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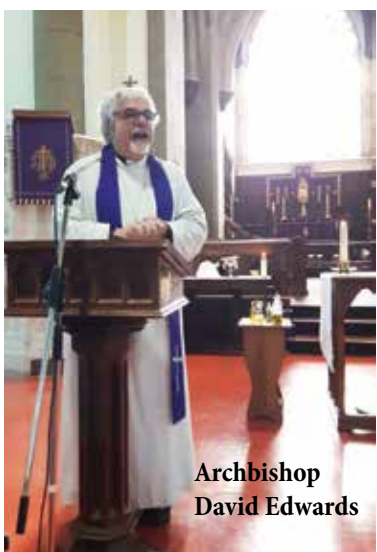


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## At-home Sunday school

**NOLAN AND RAEGAN WALTON WORK ON** a craft as part of at-home Sunday school, an initiative of the Parish of Woodstock. When COVID-19 derailed the children's ministry in 2020, the Sunday school teachers regrouped and went on to create an at-home Sunday school, out of a desire to help the parish children grow spiritually, pandemic or not. See the story on page 13.

# Clergy Day stresses need for discernment



Archbishop David Edwards

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The need for discernment in these uncertain times was the theme of an all-day gathering March 30 at Christ Church Cathedral.

The event began with the annual Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Vows of Ministry. About 40 listened as Archbishop David Edwards preached about the pandemic, its aftermath and the role of the church in that.

"I am reminded of the letter I sent out two years ago, when

it all began, about the government closure for two weeks, and saying 'I think we'll be back by Palm Sunday,' he said with a wry laugh.

Two years later, everyone is exhausted, unsure and hesitant, particularly those in ministry.

David reminded those gathered of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness and its aftermath. Jesus didn't go straight into ministry. Instead, he took some time.

"As we move into this changing phase, we, too, need to take some time," he said. "In min-

istry, in leadership, we've seen changes, and all kinds of things have happened to us.

"All of that has been a great disruption, and we need to take time to pray. Those with leadership responsibility need to encourage congregations to pray. We need to spend time being refreshed by God."

In his travels, David has heard many outline all their post-COVID parish plans, but he cautioned people.

"I want to say, let's take some time. God has a path out of this,

but we must take time to listen," he said.

The pandemic disruptions have put issues into abeyance, but they're still there and need to be dealt with. How we deal with them is going to require discernment — listening prayerfully for the Holy Spirit's guidance, he said.

"I'm hammering this point home for a reason. The Spirit is saying we need to do things differently."

Clergy Day continued on page 4

## DIOCESAN NEWS

# Say Yes! to Kids announces \$50,000 matching gift

The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) is pleased to announce an extraordinary matching gift of \$50,000 in support of Say Yes! to Kids 2022 fundraising teams.

"With the incredible generosity of our matching gift donors, the first 50 peer-to-peer (P2P) teams to raise \$1,000 through their local efforts will immediately see their campaign total jump to \$2,000, as AFC provides an additional \$1,000 in the form of a matching gift," says Dr. Scott Brubacher, AFC's executive director.

Currently, there are approximately 20 teams from across Canada readying their fundraising projects for the 2022 national campaign launch on April 19.

In the Diocese of Fredericton, the Parish of Salisbury & Havelock in Petitcodiac is using the Say Yes! to Kids campaign to raise funds for their 'All-in for Youth' program which will offer a dynamic schedule of activities for 2022 and 2023, at no cost or the lowest possible cost to the community at large.

"We will do a mix of what we have done well in the past as well as some new ideas," says the Rev. Chris Hayes, rector.

This includes restarting the parish youth dances, fun days, themed picnics, parties, games nights and more.

"We have the will as a parish community to make young people a priority, and this funding will equip us with the means

to make it happen," says Hayes. "Having a relationship with the youth of our parish is a vital and irreplaceable part of living out the gospel as a parish. We look forward to meeting new friends, and seeing God at work in their lives, as we pray they see something of God in us."

Say Yes! to Kids is a partnership appeal that will also benefit youth-focused ministries across the church.

For every \$100 raised by a Diocese of Fredericton team, \$20 will support the diocesan focus on camping ministry and emerging issues related to youth mental health in the wake of the pandemic.

A further \$20 will enable AFC to fund Indigenous youth

initiatives that are national in scope.

AFC's matching gift is comprised of two anonymous leadership gifts of \$25,000 each: one from a new AFC supporter and one from last year's Say Yes! to Kids matching sponsor.

"There are some visionary donors in this country who know the work to support the church's champions for youth has just begun," says the Very Rev. Peter Wall, gift consultant for AFC.

"Gifts like these will help us change the conversation from 'shoestring budgets' to 'abundant resources.'"

Say Yes! to Kids will launch on April 19 and run until June.

"It is worth remembering, especially in these early days of

pandemic recovery, that the call to imagine more can include imagining something small, yet meaningful," says Brubacher. "So often it is the smallest projects that can have the biggest impact. And with a matching gift like this, that we can share among many participants, there's never been a better time for our churches to find a way to Say Yes! to Kids."

Visit [www.anglicanfoundation.org/say-yes-to-kids](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/say-yes-to-kids) to form a fundraising team today or email AFC's Development and Communications Consultant, Michelle Hauser, to book a one-on-one consultation to discuss your local project: [mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org](mailto:mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org)

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# Where do we go from here?

I am literally writing this article on an aeroplane, somewhere above New Brunswick on my way to Montreal.

From there I fly on to Toronto, then take a car to Niagara Falls for a meeting of the House of Bishops.

This will be the first time we have attended in person since the fall of 2019. The last two and a half years have seen great changes, which we all are very aware of.

As we move into the middle of spring, we can see the seasons moving towards their summer fullness, but there is still the possibility of a finger of frost reaching out to destroy our plans, or at least derailing them for a time.

It's the same feeling with the pandemic. As I write, it is April 4<sup>th</sup> and we are beginning to live differently, but know that a new wave can emerge at any time.

Recently we had the blessing of oils and the renewal of vows service in the Cathedral.

We were joined, virtually, by Alan Roxburgh one of the world's leading missiologists.

He shared a number of things with us, pointing out that the recent pandemic and the war in Ukraine are markers for a huge shift in western and world culture.



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**FIGURING OUT OUR WAY** forward in a post-pandemic world will take a great deal of prayer and discernment. But whatever route that takes, it will be different from the one we've been on, says Archbishop David Edwards.



Archbishop David Edwards

Nothing is happening that we are unaware of. It is just that

recent events have thrown things into sharper relief.

My generation, the boomers, have operated on the basis that if we work hard enough, we can fix any problem.

We are beginning to discover that it is no longer as simple as that.

The current situation has led us to a place where we have to ask some questions: Where do we go from here? Can we go backwards? Can we remain as we are? What is the way forward?

The answers to these questions are probably not available to us at present; we need to move ahead knowing that God knows what we do not.

As someone who used to lead parishes and other organizations in strategic planning, I find this very strange.

Often we would know where we were aiming, but what we needed was a road map to get there. Now, to be honest, we cannot see the outcome and have to proceed by faith.

This means discernment — spending time, probably a good deal of time, seeking to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Most of us, including me, are not good at this, but it seems to be the way ahead.

We will be led to the next place, but probably not the final place.

David Edwards is  
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

## PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

**MAY 1  
PARISH OF  
RIVERVIEW**

**MAY 8  
PARISH OF THE  
NEREPIS  
AND ST. JOHN**

**MAY 15  
PARISH OF  
HAMMOND RIVER;  
PARISH OF UPPER  
KENNEBECASIS -  
CHURCH OF THE  
ASCENSION 150TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**MAY 21 - JUNE 5  
PILGRIMAGE -  
ARCHDEACONRY  
OF FREDERICTON**

**MAY 22  
PARISH OF  
FREDERICTON  
JUNCTION;  
PARISH OF NEW  
MARYLAND**

**MAY 28  
DIOCESAN  
COUNCIL - CAMP  
MEDLEY**

**MAY 29  
PARISH OF  
GAGETOWN;  
PARISH OF MINTO  
AND CHIPMAN**

## Stewardship in uncertain times

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

I started with some words I am sure you are familiar with: part of Matthew 25:40. As Christians we are obligated to follow Jesus's teachings and this is one of the most meaningful to me.

It is what differentiates us from worthy organizations like Rotary, Lions Club, Kiwanis and so on. As Christians we serve others as Christ did and as he taught us and commanded us to follow.

Our guide for living, as Christians and parishes, is the Five Marks of Mission. Mission is vital to the ongoing health of a parish, but this cannot be achieved without adequate funding.

A parish that concentrates on nothing but money will not have enough energy or time to focus



Mike Briggs

on mission. To be a healthy parish, we need both mission goals and adequate funding to complete this.

In these times of great uncertainty in Europe, it is gratifying to see that Canadians have donated over \$80 million to the Red Cross for their Ukraine appeal. By the time you read this, the amount is certain to be higher.

Canadians have certainly followed the words of Jesus from the Gospel I quoted above.

Most of us do not know a lot of Ukrainians, but still we contribute to try to help them in their suffering — having to leave their homes because of the shelling, missiles and bombs.

Some have remained in the Ukraine in safer areas, while others are in neighbouring countries in the hope that they can return once hostilities have ceased.

As I write, we are still in Lent and by the time you read this, Easter, the Day of the Resurrection, will have happened a few weeks ago.

By then the political situation in Europe may be the same or dramatically different. That is beyond our control and all we can do is pray for Ukraine and peace for all who have been displaced, injured or separated from loved ones.

Equally, we have just seen the delegations from various

Indigenous groups meet with the Pope and hopefully they can continue on the path to Truth and Reconciliation.

All this shows us that even in troubled times, God is with us and supporting us. Throughout the Bible, we see God's forgiving nature. Even when the Israelites turned away, he was always there to welcome them back when they repented of their misdeeds. Use this time to reflect on God's forgiving nature and his inestimable love for us, be generous with what God has given you, and always treat others as you would like to be treated.

I pray that you all had a celebratory Easter with family and friends, yet found time to think of those less fortunate and help your parish with their outreach to them.

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

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4*

## CLERGY DAY

# Clergy Day stresses need for discernment

*Clergy Day continued from page 1*

## CLERGY DAY

The afternoon session was entitled “The Church Beyond the Pandemic.” About 25 clergy remained for the Zoom presentation by Dr. Alan Roxburgh, a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years experience in church leadership. Some might remember he led a diocesan webinar in 2020.

Alan immediately echoed David’s morning homily about the need for discernment, though he had not heard David speak.

“It’s a waste of time for us to just rush back in,” said Alan to open his presentation. “It’s a great opportunity to be thinking about what we need to be doing.”

In his work, Alan speaks with all sorts of ministry leaders, one of whom recently said, ‘As a leader, it feels like I’ve had my ladder against the wrong wall.’

That’s not an uncommon response to the questions of ‘where are we now?’ and ‘where are we going?’ said Alan, but he added what some might call a surprising and uncomfortable statement:

“COVID was never the issue. COVID was an event that sped up the underlying issues, the dysfunctional problems.”

Now, as COVID seems to be ending, there is an acceleration of these issues, and they aren’t going away.

The dysfunction, he said, is that for a long time, we’ve been living inside a particular story that gave us success, but that’s not coming back. That story began at the end of the Second World War, with a booming economy and a growing population of baby boomers.

Its hallmarks were management, technology, predictability, growth, economic power and the emergence of a new middle class.

“We constructed our churches around that post-war period,” he said. “It was a unique and strange time.

“Very quickly, churches bought that story. It worked great, but that story is rapidly coming to an end.”

Now there is the growing discovery that our methods of the past 75 years cannot ad-



SHAWN BRANCH PHOTO

**DR. ALAN ROXBURGH GUIDED CLERGY** through the reality of the post-pandemic church during Clergy Day held at Christ Church Cathedral March 30. His message was one of change, specifically, the church that operates as it did 70 years ago is not the church our communities need and want in 2022. Discernment is the answer to figure out how we move forward.

dress the issues that surround us.

“It’s not about recovering from COVID. COVID has exposed these deeper issues.

“We have lived in a story. We believed that story. We shaped our institutions and programs around that story,” he said.

But there is another story: this is God’s world, and God is acting in the world, remaking it. Alan believes the best response to this change is to “be rooted in the local.”

“Our work in the local isn’t what program or trend to go with, it’s discernment,” he said. “It’s the remaking of the church.”

Alan gave several examples of churches which began their strategic change simply by gathering with their neighbours to share a meal, or gathering in homes to worship. Some have no plans to go back to a regular in-church Sunday service.

The change we face is bound to produce anxiety, disorientation and various responses.

“Mainline churches will keep spending money to cope,” he said. “They’ll reskill people, bring in experts.”

So how do we go forward into this new world?

Alan cited two scriptural examples of how to move

forward. Jeremiah 29 tells the story, in 587 BC, of Israelites who relied on their intelligence, alliances and God’s blessing to succeed. But their story was wiped away, and they found themselves in exile.

“The book of Jeremiah is not primarily about exile,” said Alan. “There was no going back.”

Instead, Jeremiah told the Israelites to build houses, have families and get back to living where they were.

‘In there you will discover the future I have for you.’

The second scripture was Luke 10: 1-12, instructions for early Christians devastated by the destruction of Jerusalem as they awaited the return of Christ.

“What do you do when the story in which you live is torn apart?” asked Alan. “You go back to your neighbours, you let go of it all and join with them.”

As we listen to our neighbours’ stories, ask this: where are we hearing God’s voice? he said.

Alan took questions from clergy, many of which centred around getting people on board for the changes to come.

David summed up the day by further pressing his point to seek discernment.

“Seek where the Lord is leading us,” he said. “We have

to believe and trust where, even if it’s into a different place.

“You might have noticed



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**ARCHBISHOP DAVID EDWARDS** and retired bishop Claude Miller renew their vows, as priests, deacons and lay ministers did as well during the Renewal of Vows service held March 30 at Christ Church Cathedral.

I’ve not been very upbeat today. It’s because I think we’re in a very serious place.”

**“SHARING HOPE & HELP”**

BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

# Final leg of diocesan pilgrimage begins May 21

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Archbishop David Edwards will wrap up his six-part pilgrimage this year with a walk through the Archdeaconry of Fredericton.

“It’s a sign of returning to something akin to normalcy,” he said. “I’m looking forward to being out among people — members of congregations and others.”

David decided to embark on an annual pilgrimage soon after he became bishop, in his words, “because it is important for the bishop to be seen in the diocese and to visit and pray in different parts of it; and it gives me an opportunity to slow down.”

But his annual pilgrimage, like so many things, was stalled during the pandemic. Although he’s an avid walker in his neighbourhood, the rural roads and trails will be a highlight, he said.

As for training, he has logged 70 to 90,000 steps a week, according to his step counter.

“There were very few days, even in the depth of winter, that I didn’t get out,” he said.

David began his pilgrimages in 2015, walking in the archdeaconry of St. Andrews for two weeks, aided by his route planner and friend, Trevor Fotheringham. Each year, he’s walked an archdeaconry, though in 2019 he combined Saint John and Kingston and the Kennebecasis.

David has set the pilgrimage dates as Saturday, May 21 to Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost). The walk will begin in Hoyt and end at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton.

“Of all the ones we’ve done, this will be the longest one,” said Trevor. “There will be a lot of walks on trails rather than roads.”

Trails are preferable for several reasons: safety, interest, nature, the ability to spread out rather than walk single file, and the ability to chat. The disadvantages are more mosquitoes and fewer impromptu meetings with people who live on the route.

Though Trevor is an avid hiker, he is happy to retire from his role.

“As much as I’ve enjoyed it,



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You are invited to join the Archbishop on the pilgrimage for an hour, a day, or more. Check his blog for details on his location. [nb.anglican.ca/pilgrimage](http://nb.anglican.ca/pilgrimage)



MCKNIGHT FILE PHOTOS

I’ll be glad to have it done.”

David, as well, feels a sense of accomplishment as his pilgrimage odyssey come to an end.

“It’s the last archdeaconry and the completion of what I set out to do in 2015,” said David.

Parishes and parishioners have been instrumental in making the pilgrimages a success. From providing meals and places to shower and do laundry, to joining the walk for an hour, a day or more, the pilgrimages have relied heavily on them, for which both Trevor and David are very thankful.

**The pilgrimage route**  
**NOTE:** This is the tentative plan at press time. Check the diocesan website for more up-to-date information: [nb.anglican.ca/pilgrimage](http://nb.anglican.ca/pilgrimage)

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Joining then Bishop David Edwards on the 2017 Moncton archdeaconry pilgrimage were, from left: the Rev. Chris Hayes, Barb and Loris Geldart (Loris is now deceased), Bishop David and Ron Whitehead.

In Sussex for the Kingston & the Kennebecasis 2019 pilgrimage, from left: Archdeacon Rob Marsh, Cheryl Jacobs, Trevor Fotheringham, Bishop David, Archdeacon Cathy Laskey and Debbie Collicott (now Edwards).

Trevor and Bishop David walk through Kings Landing after a service at St. Mark’s Chapel of Ease during the 2018 pilgrimage in the Archdeaconry of Woodstock (though technically Kings Landing is in the Fredericton archdeaconry).

## 2022 Pilgrimage route - tentative

DATE	PARISH THROUGH/TO	OVERNIGHT
May 21	Fredericton Junction	St. Mark’s, Tracy
May 22	New Maryland	Holy Trinity, Nasonworth
May 23	St. Peter	St. Peter’s
May 24	St. Margaret	St. Margaret’s
May 25	Oromocto & Maugerville	St. John, Oromocto
May 26	Cambridge & Waterborough	Good Shepherd
May 27	Cambridge & Waterborough; Gagetown	Camp Medley
May 28	Gagetown	St. John, Gagetown
May 29	Minto and Chipman	St. Michael and All Angels
May 30	Ludlow and Blissfield	St. Andrew, Doaktown
May 31	Ludlow and Blissfield	St. James, Ludlow
June 1	Stanley	St. Thomas, Stanley
June 2	Bright	All Saints, Keswick Ridge
June 3	Douglas & Nashwaaksis	St. John the Evangelist
June 4	Fredericton PWRDF hike/lunch Marysville; St. Mary, York	St. Mary’s
June 5	Final worship at CC Cathedral	

Check the diocesan website for up-to-date information, how you can participate, and the archbishop’s daily blog. [nb.anglican.ca/pilgrimage](http://nb.anglican.ca/pilgrimage)

# ACW executive meets to make post-pandemic plans

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

For the first time in a year, the executive of the ACW (Anglican Church Women) met via Zoom on March 16 to take care of pressing matters, including plans for 2022 gatherings.

In attendance: Linda Fury, Inez Estabrooks, Mary Delong, Paula Adams, Judith Anderson, Linda Collins Lebars, Diane Radford, Cathy Lutes, Diane Todd and Rosemary Kingston.

Archbishop David Edwards opened the meeting with a prayer for the people of Ukraine, after which he left to attend a prior engagement.

## FINANCES

Treasurer Cathy Lutes gave her report, illustrating the big changes to the budgets for the past two years. She noted 36 branches currently contribute to the executive.

The bank balance as of Dec. 31, 2021 was \$42,055.93. Cathy had to buy a new version of Sage to do the bookkeeping.

Cathy told the group she is hopeful the annual meeting will help refresh and motivate the branches after such a long period of dormancy.

After some discussion on the various funds and expenditures, Linda Fury, the president, suggested "we need to update things." Two meetings will take place in April and May to re-evaluate the funds and develop a budget for 2022.

## REPORTS

Linda Collins Lebars reported on the Book of Remembrance, asking everyone to go back to their deaneries and add the names of ACW members who have passed on.

Diane Radford, as the Mothers' Union representative, gave a report on that group's activities during the pandemic.

The annual Quiet Day will be held at St. Margaret's in Fredericton on Wednesday, Sept. 7. It will be a potluck. More details will follow.

Rosemary Kingston reported on Bishop McAllister College's experiences during the pandemic, with many complications and challenges.

"Uganda is doing well with the pandemic," she said. "The president shut things down quickly, saying he'd rather his children missed a grade than



**ABOVE: THEN BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS** speaks at the 2017 annual meeting of the ACW held at St. Mark's in St. George.



**LEFT: FEW WILL FORGET** the tea party lunch enjoyed by ACW members at the 2017 annual meeting at St. Mark's in the Parish of St. George. Seen in red is Diocesan ACW treasurer Cathy Lutes.

dying."

Rosemary encouraged members to join the national ACW Facebook page.

Rosemary, vice-president of the national ACW, reported on the Anglican Foundation's Say Yes! To Kids program of fundraising for causes that benefit youth.

**Miramichi-Chaleur** - Five branches, with a total membership of 37 members, submitted a report. Branches met when COVID regulations allowed.

To raise funds, branches did various activities including rummage sales, no-bake bake sale, sale of crocheted ornaments and knitted slippers and the sale of church calendars.

They sent cards throughout the year, supported their churches and Sunday schools as well as Samaritan's Purse.

They collected mittens and

hats for Christmas hampers, provided layettes to the hospital, as well as supported Hope Café and a student at Bishop McAllister College.

Some members attended the World Day of Prayer Service and some enjoyed fellowship at local restaurants.

**St. Andrews** - All Saint's ACW has a membership of 19. They held six monthly meetings in 2021 with an average attendance of nine. They held a yard sale in August and a Christmas sale in November.

They fulfill Altar duties weekly and send cards on various occasions throughout the year.

They delivered cookies to shut-ins/elderly at Christmas and homemade goodies on Minister's Appreciation Day.

They supported all three area food banks and sponsored four students at Bishop McAl-

lister College.

**Woodstock** - St. Luke's met six times with attendance ranging from 7-12. They supported the Manor birthday party in January and the World Day of Prayer in March. They placed three members on the Roll of Honour.

They sent cards on various occasions throughout the year including to Farraline Place and local nursing homes.

They made and sold tombstone flower arrangements for Mother's Day and Father's Day and trays of sweets at Christmas. They supported the Salvation Army Transient Fund and a student at Bishop McAllister College.

Church of the Good Shepherd met five times in 2021. They held a yard sale which enabled them to support two bursaries at Carleton North

High School, the Central Saint John Community Ministry (the Chandras), Threshold Ministries, and the Simonsen family.

They sent cards on various occasions and supported Sanctuary House with non-perishable food items and toiletries. At Christmas they enjoyed a potluck supper in the church hall.

**Kingston-Kennebecasis** - Kingston-Kennebecasis has 14 branches with nine branches submitting reports. St. Mark's, Sussex Corner closed in 2020.

Four branches have not been able to meet and five have met when COVID regulations permitted. Some branches have done fundraising such as quilting, selling church calendars and catering take-out meals.

Many missions have continued: collecting mittens, hats and other winter clothing items for the needy, sending cards and Christmas gift bags to shut-ins, supporting Coverdale Centre, students at Bishop McAllister College and Seafarers' Mission.

**Lancaster-Saint John** - Although fundraising has been minimal, branches have been able to support the Empty Stocking Fund, feed the hungry and deliver cans of cookies to seniors.

They sent cards on various occasions including to Farraline Place. All branches were able to meet their Diocesan commitments and support Farraline Place.

**Shediac** - Shediac Deanery has 11 branches and 60 members. Some branches were able to meet when restrictions allowed. Branches sent cards throughout the year and boxes to Seafarers' Mission at Christmas.

Many supported students at Bishop McAllister College and various other endeavours by having take-out suppers, yard sales and quilting and selling quilts.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The executive chose June 7 as the date of a newly revamped annual meeting to be held in the Deanery of Kingston-Kennebecasis. This year's meeting will change from a two to one day event to encourage more participation. A team is preparing for the day.

*With files from Diane Todd.*

## GODLY PLAY

# Godly Play training returns to the Maritimes

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Those interested in becoming Godly Play storytellers have an opportunity May 7-8 and June 10-11 at Sackville United Church in Sackville, N.B. and at First Baptist in Halifax. Both training events will run concurrently.

Each weekend begins with the Friday evening session from 4-9 p.m. The Saturday component runs from 8:30-5:30. (Attendance is required at both weekends to qualify for certification.)

Archdeacon Cathy Laskey is one of the trainers of the event. She is the only Anglican Godly Play Canada certified trainer in the Maritimes and a long-time advocate of the program.

"The first time I saw a Godly Play story, I immediately said, 'This is good stuff. This is how I believe faith formation can happen well.'

"It's not preaching. It's not even teaching in the usual sense. It's the telling of a story that encourages and enables an encounter with the Trinity."

Godly Play is unique. Its brochure describes it as "a creative and imaginative approach to faith formation and spiritual development that uses symbols, objects, silence and words to explore biblical stories and Christian practices" using the Montessori tradition.

Although Godly Play was first developed for children, it has great value for all ages, as it prompts the person to imagine, draw, create, discuss and otherwise immerse themselves in the mystery and beauty of God and creation. It's even be-



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**TOP: ARCHDEACON CATHY** Laskey, seated on floor centre right, prepares to begin a Godly Play session during a YIG (Youth & Intergenerational) sponsored event at Christ Church (Parish) Church in 2015. **LEFT: A TYPICAL** Godly Play setting.

ing used in nursing homes.

The phrase "I wonder" is heard frequently in a Godly Play setting.

"One premise of Godly Play is that children have an innate sense of God, but haven't developed the language to express this," said Cathy. "All of us, child or adult, have an innate sense of God, and Godly Play enables one, no matter what age, to engage and encounter our Lord."

Cathy continues to encourage others to try the program because she's found such meaning in it.

"What attracts me is the economy of words, the materials used to tell the story and the freedom to wonder," she said. "When I looked back to the original stories, I discovered something new. It brought the story alive in a new way."

While Cathy was a parish priest in Shediac, she was able to weave elements of Godly Play into the service, once a month, allowing all parishioners to experience Godly Play.

A Godly Play session begins with a welcome, a gathering into a circle, a prayer or liturgy and then a story, perhaps an

Old Testament recounting or a parable. Then various questions are posed: I wonder which part of this story was the most important? I wonder where you are in this story?

"The wondering is deep," said Cathy. "It opens the discussion."

After the questions, the participants' work begins. They can use the story telling materials, create a drawing or other craft, or play.

Then a small feast is served, perhaps a cracker, cheese and water. Grace is said and everyone eats together. Clean-up

commences and participants are dismissed. It very much mirrors a Sunday morning Eucharist service, said Cathy.

These upcoming training sessions, once completed, qualify participants as certified Godly Play storytellers.

Cathy is hoping for renewed interest in Godly Play as so much has been learned during the pandemic.

Archbishop David Edwards says, "Godly Play has been an essential part of the ministry in many parishes. It speaks to both children and adults."

"I'm hoping more people of all ages can experience Godly Play and deepen their faith," said Cathy. "For me, it's a faith formation opportunity."

There have been Godly Play storytellers in the following parishes: the Nerepis & St. John, Christ Church Cathedral, Woodstock, Shediac, Salisbury & Havelock, Westmorland, Cambridge & Waterborough, New Maryland, Hammond River and Hampton.

To view a video of Godly Play, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=py6vzIsNcM>

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MY JOURNEY THERE



JASMINE CHANDRA

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

While the Rev. Jasmine Chandra was born in Cambridge, Ontario, she had a rather unusual — and at times, charmed — upbringing when her parents joined the mission field. It wasn't just any mission field. It was Monaco. Yes, that Monaco, the tiny, two-square-kilometre city-state, playground of the rich and famous on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Of its 38,000 people, one in three is a millionaire.

Jasmine and her family were among the two of out three. They lived in an apartment and she and her brother, Aaron, attended a French language public school. Jasmine was just one when they arrived.

**WHY MONACO?**  
What brought Steven and Barbara Shantz and their children to Monaco harkens back to the Second World War and the tiny principality's perfect location.

"Hitler built a [radio] transmission site there just outside Monaco," said Jasmine. "It could reach North Africa, Europe and Eastern Europe from that location."

The Allies bombed the site, so the Nazis never used it, but later, Radio Monte Carlo rebuilt it. In the 1950s, Trans World Radio, the mission organization Jasmine's parents joined, was searching for a location from which to reach beyond the Iron Curtain of communism into Eastern Europe, as well as North Africa.

"They were looking for places to reach where missionaries were not able to go because of the danger, so they found this site," said Jasmine.

TWR used shortwave radio to spread the gospel, and the Monaco site needed the skills of Jasmine's father, an electrical technician. That is why Jasmine spent 12 years of her life living on the French Riviera.

"My dad worked on the transmission towers," she said. "He was never on the air."

To check on his work, Steven would travel, as a tourist, to places like the Soviet Union, and call in with pre-arranged phrases after testing the signal. He would also smuggle in bibles, said Jasmine.

When the Soviet Union dissolved, the family's life became less stressful. And when computers became a household item, her father transitioned to IT.

Eventually, the Monaco office was closed. It lost its significance due to changing geo-politics and increasing technology, though Steven is still with TWR.

**LIFE IN MONACO**  
Monaco is a mix of both the ultra rich and the working class that takes care of their needs. But Jasmine, of the working class, had friends among the rich.

"My best friend's dad was the captain of the soccer team. Another friend's dad was a stockbroker," said Jasmine. "They had a yacht, and I went on trips in the Mediterranean."

"It's very hard going from a luxury private yacht to anything else!" she laughed.

The warm climate produced snow only a couple of times during Jasmine's childhood.

When the Shantz family was preparing to leave Monaco permanently, they sold their furniture. A poor artist came to look at their armoire, but he couldn't afford it. In lieu, he promised a piece of art he was working on — a sweeping print of Monaco — and four years later, the print arrived in Canada. It now hangs in Jasmine's living room.

BACK TO CANADA



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: the Rev. Jasmine Chandra sits in her living room, under the print of Monaco her family received as payment for an armoire; The port of Monaco; Jasmine as a teenager in British Columbia; Aaron and Jasmine as children in Monaco; the Chandra family: Sam, Jasmine, Naomi and Terence.

The family moved to the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia when Jasmine was 13.

"Typically, the most marginalized people are the most welcoming," said Jasmine. "I went from hanging out on yachts to hanging out in trailer parks. People are people."

But taking a young teenager from the only home she knew didn't make for a smooth transition.

"I hated it. Thirteen is not a good age for that experience. I was falling in with the wrong crowd."

But God pulled her through, and Jasmine successfully completed high school. As she graduated, her parents moved to TWR headquarters in North Carolina, and she went to Rocky Mountain Bible College in Calgary, where she earned a BA in religious education, with a minor in counselling.

MY JOURNEY THERE



Wycliffe College in Toronto.

**BECOMING ANGLICAN**  
Jasmine's church exposure in childhood was what she called "various interpretations of Baptist."

"When I moved to Calgary, I went to about 30 different churches, including a Mennonite Brethren church for six months," she said.

But the influence of her Catholic friends, and her growing appreciation for liturgy, sent her to an Anglican Church across the street from her apartment. By the time she arrived in Toronto, it was with the expectation of becoming an Anglican priest.

Jasmine never felt called to the mission field as her parents had. In fact, the rich Monaco life prompted some career questions before Wycliffe.

"I went through a period of time

when I didn't want to do ministry," she said. "I wanted to make money."

"That changed as I saw relationships fall apart, like with friends' parents. I also saw how money shields people from reality. So then I didn't want to be rich."

**THE FAMILY IN NB**  
Jasmine met Terence during the first month of classes at Wycliffe, and 16 months later, they were engaged. After they were married and graduated, Terence, from New Brunswick, wanted to explore options in his home province.

But in a smaller diocese, it's difficult for clergy couples to work with or near each other. It took eight years for Terence and Jasmine to achieve that. In the meantime, there was interest from a few Toronto parishes, but Jasmine felt called to remain in N.B.

During their time as parish priests in Perth-Andover, Jasmine's brother, Aaron and his wife, Shelley, came for a visit from Edmonton. A year later, they bought 50 acres in St. Marie de Kent, north of Moncton, and now operate L'hirondele, a woodlot and organic garden. They have two young sons.

When Jasmine and Terence had Naomi, Jasmine's parents moved from North Carolina to Saint John. In fact, they live across the street from their Chandra grandchildren, Sam, 11 and Naomi, almost five.

"We've brought the whole family here," said Jasmine.

**MINISTRY**  
Jasmine and Terence have had an interesting career as priests. They began as parish priests, but realized that was

not the sort of ministry they felt called to. It took some serious prayer and soul searching, the thought of leaving the priesthood, and several years to map out their path.

It was unconventional, for sure. They approached then Archbishop Claude Miller with a proposal. They would be priests without a parish in uptown Saint John. Instead of ministering to a congregation, they would consider the people of the uptown peninsula — where poverty, victimization, crime and addiction are high — their congregation.

Funding and ministry parameters were worked out, and since 2014, they've simply been present, lending a hand, getting to know the agencies, churches and people of the uptown, and partnering with Stone Church and Trinity for space to hold drop-ins, mentoring, bible studies, and language classes for newcomers. They call their ministry Pennies & Sparrows.

"Moving out of the rectory and into an apartment in the uptown, it felt like we were jumping off a cliff," said Jasmine. "But we have no regrets. It's all worked out. We feel we are doing what we are meant to do."

Since July 2020, they've held, between them, a half-time position at Stone Church as priests-in-charge, and they split one full-time position with Pennies and Sparrows.

The diocese, Stone Church, several parishes and ACWs, and a long list of private donors — old friends, those they met in seminary, and even newcomers Terence has taught English to — all help fund Pennies and Sparrows.

While some years have been tight, donations are enough that they have no financial worries for their ministry.

For Jasmine, that stability is God keeping his word.

"That was my deal with God," said Jasmine. "I didn't want to be begging for money. I never wanted to be in that position. I grew up in the mission field. But we've never had a single year where we didn't reach our goals."

Now the priest who grew up next to the rich and famous is using some of the lessons learned there to help fulfill her ministry in Saint John.

"Those years helped me to navigate social situations, both with people who have, and people who have not," she said. "Because of my upbringing, I value community. I pay attention to non-verbal cues. Those skills are valuable in ministry."

Now when she walks to work, from their home on the lower peninsula, to Stone Church at the other end, she has to build in an extra 15 minutes for chats along the way, and she's just fine with that.

"We know everyone, from the panhandlers on the street, to the mayor, the MLAs and the MP."

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

# 'They are one of life's blessings'

**Rick Larder sees beyond developmental disabilities to make lifelong friends**

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

How Rick Larder ended up devoting his career, and his life, to people with developmental disabilities sounds like a quirk of fate, but he will tell you he was on a path set out by God.

That path has included almost five decades of work, advocacy and volunteering with people who have developmental disabilities.

When Rick graduated from Acadia University with a BA and a BEd, he didn't know if he was ready for teaching.

"I was still very shy," he said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to teach."

Instead, he worked on a government grant that included a tour of a Halifax psychiatric hospital. During his visit, he met a young woman who was a patient in the developmental disabilities unit.

"She invited me to play checkers with her," said Rick. "I readily agreed and we started a game."

"Shortly into the game, she literally went unconscious for a few seconds, woke up dazed, and continued playing as if nothing had happened. I was fascinated by her friendliness and condition."

Her seizures continued, but so did the game — plus her positivity and engaging manner.

"She accepted me so easily, and I, to that point in life, had a hard time accepting myself," said Rick.

It seems this young woman, whom he never saw again, did far more for Rick than he realized at the time. He calls the encounter a watershed moment in his life.

## NBCC

From there, Rick began to investigate avenues for working with people like his checkers friend. That led him to New Brunswick Community College and in September 1973, he entered the Human Services program.

At NBCC, he met another person instrumental in his

life to this day: his instructor, Clare Box. Clare and his wife, Leith, went on to become lifelong friends with Rick and his wife, Mary.

After graduating from NBCC, he was offered a job at what is now the Mitchner Centre in Red Deer, Alberta, where he taught, worked in staff development and generally had a wonderful time working with people who had developmental disabilities.

But 18 months later, Clare contacted Rick with an offer: come back to NBCC to be an instructor in the program alongside Clare.

## A CAREER AT NBCC

That offer led to a 33-year career for Rick and a deep friendship with Clare, which included teaching Rick how to drive.

"He knew I didn't have my licence, so every Friday night we went driving," said Rick.

Those Friday night sessions eventually led to bible study for the two couples.

"I went to Sunday school as a kid, but at 13 or 14 you sometimes leave, and I did leave," said Rick. "I had no interest in going to church until Clare and Leith led me in that direction."

"Clare has been my instructor, my mentor and one of my best friends. He and his wife and have opened doors for me over the years. They are lifelong friends."

## NEW IDEAS

A work-study trip to New Hampshire in the early 1990s was an eye-opener for Rick, where, for six weeks, he stayed at an innovative group home for men.

"It was one of the great experiences of my life and I came back with lots of ideas," he said. "I gave lots of presentations to community groups. It even led me to grow a pony-tail."

The experience made him realize he wanted to become more actively involved, apart from teaching, and led him to

L'Arche and subsequently, the New Dawn Players in Saint John.

L'Arche, found in many countries, is a community of people, both with and without intellectual disabilities, who live together, far removed from the degrading conditions of institutions.

New Dawn is a group of developmentally disabled adults who, in costume, put on miming performances while a narrator reads the story. Their first performance was in 2001 to welcome Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche organization, at a conference in Saint John.

New Dawn was begun by George and Charlotte McKim and Ed Van Oorshot, whom Rick befriended.

## NEW DAWN PLAYERS

Over the years, the troupe of New Dawn actors grew, and, to date, has put on 86 performances with Rick as their narrator and story editor.

The stories range from bible stories like the Epiphany, the Prodigal Son (and daughter) and the Good Samaritan to stories from old school readers.

"I take the stories, expand on them and flesh out the characters," said Rick. "They always have a Christian message."

"They love it. They're getting attention and they're being valued."

The performances are often in churches, and at 15 to 20 minutes long, fit nicely into the sermon slot.

"We've been all over," he said. "It's been one of the lights of my life. I feel very fortunate."

For many years, the New Dawn players and their families also met monthly for food and fellowship, games, music, sharing time and prayer.

"We've done that pretty much every month," said Rick. "That was life."

## ON HIATUS

That was life until the pandemic stopped everything. Their last play was *The Golden Pears*, performed March 1, 2020 at Stone Church.

"We've been on hiatus for two years," said Rick. "I get

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MCKNIGHT PHOTO



**TOP: RICK LARDER** poses with one of the posters he made that recounts the many fun times the New Dawn community has enjoyed over the years.

**LEFT: RICK LARDER**, Ed van Oorschot, Eke van Oorschot and the late Bob Brittain. Ed and Bob were both directors of the New Dawn Players.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

# St. Mark's hall, Westmorland, a victim of vandals

BY LINDA FURY

The Parish of Westmorland is a very small parish about three km from the Nova Scotia border. St. Mark's Church in Mt. Whatley (Aulac) and St. Luke's Church in Baie Verte alternate Sundays for services with small but very good and faithful congregations.

Our parish has been very fortunate to also have a large hall near St. Mark's Church. It has been used frequently — before COVID — by many groups such as 4H, square dancers, fundraising activities (for both ACW and vestry, like our well-known “all you can eat” breakfasts, silent auctions and so on).

Individuals in the area also will use the hall for birthday parties, Christmas dinners and more.

Even though pandemic regulations have put a pause on many groups and individuals using our hall, it was still used weekly by the ACW for quilting and meetings. Our vestry meetings were also held in the hall.

This ended on Feb. 14 when it was vandalized. Every window except one was smashed, two stoves and two refrigerators upset and torn apart, and two microwaves smashed. Over 100 mugs, plates and glasses were thrown about and smashed. Two bathrooms had fixtures smashed and vanities damaged.



**TOP: THE ACW LADIES** in the Parish of Westmorland continued their quilting efforts despite their hall being vandalized.

**ABOVE: THE AFTERMATH** of the break-in and vandalism.

Very little in the hall was left untouched, although the many chairs at the back were not damaged. Only one of the old wooden chairs was broken as it was used to break one of the windows.

The two teenaged boys re-

sponsible were apprehended by the RCMP when a neighbour noticed activity and broken windows in the hall around 6 a.m. He reported to the RCMP who came immediately.

The next day was the usual day for the ACW and the

Men's Fellowship to meet. The ACW group was able to rescue the quilt from the centre of the hall, on the floor with one of the long quilting boards broken, but the quilt not damaged.

They were able to move over to the church and set up the quilt in the Sacristy at the front of the church.

The Men's Fellowship group usually met there and has a small fridge, microwave, coffee maker and other essentials in that room. They very kindly let the ACW use that space and they set up tables at the back of the church for their meeting.

We were very fortunate

that our insurance company immediately sent someone to check things out and contacted someone to board up the broken windows. They also took stock of the damages and will cover all items destroyed in the hall.

This will include all the broken dishes, coffee perks and other items. We are not sure if we will be given the money necessary to replace the many dishes or if they will buy them.

Appliances and replacement windows have been ordered. These windows were special orders so frames have to be made, which takes longer than if just replacing the double glazed glass.

I am sure there are many parishes like the Parish of Westmorland — worrying about paying insurance premiums over the years. We are very thankful that we have always been able to keep up our payments!

We would never be able to afford replacing our buildings if destroyed by fire, so we are very thankful.

Even though most everything in the hall was destroyed, we have been able to carry on and have been saying prayers of thanks for what we have, and also forgiving and praying for the teenagers responsible. Thanks be to God.

*Linda Fury is the diocesan ACW president. She worships in the Parish of Westmorland.*

## ‘When are we doing another play?’ is a common question for Rick Larder

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asked, ‘when are we doing another play?’”

Plans are on the horizon. First they'll have a monthly get together, and from there, Rick is hopeful they can pick up where they left off: choosing a play, holding rehearsals, choosing costumes and props, and taking their show on the road.

For many years, Rick's basement was the costuming room. He has mounds of Bristol board displays of monthly meetings, with photos illustrating the fun. He has countless books and scripts.

It is entirely accurate to say he has devoted a tremendous amount of his spare time,

especially since his retirement in 2008, to those with developmental disabilities in general and the New Dawn Players in particular.

Why?

“That young lady I played checkers with made me see the person. I see the person first and foremost and I value the person,” he said. “When you get to know someone, the disability or challenge is secondary. It's superficial.

“They are one of life's blessings. They brighten my day,” he said. “It's definitely a two-way street, but I've learned I'm getting more than I'm giving.”

Rick and Mary are members of Stone Church in uptown Saint John.



**LEFT: NEW DAWN PLAYERS** Faith Wright, Maggie Cleland, Ed van Oorschot, Rick Larder, Eke van Oorschot and Patty Deering during a sale the group organized to support Trinity Church in Saint John.

**RIGHT: RICK LARDER**, at right, with his friend and weekly lunch buddy, George Dalzell. The photo was taken at the old Centracare site, where George spent much of his adult life.



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“SHARING HOPE & HELP”

150 YEARS IN APOHAQUI

# Church of the Ascension

## 150th anniversary - 1872-2022

The Church of the Ascension in Apohaqui will mark 150 years on May 15 with an afternoon service to which Archbishop David Edwards has been invited.

THE HISTORY

Apohaqui was originally the site of a Micmac (Mi'kmaw) village, located at the junction of the Millstream and Kennebecasis Rivers. It lies within the 5,000-acre grant known as Studville, given to Major Gilford Studholm in 1784.

As New Brunswick was formed as a separate province later that year, the land was one of the last grants to be made by Nova Scotia in the present New Brunswick.

After Major Studholm's death in 1792, having no heirs, his grant was given by the Crown to Judge John Saunders. Upon his death, the land was given to his son, Hon. John Simcoe Saunders.

Col. Henry Montgomery-Campbell, son of Hon. Saunders' sister, later occupied part of the Studville grant.

The families who settled in the parishes of Studholm and Sussex were mainly Loyalists from New England and colonists from the British Isles, most of whom were associated with the Church of England.

Prior to 1840, settlers from the Apohaqui area travelled to Sussex Vale (now Sussex Corner) on foot or horseback for services. As the number of parishioners from Apohaqui increased, in 1828 a petition was drawn with the purpose of "devising ways and means toward erection of a church in Apohaqui."

In 1837, Peter Lyon donated one acre of land, located at the wagon road intersection overlooking Apohaqui, for a new church to the Corporation of Trinity Church, Sussex Vale.

The first church, St. John's Church, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia Sept. 14, 1840. The ground surrounding the building was consecrated as a Christian Burial Place Aug. 26, 1845.

By 1869 attendance had grown to average 75 people each Sunday.

Source: W. M. (Bill) Jones, *History of Church of the Ascension*.

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"The church flourished so well that by 1870, when Rev. Charles Medley was rector, the building was felt to be inadequate. It was dismantled and the present one of Gothic type was built on the same site, in the centre of the burying ground. This cemetery had been consecrated August 16th, 1845. The old deed reads:

The Bishop, attended by clergy and congregation, perambulated the ground, performing the services customary on such occasions.

On May 14, 1872, "Ascension Day," the new church was consecrated to the worship of God and named "The Church of the Ascension."

Long before the hour of 10 a.m., the church was filled to capacity. Seventeen clergymen were in attendance, marching up the aisle singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and took their places in the chancel.

Rev. Cuthbert Willis had charge of the service and Bishop Medley preached the dedicatory sermon.

It was a beautiful day and the congregation had a picnic lunch under the trees afterwards. It was especially noted that the collection amounted to \$250, a huge amount for that time."

Taken from an article written by Mrs. W. N. MacAlpine, in 1962 "History of Apohaqui," page 16, copied as written. Note the first line refers to the first church, St. John's.

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Bishop Medley, Bishop of Fredericton, presented the church with a large pipe organ which was imported from England and had been used for several years in Christ Church Cathedral.

In total there are 15 stained glass windows, all made in England, and dedicated as memorials.



TOP: THE INTERIOR of the Church of the Ascension hasn't changed much over the years.



LEFT: THE building sits at a busy intersection in Apohaqui, though it looks a bit different today. The road shown is Route 121 between Sussex and Norton.

BELOW: The northeast choir window, one of several beautiful stained glass windows in the church.

Clergy 1872 - Present	
1872-1889	Rev. Charles Medley
1889-1897	Rev. Henry W. Little
1897-1915	Canon Scovil Neales
1915-1950	Canon Mansel M.C. Shewen
1950-1957	Rev. L.M. Pepperdene
1958-1969	Canon Herbert J. Hoyt
1969-1971	Rev. Roy E. Farnham
1971-1985	Rev. Harold Hazen
1985-1987	Rev. Walter Brown
1987-1992	Rev. George Akerley
1992-1997	Rev. Patricia Brittain
1998-2005	Rev. Leo Martin
2006	Rev. Don Trivet, interim rector
2007-2008	Rev. Marion Lucas-Jeffries
2007-2008	Rev. Robert LeBlanc
2009-2016	Rev. Wally Collett
2016-Present	Rev. Daniel McMullen, missionary priest
2019-Present	Rev. Dr. Chris McMullen



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### Dates of Note:

October 23, 1887 - New church bell was rung for the 1st time.

1892 — Construction is completed on Medley Memorial Hall erected in memory of Rev. Charles Medley, rector, who died in 1889.

May 6, 1932, Ascension Day - Electric lights are used for the first time at the 60th anniversary service.

1985 — Church of the Ascension, Apohaqui, and Trinity Anglican Church, Sussex, remained as the Parish of Sussex and Studholm until 1985. Church of the Ascension is now part of the Anglican Parish of Upper Kennebecasis along with St. Simon & St. Jude's Church, Belleisle Creek.

## PANDEMIC PROJECTS

I'm thankful for...

MOM & DAD  
School My BFFFood Water  
My house

## At-home Sunday school in the Anglican Parish of Woodstock

BY SHIRLEY NOSEWORTHY

*But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*  
Luke 18:16

COVID-19 has, for a second year, impacted our Sunday school program. But we are grateful to have a stellar group of teachers determined to continue children's ministry even through the pandemic.

When COVID-19 derailed our children's ministry in 2020, our Sunday school teachers pivoted to an at-home Sunday school, out of a desire to help our children grow spiritually during this time.

In-class gatherings were replaced by take-home kits, which were prepared and sent home each month, as well as a video posted each Sunday on the children's page of our parish website.



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**THERE'S PLENTY TO BE** thankful for when you stop to make a list, as children did during this Thanksgiving exercise, as part of at-home Sunday school in the Parish of Woodstock.

This idea was sparked by one of our teachers, Naomi Sharpe, and the others quickly got on board!

The teachers met to prepare activity kits for one month at a time, which were either picked up on a designated Sunday or delivered to their home.

The kits consist of a craft or an act of kindness with instructions included, a colouring sheet on the topic for the day, and a snack.

Thank you to Lesley Anthony for posting a video each week, usually from a Godly Play lesson, on the At Home Sunday school page of our parish website for the children to watch and then do the related activity in the kit for that week.

For example, at Thanksgiving, the children were given a pumpkin with instructions to write something they were thankful to God for on the pumpkin each day.

In 2020 there were 17 chil-

dren registered and in 2021, 15 children for the at-home Sunday school.

We have received positive feedback from the parents and an occasional photo of the activity the children completed.

The teachers felt encouraged to know that the program has been well received, and we will continue it in 2022 through March and April.

Thank you to the parents for getting your children involved at home! If there is anyone who would like to take on the superintendent's position, please contact me at the parish office (328-4304).

Finally, thank you to our dedicated teachers: Lesley Anthony, Ann Tait, Tammy Dunbar, Elizabeth Gallant and Naomi Sharpe. Your love for the children is a tremendous blessing.

*The Rev. Shirley Noseworthy is rector in the Parish of Woodstock.*



## AROUND THE DIOCESE



CHRIS HAYES PHOTOS

**THE PARISH OF SALISBURY AND HAVELOCK** marked the first Sunday of Lent by hosting Archbishop David Edwards and his wife, Debbie. They attended both services, where he preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Andrew's in Petitcodiac, and preached again at St. John's in Salisbury. Afterwards he and many parishioners visited Aaron's Coffee House, where Aaron shared the story and purpose of the social enterprise business, to help spread awareness of autism and related spectrum realities, and to eventually teach and employ those with autism. Aaron's Coffee House is a favourite of many parishioners, and an enterprise our parish supports in various ways. Thank you for being with us, Archbishop David and Debbie!

Photo 1: Debbie Edwards chats with Cheryl Young (middle), and Debbie's mom, Blanche Prince. Photo 2: At Aaron's Coffee House, the Archbishop shares a laugh with business owners Aaron and Shaunta Nelson, while Debbie Edwards and Rhona Alexander (right) look on.

## ACW activities

**Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting 2022**  
ONE DAY ONLY  
Tuesday, June 7  
"Let Your Light Shine"

St. James the Less Anglican Church,  
1760 Rothesay Avenue,  
Rothesay N.B.

Registration deadline is May 18

Registration: 9 a.m.  
Service: 10 a.m.

BANQUET at 5 p.m.  
St. Luke's, Parish of Gondola Point,  
12 Quispamsis Road,  
Quispamsis

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10:30 - Holy Eucharist service  
11:15 - Group activity  
12:30 - Pot luck lunch  
1:30 - Speaker  
3 p.m. - Closing Prayers

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## MUSIC COMMENTARY

# Love and the Outcome brings a fresh new project

Though I'm finishing up this article on April 1st (seriously!), I'm imagining listening to this record by the Canadian duo Love and the Outcome in early May — post-Easter, on a sunny, warm afternoon (and hopefully you are reading this article on just such a day!).

If so, I believe this to be an ideal record for such an ideal day. *Only Ever Always* is a lighter project than I usually review, but it is fresh and bouncy, freeing to hear.

It has an 80s kind of vibe to it, but with fresh new sounds, which is a trend in many music genres lately (I bet you've heard some tunes from the latest and wonderful Coldplay project!).

Love and the Outcome have hit it out of the park, in my opinion.

Vocalist Jodi King and bassist Chris Rademaker met when



Chris was a session player on one of Jodi's projects. Proverbial sparks flew; a relationship formed, grew, and now they are married with children and a strong call to continue making music that honours God in the midst of everyday life.

They have moved to Nashville (also, sadly, a trend in many genres), but have encountered success in many forms, as their songwriting has grown and matured, their audience has grown, and they have shared the stage with the likes of the Newsboys, Switchfoot, Lecrae, TobyMac, Jeremy Camp, and more.

They cite among their influences bands such as U2, Coldplay and the Police, so their musical roots run deep (I also hear echos of 80s Canadian groups Boulevard and Idle Eyes).

While it's not always best to review an album by mentioning the best song first (as it all goes downhill from there), it is a safe call here, for the best song is typical for the whole album.

"Need U On Repeat" talks about, simply, needing God always, everyday, in every part of life.

The lyric, "Oh the mess is the message so let it show / Oh imperfectly perfect just let it go..." can apply to all of us, I believe.

It's a great tune with a great melody. As said earlier, the music is light, but interesting, and Chris's bass lines provide a lot to listen to, for he sometimes plays as a drummer, providing "fills" between song sections.

A few of the songs, including "You've Got This," were released a few years earlier on an EP, yet they fit in really well on this project.

Jodi had spoken of wanting to do a full record, where all the songs related and flowed well together. It seems they have.

Upbeat tracks like the ones listed, as well as "Lookin' Up" and "Same Page" are balanced by slower, more reflective tracks such as "More" and "I'll Find You."

Throughout is the constant theme of God with us everyday, in all of the things, and of our need for God in it all. It's not a heavy-handed directive, but a more encouraging and humbly offered message.

The album ends with the song, "Moving On," with the lyric, "Your second chances never end / I know I will fall down again / Remind me, Lord, when I forget / Your second chances never end" (see what they did with the word "second" there?). It's a song of strength and peace all at once, and a great way to finish the project.

Bottom line? If you like pop/light rock with some great playing, great tunes with great hooks, and a springtime feel, this is your album!

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## TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW



**The Rev. Jasmine Chandra, priest-in-charge, Stone Church, Saint John; missionary at Pennies & Sparrows in Uptown Saint John**

**Favourite book of the Bible** - Gospel of John

**Birthplace** – Cambridge, Ontario

**What you love most about God** – His unexpected graces

**Favourite place on Earth** - An outdoor pool

**Farthest you've been from home** - Ghana

**Favourite meal or dessert** - Chocolate mousse

**Biggest fear** – Something happening to my kids

**Hidden talent** – Ask Erin Rideout

**Favourite movie or book** – *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky

**Your hobby** – Painting

**Favourite sports team** - Whatever soccer or hockey team Sam is on

## Episcopal Announcements



**Captain Nicholas Saulnier**, of the Parish of Moncton, will be ordained deacon on Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. at St. George's in Moncton.

his close to 33 years of service in this role.

**The Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand's** appointment as interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Westmorland is extended to December 31, 2022.

**The Ven. Kevin Stockall** is appointed interim incumbent (priest-in-charge) of the Parish of Stanley.

**The Rev. Canon Thomas A. Smith** will resign as diocesan registrar as of Easter. Archbishop David extends thanks and appreciation to Tom for

**The Rev. Canon Richard Steeves** has been appointed honorary assistant in the Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke.



## FAITH IN ACTION

This is another in a series entitled *Faith In Action: Building Hope For Tomorrow In The Face Of Climate Change*, put together by the Ven. Kevin Stockall, Hannah Westner and Andrew Mathis, all of the Parish of St. Mary, York in Fredericton, with the help of additional guest writers.

The series sprang from a helpful book study last spring on Jim Antal's *Climate Church; Climate World*. The series hopes to explore the role that Church must play as part of humanity's response to the climate crisis, offering theological and scientific background as well as practical tips and advice.



The Parish of St. Mary York

## Faith in Action

*Building hope for tomorrow in the face of climate change*

### Not My Circus? *Abad* and *Shamar*

Guest Author: Kevin Stockall

*The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden, to till it and tend it.*

*Genesis 2:15: JPS TANAKH translation*

Thus far we've looked at two of the four commands that God gave to humanity at the time of Creation: to have dominion (*Radah*) and to subdue (*Kabash*) the created order. And in both cases, we noted that the authority given by God to humanity requires of us a respect for the goodness of God's image in creation, and a responsibility to use our gifts in a way that allows creation to flourish according to its own nature. This time we're going to look at the final two commands: to till (*Abad*) and to tend (*Shamar*).

*Abad* has a huge range of meaning, which include agricultural images of cultivating, plowing, tilling, and dressing. In other situations, it speaks of labouring and serving. But in Moses' encounter with God in the Burning Bush, God promises that when Moses has led the People of Israel from slavery to freedom, they one day will 'worship' God on the same mountain where God is speaking to him; and the root of the word worship is *Abad*.

In the Scriptures, *Shamar* likewise has a wide range of meaning. It speaks of watching, waiting, and observing; keeping, caring, and preserving; as well as guarding and protecting.

So, on the most obvious level *Abad* and *Shamar* speak of the basic tasks needed to provide food for humanity: tilling and tending the soil; planting, seeding, weeding and harvesting. But together they require the willingness not just to take, but to give and preserve; balancing the impact of using God's gifts with the need to guard them for the future. And when we recall that using these gifts in such a way carries with it the image of worshipping and serving the God who has given the gifts, we are reminded of the great responsibility we've been given: to use creation carefully and wisely is not just prudent, it's not just good asset management, it's an essential part of the worship we offer every day to the God in whose image we've been made.

