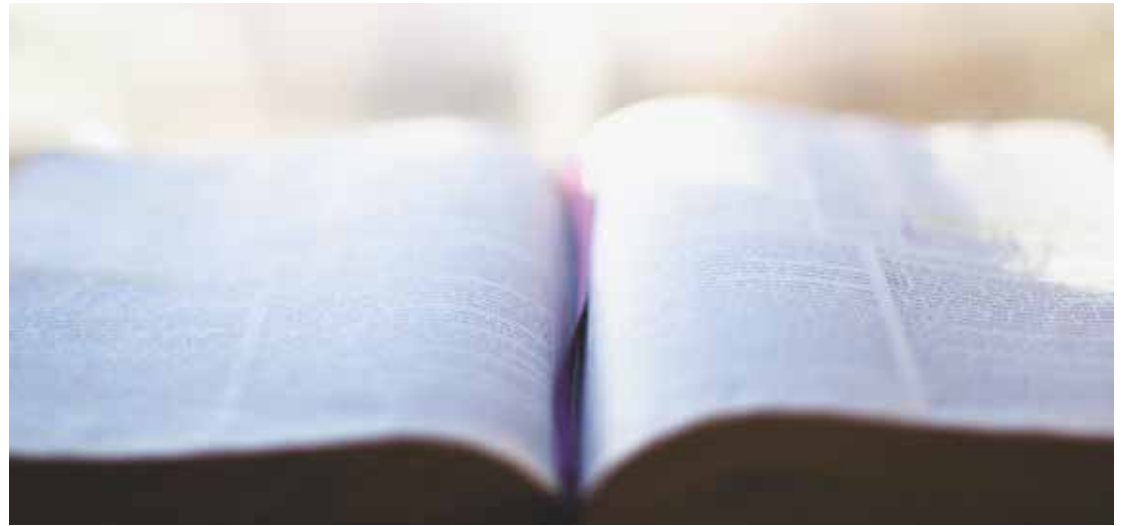
That parable will be our Gospel Lesson on Sunday, Sept. 20 this year. It really challenges our "market-system" values. Wait for many preachers to try to explain it away: It applies to some spiritual realm, certainly not to the economy! The economy — based on healthy competition, gaining, spending, and media-motivated greed — must reign supreme!

Now the Arusha Call to Discipleship is not condemning the market system per se. That would make no more sense than condemning tools for human living like the highway system or a hammer.

It is condemning turning it into a god: a god to which all must answer; and who answers to nothing or no one else. A god who many "worship" (give it ultimate value, and look to it for our most important loyalty and hope) in place of the "one Triune God ...of justice, love, and grace."

Notice the Arusha Call highlights "the Triune God" — the Eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever the single yet multiple community of love and grace; whose will it is that all creation reflect God's glory — the ultimate and beautiful reality of God's love and grace — in human and ecological relations, and, by golly, even "economies" of justice.

You see, "economy" is a stolen, warped word. It comes from a wonderful word in the original Greek of the New Testament: "oikonomia," or household. It is interesting to note that the "oikoumene" motto of the World Council of Churches identifies the whole world as God's family or



CAROLYN V ON UNSPLASH

Arusha Call # 2:

We are called to worship the one Triune God—the God of justice, love, and grace—at a time when many worship the false god of the market system (Luke 16:13).

This call to transforming discipleship is not a one that we can answer in our own strength, so the call becomes, in the end, a call to prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to find the lost, to free the oppressed, to heal the sick, and to convert the self-centred. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world and are poured out into our hearts. As we live in the Spirit, may we also walk in the Spirit. Grant us faith and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus: becoming pilgrims of justice and peace in our time. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth, and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

"household."

The root word "oikos" means "house." It denoted personal homes, but also the temple or house of God. With the Incarnation of Jesus and the gift of God's Spirit, the "house" or "household" of God has become the eternal family of all God's people (Ephesians 2:19).

Though financial matters are part of the management of a household (and even of God's on earth), there is, of course, far more to it than that: relationships, children coming to maturity, the welcoming of strangers, love and grace and justice.

The "intrapersonal system" of the Triune God is the origin of our creation, and the destiny of our pilgrimage through this earthly life as God's adopted children.

So our "interpersonal"

interactions as the "household" of God have everlasting consequences; and our true "economic" destiny may be and ought to be anticipated and lived for even now.

So we are called by Jesus to discipleship, even in our financial dealings and plans.

And we are called to work for a society where humanity can flourish, hear the Gospel and fulfil our destiny in a healthy economy where everyone may have meaningful labour and adequate income — without, according to Jesus in Matthew 20:1-16, one element being myopically reduced to another.

When we tithe, for instance, that may mean less direct spending on goods and services in the profit-making dimension of our economy.

But it may mean an enrichment of human value

and God's purpose in the real economy of the purpose and promise of God: Father, Son and Spirit.

And that is no doubt why Jesus, probably with a twinkle in his eye, challenges us with his parable. May our priorities and outlook become closer to those of the Ultimate Household Manager? It would be for our best interest — and delight!

"No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Luke 16:13).

•••

The Rev. Dr. Chris McMullen is the priest-in-charge in the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis.