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## Royal visit



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**HRH PRINCESS ANNE** upon arrival at St. George's Anglican Church in Moncton, meeting the gathered clergy, including the Rev. Canon Major Malcolm Berry and the Rev. Canon Major Chris VanBuskirk. The Princess Royal was in New Brunswick for the 175th reunion of the 8th Canadian Hussars Regiment, of which she is colonel-in-chief. The princess also attended a service at Trinity Anglican Church in Sussex, the home of the regiment, on May 21. The story and photos appear on pages 14 and 15.



**ARCHBISHOP CLAUDE MILLER**

## Archbishop Claude Miller laid to rest

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

A large crowd came out July 3 to pay their respects to the man who was their bishop for a decade. Archbishop Claude Miller died after a short period of ill health on June 27, one day after his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Archbishop David Edwards presided at the funeral service, held at Christ Church Cathedral. Dean Geoffrey Hall was the preacher; Bishop Bill Hockin and Canon Albert Snelgrove assisted with prayers and readings. Son-in-law Andrew Cromwell and daughter Jennifer Crouse also read scripture.

Archbishop David spoke at the beginning of the service, recounting how he had been asked in recent days, 'what is the measure of Claude Miller?'

David had visited Claude in hospital a few days before his death, and told those gathered that he was "a man of great faith, personable and concerned."

He illustrated that point by recounting two things Claude did during that visit. First, Claude "put his hand out and said, 'let me shake your hand.' The second was he asked, 'How

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

## New Brunswick Anglican wins best Christian newspaper second year in a row

The Canadian Christian Communicators Association annual awards gala was held May 26 and the *New Brunswick Anglican* won only one prize.

However, it was the most prestigious category of General Excellence — naming it the best Christian newspaper in Canada, with editor Gisele McKnight at the helm.

This is the second consecutive year it has won this category. It also won in 2020.

The category of General Excellence in Christian newspapers across the country measures overall quality of the publication and appropriateness to its audience, including variety and quality of editorial content, design, photography, graphics and

typography.

This year's category judge, Rick MacLean, noted the following: "Very solid coverage in the tradition of a small-town newspaper, with newsy stories and relevant photos."

"The use of contributed photos goes a long way to bringing the faces of members of the target audience to the larger audience. Always a good idea."

"The 'Kings Landing' shot is a winner. Great angle. Has a movie quality about it."

"The excellent photos throughout are really noticeable. On page after page, the photos are shot from good angles and they're up close, so the facial expressions are clear."

The judge cited the ledes (first

**"Very solid coverage in the tradition of a small-town newspaper, with newsy stories and relevant photos. Judge Rick McLean**

paragraphs) in a couple of stories as noteworthy: a *My Journey There* story on Jasmine Chandra, and the news story that Chris VanBuskirk had won an award.

**JASMINE:** "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 Mediterra-

nean Sea. Of its 38,000 people, one in three is a millionaire."

**CHRIS:** "If he had his way, the Rev. Canon Chris VanBuskirk would rather you not be reading a story about him receiving the City of Moncton's highest honour."

The judging was based on newspapers published in May, September and November 2022.

One of the most impressive outcomes of the awards is that Anglican newspapers swept the General Excellence category, with *Crosstalk*, in the Diocese of Ottawa (editor Leigh Anne Williams) placing second, and *The Saskatchewan Anglican* (editor Jason Antonio) placing third.

Anglican newspapers swept this category last year as well, with the *NB Anglican*, *Huron Church News* and *Crosstalk* taking first, second and third place.

To read the list of awards, click here: <https://www.christiancommunicators.ca/awards-program/awards-for-work-published-in-2022>

**JUDGING WAS BASED** on three submitted papers, from May, September and November of 2022. The November front page is seen below.



### Father Chris to (reluctantly) receive Order of Moncton

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

If he had his way, the Rev. Canon Chris VanBuskirk would rather you not be reading a story about him receiving the City of Moncton's highest honour.

"I'm really embarrassed by it," he said when reached for comment. "There are so many

other people doing good things. It's humbling and embarrassing and I don't want to talk about it, really."

Anyone can nominate a citizen, and Chris, rector of the Parish of Moncton, is at a loss as to who was behind it.

"I don't know how it came about," he said. "But I think if it in some way glorifies God and is helpful to people in need, draws attention to them, then OK."

Chris is quick to note he is simply the leader of a large group of "giants."

"I call our volunteers giants," he said. "They're always there. I work with great people, thanks

to God. They come in every morning. It's pretty incredible what they do."

"I'm just the point person. I have a great congregation and a great team."

That team includes secretary Esther Mah, deacon the Rev. Norm Dupuis, custodian Angie Lapointe and community outreach worker Justin Melanson. Chris includes his wife, Carolyn as part of the supporting group. The Rev. Rick Cunningham, a new deacon, arrived in early September to join the team.

The downtown church is known for its daily breakfasts, laundry and shower ministry.

and for opening its doors as a temporary emergency shelter last winter.

This award is in stark contrast to public comments made about St. George's Anglican Church a couple of years ago when Chris and Norm allowed 20 homeless people to camp in the church yard.

That act of generosity and hospitality led to a scathing story in the *Times-Transcript* newspaper where a local entrepreneur called for \$1,000 fines for churches and other social agencies that allow the homeless to camp downtown.

This person called St. George's

"a nuisance" for allowing the tents to be pitched in the church yard.

Chris will receive the Order of Moncton in late October.

**The Order of Moncton, from the City of Moncton website** The Order of Moncton is the City's highest honour to recognize those who have contributed to bettering the community. It recognizes individuals who have made a positive difference in the lives of citizens. To be recognized, these individuals must have made an outstand-

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**DEADLINE** for news and photos for the October edition of the *New Brunswick Anglican* is September 1. Send submissions to [gmcknight@diofton.ca](mailto:gmcknight@diofton.ca)

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## THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# Things don't always turn out as anticipated



**BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS**

I am writing this as I sit in the kitchen of my childhood home, with the sun streaming through the window.

It is one of the last few days of our vacation to the UK.

There has been a great deal of travel involved during the last four weeks and there will be one final push over the weekend before we board the flight for Halifax.

The weather has been fairly poor. In fact, it has been the sixth wettest July here since records began in the 1830s.

Today was supposed to be very wet and windy, but, in fact, it has been the opposite,

perhaps one of the best days we have had. My Dad says it is lovely.

The whole month has set me thinking about how things do not always turn out in the way we might think.

After last year's blazing summer, I was not expecting it to be cool and wet this time. I had not anticipated travelling into Wales this year with my Dad, but we did.

On another note I was not expecting my friend Archbishop Claude to die quite suddenly before I left on holiday.

Please continue to remember Sharon and her family as they mourn.

As I said at the time, Claude was a very important person in the life of our diocese.

Not only did he play a major role in the redevelopment of Camp Medley, but he also had to lead us through very challenging times both locally and nationally. I remain very grateful for his example.

We often say that this month

is really the beginning of the Church's new year.

I know that technically it is Advent Sunday, but this is the time of year when many of us gear up for new things.

As with this summer for me and others, there will be many things which happen along the way this year which we did not anticipate.

Some will be good and some very challenging.

The truth is that despite everything, we follow a faithful God.

This was shown primarily in the sending of Jesus, but it is also something which is worked out in the smallest and biggest situations.

*David*

David Edwards is  
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

## Thoughts on hope

Hope is a central theme of the Gospel. Because Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins, not only have I been forgiven, but I have also been given hope.

The Oxford Dictionary defines hope as "a feeling of expectation and desire for something to happen."

Thankfully, the Christian's hope is not an empty desire, nor is it a form of wishful thinking. Rather, it is based on the faithfulness of God and the confidence that he is true to his word.

Hope is actually a fruit of the Spirit, produced in us when we cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Paul explains it this way:

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*

*And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings,*



*because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. (Rom. 5:1-5)*

Note how faith, peace, hope and love are all intertwined here. When we place our faith in Christ, we are reconciled to God and no longer need to fear his condemnation.

This gives us peace from a guilty conscience and fills us with a deep sense of well-being.

Even though we may still face

many troubles in this world, in our hearts we are at peace because we know that God loves us and is with us.

His presence in our lives gives us hope for the present — that he will indeed help us in whatever we face.

It also gives us hope for the next life — that he will welcome us into his eternal Kingdom. This takes away our fear of death. As Paul says, we do not "grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope." (1 Thess. 4:13)

Hope is also a powerful antidote to the pessimism and despair that can creep into our lives as we consider the state of our world.

If we feed ourselves on a steady diet of depressing news reports on the latest expression of evil and man's inhumanity to man, then we will surely lose all hope for our world.

But if we counterbalance this by looking to our Lord and feeding ourselves on his word, then we will remain strong in

the hope that God is still able to work in people's lives and draw them to himself.

We will also be confident that evil will not prevail, but that God will indeed have the final word when Christ returns at the end of the age.

Until then, Christians will continue to be a people of hope — waiting in expectation for God to work his miracles of grace in our lives and in our world. Such hope is indeed "an anchor for the soul" (Heb. 6:19), keeping us firm and strong in our faith in God.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13) *Nancy Stephens, originally from Blackville, served with OMF International for over 30 years, including 12 years as a missionary in Thailand. Now retired, she resides in Fredericton and worships in the Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis.*

## PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
**ST. JOHN'S**  
**(STONE), SAINT**  
**JOHN**

**SEPTEMBER 9**  
**PARISH OF**  
**PENNFIELD**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**\* ST. GEORGE'S,**  
**MONCTON**

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**ST. MARTIN IN THE**  
**WOODS, SHEDIAC,**  
**200TH**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

**SEPTEMBER 18-20**  
**CLERGY**  
**CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**\* ST. MARY AND ST.**  
**BARTHOLOMEW'S**

**SEPTEMBER 27**  
**NEW CLERGY**  
**ORIENTATION**

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**DIOCESAN**  
**COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 29**  
**WYCLIFFE BOARD**

**OCTOBER 1**  
**MISSION CHURCH**  
**(AT ST. PAUL'S,**  
**ROTHESAY)**

**OCTOBER 1-3**  
**SENIORS' RETREAT,**  
**CAMP MEDLEY**

\* CONFIRMATION





## ARCHBISHOP CLAUDE MILLER

# Archbishop Claude Miller laid to rest

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are Blanche and Jack?”

Blanche and Jack are David's in-laws.

“That is the measure of the man, one who loved God, loved God's church, and was deeply concerned with the people God had given him,” said David.

The Rev. Dr. Jim MacDonald gave the eulogy. Jim met Claude when they both began as students at Atlantic School of Theology in 1985. He recounted how Claude quickly had a gathering of people around him, which often included food.

“In the late afternoon, if you were hungry, Claude had you covered,” he said as he produced three jars of Kraft peanut butter on a small table. “What's missing is the saltines.

“In Claude Miller, I found an incredible friend, a friend with a similar sense of humour,” said Jim.

He recounted the many times the two shared both the good and the bad.

“When our family arrived at Nashwaaksis United Church for my mom's funeral last year, some of the first people we saw in the parking lot were Claude and Sharon,” he said. “Never did I imagine I'd be here one year later at his funeral.”

He ended by saying it was because of Claude that the Anglican Church always feels like his other church home.

Geoffrey, in his sermon, began by quoting the lines of a song they would soon sing: “Why now so full of heaviness by soul? Why such disquiet deep within my soul?” (*Just As The Deer*, hymn 540)

“I probably don't need to share with you how heavy my heart is today because you are feeling it too,” he said.

He reminded those gathered of his relationship with Claude from 2003-2014, that of executive archdeacon, the “confidante” of the bishop.

“They were the most challenging, and strangely, some of the most rewarding times,” he said, adding that every day when the synod office doors were locked for the night, the two would hash out the issues of the day.

“Whatever he did, he did so as a human,” he said. “I

had to remind him he was the bishop.”

At the hospital during the last few weeks, “I told him he had a nasty habit of walking right up to death's door and knocking as hard as he could,” said Geoffrey. “I said, ‘some-day, Buddy, they're going to let you in.’”

Geoffrey, quoting Frederick Beuchner, spoke of grace.

“It isn't something you can get. It can only be given. Grace is a good sleep, good dreams, most tears, the smell of rain, somebody loving you is grace. Loving somebody is grace.

“The grace of God means ‘here is your life. The party is not complete without. Don't be afraid. I am with you. It's for you I created the universe.’

“Rest in peace, my friend.”

The pallbearers were Canon

Stuart Allan, Archdeacon Leo Martin, the Rev. Dr. Jim MacDonald and grandsons Sam Cromwell, Will Cromwell and Jacob Dimoff.

Honorary pallbearers were Canon David Barrett, Canon Richard McConnell, the Rev. Bob Barry and Dan Crowther.

Thomas Gonder played the organ and directed the choir. The Rev. Keith Joyce played trumpet on several hymns.

Two retired bishops, Ron Cutler (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island); and David Torraville (Central Newfoundland), attended.

Outside, the clergy formed an honour guard as the pallbearers brought the coffin out to the hearse.

A reception was held at Cathedral Memorial Hall.

Cremation took place after the

funeral. The committal will be at St. Albans, Sand Hill at a later date.

Archbishop Claude Westin Miller (1944-2023) was born in Bathurst. He graduated from the New Brunswick Technical Institute in Moncton in 1964, working as a draftsman and eventually becoming partner, then owner of DeStecher, Miller and Law & Associates.

He left the business world to enter the Atlantic School of Theology in 1985, graduating in 1988.

He was ordained a deacon the same year, and ordained a priest in 1989. He served the Parishes of Kingston and Bathurst, and after retiring, in Fredericton Junction and New Maryland.

Claude was elected Co-

adjutor Bishop in 2003, and became the ninth Diocesan Bishop later that year. He was also the 22nd Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada from 2009-2014.

Claude is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sharon; daughters Melanie (Andrew Cromwell) and Jennifer (Carl Crouse); three grandsons, two brothers and many nieces and nephews.

## Statement by Archbishop David Edwards

One of the things I remember Claude for is his dedication to camping ministry in our diocese, particularly Camp Medley.

Many of us will remember that he spearheaded the campaign for the renewal of the buildings on the site and the way it looks today has a great deal to do with him.

The publicity for the fundraising campaign contained photographs of past campers and one of them was a very youthful Claude Miller.

I believe it was taken at camp in the 1950s, and I know that speaking with Claude, he felt that his going to camp was important in his journey as a Christian. His driving force was that children should have the same opportunities as he had.

I was able to visit Claude a few times whilst he was in hospital. One of the things he mentioned was that he was excited that the camping season was coming and how important it is for children to go to camp.

Claude was a very important figure in the history of our diocese and was helpful to me in my time as bishop. This was very true in the early days when I was first elected. There have been many times over the last 10 years when I have spoken to him about matters, and I have valued his counsel during the last decade.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Clergy form an honour guard awaiting the pallbearers at Christ Church Cathedral; The Rev. Dr. Jim MacDonald gives the eulogy; retired Bishop Bill Hockin gives a reading during the funeral service; Pallbearers carry the coffin of Claude Miller from the Cathedral to the hearse.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

# Ducks Unlimited celebrates donation of Shediac parish land

One of the last remaining sections of natural coastline in the popular beach community of Pointe-du-Chêne, located in Shediac, is now permanently conserved by Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), thanks to the generosity of the Anglican Parish of Shediac.

A ceremony was held at the site June 22 to celebrate the donation.

Located across from a densely populated residential area of cottages, this ecologically significant salt marsh property near Parlee Beach has been owned by the Anglican Parish of Shediac since 1828.

“The desire to have this land maintained for conservation purposes became a topic discussed on a regular basis in our Parish Land Office and Committee,” said the Anglican Parish of Shediac in a statement.

“The Parish partnered with the Shediac Bay Watershed Association, and we supported their desire to partner with Ducks Unlimited Canada in this endeavour. We are excited to be a part of what is happening in our province with land conservation.”

“We are grateful for the support of the Anglican Parish of Shediac and their focus on environmental stewardship,” said Adam Campbell, DUC’s manager of provincial operations for Atlantic Canada.

The land donation ended the controversial but ultimately abandoned effort of the parish to develop it as a campsite.



**UNVEILING THE SIGN** that recognizes the land as protected, from left: Shediac Mayor Roger Caissie, former premier Shawn Graham, then deputy minister of Environment and Climate Change Ryan Donaghy, and the Ven. Brent Ham, rector of the Parish of Shediac.



With files from Ducks Unlimited

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# Kurt Schmidt hired as diocesan director of young adult formation

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It was discernment by the bishop’s advisory group on mission that has led to the hiring of Kurt Schmidt as the new half-time director of young adult formation.

Kurt also works half-time for Christ Church Cathedral as its director of Christian formation. He began work for the diocese in July and reports to parish development officer Shawn Branch.

The bishop’s advisory group, which focuses on mission needs and priorities, was formed a couple of years ago



**KURT SCHMIDT**

and includes people from different parts of the diocese.

“One issue that came up from the beginning was an awareness of the needs of university students and camp staff, especially once they age out,” said Shawn.

“It was evident that this age demographic was key. How do we support that important transition in life? So we crafted a position.”

That age group is undergoing a lot of change in their lives, and the group felt they could use guidance.

“Many are stepping out for the first time, leaving their

networks,” said Shawn. “It’s a particularly important transitional period in people’s lives.”

Kurt comes with a background in teaching at the university level, as well as extensive experience with the L’Arche community in Fredericton and New Brunswick. His work with the Cathedral dovetails nicely with this new position, he said.

L’Arche relies heavily on participation from young adults, so he’s hoping that might present some opportunities. He has good connections with UNB and STU, NBCC and the New Brunswick

College of Craft and Design in Fredericton.

Kurt has spent time at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood, getting to know the older staff. As for the fall, “I certainly see gathering in person and online likely,” he said.

“I’m hopeful and excited,” he said. “I want to connect young adults with opportunities they might not be aware of, and walk with them.”

The position has an initial two-year period, which Kurt sees as a time to establish himself in the position and build relationships that are lasting.



RETIRED CLERGY TEA



*Retired Clergy Tea*  
June 13 at the home of Archbishop  
David & Debbie Edwards



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

“SHARING HOPE & HELP”



MISSION & OUTREACH

# ‘They’re giving me a new start’ *Tenant at CCPC tiny homes invites us in for a chat*

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Stephen Donald is in awe of his new home, so much so that he has a ready list of highlights:

“It’s nice and bright,” he said. “All the appliances are new. I’ve never actually had new stuff before.”

“It’s the perfect location. I can walk to the Superstore. My pharmacy is at Kings Place. And my counsellor is within walking distance.”

And he still can’t believe his new home came with a starter pack: broom, mop, cleaning supplies, dishes, pots and pans, and so on.

“I’m still shocked about it,” he said. “They’re kind of giving me a new start.”

Stephen’s apartment is on the second floor, and includes a bathroom, bedroom and common area with kitchen and small seating area. It came furnished.

He keeps a tidy home, with his bed made and his clean dishes drying on a rack. Nothing is out of place.

The 38-year-old moved into his tiny home, which is actually not so tiny, April 1. He is one of four tenants living in a modular two-storey four-plex build by Maple Leaf Homes and sited on land next to Christ Church (Parish) Church in downtown Fredericton. The project, called Cornerstone, has three one-bedroom units, and one studio unit that is accessible.

It was almost five years ago that the church expressed interest in housing those in need. A lot of red tape, delays, a myriad of regulations, three levels of government and many community partners were involved.

CCPC’s commitment was not financial, but moral.

“There was no financial burden on us at all,” said rector, Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove last year in discussing the project. “We had the land, and we agreed to be friendly neighbours and good landlords.”

The tenants are still getting used to their new homes, but as Stephen demonstrated, the apartments are well-built and tastefully decorated.

## STEPHEN

Stephen is not a typical home-

less person. Years ago he attended university, studying computer science. He worked in the tech support industry in Fredericton for years, but about five years ago, his addiction to alcohol derailed his life.

He lost his job — was told he could never return — then his apartment. He ended up at

his family home outside Fredericton, where the situation was precarious.

“It was shelter, that’s all,” he said. “I wasn’t independent.”

Last year when his mother decided to leave a dangerous situation, he went with her. But he wasn’t permitted to stay in her new home for very long,

which meant the unemployed recovering alcoholic had to find an affordable place to live, a daunting task.

“I was on the edge [of homelessness],” he said, adding he turned to Fredericton Housing First Services for help.

Now he’s safely housed, paying 30 per cent of his

income assistance benefit in rent, which is locked in for a year. He wants to be able to work soon, but only when he’s healthy enough to cope with having more money to spend.

“I want to resume my career in tech, but I’m trying to be careful not to rush things too much,” he said. “I can see me being here for awhile.”

For now he’s enjoying living on his own, likes the quiet neighbourhood and especially appreciates the heat pump that keeps his home cool. When the hot weather hit, tenants found a note in their mailboxes from Hazel, the church secretary, reminding them of how to turn on the air conditioning, he said.

His kitchen is sparkling clean. He proudly declares that his ceramic-top stove doesn’t even look like it’s been used.

“I bought some ceramic cleaner for it,” he said. “I’m trying my best to keep everything in new condition.”

## THE PARISH

“It’s been wonderful to see the Cornerstone project form from an idea into reality,” said Hazel Surgenor, administrative assistant at the church who has developed a positive relationship with the tenants. “It’s been great to see members of the congregation give their time in many ways to make our new tenants feel at home.”

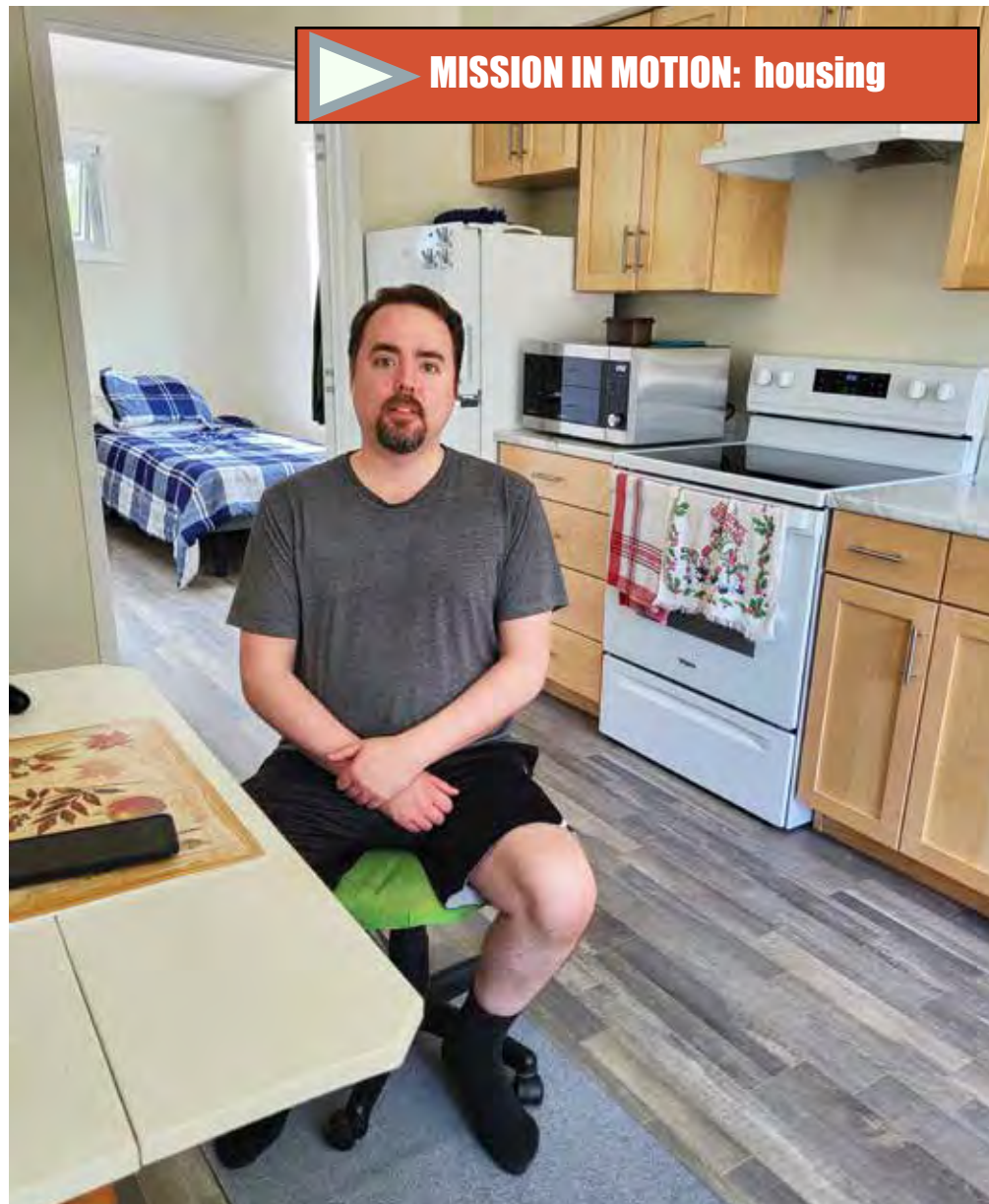
“The tenants seemed to settle very quickly into their new homes. Our hope is that this will be a place where they find peace and can flourish.”

Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove sees the project as more than just housing.

“I’ve been thinking though how blessed we are at the Parish Church to be able to witness the presence of the Kingdom of God in the corner of our church parking lot,” she said.

“Naming this project Cornerstone is a wonderful reminder of who we are and what we are called to do. The fact that we have grateful tenants is an added blessing.”

To read the original story of CCPC’s foray into housing, visit this site. <https://nb.anglican.ca/news/january-2023-the-new-brunswick-anglican>



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

**STEPHEN DONALD SHOWS** off his new home, one of four in a building situated on a lot at the side of Christ Church (Parish) Church in downtown Fredericton. The project has been a blessing not only to the tenants, but to the parish as well.



## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

# Diocesan Council highlights

David Edwards welcomed everyone to the June 3 meeting of Diocesan Council, held at Camp Medley.

## MOTIONS

- Council approved the appointment of the Rev. Neil Osiowy as a member of council representing the Archdeaconry of Fredericton.
- Chancellor David Bell reported to Council that clarification was needed in Regulation 4-1, which had the parish of Stanley in both the deanery of Fredericton and the Deanery of York. The Chancellor reported that the parish is in the deanery of York and proposed a change to the regulation to eliminate any confusion. That motion was passed.
- Archdeacon Paul Ranson was appointed by Council to the position of assistant secretary of Synod, replacing Canon Kevin Stockall, who has retired.
- Council appointed the Rev. Thomas Nesbitt to a second term on the AST Board of Governors.
- The Finance Committee report included a recommendation that Council approve an application from the Parish of Hammond River to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for a grant of \$14,325 to cover



MCKNIGHT FILE PHOTO

**DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR DAVID BELL** addresses Diocesan Council during a previous meeting held at Camp Medley.

half the cost of constructing an accessible washroom. Council concurred and approved the application.

## GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko, rector in the Parish of Penfield and a guest at the meeting, spoke about the Martyrs of Uganda, which the Anglican Church commemorates on June 3.

Caleb is from Uganda and noted that this day is very important for the church in Uganda and the witness of the martyrs was instrumental to extending God's kingdom into Uganda.

## DISCERNMENT

Some time was set aside in the morning for a focus on discernment.

Bishop David shared his vision for the diocese with council members. He noted that the Diocese will continue to be a place where everyone in New Brunswick has access to Anglican worship and ministry, and that the Diocese will be a place where the church engages in local ministry for the extension of God's Kingdom in word and action.

He further laid out five focus areas he has discerned, and encouraged Council to continue his work as it determines a way forward for the diocese.

- Discipleship and formation
- The shape of ministry
- New styles of ministry
- Sharing resources
- The Cathedral

Members gathered in small groups to consider what Bishop David had told them, along with his charge to Synod last fall and the response to the charge.

Parish development officer Shawn Branch led members through discernment in smaller groups, the results of which were shared with each other.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Heather Harris-Jones presented the Shared Ministry and Employment Assessment status.

Parish contributions to the Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget to the end of April were at 98 per cent, up from 92 per cent last year and better

than the last few years.

The total shortfall was \$7.7K, with over half being considered uncollectable.

The financials show the Synod doing worse than budgeted. The revenue shortfall is due to timing and will correct as we move through the year.

Synod expenditures are less than budgeted but on track and being managed. Heather has no concerns with the Synod financial position at this point.

Bishop David reported that Kendra Patrick, the lead reviewer from Bringloe Feeney, was full of praise for the finance staff and how our finances are being managed. David wanted to thank Heather, Ben, Justin, and Susan for their work on finances and acknowledge the advances the Synod has made with financial reporting and accountability over the last few years.

Heather presented the results of the review engagement report.

## THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Six members of the council requested a review and discussion by the whole Diocesan Council of the nomination process to be used in forming Council's teams and/or committees.

The members requested the discussion include a full review of the process used at the beginning of the council's term and move towards an agreed-upon transparent process with full member participation going forward. The goal would be to have a new process of

nomination and election in place.

David Peer has prepared a proposal for a roles and responsibility document for the nominating committee to inform the council's discussion.

Gerry Laskey asked if the council could wait until the second meeting after Synod to appoint members required by Canon.

The chancellor said that the constitution and canons call for the appointments to occur at the first meeting.

The Bishop asked for volunteers to sit on an ad hoc group to develop a proposal on a Nominating Committee process for the next meeting. David Peer will provide administrative support.

Gerry Laskey, Brent Ham, Tony Munn and Robert Taylor agreed to volunteer and were approved by council.

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Council reviewed the report on committee structures, a project David Peer has been working on.

David Bell noted that the proposed structure makes it clear that the bishop's committees are spiritual, and the synod committees are temporal.

Six members of the council asked for a review by the full Diocesan Council of all the previous teams and committees, their mandates, and activities of recent years.

This will allow an opportunity for the current Council (many of whom are new) to become more familiar with what has existed in the past, what is mandated by Diocesan legislation, what work they have focused on and which of them we may want to continue with, amend, amalgamate or discontinue.

Diocesan Council accepted the Report on Diocesan Council Structure without recommended motions.

## OTHER

Robert Taylor, the Sessional Nominating Committee chair and a member of the council, informed Council he is not willing to continue as chair but will participate as a member.

The next meeting of Diocesan Council is Sept. 28 (virtual).

*With files from David Peer.*

**More on Diocesan Council on page 9.**

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### Missional Initiative Fund

The Diocese of Fredericton has dedicated funds in the budget for New Missional Initiatives. These are intended to be small amounts needed to get the initiative going.

If you have an idea or proposal, we want to hear from you!

Applying is Simple - 4 things are needed:

1. A short summary of the idea/proposal;
2. Proposed Project Budget;
3. How is it Missional?
4. How is it New?

Send your proposals and/or questions to:

Shawn C. Branch at the Synod Office

sbranch@diofctn.ca or 506-459-1801 ext 1008.



# Stone Church conservation project receives boost from AFC

The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) Board of Directors met in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 17–18, and approved \$245,000 in grants to 32 applicants in 19 dioceses, bringing the 2023 grants total to date to \$328,000.

This included a grant to St. John's (Stone) Church in Saint John for their Stone Conservation Project.

"We are pleased to have been able to award \$10,000 to Saint John's Stone Church," said Dr. Scott Brubacher, executive director. "AFC's Grants Committee green-lighted this project as a demonstration of support for a vital congregation with a heart for community and mission."

Since 2010, AFC has provided \$231,000 in funding to 44 recipients in the Diocese of Fredericton — nearly \$72,000 of which has supported youth-

oriented projects.

"We are tremendously grateful for the support of the Anglican Foundation of Canada," said the Ven. Cathy Laskey, episcopal archdeacon.

"By investing in our churches — so that our buildings are safe, accessible, and welcoming — and by driving innovation with their special focus on children and youth through the *Say Yes! to Kids* program, AFC is not just a dependable partner in ministry, but a visionary one as well."

For more information on AFC's new grant categories, visit [www.anglicanfoundation.org/apply](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/apply).

Please note that applications for the new RFP program Veriditas (<https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/2023rfp/>) for funding green initiatives are due Oct. 1.

**PETER IRISH (RIGHT), LONGTIME Anglican Foundation of Canada board member, and a member of the Parish of Rothesay, presents a \$10,000 cheque to the Rev. Jasmine and the Rev. Terence Chandra for the Stone Church restoration project in Saint John.**



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## Members' take on Diocesan Council's June meeting

### Nancy Stephens

Despite the cool, rainy weather outside, Camp Medley offered a welcoming atmosphere for the Diocesan Council members as we gathered on Saturday, June 3.

We were assigned to a table for the day, which seemed like a good way to ensure a cross-section of the diocese in each group.

I found it interesting that there were four women and only two men at my table, though the Council itself is predominantly male.

In his address, Archbishop David shared that after a period of discernment, he felt God had impressed on him five priorities for the Diocese.

I was very happy that first on his list was the need for discipleship and spiritual formation.

This is in keeping with his address to Synod last fall when he emphasized that one of the five marks of mission is being revised from "the nurture of new believers" to "the nurture of all believers."

I was especially pleased



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**MEMBERS OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL, taken in December 2022.**

when he mentioned that the Diocese is embarking on an initiative to follow-up with former staff and campers from Camp Medley who are moving on to study at UNB and/or STU.

The church is called to pass on the faith to the next generation, so I think it is a step in the right direction to intentionally seek to build upon the good work that the camp is doing in young people's lives.

This is my first year on Council, so I am still learning what it means to serve in this role.

I think it helps that I was chair of the Mission and Outreach Team from 2017-2022 and am familiar with Council's current structure, roles and responsibilities.

So the discussions and motions involving possible changes to the organizational structure of the Diocese did not confuse me too much!

Finally, I have to say that our worship time was a highlight for me. Thanks to the Rev. Bob LeBlanc for his amazing guitar playing!

*Nancy Stephens worships in the Parish of Douglas and*

### Nashwaaksis.

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### Julian Pillay

There are many important matters that are discussed and deliberated at Diocesan Council. These matters impact the life of the Diocese in so many ways.

Therefore it is important that much prayer and discernment go into everything that happens at this meeting.

I, personally was greatly encouraged and stimulated by Archbishop David's address to

us in sharing his wisdom and insight in some keys areas that God may be calling us into.

In his address, the bishop stressed the role of discipleship and formation in the life of the Church and the Christian. The Gospel compels us to be active in our faith by loving God and loving our neighbour.

We cannot be passive bystanders in the area of discipleship. It is incumbent on all of us "to get into the trenches" and get busy with the Master's work!

The bishop also challenged us to consider new shapes and styles of ministry and what this might look like in reaching our demographics.

Besides the administrative discussions, there were also opportunities for fellowship and prayer.

In our small group discussions and prayer time we had moments of reflections and shared about ministry in general.

All in all, it was an invigorating day to connect and converse with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

The hospitality and welcome were warmly provided by Camp Medley. The Synod support staff also spend a lot of time and effort in the planning and set-up for these meetings. Thank you to everyone!

*The Rev. Julian Pillay is rector of the Parish of Riverview.*



## INSTALLATION &amp; COLLATION

# Two canons installed, two archdeacons collated

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Christ Church Cathedral was the venue for a service of Installation and Collation June 11 as Kevin Borthwick and Chris Hayes were made canons of the Cathedral and Leo Martin and Paul Ranson were installed as territorial archdeacons of Saint John and Fredericton respectively.

Dean Geoffrey Hall and Archbishop David Edwards presided. The Rev. Jasmine Chandra preached. According to the tradition, the office of canon is an honorary designation at the sole discretion of the Bishop of Fredericton.

Jasmine began by thanking the four priests — “four wonderful people who have each shown me such wisdom, grace, and friendship,” she said.

The day’s celebration of life and leadership in the church causes us to look forward to “a future that right now is receiving a lot of mixed messages... Everything has changed.

“Psychologist and author Dr. Jody Carrington wrote in her latest book that ‘Many ‘best practices’ we employ to interact with each other were created for a world that no longer exists,” she said. “The systems we are used to are no longer operational.”

So as we celebrate Paul, Leo, Chris and Kevin today, how do we encourage them? How will we guide our broken communities to God?

George Sumner, in “Being Salt,” says, our priests “are like the canaries lowered into the post-Christian mineshaft, for they feel most directly the discouragement of decline, the scurrying about of parishes and denominations in search of social approval, and the confused appropriation of the consumer standards of the culture.”

But there is good news. We’ve actually been here before, many times.

“While everything is changing, while the world whirls around us, while we struggle and grapple with how to do things now, and how to bring the healing light of Christ to people who so desperately need hope, we know that while the challenges maybe new, the struggle certainly isn’t,” said Jasmine.

Citing the gospel read-

ing from Matthew 15, Jesus presents a different way of life, a new way full of compassion for others.

We see that after healing countless sick people, as the people were praising God, Jesus expressed compassion for these thousands of people who had been with him for days and were hungry.

“I don’t want to send them home with nothing or they might faint on their journey,” Jesus said.

The disciples almost scoffed at Jesus, asking ‘where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?’

“And isn’t that just like us? Isn’t their response so often

what we do in the church?” asked Jasmine. “Wow Jesus, it’s so great that you did that stuff and helped those other people out, but come on, let’s be realistic now, we can’t deal with these issues.

“We have watched him gather up and heal the broken, the hurt, the sick. We have amazing stories of restoration in our midst, we have our own transformed lives,” said Jasmine.

“Yet in a case of instant amnesia, we forget all his power and love and grace and can only see reasons of why things won’t work — we don’t have enough money, we don’t have enough people, we don’t have

the ‘right’ people, we don’t have enough time.”

Or a favourite line: ‘We just don’t have the capacity to deal with this.’

It’s a good thing Jesus doesn’t get angry with us. Instead he sees our weak faith and rolls with it. He wants us involved, she said, by asking a question like, ‘how many loaves have you?’

“I love what Frederick Bruner says in his commentary on Matthew... He writes, ‘Jesus asks for inventory. The lesson for the church facing today’s crises is to ask ourselves, in Jesus’ spirit: ‘What do we have here in hand, however slight, that we can offer to our Lord

for the service of the world?’”

From those few loaves and fishes, God multiplied, so much so that the leftovers filled seven baskets.

“Jesus multiplies the little they have — the little faith, the little bread, the few fish — and it ends up being way more than is needed,” she said.

Jasmine noted the service today was a recognition of the gifts given to Leo, Paul, Chris and Kevin, “But the greatest thing they have accomplished is that they have shown up, answering ‘yes’ to each call and maintaining their faith that God is working still, and expecting God to act in their specific situations and in the church as a whole.

“Whether it’s dance parties at Chris’s parish; maintaining ministry in smaller communities like Campobello Island, making our spaces, like Christ the King Church, more accessible; or seeking ways to minister to the poor in Fredericton, our communities need us to have faith that God is at work and that God wants us to be part of what He is doing.

“God is incessantly at work here and now,” she said. “Jesus called on the disciples to help him feed over 4,000 people in the middle of nowhere.

“He continues to call on his church to feed and serve those around us. Our role is to give what we have and help pass it out, then gather up the leftovers.”

As we celebrate the leadership and faith of Leo, Paul, Chris and Kevin, we must ask God to multiply their gifts, and multiply other leaders like them, she said.

“As we celebrate the ministry that God has done in Chris, Paul, Leo, and Kevin, may the noise of our praising God drown out our fears and give us faith,” she said.

After the service, a reception was held at Cathedral Memorial Hall, where everyone enjoyed fellowship and food. The Parish of Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, Paul’s parish, provided much of the refreshments, along with the Bishop’s office.



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**TWO CANONS WERE INSTALLED** and two archdeacons collated during a June 11 service at Christ Church Cathedral. Shown here, back row: Archbishop David Edwards and Dean Geoffrey Hall; front row: Archdeacon Paul Ranson, Archdeacon Leo Martin, Canon Chris Hayes and Canon Kevin Borthwick.

**More photos  
on page 11**



## INSTALLATION & COLLATION



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### *Installation & collation service, June 11*

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** The Rev. Jasmine Chandra was the preacher at the service; Kevin Borthwick, Chris Hayes and Paul Ranson face Archbishop David Edwards during the service; the reception was held at Cathedral Memorial Hall.



**ABOVE: ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP**, foreground, Patricia Margison, Armin Hackelsperger and Wesley Margison.  
**RIGHT: SANDRA BLACK**, layreader from St. Mark's, Jackson Falls.



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## Day of Pentecost celebrated in the Parish of Richmond

*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:4*

It was a great day of celebration at St. John's church in Richmond Corner on May 28, Pentecost Sunday — the

birthday of the church, and the last day of Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement.

This special parish service had representation from all three points of the parish and the three layreaders, Bonnie Sparks, Cindy Derksen and

Sandra Black, shared in leading the service of Morning Prayer.

Everyone was given a paper dove and invited to write on it the five people we have been praying for as part of Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Move-

ment.

The doves were collected and prayed over at the altar, a wonderful conclusion to 10 days of praying for people to come to know Jesus in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Following the worship, refreshments were served in the Parish Centre. It was a joyful time of fellowship with our church family.

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## CLERGY DAY

# Clergy mull 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission during gathering

A diocesan clergy day, with the theme of “Living the 5th Mark of Mission” was held May 4 at Camp Medley.

Members of the clergy, postulants and a few others gathered to hear two speakers. Andrew Mathis is a permaculture consultant and warden in the Parish of St. Mary York, and creator of the food forest in his urban parish in Fredericton.

Laura Myers is a retired math teacher in Hampton. She began incorporating climate change into her math classes after watching “Before the Flood” on Earth Day in 2017.

That led to a host of innovations and revelations: her grade 11 class built a greenhouse; the Climate Action Team was created; her school became a platinum Eco School, being featured in Canadian Geographic; they built a food forest, to name a few.

Retired in 2022, Laura now helps high school teachers incorporate climate action and sustainable development goals across the curriculum.

We asked a few participants to reflect on Clergy Day and what they learned there.

**The Rev. Jasmine Chandra, Parish of St. Mark, Saint John**  
Clergy day highlighted the importance of creation. From the location, to the prayers and presentations, we were reminded to value the gift of God’s creation.

I appreciated the practical presentation Andrew Mathis gave on community food forests.

The biggest take-away was when he said that we need to see the environmental crisis that surrounds us as a cultural and spiritual-values crisis.

As churches, we have a lot to offer in terms of how we care for creation and it is helpful to be reminded that our response should grow out of our faith.

## Postulant Alan Hall

I was happy, as a very new postulant, to be invited to the Clergy Day at Camp Medley where we reflected on the fifth Mark of Mission — our responsibility for and stewardship of God’s creation.

It was good to be reminded that we were made to live in a garden, so environmental



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**THE REV. ROB MONTGOMERY** leads the music ministry during Clergy Day May 4 at Camp Medley. He composed a song used as a procession from station to station (processional) during the Rogation Blessing. Actions included!

degradation is also a crisis for the very substance of our own nature.

I found Andrew Mathis’s presentation about the food forest they have built at St. Mary’s in Fredericton brought together a number of apparently disparate threads.

There is a community brought together through work, there is the rejuvenation of the land, and there is the possibility of harvesting and sharing food.

And so the work of building a garden together is symbolically potent but it is also wonderfully ordinary.

I was struck by the simple intentionality of the project. I also gained a heretofore unrealized appreciation for sea buckthorn.

In the afternoon we turned to some of the wider reasons for both alarm and hope with an engaging presentation from Laura Myers.

I also appreciated Bishop David returning, in his closing remarks, to questions of pastoral care.

It was good to remember that our concerns about the environment, which are so often presented as global and

inexorable, are also deeply particular when they take the form of existential despair, which they so often do, particularly in younger people.

## The Rev. Andrew Horne, Parishes of Gagetown and Cambridge & Waterborough

It is hard to imagine a Clergy Day more informative, more friendly, or more urgently needed than the “Living the 5th Mark of Mission” event held on May 4.

Andrew Mathis, drawing upon engineering, science and his love of plants, explained how local communities can create a “food forest,” a beautiful and environmentally-friendly way of producing food.

Laura Myers brought her expertise in climate science and mathematics (she loves graphs) to explain the current threats of global warming and climate change, and to suggest various ways we might respond.

Both Andrew and Laura were genial, articulate and prayerful. To further enrich the day, Cathy Laskey and Bishop David led us on a journey of “Rogation Bless-

ing” around Camp Medley, and Rob Montgomery played his guitar and sang, which is always fun.

It is strange, then, that the day left me feeling uneasy, a feeling that persists, not because of anything that was said, but because of a larger mystery that we find almost impossible to speak.

Beyond our proper concern for healing our local environments, and our need to address the larger, global crisis of climate change, lies the cosmic dimension of our faith: our conviction that God alone created our world, and that He has promised one day to recreate it entirely.

How then do we reconcile the need for human agency, and still acknowledge our dependence on the mercy of God?

It is true, and was well-expressed throughout the day, that God chooses to work through us, his human creatures. We are called to be the caretakers and stewards of the world.

But beyond this sacramental work given to us by God, lies the strong suspicion, well-founded in scripture, that we

are not really capable of saving either the planet or ourselves, but God must rescue us.

Here is the source of my unease. I want to accept, unconditionally, two truths that will not play nicely with each other: first, our human guilt in polluting the planet we have been given, and our responsibility to heal the damage we have done; and second, the promise, infinitely precious, that our ultimate deliverance lies with God alone, and that He has promised to create “a new heaven and a new earth.”

Here are two very different truths, both of which I accept, but which I cannot easily reconcile. They are like two parallel lines of thought that do not cross. They are like two voices, equally authoritative, that do not know how to speak to each other.

This is not a new problem in Christian theology. It is a modern instance of an ancient question: how can we reconcile human freedom with the sovereignty of God?

I will not try to answer to that question here (I wouldn’t get very far).

Perhaps all we can do is live out, as fully as possible, the paradox we are given. We must, as the old saying goes, “work as if everything depended on us, and pray as if everything depended on God.”

We must do both of these, and both at once.

There is plenty of fear and guilt in the world concerning this, our earthly home. This is especially true among younger people, many of who seem to have lost faith in human nature and in our human future.

Hope seems to be in short supply. But we in the Church do have hope, and it is our particular task to share that hope: that God is at work both within us, and beyond us; in human agency and in his divine mercy.

*“For the Earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” And we are part of that “everything.”*

My thanks to everyone who made our Clergy Day so candid, so challenging, and ultimately hopeful.

**More on Clergy Day on page 13**



## MOTHERS' UNION



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**LEFT: MOTHERS' UNION MEMBERS** ( Christ Church Cathedral branch) admire the tree planted to honour the late Queen Elizabeth II. Susan Watson, Kathleen Snow, Diane Radford, Bonnie Greenwood, Joanne Barfitt, John DosSantos, Michele Leblanc, Lilian Ketch, and Susan Colpitts-Judd.

**RIGHT:** Ashley Swim, Eric Hadley, and Harry Palmer.

# A Jubilee tea and a Jubilee tree

BY BONNIE GREENWOOD

The Cathedral branch of the Mothers' Union hosted a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea in June 2022, and although it was not a fundraising event, we did however, receive donations.

After covering our expenses, we decided we wanted to use the balance of the funds to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in a lasting way.

The Queen's Green Canopy

initiative was launched to encourage people to "Plant a tree for the Jubilee" to mark her 70 years on the throne. It was subsequently extended to give the opportunity to plant trees in the Queen's memory.

When we heard of this project, we all agreed that this would be the perfect memorial to our beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

After consultation with Eric Hadley, a member of the Cathedral Property Com-

mittee, and with help from other members of the Guild of Saint Joseph, our Jubilee sugar maple was planted on the corner of Brunswick and Church Streets on May 12.

Prior to our May 17 meeting, many of our Mothers' Union members gathered around our tree, a blessing was read, and a group photo was taken. A cold wind had picked up and almost blew us all away so a re-shoot took place on a

sunny and warm May 23.

Much appreciation is extended to Eric Hadley, Gary Barfitt, Harry Palmer and Ashley Swim for delivering the tree from the nursery and planting it for us. Thanks to Gary Barfitt and Bill Robinson for taking the photos.

### The Prayer:

Almighty God, we come before you this day in humility and gratitude as we seek your blessing on the life of this sugar

maple tree, which is planted to remember our Sovereign Lady and Patron Queen Elizabeth II.

May this tree take root in this soil, drawing from it water and nutrients, so it may grow and prosper, bringing beauty in its leaves offering shelter to birds and insects and enriching this place with its presence and life.

And we ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Take-aways from Clergy Day

- Just say yes.
- There is a connection between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Marks of Mission.
- Keeping our governments accountable for clean energy and efficiency.
- Rapid change of the energy economy to sustainability.
- We are part of a system and can help sustain them and their natural ability to do so.
- We have both a role to play and a voice in helping.
- Consistent actions speak volumes that multiply over time.
- Listen to youth and church to build community as we listen. How can we as communities support and make a difference in their lives? Hope in creation not fear.
- Hopeful to see how much the church is on board.
- Doesn't have to be a big project.
- Surprised how small the amount of our energy supply in New Brunswick is hydro.
- Ice age temperature was a surprise and it doesn't take much of an increase (doesn't sound like much but is).
- Focus in on one project, good to do and right to do.
- Inspired by nature, guided by ethics, based in science to create a flourishing future for all – permaculture.
- There are parts of land that no longer exist is some dioceses because they are under water.
- 75 per cent of young people are frightened about the future and a lot of that fear is around climate change – Medical survey.



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**HERE THE REVS. BRENDA FOWLER AND DEBORAH COCHRAN** view the quilt that was made during Clergy Conference 2022 as part of the Lectio Visio exercise with the Gospel reading. The quilt will be used on the bed in the room that is rented for individual retreats at Camp Medley.

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# Historic regiment, two Anglican churches host Princess Anne

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

St. George's Anglican Church was filled to capacity on Friday, May 19 as it hosted a royal visit by HRH Princess Anne, daughter of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

A similarly filled church — Trinity in Sussex — also hosted the Princess Royal on May 21 during her three-day visit to New Brunswick.

The Princess was in the province to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's), of which she is colonel-in-chief.

The service of Evening Prayer at St. George's was part of the anniversary celebrations. The guidon of the 8th Canadian Hussars has hung over the chapel door inside the church since 1990, making St. George's the natural choice for the service.

Three Anglican military chaplains were in attendance: the Rev. Canon Major Malcolm Berry, the Rev. Canon Major Chris VanBuskirk (rector of St. George's), and the Rev. Capt. Rob Salloum, the regimental chaplain of the 8th Canadian Hussars. Archbishop David Edwards also attended.

Rob had the distinction of ushering the Princess Royal to her seat. Warden Sheila Searle escorted the Princess to the lectern, and later, to the church's guest book.

As the princess arrived, the bells of St. George's pealed. She met the assembled clergy in the foyer, then, as organist Nhat-Viet Phi (Toto) and his wife, flutist Angela Phi, played, she took her seat.

The service was led by Chris and David. Rob led a responsive reading of Psalm 97. Malcolm read the first lesson, while the Princess Royal read the second lesson, which was Hebrews 3.

Jim Lockyer, honorary colonel of the 8th Canadian Hussars, read the honor roll, which included the 79 names of members killed. Most died in Italy during the Second World War.

Carolyn Keirstead led a 40-person choir. Moncton-area clergy led

prayers, and David pronounced the blessing.

Chris thanked Princess Anne for her presence and wished her a pleasant visit. A reception was held immediately following the service, though the Princess was on a tight schedule of more public appearances and did not attend.

Sheila was thrilled to have been asked by Chris to escort the Princess to the lectern and have her sign the guest book.

"It was very nice to have the opportunity to meet Her Royal Highness," said Sheila. "She carried the conversation while signing the guest book. It was a wonderful experience. And it was amazing to see such a turnout."

Chris was very impressed by the Princess, particularly her reading of the lesson.

"I thought while she was reading that she is a great leader, very comfortable with scripture," he said. "People were engaged in worship, and that's the aim of it."

"It was an opportunity for the church to celebrate the ascension of Christ and for the church to honour the regiment, and that part is an act of bearing witness with our shared faith."

"It's a great honour for sure. It was a big team effort and we're all very grateful for the opportunity."

**TRINITY, SUSSEX**  
On Sunday, May 21, amid heavy downpours, Trinity Church in Sussex hosted a service of Morning Prayer in another celebration of the 175th anniversary of the 8th Canadian Hussars.

Members of Trinity and the neighbouring Parishes of Waterford and St. Marks manned the doors and guided worshippers to their seats. Members combined to form a choir led by Trinity organist and music director Matthew Chamberlain, with Brad Buchanan of St. Marks on piano.

The church bells pealed as Princess Anne arrived a few minutes ahead of schedule and the service actually

began five minutes early.

A procession, led by the daughter of the Rev. Dan McMullen, Abby, included Dan, Archdeacon Rob Marsh (acting for Archbishop David Edwards), the Rev. Canon Allen Tapley, the Rev. Major Mike Caines, the Rev. Canon Major Malcolm Berry, the Rev. Captain Rob Salloum, and the Rev. Dr. Sean Davidson, who escorted the Princess to her seat.

Mike welcomed the Princess and those gathered to Sussex, noting Trinity is his home church and Sussex his hometown.

Allen read the Psalm, while Malcolm read the first lesson. Rob Salloum escorted the Princess to the

lectern for her reading of the second lesson, Luke 24.

Dan read the Collect for the day, while Malcolm said prayers. Rob Marsh pronounced the blessing.

In his homily, Rob Salloum began by quoting an entry in the logbook of the 8th Canadian Hussars: "Cancel all offensive operations, ceasefire at 0800 hrs, 5 May-45."

"This entry... marked the final World War II battle in which the Unit would engage," he said, explaining they had fought for nine days to free the strategic Dutch port of Delfzijl, which ultimately led to a strong and lasting friendship between the town of Sussex, New Brunswick and the town

of Eelde, near the port.

"As a lasting tribute of mutual affection, on May 5, the flag of the 8th Canadian Hussars is raised at the Garrison in Eelde," said Rob. "And here, in Sussex, the Eelde flag is raised at the Armory."

What contributed to their victory? They were well-trained, well-equipped and well-led, he said.

Two-thousand years earlier, there was another commander, and another group of men meeting in a small room. The men had just completed their basic training: three years of watching, mimicking and practicing their commander's ways.

Shockingly, they had witnessed

their commander's capture, trial, death, and resurrection, he said.

"So this group was radically changed, but unlike the Hussars, their tour of duty was just beginning," said Rob.

But like the Hussars, they were well-trained, well-equipped and perfectly led. Their equipping was through encouragement by their leader's truth; understanding what was to come; and assurance of the Holy Spirit.

For this group, the most stunning paradox was that the battle had already been won by their commander.

"Jesus, their commander, called his disciples to gird themselves with faith, trust and hope, in the power of the

Holy Spirit," he said.

The battle orders are given from the great commander: "Commence all loving operations, engage the world, beginning 1000 hrs, 21 May 23. End of Message."

At the end of the service, Princess Anne was escorted out of the sanctuary to the basement, where she spent a few moments with the clergy. Then she was off to other events of the day, mainly a military parade, inspection of troops and tour of the 8th Canadian Hussars Regimental Museum in the former train station in downtown Sussex.

After the service, the clergy had time to process events.



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** The Rev. Capt. Rob Salloum escorts Her Royal Highness Princess Anne to her seat at St. George's Anglican Church in Moncton during a service May 19. The Princess Royal was in New Brunswick for the 175th reunion of the 8th Canadian Hussars Regiment, of which she is colonel-in-chief. Rob is the regiment's chaplain; Reception at St. George's; Clergy await the princess's arrival at St. George's, including the Rev. Canon Major Malcolm Berry, Archbishop David Edwards, the Rev. Capt. Rob Salloum, and Jim Lockyer, honorary colonel of the 8th Canadian Hussars regiment; Princess Anne reads a lesson during the service at Trinity in Sussex May 21; Many members of the 8th Canadian Hussars regiment were in church at Trinity in Sussex to support Princess Anne during her visit on May 21.

"It was an honour to have her with us and to have her read the second lesson," said Sean. "And I appreciated Rob's charge as well."

"The Princess Royal is a delight," said Rob Salloum, who was involved in all three days of activities. "It is a blessing to have her as our colonel-in-chief."

"All these events and services were a delight to be involved in as we celebrated the 175th anniversary and legacy of leadership, courage and commitment by those who served."

Malcolm recalled that Princess Anne attended the 150th anniversary of the regiment in Shediac Cape, where he was serving, so this was not the first time he'd met her or celebrated a regimental anniversary with her.

"I'm really grateful to the archbishop for giving me this ministry in my retirement," he said. "It was an honour to be asked to read the lessons and say the prayers, and to be with Her Royal Highness."

Malcolm is the former regimental chaplain to the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's).

The 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) is the oldest continually serving Cavalry regiment in Canada, beginning in the Sussex area in 1848. Its members have served with distinction on the battlefields of France and Flanders in the First World War, and in Italy and Holland in the Second World War.

Since then, members have served under NATO as peacekeepers in many parts of the world, in Asia, Cyprus, Germany and Afghanistan.

Princess Anne was made colonel-in-chief in 1972, visiting on many occasions.

*With notes from The Association & Museum of the 8th Canadian Hussars Inc.*



## DIOCESAN CHOIR SCHOOL

# Diocesan Choir School draws 50 participants

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

With administrator the Rev. Paul Rideout on sabbatical, two choir members stepped in to ensure Diocesan Choir School went ahead this year.

Mary Louise Belyea and Robert Taylor shared organizational duties, and on the day in question, more than 50 adult choristers showed up to spend the day rehearsing, and in the evening, performing at Trinity Church, Saint John on July 8.

A good crowd was on hand to hear the sweet sound of voices united in song under the direction of Spencer Belyea. The Rev. Steven Scribner welcomed all those in attendance.

This year and last, Diocesan Choir School has opted for a one-day event, in stark contrast to the pre-COVID days when the event ran for a week, with children learning the music for several days before the adult choristers arrived on Thursday.

But there are hopes that by next year, they can return to their week-long event and once again welcome children to their ranks.

"It's always been so important to have kids here to learn in that environment," said Mary Louise.

She is the group's fundraising chair, so taking on the extra responsibility of organizing the day was not a big stretch.

"I grew up in Choir School, and this was going to be my only time to be the director, so I took it, and Robert wanted to work with me," she said, adding she has one more year of study to complete a Bachelor's degree in music at Kings College in Halifax.

"It's so nice to just be here, singing in the choir, working with Dad," she said of director Spencer. "It's so comfortable."

This is her 16<sup>th</sup> year at Diocesan Choir School.

"The music is great this year," said Robert. "I love it. I'm happy to be able to stay with it all these years, every July."

Robert was treasurer for 33 years, and at this year's event, received his 40-year medallion.

Medallions are a way of marking the dedication and commitment of choristers. Each year, they are given out, beginning with brand new members. This year seven light blue medallions were awarded



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Director Spencer Belyea leads during rehearsal; musicians Nhat-Viet (Toto) Phi and James Snelgrove on piano; Robert Taylor; Mary Louise Belyea; Choristers rehearse before the evening concert at Trinity in Saint John on July 8.



to first-timers.

Four members received a five-year medallion of dark blue; one received a 10-year red medallion; two received a 20-year maroon; and one person, Robert, received the 40-year silver medallion.

The first people to ever receive the silver medallion were Spencer and Jean Taylor, Robert's late wife. That was in 2016.

And while longevity is celebrated, a new member, Margie Blanchet, was experiencing it for the first time.

"My sister encouraged me to come," she said. "It's going well."

Her sister, Linda Webb, began Choir School in the 60s as a youngster.

"I sent my children to Choir School in the 90s, then I started going back," she said. "I really like it and I like the people. There are a lot of connections."

Linda attends Trinity, while her sister, Margie, attends The Rez in Grand Bay-Westfield.

One tradition of choir school is getting a new, colourful T-shirt each year, but this year, knowing so many had several already, members were encouraged to wear their favourite.

## HISTORY

Diocesan Choir School was founded in 1957, the brainchild of Douglas Murray of St. George's in Moncton, with assistance from Archbishop Harold Nutter, Ruth Clark, Rosalie Belyea, the Rev. Ted Eaton and Mark LeRoux. Douglas Murray was Robert's father-in-law.

It was held as a week-long session for the first time in 1958 at Rothesay Collegiate School, moving to Camp Medley from 1972-1984. It returned to Rothesay Netherwood School in 1985. Many

directors and guest clinicians have been part of Diocesan Choir School over the years.

## THIS YEAR

**Service Leads:** The Rev. Andrew Horne, chaplain and cantor; Spencer Belyea, Neil Cockburn and Nhat-Viet (Toto) Phi, music staff

**Planning Team:** Robert Taylor and Mary Louise Belyea, administrative co-chairs; James Snelgrove, recording secretary; Sherry MacPhee, registrar; Linda Pitman, treasurer; Mary Louise Belyea, fundraising; Darrell James, print media; Lynn Mills, librarian/medallions; and Spencer Belyea, music coordinator.

## CHORISTERS

Jane Belyea, Margie Blanchet, Carol Brander, Judy Briggs, Mike Briggs, Mary Alice Brown, Cressida Campion, Felix Campion, Peter Campion, Mary Clarke, Robyn Cum-

ing, Lily Cyr Oulette, Cleo Cyr, Donna Dobbin, Heather Donnelly, Jocelyn Donnelly, Nita Driscoll, David Goss, Chris Hayes, Christine Hayes, John Higgins, Barb Hill, Emily Johnston, Talia Kennedy, Kevin Langford, Dalton London, Sheila London, Paul Mills, Lynn Moore, Julia Nixon, Bruce Noble, Angie Phi, Joel Phi, Nancy Scott, Bill Simons, Barry Snodgrass, Patsy Sparks, Christian Vanicek, Marianne Vanicek, Sebastian Venicek, Linda Webb

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## AROUND THE DIOCESE



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** There was barely an empty seat at St. Peter's in Wickham for a service on May 28 to celebrate recent building upgrades; Ian Flanagan, third from left, was the main carpenter behind the upgrades to St. Peter's. He is shown here with Archbishop David Edwards and his crew of mostly family members who helped with the renovations; The barbecue after the service left plenty of time to get together for a chat; Family connections meant time spent catching up on all the news, including this group - from left: Vic Akerley, George Upshall, Nellie Nickerson and Susan Crawford. Standing is Doug Pettie.

# St. Peter's celebrates building upgrades

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The tiny church in Wickham, Queens County was filled with about 40 people on May 28. They had gathered at St. Peter's Anglican Church to celebrate the many upgrades the church has undergone recently.

New siding and windows, interior walls and the installation of seven stained glass windows from the Parish of St. John the Baptist and St. Clement in Millidgeville are some of the upgrades for the church that has no priest and usually a congregation of six on a Sunday morning.

The stained glass depicts church history, featuring saints like King Edward the Confessor, Saint Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, Bishop John Medley and John Wesley.

"It's not over yet," said warden Gary McKay. "There are still some things left to do. We feel quite blessed to be able to do this."

Gail Carpenter sang "As the

Deer Pants for the Water" and played the Irish whistle.

The Rev. Canon Chris VanBuskirk, whose family purchased a cottage in the area more than 25 years ago, was in attendance, as was Archbishop David Edwards, who preached.

In his homily, David said, "the last time I saw these windows was in the Mission Church and I was deconsecrating them. It's good to have them here."

On the Day of Pentecost, David noted the Holy Spirit "works through all kinds of people for the good of our community. The folks here involved in renovating this building are working for the good."

One reason people beautify church buildings is that God and beauty go hand-in-hand.

"God is a god of beauty and we see the beauty of his creation as we look out these new windows," he said.

"The physical presence of this building reminds us there

is nowhere we can go where the love of God cannot reach us.

"God has not left the building, the cosmos, the whole of creation."

David rededicated the stained glass windows and thanked everyone who worked on the upgrades. He prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for the renovation.

### HISTORY

St. Peter's has a storied history closely connected to the construction of Base Gagetown.

The church wasn't so much built as cobbled together in 1954, literally from pieces of St. Peter's in Headline, a community lost during the construction of the military base. The new St. Peter's got the furniture, lights, doors and windows.

Since then, it has carried on, with a small congregation that has very deep roots in the community, hence the 40 people at the May 28<sup>th</sup> service.

Most lived in Wickham at one time, or their families did.

The emotional link to St. Peter's was certainly evident in the many cousins and other relatives who came from several towns and cities to attend the service and enjoy a reunion of sorts.

A barbecue was held after the service to allow everyone plenty of time to reconnect. One guest was George Upshall, 94, whose father, Sam, gave the land on which St. Peter's was built. He pronounced the upgrades "beautiful."

"I'm thrilled and overwhelmed that people would come some distance to see what we've done here," said Gary. "There is always that need to connect."

### UPGRADES

Ian Flanagan of Fredericton was the main force behind the upgrades. He was chosen because of his connection to St. Peter's.

His father-in-law is Gary's

brother-in-law, Malcolm Wilson, who was the first baby baptised at St. Peter's in 1955.

"Pam (Gary's wife) asked me last year," said Ian. "The whole family pitched in," including his kids and his brother-in-law, as well as Malcolm.

The entire east wall had to be rebuilt because of ant damage. The custom frames for the stained glass and clear windows took 60 or 70 hours of nights and weekends to construct, said Ian.

"This kind of thing doesn't happen so easily anymore," said Chris, who said he was present to give thanks to God for all the work that had been done. "It was a big team effort of time and talent."

To read the original story on St. Peter's that was published in the NB Anglican in 2015, click the link below. The story is on page 8. <https://nb.anglican.ca/news/new-brunswick-anglican-march-2015>



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

# Mejias visit the diocese during furlough

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Rev. Kara Thompson Mejia and the Rev. Nelson Mejia were special guests at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Fredericton on June 18.

It was their 15<sup>th</sup> of 16 visits to churches in New Brunswick and Ontario during their three months at home.

The couple leads Anglican worship, in Spanish, in Roatán, Honduras. Kara is originally from New Brunswick and is the daughter of Bell and the Rev. Gordon Thompson.

From their base in the Campbellton area, where they stayed with the Thompsons, and their base in Wasaga Beach, Ontario, where Kara's brother lives, they set out each Sunday in a rental car to connect with parishes and individuals who support them, and share the story of their mission in Roatán.

Their final Sunday was spent at Christ Church Cathedral. They left New Brunswick July 1, with a stop in Wasaga Beach to see their son, Stephen, who lives with his uncle while attending university. They flew back to Roatán July 5.

"In coming home, we continue to bring awareness of our mission work, so that the support is there," said Kara. "I like to connect with supporters."

It's been five years since they've been home, due to COVID-19, said Nelson.

## PANDEMIC ACTIVITIES

The pandemic was especially hard on their island, with so many people working in tourism. Roatán is a popular stop on the cruise circuit. With no travel or tourism, people were destitute, said Nelson.

They carved out space in the church, set up a kitchen and were blessed with donations of equipment and bags of food.

The women of the church got involved, and the operation saw them feeding 300 people all around Roatán each week.

"For many, it was their only meal of the day," said Kara.

They also gave out bags of staples like rice, which again were largely provided through donations.

"What we experienced was unbelievable," said Kara. "We'd go to their homes with food and they'd start crying, saying

'we've been praying to God, crying out to God, to be able to feed our families.'

"In those moments, God is so real. We see his tangible provisions."

## BUILDING THE MISSION

But feeding the hungry is not the focus of the mission in Roatán. During a presentation to St. Margaret's parishioners, Kara gave some history.

After university, Kara followed her calling to serve in Latin America, arriving in Honduras in 1998.

She met Nelson, they married and served in the capital city, but in 2006, their bishop asked them to go to Roatán, which had one small parish.

After many years of building, they have two congregations, two churches and a thriving ministry. It was nine years ago that they began

construction of a new building that holds 200-250, and it's nearly finished.

At the time, they had 10 people attending church.

"People asked why we were building so large a church," said Kara. "As Nelson says, 'if you have big visions, big visions will happen.'"

"We have a big vision for our community. We went by faith, and God has been wonderful."

Before the pandemic, they had more than 100 people attending, though the number is now around 60 as they work to regain what has been lost.

Their main focus is on empowering people to take care of themselves and others.

"People are hungry to learn in Honduras," said Kara. "It's a pleasure to teach them."

## FOCUS ON WOMEN

Much of Kara's focus is on women, who often feel inferior and voiceless outside their homes. One way to combat that was with a "My Beloved" conference, which taught women who they are in Christ: his precious stones, his beloved.

They held a couples conference this spring, bringing husbands and wives together to work as a couple.

The task was to paint a picture, led by an artist, meant to illustrate that together, they could do beautiful things, and every time they looked at the painting, they would remember.

"All the paintings were amazing," said Kara. "We put ours up on a wall. It's what happens when you work together."

It helped that a woman stood up in the conference

and encouraged men to attend church with their wives, which is not common in Honduras. The result? Several men are now attending.

"Once they come, we start the teaching, the discipleship, the bible study, to discover who we are in Christ," said Kara.

The discipleship training comes with a diploma, another great motivator.

## MAKING A LIVING

Kara also has a focus on teaching marketable skills, and in this instance, God's hand has been evident.

Four years ago, they had a call from a missionary from Mississippi who wanted to come and teach the art of fused glass to women. The vestry agreed, the missionary brought his supplies, and it went well.

"They've evolved with it," said Kara. "They're able to sell their wares. It empowers women to make a living. I'm very proud of them."

The next step was to teach them English, so they could converse with the many cruise ship passengers.

One day, a couple was shopping at their Roatán Glass Art booth, and when she saw what the women were doing and heard their story, she said to her husband, 'when I die, I want all my jewelry to go to a group like this.'

The woman, Billie, subsequently died, and her husband returned to Roatán with her jewelry.

"Billie's gift began a micro industry," said Kara, adding one of the woman is learning how to make anklets with the jewelry.

## PRAYERS

Kara announced that through supporter generosity, their \$13,000+ debt has been erased.

"But we want to maintain that," she said. "We don't want that to happen again."

Kara asked for prayers for them, their family and their parishioners.

"Your prayers are what sustains us, even through the challenges we face with a young congregation. A lack of education does not help," she said.

At the end of the service, the Rev. Rob Langmaid led a prayer for Kara and Nelson and their mission.



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**ABOVE:** The Rev. Rob Landmaid prays for the ministry of the Rev. Kara and the Rev. Nelson Mejia, who serve in Roatán, Honduras, during a visit to St. Margaret's in Fredericton on June 18.

**LEFT:** A map shows the location of their ministry in the Central American country of Honduras.



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**GENERAL SYNOD (PART OF ASSEMBLY 2023 WITH THE LUTHERAN CHURCH)** met at the University of Calgary June 27 to July 2 and the diocese's delegation is pictured here. According to delegate Ken Brien, the days were long, without much free time, but with lots of enjoyable worship events, friendly conversations, and constructive and respectful debates on motions. From left: Ken Brien, Archbishop David Edwards, Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, Laura McNulty, David Bell, the Rev. Ann Fairweather, and Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove.

Around the diocese



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**MAY 30 SAW A VISIT** from Kara and Nelson Mejia to the Parish of Riverview, where they shared stories of their life and ministry in Roatán, Honduras. From left, rector Rev. Julian Pillay, Rev. Kara Mejia and Rev. Nelson Mejia.



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**A CONFIRMATION SERVICE** took place on Trinity Sunday, June 4, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Florenceville. Shown left to right are Sydney Thomas, Noella Thomas and Jackson Trafford, with Archbishop David Edwards and the Rev. Bob LeBlanc in the back row.



YOUTH GROUP

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MISSION IN MOTION: children



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Archdeacon Brent Ham (in red) and youth group leader Olivia Beaulieu (in grey) help youth group members with making homemade ice cream in individual baggies; in the remaining photos teams discuss strategy for building their unsinkable rafts using painter's tape, straws and scissors.

THE PUMPKIN PATCH

The Parish of Shediac is located across the road from Shediac Cape School. It's a locale that easily lends itself to outreach.

This past spring, they had children in grades 2 and 3 plant pumpkin seeds. A few weeks later, they all gathered in the church's community garden, next to the school, and planted the seedlings.

Olivia and Shannon look after the garden all summer to make sure the pumpkins are thriving. The investment is always worth it.

"The kids all come back in the fall and they all take home a pumpkin," said Brent. "They love it!"



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Children from the parish, the community and even Moncton come to the Parish of Shediac's youth groups; Shannon Reynolds joins a table to offer some guidance on the craft; Shannon Reynolds and Olivia Beaulieu give instructions to the junior youth group, with the back drop from the previous week's VBS behind them; the craft for jr. youth group was a bowl of ice cream, complete with "waffle cone" and sprinkles.

Youth group thrives in the Parish of Shediac

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It's Monday evening, July 17, the first night of summer youth group in the Parish of Shediac.

The craft tables are ready, the snacks are waiting, but the big question hanging in the air is, "will anyone show up?"

By 6 o'clock, parents begin arriving with their kids, and the fear of an empty hall has disappeared. For the first of two youth group meetings tonight, there are 12 children from ages 5 to 9.

Fast-forward to part two, and there are nine children, ages 10 and up. The goal for the summer is 20-25, combined. On this, their first youth

group of the summer, they have 21 in the two groups.

The organizers are pleased. Weekly summer youth group has kicked off successfully.

THE ORGANIZERS

Olivia Beaulieu, 20, and Shannon Reynolds, also 20, are the heart of youth group in the parish. Both have been involved with the youth of the parish for a year or more, both are summer students of the parish and both are university students studying to become teachers.

"I've been around the parish since I was a little kid," said Olivia. "My grandparents were super involved and I came with them."

Shannon's story is different. She has no history with the parish, but a long one with Olivia.

"I met Olivia in the ninth grade and we've been great friends ever since," she said. "She dragged me along to things."

More than a year ago, rector and Archdeacon Brent Ham had some ideas he put to the girls.

"We sat down together," said Olivia. "Brent wanted to see a youth group in the parish. He wanted to see kids coming."

"We've always had a successful VBS, and Sunday school was OK, but how do you tap into that?" said Brent, recalling his ideas.

With the students on board last summer, they planned a youth group, hoping for maybe eight kids.

"All of a sudden, there were 20 kids," said Brent. "This just grew and grew and grew. God really showed up."

By fall, the question was "how do we sustain this through the year?"

The two girls and Brent began planning all kinds of family fun events, like a Santa breakfast, sleigh rides, travel-to-you zoo, movie nights, carnival and chocolate bar bingo. They continued holding youth group through the school year to keep the momentum going.

"Some are from the parish, some are from the commu-

nity, some are from the VBS program," said Brent. "It's a real mix."

With Olivia and Shannon doing the heavy lifting, Brent is usually around to greet parents and lend a hand.

"I see my job as enabling and supporting Olivia and Shannon, and working with the parish to get them the resources they need."

One of the changes they made this summer was to split the kids into two age categories so more appropriate activities could be offered to each group.

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Back at junior youth group,

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Youth group thrives in the Parish of Shediac, continued

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the kids fashion a bowl of ice cream using scissors, construction paper, glue, Q-tips and glittery stick-ons. The snack is, of course, real ice cream, complete with syrup and sprinkles.

By 7:15, the somewhat sticky younger kids are on their way out and the older ones are arriving, ready for their first night of summer youth group.

Olivia and Shannon start by making a request sure to endear them to their charges.

"What kind of music do you like to listen to?" asks Olivia, adding that, as long as it's in good taste, they'll include it in a playlist they'll create to play

during youth group.

The first task, meant for team-building, is to split into groups of three and, using plastic straws, masking tape and scissors, build a floating device that will support a growing handful of dimes.

The three teams, with varying designs, score 11, 17 and an impressive 31 dimes on their rafts before sinking.

Then it's off to the parish kitchen for their snack. But it's not handed to them. Tonight, they must make their own — homemade ice cream, using a baggy, milk, sugar, vanilla, ice and salt.

The bowls full of toppings — broken chocolate bars, mini cookies, Smarties, chocolate chips and sprinkles — sit tan-

talizingly close by.

There's a lot of activity, noise and fun at the kitchen island as nine kids thrash their baggies to thicken the mixture. It's worth the effort.

BIG PLANS

The girls spend a lot of time planning youth group, and paying attention to their charges forms the basis of their plans.

"Once we see our kids, we're able to figure out more appropriate ideas, what they like and don't like," said Shannon, adding that Pinterest is also helpful.

One activity they hope to hold later in the summer, at least for the older kids, is a beach-themed day. The group

will go to the beach at the far end of the parish property, collect rocks, and paint them. Then they'll "plant" them in the community garden across the road.

The two are also hoping for a sleep-over with the older kids, complete with a campfire and pancake breakfast, though they will need help from parish volunteers for it.

In all they do, their foremost aim is to forge relationships with the children.

"It's more about building friendships," said Olivia. "Brent wants to make church a happy place."

"We want this to be a safe place where they can feel comfortable and not stressed out," said Shannon. "We want

to make it a fun time."

Whatever they come up with, Brent is certain it will be worthwhile and fun.

"I'm always around for support, but I'm not looking over their shoulders," he said. "Olivia and Shannon do an amazing job with every program. They put their heart and soul into everything they do. They connect with the kids so well."

"I've watched them grow in how they interact with the kids. They're a good team."

The girls appreciate the confidence their rector has in them.

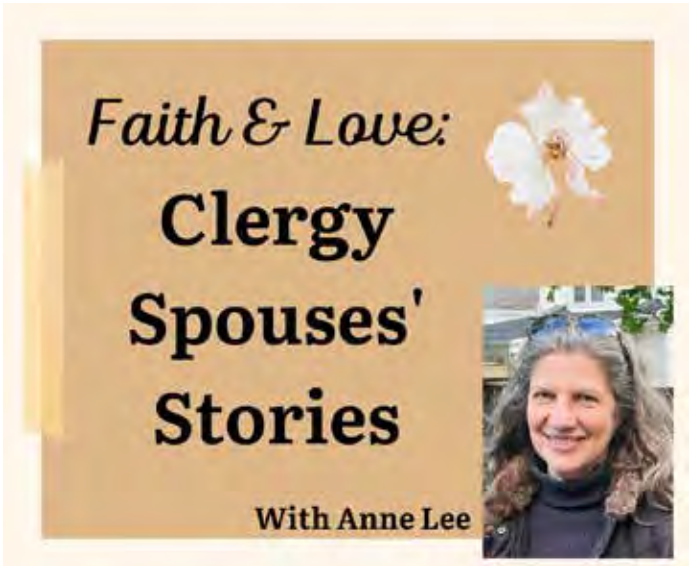
"Brent checks in frequently, but he gives us creative liberty," said Olivia. "I think we've gained his trust."

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CLERGY SPOUSES' STORIES



Rosemary Moorhead

Rosemary Moorhead was born in Toronto, the fourth of five children. The family attended St. Simon-the-Apostle.

“We were taken to church as children, and I took to it like a duck to water,” she said. “As a teenager I asked so many questions, they arranged for me to ask my questions to a curate, who was there from Trinity.”

Rosemary was very athletic and played every sport in the school: ping pong, baseball, archery, basketball, swimming.

Girl Guides

“When I was seven, I got an opportunity to join Brownies. I became a sixer and was very proud of that. I earned my Golden Hand and flew up to Guides.

“I went to Guides and earned my Gold Cord (the highest award that could be earned) and had it presented by Lady Baden Powell, which

was pretty special.

“Girl Guides taught me how to be a leader. It was a wonderful experience,” said Rosemary.

Youth Work

After three years of university, Rosemary earned a BA at the University of Toronto, through Trinity.

“I became a youth worker. Fredericton was looking for someone and hired me,” she said.

“My duties were to go to all the parishes and share whatever gifts I had. My approach was to write to the deanery and say, ‘this is what I can offer to help in the parish if this is suitable at this time.’

“And that is where I won my spurs.”

But after 20 months, she was drained.

Marriage

“The other thing going on in



ROSEMARY MOORHEAD, at least initially, did not want to be a clergy wife, but it all worked out, she said, as her years with husband John were wonderful.

At right, looking at the Atlantic in Kingsburg, N.S., near Hell’s Point.

my life was my husband was courting me. He had seen me and said, ‘I’m going to marry that girl.’ I asked him if he would change his occupation and he said he couldn’t do that.

“I married the Rev. John Moorhead. It was absolutely wonderful.”

They married in Toronto at her home parish.

John was serving in Oro-mocto at the time. Within two months of Rosemary joining him there, the bishop moved them to St. Jude’s. Their first born came nine months later.

Dauphin, MB

“Then we went out to Dauphin, MB and had our other two girls, huge blessings. And they still are. And they keep in touch with me and each other.”

Rosemary and her family had a rich life there, with plenty of opportunities to volunteer, including with the Canadian Red Cross.

“We started nurseries in each parish we went to. That was one of my gifts.

“John always knew when it was time to leave. He just knew. We were in Dauphin for nine and a half years, so it was a good run.”

Back to New Brunswick

After leaving Manitoba, the family moved to Plaster Rock.

John started bible studies at either end of the Tobique River. And there were so many at the lower end that he told

Rosemary she’d have to take half the class.

“To facilitate choir practice, the kids came after school,” said Rosemary. “He gave them juice and a cookie. After rehearsal, they came to us for supper. Their parents would pick them up after work. It worked beautifully and got lots of kids into church.”

“We had a wonderful four years there.”

The family then moved to Chatham, where Rosemary led a guide company.

“Then we moved to Sussex Corner, where we served for five years.”

A New Career

The family next moved a couple of kilometres down the road to Sussex.

“One of the best things I ever did in my life was say to John, ‘What would you say if you set up the kitchen the way you want.’ It opened the doors for him. He loved cooking. His mother, bless her heart, taught her boys to cook.”

“I had always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher. I went back to university and got my BED in Early Childhood.”

“Kindergartens were coming into NB. I knew they were coming, and this is why I wanted the Early Education.”

By 1991, she had taken a position at Sussex Corner Elementary.

“It was marvelous. I was the oldest person in the school



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when I started.

Retirement

“When I was 60, the Almighty told me it was time to stop. It was clear as a bell and I retired.”

The following year was a wonderful one for the couple, but then John had a massive stroke and Rosemary became his caregiver.

John died in 2004. In 2011, Rosemary’s sister came to live with her. She cared for her until her death in 2017.

“I moved to Nova Scotia in 2020 and am now living in Mahone Bay,” she said. “I attend St. James and am enjoying the knitting group.”

Rosemary lives independently in a granny suite in her daughter, Margaret’s, house. Cynthia lives about an hour away in Nova Scotia and Nancy lives in Iqaluit.

Anne Lee holds an English degree from Dalhousie University. She has worked as a book buyer/seller for Munro’s Books of Victoria. She lives in Quispamsis and worships at St. Luke’s, Parish of Gondola Point.



ACW  
QUIET DAY

Wednesday, Sept. 6  
Church of the Resurrection  
Grand Bay-Westfield

Registration 9:30	Lunch 12 noon
Service 10:30	Guest speaker 1 p.m.

SHARED LUNCH: please bring sandwiches, salad, cold meats, veggies, or desserts • A member of the RCMP will speak on frauds and scams

THEME: If God is for us, who can be against us?



PARISH NEWS



**A VENDOR'S MARKET** was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on June 24 as part of the Saint John West Day's Celebrations. Many vendors and shoppers came out to make the market and café a success. Organizers were pleasantly surprised by the consistent interest in the heritage display for St. Jude's, St. George's and Good Shepherd. Many thanks to Ann Stone, Heather Masson, Jackie Clark and Ngaire Nelson for covering the event and helping interested parties reconnect with their roots. They are true historians within our respective community heritage.



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**JOSEY AND GRANDPA**, puppets handled by Peggy and Robert Boucher, entertain children during a service at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Fredericton. The story was of Jesus as a 12-year-old, found in the temple by his frantic parents, a fitting Father's Day lesson for June 18. In the course of the presentation, the question was asked of Mary, "did you know" what Jesus would be like. The presentation ended with Monica Langmaid leading the congregation on guitar, in the cherished Christmas song called, "Mary, Did You Know?"

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PARISH NEWS



Parish news

**LEFT: ARCHBISHOP DAVID EDWARDS** confirmed seven people at St. Mary's in Fredericton on May 17 (and an additional one at Christ Church (Parish) Church on May 21 who couldn't make it on the 17th). From left: Christopher Burrell, Kaitlyn Trifts, Melissa Ritz, Ellie Piercy, Archbishop David Edwards, Kailey Fairley-Jones (in front of bishop), Claire Fairley-Jones and Quinn Jones.

**BELOW & BOTTOM LEFT:** On May 21, the Parish of Stanley held a Rogationtide garden and field blessing event in the afternoon, which saw leaders and parishioners go to six gardens and farms, where over 500 acres of farmable land was blessed and prayed over. The afternoon ended with a parish barbecue at the last stop. The photo at left shows the Rev. Nicholas Saulnier at work. Bottom photo shows both Nicholas and Canon Kevin Stockall.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** On May 14, Rogation Sunday, the Parish of St. Mary, York had a Rogationtide blessing procession in the adjoining community food forest after the 11 a.m. Eucharist that morning. The Rev. Nicholas Saulnier is in purple, Canon Kevin Stockall in blue, and T.W. McKay is carrying the cross.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



## ROLL OF HONOUR

# ACW honors Olive Trevors

BY JILL STEWART

Olive Trevors was presented with the ACW's prestigious award called the Roll of Honour, on May 14 during the service at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Miramichi in the the Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke.

Olive grew up in Hardwicke, a small fishing community. After high school graduation, she moved to Newcastle and continued her faith at St. Andrew's.

Olive became very active in

all aspects of the church!

She quickly joined the WA (Woman's Auxiliary), which later changed its name to ACW (Anglican Church Women).

For at least 70 years Olive has not only participated in ACW but has accepted many different executive positions, both locally and within the Deanery. She is presently serving as our ACW deanery president.

A donation was made in Olive's name to Hope Café, an outreach program that feeds the hungry every Friday.

Olive holds this group close to her heart. She is always there to support, to mingle, to serve, to talk, and/or to say the blessing!

Olive fits the epitome of our ACW purpose, quoting the first paragraph here: "To unite women in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and lead them into Christian service in parish, diocese, nation and world."



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**OLIVE TREVORS RECEIVED** the ACW's highest honour during a service May 14 at St. Andrew's in Miramichi. From left: Barb Stinson, Olive, the Rev. Rose Steeves and Jill Stewart, the diocesan ACW president.

## Meet Upumony

Upumony (Mony to his friends) is native Samoan. He immigrated to Canada 20 years ago. He is married and has a teenage daughter. He has worked hard to get where he is today. He has had no legal and/or substance abuse issues in many years. He works at a Christian shelter/rehab center as a caretaker-counselor. He is a strong Christian and a good musician. He has been with Fire Watch for more than a decade.



Fire Watch Ministries of Moncton (Eden & Carolyn McAuley) is devoted to walking beside ex-offenders who want Christian support in their lives. You can help their mission through prayers and through donations. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13778>

## Celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month

October 2023

How will you show you care?



The Diocese of Fredericton

## Advent Retreat

December 8-9, 2023

Villa Madonna Retreat Centre, Rothesay NB

Retreat Leader:

**Father Bill Brennan**

Priest - St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Hanwell NB



Details & Registration:

[nb.anglican.ca/Advent2023](https://nb.anglican.ca/Advent2023)



## Seniors' Retreat

Oct. 1-4

Camp Medley

\$150

Come for relaxation, fellowship and fun: canoeing, hiking, archery, art, hands-on projects, wellness stretching, campfires, storytelling and more



CAMP MEDLEY

Geared to 50+ but all adults welcome.

Register online: [campmedley.ca](https://campmedley.ca)



AROUND THE DIOCESE



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**ONE DAY DURING** university exam week in April, Mothers' Union in Fredericton (with support from the Christ Church Cathedral congregation) set up a Pause Table at UNB's Harriet Irving Library. The Pause Table is overseen by the Campus Ministry team from UNB Fredericton Student Services and staffed by people of faith, providing refreshments and encouragement to students during the exam period. The aim is to create a safe place for students to pause, breathe and feel heard by compassionate and understanding volunteers who listen and offer words of encouragement (and something delicious to help with their studying). The students really appreciated the home baked and other treats, and our volunteers enjoyed — and were blessed by — brief conversations with the students who stopped to partake.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11,** St. Barnabas Day, was a special one at All Saints, Marysville. A plaque was presented to Harold Staples to mark his 50 years as parish treasurer. Pictured here: warden Allan Gillis, Harold, Canon Kevin Stockall (celebrating 35 years a deacon), and warden Leo Koliijn.



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**ST PETER'S IN FREDERICTON** held a celebration for Pentecost Sunday (May 28) and dressed appropriately for the occasion. From left: Anne Klinck, Wilfred Alliston, Canon Elaine Hamilton, Filip Vanicek, Christian Vanicek, Marianne Vanicek, Soili Dymond and Sharon Vickers.



The bishop's office has copies of two Paula Gooder books for sale for study this autumn/ Advent, at \$17.50 each.  
*Everyday God - The Spirit of the Ordinary* (ISBN: 9781848251168)  
*The Meaning is in the Waiting - The Spirit of Advent* (ISBN: 9781853119088)

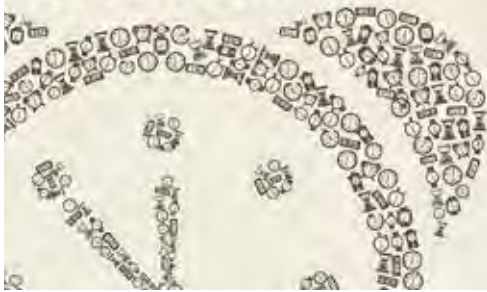
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## MUSIC COMMENTARY

### TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW



**Mary Louise Belyea, veteran chorister, co-administrative director of this year's Diocesan Choir School**

**Favourite book of the Bible** - The Book of Psalms

**Birthplace** - Saint John

**What you love most about God** – The music we sing in praise to him

**Favourite place on Earth** - Swimming in the river at Ragged Point

**Farthest you've been from home** - Prague, Czechia

**Favourite meal or dessert** - Taco salad in an edible bowl

**Biggest fear** – Spiders for sure

**Hidden talent** – Whistling

**Favourite movie or book** – I love the movie "Dirty Dancing"

**Your hobby** – Singing

**Three things always in your fridge** – Cheese, olives, and honey mustard

**Favourite sports team** - I have no idea, as I don't watch sports, but I do love watching Olympic figure skating



***In a tent in the woods at press time — see you next month!***

## Episcopal Announcements



**The Rev. David Smith** has been appointed part-time incumbent in the Parish of Grand Manan effective August 26. David has recently retired from the Diocese of Toronto.

**The Rev. Isabel Cutler** is appointed deacon at Christ Church Cathedral effective immediately after moving back to New Brunswick from the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.

**The Rev. Canon Roderick Black** is appointed honorary assistant at Christ Church Cathedral.

**Ellen Kelly**, of the Parish of St. Mark, Saint John; and **Samuel Landry**, of the Parish of Rothesay, have been accepted as postulants in the Diocese of Fredericton.

**The Rev. Canon Allen Tapley** has been appointed assisting priest in the Parishes of St. Mark, Sussex and Waterford effective July 1; and **the Rev. Daniel McMullen** is appointed interim rector in the same parishes effective August 1.

**Kurt Schmidt** has been appointed Director of Young Adult Formation (p/t) as of July 1. His ministry will focus on youth in post-secondary and those connected with our summer camps. He will also be available as a resource to parishes in young adult faith

formation.

**The Rev. Harold Boomer** is appointed Upper River Valley Missioner effective September 1, with continued pastoral care responsibility for the parishes of Andover and Denmark.

**The Rev. Nicholas Saulnier** has been appointed incumbent in the parishes of Marysville, Stanley and St. Mark, York, effective July 1.

**The Rev. Canon Robert McLean** has been appointed rector in shared ministry in the parishes of New Maryland and Fredericton Junction, effective Sept. 1. Robert is originally from Jamaica, ordained in 2003, and has served most recently in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. We welcome Robert, his wife, Sherrie, and their children, Sebastian and Abigail, to the diocese.

**The Rev. Christopher Wana-maker** of Saint John has transferred his canonical residency to the Diocese of Fredericton from the Diocese of Edmonton and is authorized to officiate at worship services.

**The Rev. Canon David Barrett** retired as chaplain of Saint John Regional Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, effective Aug. 31. He will continue as interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Portland.

## GODLY PLAY DOORPERSON WORKSHOP

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Cathedral Memorial Hall, Fredericton

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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Archdeacon Cathy Laskey & Anne Pirie





## KINGS LANDING



McKnight story and photos

# Rogation Sunday at Kings Landing

Unlike last year, the celebration of Rogation Sunday at Kings Landing took a new route, and as a result, drew a good crowd of participants and onlookers.

Sunday, June 11 saw St. Mark's Chapel of Ease full, with both Kings Landing staff in costume, and visitors to the historical village.

After a hymn and several readings, Kings Landing's vicar, Canon Walter Williams, led the crowd out of the chapel. He took a path that brought them around the village with several stops. Between each stop, the entourage sang hymns.

At the old oxen barn, he blessed the animals, represented by a couple of cows in the pasture.

Down the path from the barn, Walter blessed the plow. Further on, he blessed the farmyard — including the farmhouses, tools, dogs and families. At each stop, a staff member read scripture appropriate to the day.

The next stop was the village store, where another blessing was bestowed.

At the nearby spring, a reader read the words of John 7:13-14 — "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of that water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.'"

The final stop was at the churchyard, where the readings summed up the event. At the end, Walter offered a blessing to all gathered.

This is the second year Walter has led a rogation service at Kings Landing.

St. Mark's hosts a service of Evening Prayer every Sundays at 2 p.m. until Thanksgiving. Admission is free for those attending the service only. Directions: take exit 253 off the Trans-Canada Highway, 20 minutes above Fredericton.