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Nothing like a day on the river



EMMA BURKE PHOTO

CAMP MEDLEY CAMPERS enjoy lots of activities on the St. John River, including canoeing, kayaking, swimming and playing on the water toys, seen in the background. Every child who wants to, can learn the basics of canoeing and kayaking as part of their week at camp. For more on Camp Medley's summer season, see the story on page 12.

English Language Camp doubles in size

Newcomer children, teens get a boost in their skills, just in time for the fall semester

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Mariia has lived in Saint John for about 18 months. She and her family fled Kiev, Ukraine last year after the Russian invasion brought war to their country. They left her older brother behind because he may be called to join the war effort.

Today, Mariia is 14, a confident English speaker who also speaks some French and is eager for Grade 9 to begin. But a year ago, she was a mess.

"For the first three months, I don't understand my teachers," said Mariia. "I tried to find friends."

She smiles at the memory.

"Now I have lots of friends," she said.

In August, she was one of 16 young teens taking advantage of English Language Day Camp, an initiative of Pennies & Sparrows Ministry run out of Stone Church in Saint John's uptown. This is the second year for the venture. Mariia was at last year's camp and was happy to return.

"I love this camp," she said. "The walking, the good food. The snacks are so good. There are lots of people trying to understand. It's important to try."

With an overwhelming response in 2022, this year, the Rev. Terence Chandra planned two camps, one for younger children aged 5-12, and this one for older kids aged 12-16. During the two weeks, children originally from Ukraine, China, El Salvador, Brazil, Venezuela, Syria, Sudan and Nigeria attended.

The camps had volunteers from Stone, some from the adult English language classes they

hold, and also from the YMCA who count Ukraine, Chile and Syria as their countries of origin.

The kids enjoyed a scavenger hunt along Harbour Passage, visited the public library, played sports, and enjoyed the splash pad at Rainbow Park.

The older group had a day devoted to employment, learning about resumés, conducting mock interviews and getting tips on how to find a part-time job.

But on the day the *New Brunswick Anglican* visited, the kids were learning to sew. At the United Colours of Fashion Studio on Union Street, the kids, volunteers and a woman named Elena were busy with fabric, thread, needles and lots of hands-on instruction.

Elena is Russian and for many years taught computer science, math and physics. Her career took her to UNESCO schools, and she eventually met her future husband, who is from Saint John. Now in Canada nine years, she teaches women to sew, or in this case, children.

"I so enjoy it," she said. "I feel like the kids are making a new life, working together. I think they feel comfortable in Canada."

She's found a few Ukrainians who won't speak to her, but she understands why.

"I feel sorry for Ukraine now. I have so many friends from Ukraine. It was a big shock."

"I like to help. This is a first step today to a happy life for them," she said as she gestured to the children busily sewing.

Clare Andrews is running this year's camps. She's a new

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DIOCESAN NEWS



150-year celebration!

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IN 1869-70 CONSTRUCTION began of St. Mary's Church in Dalhousie. By 1873 the church was debt-free and it was consecrated. This year, 2023, marks the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's, which was celebrated on Aug. 2 with a service of Evening Prayer. The Rev. Gordon Thompson, honorary assistant in the parish, conducted the service with about 30 people attending. St. Mary's is in the Parish of Restigouche.

SAVE THE DATE!

Every three years **Anglican Deacons Canada** organizes a national in-person conference for deacons. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with and learn from deacon colleagues, aspirants to the diaconate and supporters of the diaconate from across Canada and beyond.

Our next conference will take place **June 13-16, 2024** at the Sorrento Centre, a retreat and conference facility in the beautiful interior of British Columbia.

Plan now to attend and start investigating possibilities for bursaries from your diocese or parish!

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Saturday, Oct. 21
Fredericton Inn

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Doors and bar open at 5 pm
Dinner served at 6 pm
Your choice auction and live auction
Entertainment by Wired For Sound
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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

The word 'discipleship' keeps popping up

As we face a huge shift in the way the Church is seen and operates in the world today, one word keeps coming up from leadership when they speak about what we need to do next.

The word is discipleship or something similar, like making disciples.

For most people, when disciples are mentioned, our minds usually drift off to the days of Jesus and the 12 who followed him during his time on Earth and who then played a significant part in spreading his message across the world as it was known at that time.

We see them as a rag-tag group of men from different backgrounds, including fishermen, a tax collector, a freedom fighter and a traitor.

They are pictured in the long robes of their day and normally have long hair and beards. We can add in a few women to the mix, such as Mary Magdalene, but together, they are a small group who seem to have little in common with us today.

So, when Church leaders talk



Archbishop David Edwards

about the need to be disciples, what are we to make of it? Do we need to find a nice flowing robe to roam around the streets?

Are we to become a bit like monks and nuns, withdrawing from everyday life? Is being a disciple part of following Jesus? How does it fit with the Bible?

When we look at the Bible as a whole, it seems to me that being a disciple goes beyond most of the images we have in our heads about discipleship.

One of the biggest problems is that we come to the word with a modern way of thinking about it. What I mean by "modern" is a

particular type of thought which began to take hold in the middle of the 18th century and continues to develop today.

This way of thinking places "me", the individual, at the centre of things. We are rather like planets — with other people, things and ideas orbiting around us.

We select the ideas and relationships we want and dismiss those we do not. This has worked well for many people across the last few centuries and the Church has adapted to it as well.

One of the phrases which illustrates this is followers of Jesus talking about, "My relationship with God."

During the next few talks, I am going to suggest that discipleship is not only about my relationship with God, though that is part of it, but more than that, it is about our relationship with God and each other.

Throughout the Bible we find there are two elements acting on the individual as we work out our vocations as Jesus followers. These are summed up in the

words of Jesus in Matthew 22: 36-40.

Just before his death one of the top lawyers of his day asked Jesus which of the Ten Commandments given by God to the Jews are the greatest:

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (NRSV)

As we read these words, we see that at the centre of Jesus's call to us is this decree: to love God and neighbour. If you like, this is the water we are to swim in.

David Edwards is
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

Some thoughts on being thankful

As I prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day once again, my thoughts turn to the many things that I enjoy in life, such as good health, a loving family, a great church and so on.

I live in a beautiful city that has been spared forest fires that are ravaging other parts of Canada. All my needs are met, with enough time and resources left over to share with others.

Compared to many, I have a privileged life. For all of this, and so much more that I don't have space to mention, I give heartfelt thanks to God, the provider of every good gift I enjoy.

I'm very aware that many do not share my circumstances. Some face serious health issues, others have financial struggles.

Some people are overwhelmed with grief and loss, while still others battle physical pain or addiction. Even here in a country as rich as Canada, people struggle to pay their bills, keep a roof over their heads and food on their tables.

I follow the news of the plight of millions around the world who suffer injustice under brutal regimes, who must flee violent conflicts in



their countries, who are helpless against disease and famine.

Refugees flee their homelands hoping to find a place of peace and security where they can begin to enjoy a standard of living that I often take for granted.

I grapple with the inequality of it all! Slowly, I'm learning to commit these matters to God in prayer, choosing to believe what the Scriptures teach us: that God is good, and He is at work in this world in ways that I may not see or understand.

When life is good, I find it easy to be thankful. But if my circumstances were to change and life suddenly became hard, how thankful would I be then?

Honestly, I can't answer such a hypothetical question. But I'm reminded of what the Apostle

Paul wrote: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:18, NIV)

I think it's important to note that Paul said "in" and not "for." We live in a broken world, marred by sin that impacts every sphere of human life and our environment.

We are not called to be thankful "for" bad things that happen to us or to others. We are called to turn to God "in" those circumstances and to give thanks that He is with us, that He cares and that His grace is available to help us in our time of need.

Paul's words to "give thanks in all circumstances" are preceded by two equally challenging exhortations – "rejoice always" (vs. 16) and "pray continually" (vs. 17).

It is possible for me to rejoice no matter what is happening in my life because, unlike happiness, joy is not dependent on circumstances. It is one of the fruits of the Spirit, the result of knowing Jesus and experiencing His grace in my life.

As for praying continually, I don't think Paul meant that we must spend every hour in formal

prayer. After all, he himself did lots of things we would not view as prayer, like preaching, working as a tent maker, arguing his case before rulers and so on.

Rather, I think he is exhorting us to turn our thoughts to God throughout the day, to bring every circumstance of our lives to Him and to nurture an attitude of thankfulness for His faithful love and grace.

Rejoicing always, praying continually and giving thanks in all circumstances do not come easily to me. I'm a work in progress!

But in pondering these things, I'm reminded to hold loosely all the good gifts that I enjoy. I'm also learning to love the Giver more than the gifts. As we sit down to celebrate another Thanksgiving meal with our family and friends, let's give heartfelt thanks to God in whatever circumstances we may find ourselves.

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

October 1
Mission Church (at St. Paul's, Rothesay)

October 1-3
Seniors' Retreat, Camp Medley

October 8
Parish of Portland (anniversary event)

October 11
Bishop's Counsel

October 14
Provincial Council (online)

October 15
Parish of New Bandon

October 22-27
ACC House of Bishops

October 29
St. Simon & St. Jude, Belleisle Creek, 140th anniversary

November 4
Layreaders' Day

Have you got parish news to share? A baptism? An upcoming event? Community supper? Youth gathering?

Anything other than a usual service is news, and sharing it here can bless readers and help inspire other parishes to try new things.

Send your photos (1 MB or larger) with caption; or write an article to go with the photo.

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MISSION & OUTREACH



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English Language Camp, continued

hire at Pennies & Sparrows who runs their language programs.

“I’m an ESL teacher, so this is a natural role for me to take on,” she said. “Each day we have a theme and the kids learn words around that theme.”

Miriam Westin, another employee of Pennies & Sparrows, was on hand for the camps. She works with language classes and drop-in events. During our visit, she was helping kids with threading needles and other challenges of sewing.

“I’m really enjoying working with the children,” said Miriam. “There’s a wide variety of language levels and activities they can engage in.

“When we go on walks, it’s a good chance to point things out. They have lots of questions.”

TERENCE

“There’s still a need here,” said Terence, of why he opted for a second summer of language camps. “We still have a lot of newcomers in Saint John.”

Last summer, 17 of the 20 camp kids were from Ukraine. This summer, there’s a greater variety, which forces kids to speak English because it’s the only language they all have in common.

“There’s obvious value in



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Elena, originally from Russia, was the sewing mentor to children attending English Language Camp in Saint John in August; Clare Andrews helps her son, Elliot, 7, with his sewing project; Miriam Westin was one of the camp leaders; Mariia, in purple, attended the camp for the second year in a row; Miriam helps Diego, originally from Brazil, with his sewing project, a small bag; After many attempts, Leo, originally from China, gets his needle threaded.

teaching English to kids. You can’t integrate if you can’t speak the language,” he said.

This summer his schedule did not allow him to be on-site for the camps, something he missed. But he was happy to put the project into Clare’s

hands, and he’s pleased with the outcome.

“She and her team did a fantastic job,” he said.

He’s a bit surprised that no other agency in Saint John has offered language camps to child newcomers.

“There was definitely a gap, and we wanted to fill it.”

Ideally, Terence would love to see other parishes across the diocese offer something similar, and he’s open to sharing his experiences.

In the greater picture, Ter-

ence answers the question of why they held these camps the same way he did last summer: “Jesus said welcome the stranger. I stand by that. As we welcome these kids into our space, we welcome Jesus into our space.”

MISSION & OUTREACH

Food forest celebrates harvest by sharing its bounty



Story by Andrew Mathis

One of the ways the Parish of St. Mary, York in Fredericton, is utilizing its food forest is by celebrating its harvest and sharing the bounty. The food forest and what it produces were on full display during the evening of Aug. 23.

Our summer food forest gardener Holly Carter coordinated an incredible 3-course charity dinner in the St. Mary's Community Food Forest, with all 40 tickets selling out and all proceeds — nearly \$2,000 — donated to the Fredericton Community Kitchens.

Leanne from LJW Catering donated her expertise, staff, and equipment to the event, the band The Time Travelers and Friends entertained attendees all evening.

Chokecherry seltzer and Staghorn Sumac lemonade were provided by the Hayes Farm.

Mayor Kate Rogers and Green Party of NB Leader David Coon were in attendance. Cassandra LeBlanc spoke on behalf of the Fredericton Community Kitchens, and I gave a land acknowledgment and tour and discussed the food forest project, mission, and sponsors.

The weather was perfect and we had over 20 volunteers from LJW Catering, the Fredericton Community Kitchens, St. Mary's, Hayes Farm, and the community.

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The St. Mary's food forest is the brainchild of Andrew Mathis, who worships in the parish.

The kitchen crew, left to right: Holly Carter, our food forest gardener who organized the event; Madeline, a volunteer who helped cook and serve the dinner; and Christa who works with LJW Catering.



▶ **MISSION IN MOTION: food security**

FARRALINE PLACE

Farraline Place celebrates coronation at annual garden party

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

After a rainy week, the sun shone and the temperature was perfect as Farraline Place held its annual garden party Aug. 10. The theme was the celebration of King Charles III's coronation.

Farraline Place is an seniors' residence in downtown Fredericton affiliated with the Anglican Church Women (ACW) in New Brunswick. Local and out of town ACW members attended, along with members of the board, and Archbishop David Edwards.

As usual, the spacious garden at Farraline Place was the venue. Each table was decorated with cut flowers in vases and fine china.

House administrator Judy O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the party. Musician Linda Richardson led the crowd in *O Canada* and *God Save The King* and throughout the afternoon, sang a selection of old songs like *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* and *Blue Skies*.

There were lots of people in fancy dress, including ladies wearing colourful hats.

Judy thanked the staff and volunteers for helping put the day together, which is a highlight for residents.

"My staff are great," she said. "I take no credit for this."

Resident Joan Gorham wore

a special hat for the event. A neighbour lent her the hat, which had been to two royal weddings. Prizes were given for the best hats of the day, and of course, Joan was one of the winners.

Board president Darleen Cogswell thanked the staff for their work and families of residents for attending.

"We're happy you're all here today," she said.

Peggy Boucher, vice-president of the diocesan ACW, brought greetings from the group.

"We thank the staff for making this a real home for our seniors," she said.

Bishop David, on his first day back from vacation in the UK, thanked Judy and the staff for their hard work and asked the blessing on the food.

The food was coronation-themed, and included cucumber sandwiches, deviled eggs, blueberry scones, French macarons and shortbread cookies.

Judy noted that last year, donations at the party helped purchase new blinds for the sunporch. This year's donations will help fund new blinds for bedrooms.

As of mid-August, there were two vacancies at the residence. For those interested, contact Judy at 506-455-6443 for information and a tour.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The garden as seen from Queen Street in downtown Fredericton; Linda Richardson was the afternoon's entertainment; resident Joan Gorham was lent a hat for the occasion. The hat has been worn to two royal weddings; ACW members attending from Oromocto included Elaine McIntyre, Dianne Buchanan, Helen Brownridge and Barb Cruickshank; Archbishop David Edwards chats with visitors; staff member Zoë Gotell serves blueberry scones.



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SUMMER CAMP

St. Mike's: a week of learning, praying and playing

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Who is God? That is just one of the many questions asked and answered during this year's St. Michael's Youth Conference.

SMYC is an annual week-long conference for teenagers 13-19 that includes study, prayer and fun. That means everything from praying the daily offices, to tackling the big questions about God and life, to scavenger hunts, board games, soccer baseball and swimming.

SMYC has undergone some changes in the past few years, not the least of which was cancellation due to the pandemic.

When it picked up again last year, there were six conferees. The long-time director, Canon Kevin Stockall, moved to an advisory position, and the event moved from Camp Wildwood near Buctouche to Camp Medley.

This year, there were nine conferees, most of whom were new, which gives organizers hope moving forward.

The Rev. Nicholas Saulnier has been the director for two years, but his time with the diocese will end next July when he returns to the Canadian Armed Forces to begin his career as a military chaplain.

"For the future of St. Michael's, we're setting up a board of directors with representatives from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia," said Nicholas, adding that should take some pressure off whomever becomes the director. "The future is promising."

He is hoping that better planning, including an earlier announcement of the date next year, will help parents and children plan a summer that includes SMYC.

THE CREESE FAMILY

It was in 1987 that SMYC began in the Maritimes.

"John Paul Westin and some other clergy wanted to do a program in Prince Edward Island at the time," said Nicholas.

Charles Creese and his two brothers attended SMYC in PEI for several summers.

"I was a Michaelite from 1989-94," he said. "The conference was just starting out. It filled in a lot of gaps in Christian education. The BCP was a



SUE CARELESS PHOTOS



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Rev. Nicholas Saulnier and Archbishop David Edwards preside over Holy Communion at St. Michael's Youth Conference; Charles Creese; group photo of the staff and conferees; Bishop David teaches a class; archery, plus canoeing, kayaking, swimming, soccer baseball, board games, skits and quizzes made up the recreation agenda during the week.

big part of it."

Both he and his future wife were counsellors at SMYC in Ontario in the 1990s.

Wanting his two children to have the SMYC experience, and seeing what he calls holes in their Christian education, this year he found SMYC online, took a week's vacation and drove the kids from Rigaud, Quebec, near the Ontario border. He was invited to stay the week and help out whenever needed.

"It's been a rich feast of the bible, spirituality and theology, and a lot of fun too," he said, adding that Andrew, 17, and Eleanor, 13, have also been

enjoying the week.

STAFF

On staff this year were Canon Gerry Laskey, Canon Ross Hebb, Sue Careless, and Archbishop David Edwards.

Their subjects included knowing your enemy, who is God, creation, the Trinity, spirituality, prayer and the bible.

Siobhan Laskey was in charge of fun for the week that included a scripture scavenger hunt, a trip into Fredericton to tour the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Christ Church Cathedral and St. Anne's Chapel of Ease, and lots of sports and games

each day.

Several Camp Medley counsellors offered to stay on to help out. They attended the learning sessions, which unofficially boosted the number of conferees, and looked after camping needs.

Nicholas was available to fill in for instructors, and of course, made sure the event ran smoothly.

Sue lives in Ontario but has spent 16 summers at SMYC teaching the fundamentals of spirituality and prayer.

"I've enjoyed it," she said. "It's always a challenge. I was a high school teacher so I like this age group. They're atten-

tive and keen in their own way."

FUNDING

It costs \$205 to send a child to SMYC, but organizers do not turn away anyone because of cost.

"We had very generous funding this year from the Segelberg Trust," said Nicholas, adding it's named for a classics professor from Dalhousie University who believed in camping ministry.

"It's helped us bring kids here for free this year," he said. "They really saw this as a rebuilding year."

The Diocese also supports SMYC, as do private donors.

Pilgrims in the Holy Land

In early May, Hailey Colwell (Parish of Coldbrook-St. Mary) and Chase McLean (Parish of Wicklow Wilmot Peel & Aberdeen) joined the ultimate pilgrimage for Christians.

The Anglican Church of Canada has a partnership with the Canadian Companions of Jerusalem and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Together they hosted a subsidized program for youth — of pilgrimage, learning and immersion to the Holy Land.

Below are Hailey's and Chase's take on their once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage.

BY HAILEY COLWELL

People say that a journey like this will change you. For me I am still taking it all in.

As I sit here and think back on this wonderful journey, I question the way I believe and live my life. Can someone truly be prepared for a journey like this?

Even though I have met so many wonderful people, I connected with many who have helped me on my journey.

My answer is no. People can prepare you to go to Israel by telling you what they have experienced; however, they do not really prepare you for coming home.

There is a big culture shock. We as Canadians have so much more freedom than we think. My journey to the Holy Lands has opened my eyes.

On my journey, I experienced three different emotions — ones that are still really hard to put into words, but I will try.

The first emotion I believe, was that the Holy Spirit had touched me. The second emotion was the power of the honour system, and lastly the concept of worth.

I believe that Jesus spoke to me on my journey. Before going to the Holy Lands, I remember people telling me how everyone encounters Christ sometime in their life and he comes to everyone differently.

I thought that it was just something made up that people tell you, but until you experience it yourself, you're not going to believe it.

I keep telling myself that there was no way Jesus was going to come to me and speak to me. However, I was wrong.

It was day three into our journey.

The weather was so hot you could feel the sweat dripping down your forehead. We were all standing together waiting to enter the taxi van. When I say taxi van, it is nothing like we'd seen before.

Inside the taxi there was a driver seat and eight single seats by each side window and four seats at the back put together. So think of 13 people cramped into something very small — bigger than a car but smaller than a van.

Up and up we went, all trying not to look down over the side as the driver was speaking Arabic on his phone speeding up this hill. One wrong move and off the cliff you went.

Finally we made it to the top of Mount Tabor, where I had my encounter with Christ for the first time.

My encounter, however, did not take place right way. It was closer to the end of our journey on Mount Tabor.

After looking over the cities in the cool shade, we got permission to enter a small outdoor chapel. This is where my encounter happened.

All I can remember is us sitting down together on old stone benches, about to pray and sing, when my eyes started to burn. I began to think, 'oh my, this really hurts' and wanting to stop as the tears kept rolling down my face.

I could no long hear what anyone was saying, but I could feel the way the air changed from a cool mist to a warm breeze.

I began to sweat and think about everything I had seen and learned so far. This feeling, and the burning in my eyes, did not go away until we got to the bottom of Mount Tabor.

After seeing the statue of homeless Jesus, and thinking about the way of the cross, and the journey that Jesus had to take on his last day, I knew it was going to be really emotional.

The last two emotions — how the honour system works, and the feeling of worth — hit me when I got home. On the plane I was so grateful to have had this experience and I knew coming home would be different.

In Israel, if you don't have the money right away, you come back next time to pay, and people respect that. I was thinking about how hard it would be, coming back home to a culture where people do not trust others to come back with their money, nor respect others.

With the concept of worth, I am happy and grateful that people see me for who I am. It's powerful knowing I am a woman and I have a choice to live my life the way I am.

What I know for sure is that I've made long lasting friendships with all the wonderful people I went with.

Having people my age to connect with was one of the things I was looking for. Being able to connect and talk and have a group of people who understand what it's like to be a young religious adult, meant a lot.

And to go to the Holy Land together and experience what we had will stay with me forever. I believe that the group of us will always stay connected no matter where we go or what we do. I am so grateful the leaders put us together and gave us this wonderful opportunity.

I am still taking everything in, and I still have questions to this day, but I will never forget the people, the culture and the experience that the Holy Land has brought to my life. I would gladly go again with a wonderful group of people.

Hailey is an early childhood educator living in Saint John. She worships in the Parish of Coldbrook-St. Mary.

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BY CHASE MCLEAN

The journey started months prior to our group's meet-up point in the Pearson International Airport on May 1. We pilgrims feel extremely fortunate to have had such immense preparation from our group organizers, Sheilagh McGlynn, Dr. Andrea Mann, the Rev. Dr. Richard LeSueur and our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols.

I cannot thank them enough for their patience and for being so generous with their time to prepare us for this pilgrimage and for sharing this experience with us.

From the moment I felt that dry heat hit my face as we left Tel-Aviv airport, I could tell we were in an ancient place. This was nothing like the damp and humid New Brunswick I was so used to this time of year.

As the bus took us throughout the countryside, I marveled at how special the geography of Israel and Palestine truly are. I was in awe of the landscape because I remember as a child in Sunday School picturing the ancient hillsides and the valleys and trying to

imagine the shepherds tending their flocks.

These moments were truly extraordinary: our Sunday school lessons come to life; and seeing the environment where history was made by Christ and his disciples as they made their journeys throughout the land.

As an archaeologist, I was intrigued by the animal paths that have been clearly laid down and used, possibly in perpetuity, by shepherds tending to their flocks back to the biblical era.

I recall one early morning in Nazareth when jet lag forced my internal

time clock to wake up at about 4 a.m. local time. I decided to sit out at the top balcony of the Sisters of Nazareth Convent and watch the sunrise.

As the sun rose, I heard the Islamic Call to Prayer. It was beautiful to listen to. It was something I had never heard before and it was a very serene experience to be in that place at that time.

Before returning to my room, I began to hear the roosters crowing. This stayed with me throughout the pilgrimage as it was a sign that these animals have been around since the time of Christ and are often referred

to in the Gospel.

I believe it wouldn't be fair to return home and not speak of the people I met and visited. I can easily say that everyone I encountered was welcoming. People were generous with their food, their willingness to barter and to share in their stories and experiences of living in a country that is divided with internal borders.

Up until the moment I arrived in the Holy Land, I didn't know that virtually all the Christians who remain are Arabic Palestinians. This was an eye opener, because I believe most of

the western world doesn't know that.

There was armed conflict going on in certain parts of the country and the division of borders is extremely evident in the form of the Wall of Separation that literally separates Palestinian families and communities from each other. The loss of Palestinian land is ongoing as Israeli settler communities are being built on farmland and villages.

I do not question Israel's right to have safe borders internally or from other countries; however, the Christian and Muslim Palestinians are

treated like second class citizens if they are born in an area that is designated as a Palestinian zone and do not receive an Israeli identification.

Despite the separation of land and identity, everyone who I encountered, whether they were an Israeli Jew or Palestinian Arab who may be Christian or Muslim, was kind, despite the clear division of people in certain areas.

I felt safe the entire time throughout my pilgrimage and was always in

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Hailey Colwell renews her baptismal vows in the Jordan River; Chase McLean at the Sea of Galilee; Hailey at Mount Tabor, where she had a personal encounter with Jesus; the tour group meets for the first time in person, ready to depart from Pearson International Airport in Toronto; stone cut tombs in the Kidron Valley, below the Mount of Olives. Background photo is the Judean Desert.

Photos courtesy of Hailey Colwell and Chase McLean

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrims in the Holy Land, continued

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good hands with our group organizers and our travel guide, Joy.

It never really hit me until I returned home that Canadians are lucky to live in a safe country and have the protected rights and freedoms that we do. We are far from perfect and need to improve on many things, but compared to others, we are laughing.

I will refer to the Christians who remain in the Holy Lands as the “living stones” because they have remained since the time of Christ and keep the faith despite all the difficulty it might present in doing so. I pray for the friends we made that are part of the Anglican youth parishes in Nazareth and Jerusalem and for all peoples affected by conflict.

The Holy Land is an amazing place that is shared with many cultures who have different beliefs, but who largely come together in many areas.

The region was rich in archaeological sites from the Paleolithic, Neolithic, the Second Temple Period, Roman, Byzantine, Crusader and settler periods that are evidently built up on top of each other over history.

God’s presence came to me in the quiet moments of our pilgrimage where you can clear your mind and feel the moving water out on the Sea of Galilee or sit in the mountains and overlook the Judean Desert or the valley from Mt. Tabor.

These moments were true serenity, and I am blessed to have been able to experience that. I will have a connection with all the pilgrims in my group for the rest of my life and I plan to keep in touch with them as friends.

I was encouraged to travel there with an open heart, and I have come to understand that it’s not everything I saw that matters, but coming to the end of a journey like the On The Road to Emmaus.

It is my hope that more Canadians and Christians all over the world will continue to pursue pilgrimages in the way of a fifth gospel that will allow them to embrace the Holy Land and the living stones who remain and are a pillar of faith

to Christianity.

Israel and Palestine will forever hold a special place in my heart, and I cannot thank the local parish ministers back home enough, Bonnie and Bob LeBlanc and Harold Boomer,

for their support and encouragement to go.

I am grateful to the Diocese of Fredericton, my congregation, the Church of the Good Shepherd, and my family for their support towards my

pilgrimage.

Going forward, I wish to remain active in the Anglican community in New Brunswick and continue to keep the faith. I am truly blessed to have met some amazing people and to

have experienced what I did. It is my hope to one day return! *Chase McLean is an archeologist living and working in Fredericton. He is originally from the Parish of Wicklow Wilmot Peel and Aberdeen.*



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Chase McLean stands below a Crusader archway at an original Byzantine church atop Mt. Tabor; ruins of the settlement of Capernaum, north of the Sea of Galilee; Chase exploring the Qumran Valley where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; Hailey Colwell at the Dome of the Rock, an Islamic shrine, which also marks the spot where Abraham came to sacrifice Isaac; Chase beside a rolling stone tomb in Nazareth. They are interpreted to have existed from 50 BC to 50 AD.

“SHARING HOPE & HELP”

AROUND THE DIOCESE

140th anniversary will feature haggis, tartan

BY CHRIS MCMULLEN

If you've ever wanted to sample some haggis or immerse yourself in all things tartan, this is your chance!

The Parish of Upper Kennebecasis will celebrate the 140th Anniversary at St. Simon & St. Jude's in Belleisle Creek, Kings County on Oct. 29.

The 2 p.m. service will be led by Archbishop David Edwards, with refreshments after worship, including a chance to taste the haggis!

In researching the origins of the church, we discovered that while most of the first congregants were of Loyalist roots, the later settlers were almost always Scottish of Scots-Irish origins.

So the decision was made to honour the many families and individuals who built and maintained this church and congregation with a "Kirkin' the Tartan" Service.

This will feature 24 different tartans that symbolize the families who have made up St. Simon & St. Jude's life and mission up to the present.

They will be decorating the church, and will be presented for prayers of thanksgiving and rededication for our future



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VARIOUS TARTANS REPRESENTING the founding families in the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis will be on display during the 140th anniversary celebrations at St. Simon & St. Jude's in Belleisle Creek, Kings County on Oct. 29.

years.

We have lost touch with the descendants of two of the "founding families" of the church and the Springfield Parish more generally.

The provincial land grants map, in fact, shows that the Scovil and Northrup families were both given original land grants on either side of the road where the church now stands.

We know both families are well-represented in New Brunswick. There are about a

dozen memorials to Northrups in the church.

The Scovils, who gave several sons to the priesthood and, like the Northrups, many teachers to the Sunday School and members to the Vestry, are memorialized with the church's hand-carved reredos, which was given by the congregation in honour of the "Members of the Scovil family who shared in the building of this church and the establishment of the congregation, 1883-1949."

We would love to hear from any descendants of these Anglican parishioners, and possibly meet them at the Kirkin' the Tartan Service.

The Scovils will be represented by the Cornish National tartan, reflecting their origins in that Celtic region of Southwest England. The Northrups came from the very Anglo-Saxon area of Lincolnshire. So it was hard to find a tartan for them!

Genealogy sites reveal, however, that the majority of Northrups in the world today are now found in or hailing from New Brunswick. Thus they will be represented by the New Brunswick tartan.

Other families, of course, will be represented by their clan tartans; for example, the Armstrongs, Crawfords, Gillies, Grahams, MacKays, MacMillans and Muirs.

Our branch of O'Neills, very involved in the Anglican church, have their own tartan, but we were unable to purchase it within our budget, so we will represent them with the Irish Antrim County tartan, from whence the Protestant O'Neills came to the Belleisle.

Other families without a clan tartan of their own will

also be represented by the "district tartan" of the shire from whence they originated: Angus District tartan for the Alcorns; Roxburgh District for the Bensons; Paisley District for the Eastwoods, Inverness for the Popes (founders of the Belleisle Farm, once famous for its eggrolls!), and so on.

The Ayrshire tartan, representing the Scottish Belleisle estate, will represent all the other small families and individuals who have been active in the Belleisle Creek church.

The clergy tartan will honour the priests who have served this parish.

However, the Rev. Canon William Hart, and his son Bill, who is still active in the parish, will be honoured with the Strathclyde tartan, from whence the Scottish Harts originated.

Very importantly, the Canadian Maple Leaf tartan will pay tribute to the indigenous Mikmaq people who originally shared their land with the settlers.

All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

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

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Fire Watch Ministries

Meet Dave S.

Dave S. is an Anglican and was married at St. George's church in Moncton years ago. He has health issues, but when he can, he enjoys attending church.

Dave is in his early 60s and has been a member of Fire Watch for more than 12 years. He is long over any issues that previously led to his drug use and incarceration. Dave loves to read the bible and always reads Our Daily Bread, which Eden passes out at Fire Watch meetings.

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>

CAMP MEDLEY

Medley marks another successful camping season



MCKNIGHT - BACKGROUND PHOTO
EMMA BURKE PHOTOS

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

You could say Emma Burke is invested in Camp Medley. This summer, her second as assistant director, is her fourth at the diocesan summer camp on the lower St. John River. She began in 2019 as a counsellor.

Now, even after launching a career as a high school math and science teacher a year ago, she's just spent her first commitment-free summer working at Camp Medley.

"I've still got student loans," she said, but acknowledged it's about more than money.

"You have to be here for the long haul if you want to see systemic change," she said. "I want our staff to grow as Christians. If I want to see that, I need to grow with them."

"Consistency is important. They're stepping up. We're getting that consistency we wanted to see. For them to know I'm staying helps."

She speaks of the camp staff, numbering around 20, as something akin to family, and with most having spent the past three summers together,

they've become close.

"Camp can run basically by itself," she said. "I'm just here to solve problems."

She also wants younger staff members to see that they can graduate high school, go to university, and still return to work at the camp during summer breaks, thereby adding to the consistency she's after.

SUMMER 2023

This summer has been busy but without any major problems. Each week has seen about 70 or 80 campers.

Their newest camp, Fall Sports Intensive, attracted only four campers, but that was expected. It's designed to physically prepare teenagers for school sports they normally participate in.

"We'll do it again next year," said Emma. "We have Medley Makers for artistic campers, adventure camp for activities like canoeing, tenting and wilderness, where they fish and cook their own food on a fire."

"So it's a nice addition to the specialty camps we have and the perfect time for it."

This year, despite the wet weather, they did not experience even one full day of rain. That's a blessing for an enterprise that leans heavily on outdoor pursuits.

This summer, adventure camp had a new agenda. Instead of being dropped off on an island to fish, cook food, tent and come back the next day, campers and counsellors were dropped off upriver near the Burton Bridge.

From there, they canoed down to Casey's Campground in Sheffield, where they fished, cooked their food and camped for the night before heading back.

"It was more of a travel camp, and it worked out really well," she said. "Canoeing is much nicer. You're not seeing the same thing, and you're with the current the whole time."

On the day the *NB Anglican* visited, Raegan Evans-Hoyt was in the kitchen putting the finishing touches on a lunch of Caesar salad and chicken quesadillas. This was Raegan's seventh as Camp Medley's

cook, this summer assisted by Abby Murphy.

Besides their weekly chaplains, the camp brought in a few new mentors this summer.

The Rev. Andrew Horne, who serves in the Parish of Gagetown where the camp is located, offered his expertise and love of nature, while Brandon Caines, who serves in the military, taught map skills.

Also new this summer: some kayaks and canoes, a golf cart for getting around the acreage (and helping those with mobility issues get around) and a giant umbrella to provide shade on the deck outside the dining hall.

The large inflatable water toys are still relatively new and getting lots of attention.

CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Chris McMullen spent his 24th year at Camp Medley as its chaplain in early August.

"I missed one summer while I was on sabbatical in Scotland, and during COVID,

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BY THE NUMBERS

Classic camps – 272
Welcome to Camp – 23

Specialty Camp - 71
Total - 366

Family Camp - 48 people

Family Day Destination - 18 people

St. Micheal's Youth Conference - 9 campers plus staff

School Groups - 640 students at day camp

School Group (two-night stay over) - 30 students

Water Ski Camp (rental) - 90 (50 campers, 40 volunteers)

CAMP MEDLEY



EMMA BURKE PHOTOS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Bicycling is relatively new at Camp Medley, but it's very popular; the water toys are providing plenty of fun for campers; worship in the chapel, which has new lighting that add to the ambiance; the Rev. Dr. Chris McMullen during his week as chaplain; assistant camp director Emma Burke.

OPPOSITE PAGE (middle): the 2023 staff of Camp Medley.

Another successful summer season for Camp Medley

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of course," said Chris.

Chris has been involved in Christian camping all across Canada, and there's a reason for that.

"I came to the Lord in 1971 at a Christian camp. I was going into Grade 12. During my university years I volunteered at camps.

"It's my way of remembering and thanking the Lord."

Now that he's semi-retired, he is more free to come for a specific camp — the second teen week.

"It's a chance to connect with them," he said. "I enjoy it. The kids have me as chaplain each year and they remember me.

"They're at that age where they really think about the Lord, what they want to do, how the universe operates and how they fit into it. I love to see

the maturing of the counselors and I love the atmosphere here."

That's the sort of consistency Emma was talking about. And like Chris, she plans to return next summer to do it all again.

CAMP DIRECTOR

"Counting the rentals, we had a lot of people through the camp this summer," said director John Galbraith.

Camp Medley was the June field trip destination for hundreds of school students this year, and in early August, the camp hosted a waterski camp, which went well.

On the schedule this fall are four weddings, a rental retreat, and the second annual seniors' retreat, with the possibility of another rental in the works.

And on Dec. 16, they will host a huge turkey dinner for international students in

Fredericton.

The highlight for John this summer was the staff, he said.

"I'm very pleased with the staff," he said. "We're seeing a lot of growth. That's what makes the experience special for campers."

He's hoping to see many of them back for the 2024 season, thereby adding to the consistency they are aiming for.

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

AROUND THE DIOCESE



MISSION IN MOTION: community

ABOVE: THE PARISHES OF SUSSEX, WATERFORD AND ST. MARKS held their first “Freezie Friday” on Aug. 4 at O’Connell Park. Volunteers served freezies to almost 70 youngsters who enjoyed the cool treats. Seen in the photo, from left to right: Robin Turner, Barb Tabor, Nancy Coleman and Sarah Tabor.

TOP RIGHT: BISHOP LESLEY WHEELER-DAME, right, of the Diocese of the Yukon is visiting all dioceses during her sabbatical, and she arrived in Fredericton Aug. 21. For her project, her primary goal is to learn how the various synod offices function. Here she is seen with the Rev. David Peer, executive officer and secretary of synod; and Heather Harris-Jones, diocesan synod treasurer.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



CHRIS MCMULLEN PHOTO

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH of the Ascension in Apohaqui is 151 years old. The steeple was restored in the 1970s, then repaired in 1992 when hit by lightning, so an upgrade this past August was due. The deteriorated wood shingles have been replaced with metal cladding. Baptist pastor Ben Werner, also a roofer, took great care on the trim below the roofing, including its carved circular symbols (trinity triangles and all-seeing eyes).



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MUSIC COMMENTARY

What the church can learn from Taylor Swift

In a year where so much media talk has been about Taylor Swift and her Eras tour, it seems everyone has something to say about her, including me.

She has grabbed headlines honestly enough. Her music is more popular than ever, and her world tour is set to become the largest money-making tour in history.

However, not all the talk has been good, for nothing breeds envy like the success of another. Many people have dismissed her, which is of course their right; you are not required to like her music, or anyone else's, for that matter (I, for one, do not listen to her music much at all).

Some voices have dismissed her as nothing more than a flash in the pan. But I believe there is something for us the Church to learn from her, and I hope to be able to explain why.

SWIFTY (noun) - a highly devoted fan of all things pertaining to the popular musician Taylor Swift, particularly her music, merchandise,



online postings, and concerts.

Swifties are not just fans. They are deeply devoted followers who discuss, analyze, wonder about and ponder every word she utters or types, it would seem.

Swifties have caused the sold-out tour dates, the 12-city-block line-ups to buy merchandise (I'm not mak-

ing this up!), and have danced so hard at concerts that the event registers on the U.S. Geological Survey's Richter scale (which measures earthquakes), appearing to produce a three-hour, 2.3 magnitude quake at this summer's concert in Seattle!

The devotion goes both ways. Taylor herself personally responds to messages regularly; she often credits her fan base's suggestions in song writing; and she appears to understand that her lifestyle comes from their support.

She and her fans have a strong connection, and this descriptive word is where the Church should be paying close I attention, I believe.

The Church should see the connection between Swift and Swifties and say, "WOW! What is a strong connection! What a great example for the Church and her surrounding community!"

Such a bond does not happen when someone is a flash in the pan. This has been the case for years, so Swift is not a flash in the pan.

The Church, mindful of its calling to minister to the local community, should be all about the business of forming strong relationships with people and businesses. After all, it is in the building of such connections that the Gospel mandate becomes apparent, and the love of Christ can be shared and discussed.

Such a theology of ecclesiastical outreach is not new. We knew this stuff long before Taylor Swift, her parents, or any other popular cultural figure came along.

All too often, it seems to take a back burner to what we think is more pressing, more important, or more urgent.

Then, when we are reminded of our call to go out into the world by someone not specifically of the Church, we can see it for what it is and be thankful to be reminded, or we can dismiss it, complaining that there is nothing to learn from such the cultural trend of the moment.

Taylor's Swift personal faith has been a matter of some

debate. She did grow up in Tennessee, in the Bible Belt of America, but there are very few direct references to God.

She has spoken very little publicly about her faith, perhaps for professional reasons, or some other reason.

Regardless of whether or not she is a Christian, she has worked hard to cultivate a strong bond between herself and her fans. The Church should see this, and the Church should learn from it.

We should seek to do the same in our areas of influence, not because of the popularity of Taylor Swift, but because God has told us to do so.

"Love your neighbour as yourself..." and all of that, we've been told for centuries. God often uses examples around us to remind his people of their calling, so why couldn't he use a musician?

Photo credit: March Blanch / Reuters

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



Emma Burke, Camp Medley assistant director, high school teacher

Favourite book of the Bible - Psalms

Birthplace – Halifax, N.S.

What you love most about God – His patience, wisdom, and endless love

Favourite place on Earth - Camp Medley

Farthest you've been from home - Haiti

Favourite meal or dessert - Chicken tacos

Biggest fear – Forgetting the important things

Hidden talent – Climbing

Favourite movie or book – *Good Will Hunting*

Your hobby – Walking on trails

Three things always in your fridge – Sour cream, cheese & tomatoes

Favourite sports team - Toronto Raptors

Episcopal Announcements



The Rev. Shirley Noseworthy has transferred her canonical residency to the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.



The NB Anglican is looking for people to feature in the series called **My Journey Here**. If you're from far away, but worship and live here in the diocese, contact us! gmcknight@diofton.ca



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CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

How do you celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month?

Whether it was Hallmark or some other entity that invented Clergy Appreciation Month, it's still a great idea each October. Who doesn't like to be appreciated?

There is good reason to appreciate our clergy. Let's not forget that they are gifts from God to the church (Ephesians 4:11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...).

Their career is not merely a job, it is a calling from God that permeates every part of their lives. As such, that "ca-



reer" can — and does — take over.

That makes appreciation all the more vital to their wellbeing. How can we show appre-

ciation?

Here are some suggestions from Cheryl Ann Beals and baptist-atlantic.ca:

- Ask your pastor – Did you get your Sabbath/days off this week?
- Encourage your pastor to take care of physical health by exercising and going for walks.
- Expect and encourage the pastor to take his/her full allotment of vacation time each year and to not return from vacation to perform funerals, etc. whenever possible. Help the pastor arrange for pastoral care coverage while he/she is on vacation.
- Encourage your pastor in their self-care and soul-care.
- Avoid scheduling church

meetings or activities requiring the pastor's presence more than two nights a week.

- Your pastor is a spiritual leader and needs time to be with God.
- Remember important milestones and dates in the life of your pastor and family.
- Remember that the way we treat our spiritual leaders reflects on our love and obedience to God.
- Celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month – Pick a Sunday in October and thank them publicly!



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.

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2. Proposed Project Budget;
3. How is it Missional?
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The Diocese of Fredericton

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Priest - St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Hanwell NB

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