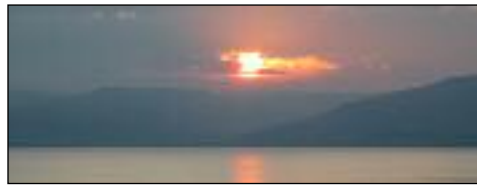


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Front row centre, from left, Bishop Jenny Andison, Bishop Riscylla Shaw, Archbishop Colin Johnson and Bishop Kevin Robertson stand with other bishops, clergy and laity after the consecration service at St. Paul, Bloor Street. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Three consecrated in Spirit-filled service

Archbishop acknowledges letter of objection from some clergy and laity

BY STUART MANN

**THREE** priests of the Diocese of Toronto – the Rev. Riscylla Shaw, the Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson and the Rev. Canon Jenny Andison – were consecrated bishops on Jan. 7 at St. Paul, Bloor Street in Toronto. About 800 people attended the two-and-half-hour service, which included the traditional laying-on-of-hands, readings from scripture in Plains Cree and Cantonese, and liturgical dancing.

“It’s a very humbling and deepening experience for me, and it feels like a new day for the church,” said Bishop Shaw afterwards. “I was overwhelmed at many points in the service with the gravity of what we were undertaking and with the love, encouragement and the feeling of the Holy Spirit that was in the church.”

Bishop Robertson shared his thoughts. “It’s a really wonderful

day for me and for my family and for the church,” he said. He recalled the moment in the service when 20 bishops, both active and retired, laid their hands on his head for the apostolic succession. “It was a feeling of real weight – the weight of the office and the weight of responsibility, but I also felt incredibly supported.”

Bishop Andison said the experience was overwhelming. “I feel greatly supported by the prayers of people across the diocese and the country and around the world. It’s such a privilege to be part of the Toronto chapter of the worldwide family of Team Jesus, and to be part of that in a leadership capacity. I’m really excited about the future.”

Archbishop Colin Johnson, the Bishop of Toronto and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, began the service by acknowledging that the church stood on traditional territories of the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation,

the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations and the Metis Nation. “We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land,” he said.

Standing on the chancel steps, Archbishop Johnson then read from a prepared statement. “As we gather in this sacred act to worship God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – to confer Holy Orders, and to share in the holy meal, I want to acknowledge that I have received a formal letter of objection to these consecrations from some clergy and lay people of the diocese,” he said. “It contains arguments against the canonical and ecclesial validity of these consecrations. I have read and considered their arguments. I am grateful that they have chosen to make their objections known to me in this way with great dignity. I thank them that many of them have made the difficult decision to be here today – despite their seri-

ous reservations – because of the love and desire they bear for the unity and faithful witness of the Church to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While it is our intention to proceed today, I also want all of you and the whole diocese to know that I am engaged in a serious and mutually committed consultation with those objecting, to find effective ways that our ministries might flourish together in the highest degree of communion possible.

“There are those present who come with joy, hope and celebration of this moment and those who are anxious, dismayed and hurting,” he continued. “This is Epiphany, and like the first Epiphany, people from all walks of life – friends and strangers, with differing experiences and competing expectations – have made a challenging journey to gather in this place today. All are welcome here, for we come at our Lord’s invitation as members together of

Christ’s body, the Church, and as guests at the banquet that Christ himself hosts for us.”

The Rev. Chris Harper, the diocese’s Indigenous Native Priest, read the first reading (Isaiah 60:1-6) in Plains Cree, and Marilyn Yeung, ODT, of St. George on Yonge, Toronto, read the second reading (Ephesians 3:1-12) in Cantonese.

Bishop Peter Fenty, the area bishop of York-Simcoe, gave a powerful sermon based on Matthew 2:1-12, the arrival of the Magi and the Epiphany. “It’s God’s intention that the Church, the people of God, welcome all. My brothers and sisters, in this Church – the Body of Christ – there is room for every single person, of every race and creed. There is room for every person irrespective of their position in life, whether gay or straight, whether liberal or conservative, whether high church or low church, there is a place in God’s church for

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# Consecrations a 'spiritual moment'

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everyone. And that's worth saying thanks be to God."

After the sermon, the three bishops-elect stood in front of Archbishop Johnson to begin the consecration rite. They said and signed their declarations of faith. Then stating, in a reference to the letter of objection received, that "not all concur," Archbishop Johnson asked the congregation whether anyone further had any reason why the service should not proceed. There were no further objections.

For many people watching, the highlight of the consecration rite was when the 20 bishops in attendance gathered around each bishop-elect for the apostolic succession. Among them were Archbishop Fred Hiltz, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Bishop Mark MacDonald, the Anglican Church's National Indigenous Bishop. Some retired bishops from the Diocese of Toronto also took part, including Arch-

bishop Terence Finlay. All the dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario were represented.

Another poignant moment came as the newly consecrated bishops donned their vestments and waited to receive their pectoral cross, episcopal ring and Bible. The church fell silent and remained quiet as Archbishop Johnson placed mitres on their heads and presented them with their pastoral staffs. As they turned to face the congregation, he said, "I present Riscylla, Kevin and Jenny, bishops in the Church of God." The congregation broke into loud and sustained applause.

The new bishops together then said, "The peace of the Lord be always with you," and the congregation replied, "And also with you."

During the offertory hymn that followed, liturgical dancers carrying colourful banners performed at the front of the church. The offertory will support FaithWorks, the diocese's annual outreach appeal, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

After the service, many stopped to greet the new bishops and have their photos taken with them. There was much laughter and hugging.



People hug the new bishops after the consecration service.

"Today was a wonderful, Spirit-filled day," said Archbishop Johnson in an interview. "There were people here from all parts of the diocese. It was wonderful that people from a whole lot of different traditions and theological positions were able to come and be here, even if for some of them it was a struggle. I really appreciate the fact that we're continuing to work together to build up the body of Christ."

"I think there was a real spirit of waiting on God in this place," he said. "It was a very spiritual moment, and I'm sure that was true for those who found it painfully difficult as well as for those for whom it was a great celebration. The Spirit is there to

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Liturgical dancers perform during the offertory hymn.



Bishop Kevin Robertson greets a friend.

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## Bishops eager to get started

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both console and to challenge, to comfort and to impel us to move forward – and calls us into one.”

All of the new bishops said they couldn't wait to get started in their new ministry.

“I want to meet the people and get to know them,” said Bishop Shaw, who is the area bishop of Trent-Durham. “I want to find ways to see Jesus at work in the congregations, to visit the hospitals, chaplaincies, prison chaplaincy, streetwork in Peterborough, the outreach ministries for kids as they return the school – all these things and more. I want to see where Christ is at work in so many different ways in our diocese.”

Bishop Robertson said he is looking forward to visiting the parishes of York-Scarborough, where he is area bishop, and meeting the clergy and churchwardens. “Some of the retired bishops have warned me about pacing myself and making sure I don't try to be everywhere all at once, and I take that to heart, but I also have a pretty rigorous schedule over the next six months. I'm scheduled to be in a



Bishops from across Ontario and from other parts of Canada lay their hands on the head of one of the bishops-elect during the apostolic succession.

lot of parishes between now and the end of June, so my goal is to really get to know people in the first six months.”

Bishop Anderson, who is the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, said, “There are a number of va-

cancies in York-Credit Valley and I'm looking forward to working with the lay leaders of those parishes to find the right leadership going forward. And obviously I'm looking forward to getting to know the clergy.”



Bishop Riscylla Shaw kisses her husband Jana after receiving her pectoral cross.



Nicholas Bradford-Ewart videotapes the proceedings for the diocese's website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca).



Bishop Peter Fenty preaches the sermon.

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# Ordinary things in ordinary time



**W**hen I was in elementary school, I always hated the post-holiday writing assignment, “What I did on my (summer/Christmas/spring break/fill-in-the-blank) holidays.” I truly enjoyed the holidays – they were often high points of our family life – but they were over. Writing about them was not so interesting because I was ready to get on with the next thing. Holidays were a lot of extra work: planning and packing, getting food ready, searching out gifts, travelling and visiting – and of course, the inevitable cleaning up. It was actually nice to get back to routine, to the ordinary daily-ness of life.

Ordinary Time is the very utilitarian name the Church often uses for the “green” seasons of the liturgical calendar – the time of the church year outside of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. It is the time we are now in. Over the course of the next few weeks before Lent begins, and then picking up after Pentecost in June until the end of November, we follow the Gospel of Matthew as he traces the life and ministry of Jesus as he moves from his baptism in the River Jordan to the events that lead up to his last weeks before his crucifixion and resurrection. It opens with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord and closes with the Feast of Christ the King (or the Reign of Christ.) We tend to focus our special devotions and energy on the major festivals, but it is the incredibly rich “ordinary time” of Jesus’ public min-

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BY ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

istry that provides us with the breadth of his teaching and his compassionate actions that give vigour to our own daily life as followers of Jesus.

It is not in the Christmas hospitality or the Lenten discipline but through the daily routines of our lives that our faith is lived and flourishes or withers. Just as Jesus had to work out what it meant to be revealed as the Beloved Son at his baptism and through the temptations, and choose to live that vocation faithfully and fully in public, so we have to figure out how we will live our Christian faith in the everyday encounters with ourselves and others.

How do you respond to a hostile neighbour, a defiant teen, an indifferent co-worker, a generous mentor, a loving spouse, an ill child, a terrifying villain, a confused friend, a leader whose vision you do not share, a politician you did not vote for, a needy beggar? You fill in the blank. This is the list of the people you meet in your daily round of life. The baptismal vows we make (see p. 158 of the Book of Alternative Services) or the rule of life (on p. 555 of the Book of Common Prayer) give us a framework for making the small, everyday decisions that accumulate into a pattern of behaviour over a lifetime – not what is brought out, dusted off and polished up for the festivities, but the real, meaty, perhaps even often boring routines that announce who you really are and what

you believe.

Fanfares are a feature of great occasions – the welcome of a Queen, the entrance of a bridal procession, the opening of a great performance. But one of my all-time favourites is by the American composer Aaron Copland: the powerful and majestic “Fanfare for the Common Man.” J.R.R. Tolkien, in *The Lord of the Rings*, wrote, “Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.”

Queen Elizabeth echoed this in her Christmas message this year. “But to be inspirational, you don’t have to save lives or win medals,” she said. “I often draw strength from meeting ordinary people doing extraordinary things: volunteers, carers, community organizers and good neighbours; unsung heroes whose quiet dedication makes them special.

“They are an inspiration to those who know them, and their lives frequently embody a truth expressed by Mother Teresa, from this year Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She once said: ‘Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.’”

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Ordinary people doing ordinary things in ordinary time.



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# Window speaks a thousand words



**G**od is good. In preparation for our ordination, we had the privilege of spending retreat time at the Community of the Transfiguration – the Episcopal convent in Dayton, Ohio. The hospitality was

warm and generous from the Sisters and their rarely seen canine companions (I bonded with Winnie the Pooch). The rhythm of the days was made up of praying and eating together, with ample space and time for silent meditation, reflection and a brisk walk. There was also some excellent time for education and spiritual direction from our retreat leader, the inimitable Bishop Barbara Andrews of the Territory of the People, located in British Columbia.

The chapel at the convent is made of marble and beautifully carved wood. Every pew is unique, lovingly hand-carved by a Sister who worked to the Glory of God for five years to complete her vision.

When one looks upwards, the windows are particularly noteworthy, showing women and men of faith who have inspired this community, including Mother Harriet Monsell, John Mason Neale, St. Hilda of Whitby, St. Bride, St. Clare, whose window bids “Have no fear, little daughters – Trust in Jesus,” and a vividly colourful St. Francis window.

From the “Cantic of the Sun” by St. Francis of Assisi, this window caught my imagination in depicting the elements who praise God: Brother Fire, Mother Earth, Sister Water, Brother Sun, Sister Moon and Brother Wind. A little child in the bottom of the window gazes lovingly up to the Christ figure at the top. The light emanating from this Christ figure reveals that this is the Messiah: all creation is praising God.

This image speaks a thousand words: it

## BISHOP'S OPINION

BY BISHOP RISCYLLA SHAW

calls, invites and beckons us to a theology of creation care, an entwined relationship with our environment in which we live and move and have our being. “We are one human family, one earth community, a common destiny for all,” says the United Nations Earth Charter.

Our well-being as sisters and brothers in Christ, as members of the human family, as sentient beings, is caught up with the well-being of the whole earth community: the little rabbit in the bottom corner of the window, the golden flowers in the Christ’s hands at the top of the window, the wind and waves. We are all connected and depend on each other. We are in communion with one another and with our Triune God. We are all related: a welcomed and familiar epiphany.

It is in the return of the light, as we move from the dark and hibernating days of winter into the new light and awakening as the days grow longer again, that we can see with fresh eyes our world around us.

As the light streamed through the jewel-toned window that day, it now streams into my mind’s eye. The light of the world is both a memory and a reality. It is said that St. Francis, near the end of his life, was blind when he dictated this cantic: he saw nature through the eyes of his mind. When we cannot see with our physical eyes, our epiphanies still awaken and enliven the eyes of our minds and hearts. The Light of the World shines loving kindness and mercy into our experience-darkened hearts and hurt-closed minds. We are on holy ground together. May this New Year be one of gentle enlightening and grace-filled new life.



Window depicting St. Francis of Assisi’s Cantic of the Sun at the Community of the Transfiguration’s chapel in Ohio.



## First female archdeacon mourned ①

REGINA - The Rev. Betty Garrett, a Saskatchewan priest recognized as a trailblazer for female Anglican clergy in Canada, died Nov. 17 at a hospital in Moomin, Sask. She was 87.

"Betty Garrett will be remembered as one of the pioneering saints of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle," said Bishop Rob Hardwick at Archdeacon Garrett's funeral. "The way she patterned ministry has prepared the way for women in the church."

Archdeacon Garrett was ordained a deacon in 1975, then became the Diocese of Qu'Appelle's first female priest in 1979. In 1992, she became the first female archdeacon in Canada.

Archdeacon Garrett, born Betty Maud Hawkins, grew up on a small family farm in rural Saskatchewan and is said to have preached to her dolls and chickens as a child. She attended high school in Moose Jaw and Edmonton. In 1949, she began studies in theology at the Anglican Women's Training College in Toronto. She also studied at Wycliffe College in Toronto but was unable to earn a degree because she was a woman.

Archdeacon Garrett moved back to Saskatchewan, where she met and married Bob Garrett, a rancher and churchwarden. She was made an honorary fellow of Saskatoon's College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in 1993. She retired in 1994 but remained



active in the church.  
*Saskatchewan Anglican*

## Couple asks for prayers for son ②

FREDERICTON - A New Brunswick priest and his wife are asking for prayers after brain surgery on their three-year-old son this fall delivered mixed results. Surgeons operating on Colin Ranson on Nov. 18 at Texas Children's Hospital were unable to completely remove a tumor in his brain. However, he did seem to experience a lessening in the frequency of seizures associated with the tumour, according to his family. The family is now waiting to see whether Colin's seizures return, in which case he will

need more surgery.

Colin had flown to Texas accompanied by his brother, his sister and his parents, Kimberly and the Rev. Paul Ranson, rector of St. John the Evangelist in Fredericton. The hospital is considered a centre of excellence in the treatment of Pallister-Hall Syndrome, a rare condition from which Colin suffers, which has led to the growth of the tumour and the seizures.

Colin had already undergone surgery for the tumour in March, when doctors succeeded in removing part of it. Both trips were funded partly by a gift of \$170,000 from the diocese, the result of a fundraising campaign for Colin. The money helped with the cost of the surgery as well as accom-

modation, meals and time off work. The New Brunswick government also paid some medical costs. The Ransons are asking for continued prayers for Colin.  
*The New Brunswick Anglican*

## PWRDF teams up for work in Pikangikum ③

TORONTO - Work to retrofit at least 20 more homes in the beleaguered Indigenous community of Pikangikum, Ont. is set to begin this spring, partly as a result of efforts by the Anglican Church of Canada's relief and development arm.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity Mani-

toba, a non-profit organization that provides homes for people who would be otherwise unable to afford them, to install water facilities and retrofit homes in the community. The work involves, among other things, installing water holding tanks, water heaters, pumps and fixtures for bathrooms and kitchen sinks. In addition, seven young people in the community will receive training in plumbing and electricity.

The work is the second phase of a project begun by PWRDF in 2012; the first saw 10 homes retrofitted with new water facilities and the training of six community members as full-time plumbers and electricians.

Pikangikum made national news headlines in 2008 after a series of youth suicides. Within two years, 16 people in the community between the ages of 10 and 19 committed suicide. In 2011, a group of volunteers was formed to provide help to the community, which also suffers from poor access to clean water. Most homes have had to rely on outdoor taps for water and out-houses instead of indoor toilets.

The federal government estimated it would cost \$180,000 to supply each home with water, but the Anglican-supported Pikangikum First Nation Working Group has been able to retrofit homes at a cost of \$20,000 each. PWRDF has raised \$400,000 for this and other work in Pikangikum.  
*The Messenger*

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## DISCOVERY DAY FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 | 9:00AM-3:00PM

Event for Children and Youth of the Diocese ages 6-14; See the Cathedral website for registration and event details.



# Laity receive Order of the Diocese of Toronto

## Award honours outstanding service over many years

*The Order of the Diocese of Toronto, an award created in 2013, honours members of the laity in the diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. We give thanks to God for the work and witness of these faithful people who, in the exercise of their baptismal ministry, have demonstrated that “their light shines, their works glorify.” In 2016, those named to the order came from the following deaneries: Peterborough, Parkdale/West Toronto, York Mills and York Central. They were presented with their medallion at St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on Jan. 1.*

**Susan Abell, ODT**  
*St. Mark, Port Hope*  
Ms. Abell was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for her significant volunteer roles in the diocese since 2009. In 2015, she became chair of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee and, since November, has been the diocese’s interim Chief Administrative Officer, drawing from her distinguished professional career. She is a churchwarden at St. Mark, Port Hope and still finds time to be active in her local community.

**Earle Armstrong, ODT**  
*Incarnation, Toronto*  
Mr. Armstrong has demonstrated deep love, devotion and dedication to his parish for more than 40 years. He works tirelessly to maintain the building and grounds in good order, while using his banking career background to assist in parish administration. His faithfulness to his parish family is very appreciated.

**William Bickle, ODT**  
*St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope*  
Mr. Bickle has given outstanding service to the diocese as a parish selection committee and Natural Church Development coach and a member of the Momentum committee, training newly ordained clergy. He is committed to making the diocese spiritually healthy, as he brings extensive corporate management and training experience to each person and parish with which he volunteers.

**Thomas Butson, ODT**  
*Christ Church, Stouffville*  
Mr. Butson has given five decades of faithful and dedicated ministry work and leadership in his parish, the wider Stouffville community and with the diocese. He continues to be an active volunteer and ministry leader in these areas and has served in countless ministry roles. He is a blessing to all who work with him and a shining beacon of what it means to be a faithful and tireless witness for Christ.

**Winston Coombes, ODT**  
*St. Hilda, Fairbank*  
For nearly 40 years, Mr. Coombes has been a faithful and effective lay leader in his parish. During that time, he has served as people’s warden and as a member of the board of directors for St. Hilda’s Towers. The clergy and congregation of his parish highly value his ministry.

**Enid Corbett, ODT**  
*Holy Trinity, Thornhill*

Ms. Corbett is the perfect example of what it means to link the local parish to the life of the wider church. Though involved in her parish in many capacities over the years, she has still found time to serve the wider church through the diocesan Anglican Church Women, at Wycliffe College and as a parish administrator at St. Stephen, Maple. She is truly a stalwart of her parish and the diocese.

**Doug Cowling, ODT**  
*Grace Church, Markham*  
Mr. Cowling was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for his musical leadership in inclusive and high-quality worship, serving as a volunteer music director at Synods, area day workshops and the Archbishop’s volunteer weekend. As a Momentum facilitator since 2002, he has worked with clergy in liturgical formation. A published author and a four-time Juno Award winner, Mr. Cowling currently serves as music director at Grace Church, Markham.

**Mae Cox, ODT**  
*St. James, Orillia*  
Mrs. Cox has given three decades of volunteer service to the diocese. Recently a parish selection committee coach, she also volunteers at Couchiching Jubilee House and as lay chaplain at Orillia Soldier’s Memorial Hospital. In 2010, she served on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee of General Synod. She is also a churchwarden in her parish and an associate of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.

**Wayne Cox, ODT**  
*St. James, Orillia*  
Mr. Cox has served for three decades as a Natural Church Development coach, diocesan administrator, church visioning facilitator, and churchwarden in his parish. He now mainly volunteers as a parish selection committee coach and in mentoring new volunteers.

**Margaret Deaves, ODT**  
*St. John, East Orangeville*  
Mrs. Deaves has given lifelong Christian witness and exemplary service to the church. From being the first female churchwarden in the Etobicoke Deanery to being an active advisory board member at St. John’s at age 91, she has been an engaged and influential model parishioner in every parish where she has lived, as well as at the diocesan level.

**Eleanor Julia Emmel, ODT**  
*St. Matthias, Bellwoods*  
Ms. Emmel has been nominated by her parish for her faithful service in many roles: the first female server, treasurer, chalice bearer, head server and sacristy team leader. She is well remembered by at least 12 clergy and some laity for her training of students and interns in Anglo-Catholic liturgy. She drives in from Dundas, Ont. for the inclusiveness, diversity and liturgy she finds at St. Matthias.

**Jane Farrell, ODT**  
*St. Thomas a Becket (Erin Mills South)*  
Mrs. Farrell has given superb service to her parish and the diocese as a church-



Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto gather with Archbishop Colin Johnson, bishops and clergy on Jan. 1 at St. James Cathedral. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

warden and a veteran Natural Church Development coach. As a former Peel District School Board teacher, she has expertly mentored other volunteers and taught NCD with our diocesan staff in other dioceses. She is also a trained Fresh Start for Congregations facilitator and has worked as a Bishop’s envoy assisting in fact-finding and conflict situations.

**Michael Farrell, ODT**  
*St. Thomas a Becket (Erin Mills South)*  
Mr. Farrell has given both his parish and the diocese superb service as a churchwarden, Synod animator, parish selection committee coach and Bishop’s envoy. He has applied his business expertise in financial planning and public speaking as he walks alongside struggling parishes as a diocesan administrator and on various boards of management, all with his legendary sense of humour.

**Thomas Andrew Gledhill, ODT**  
*Ascension, Don Mills*  
Mr. Gledhill was nominated to honour his charity and dedication in serving the Lord Jesus Christ and his brothers and sisters in Christ. He has attended Ascension, Don Mills for the past 60 years and has served in every role imaginable. He is a modest leader with few words and many works.

**Linda Grasley, ODT**  
*St. John, York Mills*  
Mrs. Grasley has given untiring volunteer service to her parish. She has taken an active leadership role in all aspects of parish life, including as churchwarden, Synod delegate and office administrator. She has also been a leader in lay healing

ministry, prayer ministry and pastoral visiting. Perhaps her greatest contribution has been chairing churchyard operations for 10 years and co-chairing the 200th anniversary committee in 2016.

**William Greig, ODT**  
*St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto*  
Mr. Greig has provided long and faithful service as a server, sub-deacon, churchwarden and treasurer. He continues to be a faithful presence in the parish week by week, administering the sacrament and showing younger altar servers the ropes. His quiet, faithful, wise and generous presence continues to build up the Body of Christ in this parish that he treasures, and which cherishes him.

**Leslie Hajdu, ODT**  
*St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)*  
Ms. Hajdu was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for her outstanding contribution to the diocese in various roles. She is a newly appointed director and secretary of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation. Previously she served on the diocesan Accounts Receivable Committee, the Treasury and Nominations boards, on Diocesan Council for two terms, as a Synod Member and as a volunteer at General Synod 2016.

**Gwendolyn Halliday, ODT**  
*St. Mary, Richmond Hill*  
Mrs. Halliday was nominated for her more than 50 years of service to the church. Her particular interest has been as chair of outreach programs, including supporting foster children, sponsoring refugee families, promoting fair trade

products and helping more than 30 families in the community during the Christmas season. She has also served as a churchwarden, building manager, property chair and as a member of two selection committees.

**Debra Harpley, ODT**  
*Parish of Georgina*  
Mrs. Harpley has contributed tireless work within the parish and strong Christian witness in the greater community, where she serves on a vast number of outreach committees and programs. Reflecting the love of Jesus, she is often the go-to person for information, sympathy and love. Without her efforts, which consistently exceed the call of duty, the mission of her parish would not have succeeded as it has.

**Jim Kaufman, ODT**  
*St. Paul, L’Amoreaux*  
Mr. Kaufman has been nominated for his outstanding service as a member and chair of the board of St. Paul L’Amoreaux Centre for the past 25 years. During his time, St. Paul’s Centre flourished as a seniors’ residence, expanded its facilities, built a large community senior services program, earned “Exemplary Status” from the national accreditation program and has become a community leader in new and innovative services for seniors.

**Dorothy Kealey, ODT**  
*Diocesan Archives*  
Mrs. Kealey was nominated by the Diocesan Archivist for her faithful service over a long number of years. As a weekly volunteer, she has been reliable, knowledge-

able and generous with her expertise and willingness to work. She sets a high standard and is tenacious when it comes to tracking down answers.

**Kathryn Kern, ODT**  
*St. John the Baptist, Norway*  
Ms. Kern has shown outstanding leadership and commitment to the Christian education of children. As a result of her dedication to young children and their families, her parish has seen growth in its numbers and spiritual growth in its children. She has been instrumental to the ongoing success of the ever-important children’s ministry.

**George Lewis, ODT**  
*Christ Church, Deer Park*  
Mr. Lewis has been nominated for his exceptional service to the diocese. He currently serves as a director on the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation board of directors, a post he has held since 2009. He is a past chair and life member of the Bishop’s Company, a prolific donor to numerous diocesan and secular initiatives, co-chair of his parish’s Our Faith-Our Hope committee, and a passionate supporter of the church in the public space.

**Mary Man Ling Leung Lo, ODT**  
*All Saints, Markham*  
Mrs. Lo has been nominated for her active membership in the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Canada. As a churchwarden for the past five years, she has worked for the unity of the church. By putting her trust in God’s hands, she approaches all matters with enthusiasm, a sense of urgency and “can-do” attitude.

**Stephen Masson, ODT**  
*St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering*  
Mr. Masson was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for his generous volunteer service to the diocese since his youth. Vice-principal of Lester B. Pearson Collegiate Institute, his work has afforded him many opportunities to use his gifts, especially in multicultural settings that have benefited the church. Several area bishops have called on him to be their envoy, as well as serving as a member of Diocesan Council and as a Natural Church Development coach in 13 different parishes.

**Taffyn Maynard, ODT**  
*Christ Church, Woodbridge*  
Mrs. Maynard has demonstrated outstanding and faithful commitment and service to her parish for more than 50 years. She has been a strong leader in the church, acting as churchwarden, secretary of the ACW, and coordinator of the chancel guild and the sidesperson group. She is always willing to help in the parish and in her community, an outward sign of her dedication and faithfulness.

**Helen Minten, ODT**  
*St. Matthew and St. Aidan, Buckhorn*  
Mrs. Minten has been a consistent and faithful member of her parish since 1978. Having held every possible office within the parish over those years, she is a sterling model of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ – caring authentically for those in need. Soft-spoken and kind-spirited, she emanates deep humility as she seeks to grow in faith.

**William Nicholls, ODT**  
*St. Luke, Peterborough*  
Mr. Nicholls has been nominated for his leadership during a period when his parish felt it might not survive. He encouraged needed changes and led his fellow parishioners to be hopeful and have faith in God’s plan, renewed interest in their ministry and strengthened faith. His all-encompassing service has led St. Luke’s to be alive and well.

**Leroy Niles, ODT**  
*St. Stephen in-the-Fields, Toronto*  
Mr. Niles has given many years of commitment to his parish as churchwarden, lay educator and lay pastoral presence. When the parish entered a time of difficulty, his leadership was a primary sustaining force for more than a decade. More recently, he has enthusiastically supported a program of renewal, and unfailingly worked for the building up of God’s kingdom in his parish and his community.

**Errol Parris, ODT**  
*St. Hilda, Fairbank*  
Mr. Parris has been nominated by St. Hilda, Fairbank for his faithful and dedicated service as rector’s warden for 29 years. His assistance to the clergy is deeply appreciated, ministering through liturgy, music and finance. His long service as a member of the board of directors of St. Hilda’s Towers exemplifies his commitment to its continuation.

**Otto Peter, ODT**  
*Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa*  
Mr. Peter was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for his committed service to the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign. He has served on the OFOH allocations committee since 2013 and was previously very involved in promoting the campaign in

Trent-Durham, instrumental to its success there. He has served on many parish committees, including as churchwarden, treasurer, Christian education coordinator and OFOH parish campaign chair.

**Shirley Radley, ODT**  
*St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto*  
Ms. Radley has been nominated for her exceptional contributions to her parish’s formation and growth. Joyfully spreading the light of Christ through faithful service, she serves as co-chair of the parish life committee, deputy warden, bazaar coordinator, archivist and more. Passionate about helping the underprivileged, Ms. Radley is also a key organizer of a weekly community supper, celebrating God’s goodness in everyone and His hand in every opportunity.

**Robert Ragsdale, ODT**  
*St. Olave, Swansea*  
Mr. Ragsdale has offered his spiritual and financial leadership in establishing his parish’s Second Century Fund, which has given more than \$300,000 to Christian mission projects in Canada and around the world since 1989. A nationally recognized photographer and member of St. Olave’s for over 60 years, Mr. Ragsdale has also contributed his vast artistic talent to the life of the church.

**Rob Saffrey, ODT**  
*St. James Cathedral*  
Mr. Saffrey joined the Diocesan Centre staff in 1992 and soon became the diocesan Treasurer and Director of Finance, until he became Director of Operations and Finance at the cathedral. He was a server at his home parish of All Souls, Lansing (now Church of the Incarnation, Toronto) and a board member of Camp Couchiching and a multitude of other committees and foundations. He is a voice of wise reason and integrity who quietly keeps the infrastructure of the church functioning so our front-line ministries can thrive.

**Diana Schatz, ODT**  
*St. Anne, Toronto*  
Mrs. Schatz has contributed remarkable leadership in parish life and business affairs for many years. Her parish continues to benefit from her sage advice on personnel management, property operations, and relations with suppliers and corporate neighbours. Through her contribution to the viability of St. Anne’s, this parish is able to maintain a vital Anglican presence offering programs for the neighbourhood and beyond, while preserving a place of historical and artistic significance.

**Roy Schatz, ODT**  
*St. Anne, Toronto*  
Mr. Schatz has been nominated for his longstanding weekly participation in St. Anne’s Sunday choral service, his supervision of fine music concerts and his leadership in outreach activities for the wider community. Through his contributions, his parish is able to maintain a vital Anglican presence, offering programs for the neighbourhood and beyond, while preserving a place of historical and artistic significance.

**Paul Seddon, ODT**  
*St. James Cathedral*  
Mr. Seddon has been an integral part of the cathedral since he began as a server in 1978. He became head server in 1987, a



# Archbishop's Levee rings in new year

**THE** annual Archbishop's Levee was held at St. James Cathedral on Jan. 1. The event included the ringing of the cathedral bells and the traditional receiving line to greet the bishops, the

Dean of Toronto and family members. Among those who came to exchange greetings was a Syrian refugee family that was sponsored by St. Saviour, Orono.



Bishop Jenny Anderson shakes hands with Eleanor Liu.



Bishop Kevin Robertson greets guests.



Bishop Patrick Yu shakes hands with Andy Cui as his mother, Cathy Huang, and Kathy Yu look on.



Bishop Riscylla Walsh Shaw holds the baby of Ahmed and Fatima Mohamad, Syrian refugees who came to Canada last year with the help of St. Saviour, Orono and other community groups in Trent-Durham. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Dean Andrew Asbil extends a warm greeting.



Bishop Peter Fenty wishes a happy New Year.



Archbishop Colin and Ellen Johnson, and Bishop Patrick and Kathy Yu, greet guests.

## Governor General visits Ottawa cathedral for service, levee

**ANGLICANS** at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa rang in the New Year along with Gov. Gen. David Johnston and his wife, Sharon, at a noon Choral Eucharist Jan. 1. It was an unofficial visit for Mr. Johnston, an Anglican, who gave the first reading at the service and later visited informally with guests at the annual New Year's Day Levee in the new

cathedral hall.

Cathedral Dean Shane Parker and Diocese of Ottawa Bishop John Chapman greeted the couple on their arrival. Mr. Johnston then added his signature to a special guest book for dignitaries that was first signed by the Queen Mother and former governor general Vincent Massey during the royal visit to the cathedral in 1954.

Before the service began, Bishop Chapman delivered a pastoral address to the congregation in which he said the global community "is in crisis," with world leaders not behaving as they ought to. He called attention to "tens of thousands of Christians murdered, climate change, terrorism, war," and said, "We must not be spectators, commentators or passive critics of

a time we wish was otherwise."

Following the service, members of the cathedral choir presented the governor general with the gift of a CD showcasing their musical talents.

Guests at the levee said they were surprised but pleased that the governor general and his wife broke from their schedule to visit with them in the cathedral hall for

almost an hour, chatting, shaking hands and posing for photos with children and adults alike. Other guests included Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Archbishop Luigi Bomazzi, the Pope's representative as Apostolic Nuncio in Canada. Accompanying the couple throughout the Johnstons' visit was an RCMP security team.

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# Pilgrims to follow in Jesus' footsteps

## Trail takes hikers to Capernaum

BY STUART MANN

**I**n the cold and dark of a Canadian winter, the thought of a four-day hike from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee, stopping along the way at sun-drenched religious and historical sites, sounds like an idyllic daydream. But to a group of pilgrims in the diocese, that will soon become a reality.

As part of their 13-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May, some members of the group will hike the Jesus Trail, a 65-km route that winds through towns, villages and the countryside where Jesus walked and had his ministry.

Starting at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the group will hike about 15 km a day. They'll stop at the ruins of Sephoris, the ancient town where Jesus and Joseph were thought to have worked in construction, Mt. Arbel with its commanding view of the surrounding countryside and the Sea of Galilee, and Capernaum, the centre of Jesus's ministry in Galilee.

The Rev. Canon Kim Beard, who is leading the trip, says many people seek out a "physical pilgrimage" as a way to simplify their lives and draw closer to God. "It's a very meaningful way to leave behind all of the technology and distractions – no cell phones, no computers," he says. "It allows you time to pray and think and reflect."

Canon Beard, the incumbent of St. Paul on-the-Hill in Pickering, is no stranger to pilgrimages. Over the past two decades, he has led seven pilgrimages and 20 mission trips in more than 20 countries. For the past two years he has led pilgrims on stages of the Camino de Santiago, the famous route across Europe that ends in Spain.

He says people who go on walking pilgrimages are often in a place of transition in their lives. They're heading into retirement or dealing with major changes like job loss, divorce or a medical issue. In some cases, they're in a "spiritual desert" and trying to reconnect with God.

Canon Beard says a walking pilgrimage can focus one's attention on what's really important. "I use it as an opportunity to pray," he says. "You can be silent and listen for God's voice without a



Sunset on the Sea of Galilee. At right, children make food at Nazareth Village, an open-air museum in Nazareth that reenacts village life in Galilee during the time of Jesus. PHOTOS BY THE REV. CANON KIM BEARD

whole lot of distractions. When you're walking in the rain or on an uphill stretch, you're very focussed in the moment – not on the future, as we often are, or caught in the past. It really does focus you in the present."

He has applied learnings from his previous trips to the upcoming pilgrimage. At 13 days, it will be a bit longer than the usual trips to the Holy Land. It will include stops at all the important sites, but there will be lots of time for prayer, worship and silence. "It's designed to really give people time and space," he says.

To prepare for the trip, he is running a five-week course on the history and geography of the Holy Land and what it means to be a pilgrim. "You have to prepare yourself spiritually," he says. "You want to think about things like learning how to journal, being silent and deliberately eliminating things that might distract you. It's about learning to leave those things behind and simplify-

ing your existence, opening yourself to God and creating a space for God's voice to speak to you. That's at the heart of the pilgrimage."

He says hiking the Jesus Trail will be ideal for that. "It will be a very different, slow experience – taking time to think about the places you're in and what they mean. We'll have devotions, worship and a scriptural theme for each day, so people can pray and think about where they are and what it means and where God is in their lives."

Those on the trip who do not want to hike the Jesus Trail will be able to visit nearby sites by bus. Before and after the Jesus Trail excursion, all the pilgrims will tour the Holy Land by bus, visiting important locations such as the Jordan River, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Bethlehem and the Garden of Gethsemane. There will even be a night cruise on the Sea of Galilee.



Canon Beard says a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is not only an important way to draw closer to God but to learn about the Bible. "You will have the opportunity to be in places where Jesus ministered and walked. You'll have a new appreciation for the Bible. Many of the Bible passages will make eminent sense when you see the geography and the place."

He hopes to take about 20 pilgrims. Many have already signed up, but spots are still available. The trip will take place May 18-30. The cost is \$4,419 for those who want to hike the Jesus Trail as part of the itinerary and \$4,499 for those who do not. Prices are all-inclusive. To learn more, contact Canon Beard at 905-839-7909 by Feb. 28.



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## The Order of the Diocese of Toronto honours members of the laity

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role he continues today. He was appointed verger in 2012 and Bishop's Chaplain in 2013. His parish is grateful for all his years of faithful and dedicated service.

### Eleanor Stevenson, ODT

*All Saints, Whitby*

Mrs. Stevenson was nominated for her active leadership in promoting stewardship education in the diocese. She has a track record of many successes. She is a founding stewardship education coach in the Growing Healthy Stewards program and previously served as an Outreach Conference volunteer and Trent-Durham area day coordinator. She is also a Queen's Jubilee Medal recipient for her commitment to volunteerism in her community.

### Mary Suddon, ODT

*St. Thomas, Huron Street*

Ms. Suddon has demonstrated faithful service to her parish spanning five decades. She has been especially committed to the Humewood House and Belmont House outreach ministries. She has lived and furthered the parish's Anglo-Catholic heritage by consistently working to wed liturgy and ritual to social thought and action.

### Constance Swinton, ODT

*St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough*

Ms. Swinton has demonstrated a lifelong concern with serving the needs of others in her community and around the globe. Her international experience as a nurse and consultant speaks to her deep wisdom and compassion, which is recognized by her peers. The vision of the Kingdom of God of justice and peace has long been the foundation of her ministry in her workplace and church.

### Muriel Thompson, ODT

*St. George on Yonge, Toronto*

Mrs. Thompson's active ministry has been an integral part of her life, motivat-



Archbishop Johnson, clergy and members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto enjoy the moment while family and friends take photos. At right are the medallions given to each member of the order. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



ed by her faith and the desire to bring that faith to others. She is an advocate for those who are disenfranchised by society and has worked in many ministry settings, including All Saints, Sherbourne Street. She is a welcoming presence at St. George on Yonge, always positive in her outlook and embracing what lies ahead with faith and trust.

### Ronald Tolhurst, ODT

*Holy Trinity, Thornhill*

Mr. Tolhurst has been nominated for his quiet, important membership at Holy Trinity, Thornhill. He has spent countless hours cheerfully participating in all aspects of parish life. St. Paul says that "nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God," while Mr. Tolhurst's incumbent says that "neither ice storm, nor surgery, nor any apparent issue in his life seems to be able to separate Ron from Holy Trinity."

### Carolyn Towns, ODT

*Parish of Belmont*

Mrs. Towns exemplifies what it means to express her love for God through gener-

ous and compassionate service to neighbours and strangers alike. Always encouraging others to express their ideas and take leadership in acting on them, she is the epitome of a servant leader, having served herself as an ACW president, parish treasurer, chancel guild president and choir member. Her light shines brightly as a life well spent putting others first as she ministers faithfully each day.

### Phyllis Tyrie, ODT

*Grace Church, Markham*

Mrs. Tyrie has been nominated for her tireless and cheerful commitment to her church and to the inhabitants of Markham. She has spent her life feeding people, from countless parish dinners to founding the Markham Food Bank. A consummate organizer who is always smiling, she is a shining example of the love of Jesus in action.

### Mary Walsh, ODT

*St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges*



Mrs. Walsh was nominated by St. John's for her modelling of Jesus' servant heart. As a churchwarden, Synod delegate, outreach and altar guild member, prayer team captain, cemetery board member and screening coordinator, her commitment is tireless. She represents her parish's mission to make Jesus known and create Jesus-centered disciples everywhere.

### Marge Watters Knebel, ODT

*Diocesan Postulancy Committee*

Ms. Watters Knebel was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for her role on the Postulancy Committee since 2008. Her extensive career as entrepreneur, career counsellor and coach has significantly contributed to the postulants of Toronto as they identify and discern their vocation. A lifelong Lutheran, she has recently been chair of the board of governors of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, and in her spare time is a published author.

### David Watton, ODT

*All Saints, Peterborough*

Mr. Watton has offered exceptional leadership during challenging times in his parish and the wider community of faith in Peterborough. He exemplifies the very best of lay leadership and sees this ministry as a partnership between clergy and lay people – a true servant of the church. His parish feels blessed by his presence.

### Val Whalley, ODT

*St. Paul, Brighton*

Ms. Whalley was nominated by Archbishop Johnson for her 15 years of volunteer service as a Natural Church Development, mission statement and advisory board coach, Trent-Durham Bishop's envoy, and Fresh Start for Congregations facilitator. She has served as a Synod member from 2013 to the present and as a Synod animator in 2009. In addition to having much expertise in management and human resources, she is a gifted woodworker and has delighted diocesan staff with her creativity.

# Canon Stackhouse renewed college

## Theologian wrote books, served in parliament



The Rev. Canon Dr. Reginald Stackhouse

**THE** Rev. Canon Dr. Reginald Stackhouse, former principal of Wycliffe College, theologian, author and parliamentarian, died in Toronto on Dec. 14 at the age of 91.

"The spirit at Wycliffe today is a mix of both sadness and gratitude," said Bishop Stephen Andrews, Wycliffe's current principal, in a statement on the col-

lege's website on Dec. 14. "Sadness that we have lost the architect of the modern college and Wycliffe's most ardent supporter. And I am personally sad, as I have

lost my former principal and a valued mentor. But we are grateful for his legacy which lives on, a legacy of a deep and reasoned faith anchored in the hope of the Risen One."

Born in Toronto, Canon Stackhouse was educated at the University of Toronto, Wycliffe College and Yale University. He was ordained a priest in 1950 and served at St. Matthew, Islington and then St. John, West Toronto before moving with his young family to Yale, where he earned his Ph.D. in historical theology. He returned to Toronto to pursue an academic career at Wycliffe, eventually becoming principal from 1975 to 1986. He continued teaching until 2014.

"Reg's ministry at Wycliffe was

all about renewal," said Bishop Peter Mason, Wycliffe's seventh principal, in the college's statement. "Renewal of the faculty, of the board of trustees and of the bricks and mortar on Hoskin Avenue. Today, hundreds of former students, colleagues and friends give thanks to God whom Reg served so faithfully."

A devoted public servant, Canon Stackhouse served as trustee and vice-chairman of the Scarborough Board of Education, and founding chairman of Centennial College, Ontario's first community college. He served in the House of Commons from 1972-74 and from 1984-88.

A member of the Order of Ontario, he authored 10 books, including *The God Nobody Knows*,

*The Way Forward: A History of Wycliffe College, Toronto, 1877 – 2002* and *The Coming Age Revolution*.

According to the college's statement, Canon Stackhouse was always concerned with the carrying of the Word into the world and would personally furnish Wycliffe graduates each year with a Bible to remind them of their vocation and charge. The Stackhouse Scholarship, which he began, provides bursary support for students called to ordained ministry.

Canon Stackhouse was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Margaret. He is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His funeral was held at Wycliffe College on Dec. 19.



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## LOOKING AHEAD

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email [editor@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:editor@toronto.anglican.ca). The deadline for the March issue is Feb. 2. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar at [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca).

## Music & Worship

**JAN. 29** - Organ recital with Christopher Dawes, 3 p.m., St. Paul, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Music by Bach, Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, Reger, Karg-Elert, and Eric Robertson. Admission is free. Call 416-961-8116.

**FEB. 5** - Festive Evensong at 4 p.m. marking the eve of the Queen's accession to the throne in February 1952. Followed by a Royal Festive Tea and Music for Royal Occasions, with tenor, lutenist and theorbo player Ben Stein. At St. Olave, Swansea, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

**MARCH 24** - Organ recital with Thomas Bell, 7:30 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 72 Main St., Toronto. Music by Saint-Saëns, Vierne, Messiaen, Langlais, Dupré and Marchand. Admission \$10. Desserts included. Call 416-691-4271.

**MARCH 26** - Organ recital with Thomas Bell, 3 p.m., St. Paul, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Music by Saint-Saëns, Vierne, Messiaen, Langlais, Dupré and Marchand. Admission is free. Call 416-961-8116.

## Sales

**FEB. 11** - "New to you" event, new and nearly new clothing and accessories, household items and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John the Baptist (Dixie), 719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga. All proceeds go to the church.

## Workshops & Gatherings

**JAN. 29** - "Spirited," food and drink for the body and soul, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Ace's Place Bar and Grill (113 Guildwood Parkway), offered by Holy Trinity, Guildwood. Spirited is an opportunity to relax as well as enjoy some spiritual conversation. Everything you wanted to know about spirituality but were afraid to ask.

**FEB. 8-19** - Dandelions in the Wind, a Black History Month musical, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Daniels Spectrum Theatre - Ada Slaight Hall, 585 Dundas St. E., Toronto. Tickets \$45. This is an exciting, upbeat performance highlighting historical moments in black history and shedding light on racism today. For tickets and information, visit [dandelionsinthewind.com](http://dandelionsinthewind.com).

**FEB. 28** - Annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Dinner includes pancakes with sausages, bacon, tea, coffee, juice and ice cream. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 12 and under. Call 416-283-1844 for information or tickets.

## PRAYER CYCLE

### FOR FEBRUARY

1. Christ Church, Kettleby
2. Christ Church, Roches Point
3. St. James the Apostle, Sharon
4. St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg
5. Holland Deanery
6. Parish of Georgina
7. St. Paul, Jersey (Keswick)
8. St. Paul, Newmarket

9. St. Stephen, Maple
10. Trinity Church, Aurora
11. All Saints, Kingsway
12. Etobicoke - Humber Deanery
13. Atonement, Alderwood
14. Christ Church St. James, Toronto
15. Christ the King, Toronto
16. Church of South India (CSI), Toronto
17. St. George on-the-Hill, Toronto
18. Ghanaian Anglican Church of Toronto (GACOT)

19. FaithWorks
20. St. Hugh and St. Edmund, Mississauga
21. Clergy Programs of the Diocese: Momentum & Fresh Start
22. St. Matthew, Islington
23. St. Matthias, Etobicoke
24. St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale
25. St. Philip, Etobicoke
26. Bishop Peter Fenty
27. San Lorenzo-Dufferin, Toronto
28. St. Stephen, Downsview

## IN MOTION

### Appointments

- The Rev. Canon Dr. Drew MacDonald, Priest-in-Charge, St. Leonard, Toronto, Nov. 6, 2016.
- The Rev. Dr. Raymond Porth, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Elmvale, Dec. 4, 2016.
- The Rev. William Glenn Empey, Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke, Peterborough, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Gregory Fiennes-Clinton, Priest-in-Charge, St. James, Caledon East, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Robert Gorham, Interim Associate Priest, Christ Church, Deer Park, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Maureen Hair, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Penetanguishene and Waubesaushene, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Ian LaFleur, Incumbent, St. Cuthbert, Leaside and Regional Dean of Eglinton, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Dr. Irwin Sikha,

Priest-in-Charge, St. Margaret Tamil Congregation, Toronto, Jan. 1.

- The Rev. Dana Dickson, Incumbent, Trinity Church, Bradford, March 1.
- The Rev. Jeff Stone, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Jude, Bramalea North, Jan. 16.
- The Rev. Canon Richard Miller, Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter, Cobourg, Feb. 1.
- The Rev. David Giffen, Incumbent, Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., March 1.

### Vacant Incumbencies

Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Diocesan Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Conliffe.

### Trent-Durham

- Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River

### York-Credit Valley

- All Saints, Kingsway
- Christ Church, Bolton
- Christ Church St. James, Toronto
- St. Stephen, Downsview
- St. Philip, Etobicoke

### York - Scarborough

- Christ Church, Deer Park
- St. Clement, Eglinton
- St. John the Baptist, Norway
- St. Timothy, Agincourt

### York - Simcoe

- St. James, Orillia

### Ordinations

- The Rev. Leigh Kern was ordained a priest at St. James Cathedral on Jan. 14.
- The Rev. Colin Bowler was ordained a priest at St. Paul, Newmarket on Jan. 22.
- The Rev. Monique Taylor will be ordained a priest at St. Andrew, Scarborough on Feb. 2.

# BRIEFLY

## Homeless deaths to be tracked

Toronto's top public health official says the city's new program to track all homeless deaths will provide invaluable data to better assist and house vulnerable populations. "The full scope of this problem has been unknown," said Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Toronto's Acting Medical Officer of Health, speaking at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square. "What we needed was information from the many health and social service agencies which work closely with individuals experiencing homelessness or who are marginally housed."

The initiative, which began Jan. 1, was officially launched on Jan. 10 with a press conference at the church, the site of the Toronto Homeless Memorial where an unofficial list is kept of more than 800 GTA homeless people who have died since the mid-1980s. The tracking system will collect information such as age, gender, unofficial cause of death and the location of the death, and whether the deceased is of Indigenous heritage, said Dr. Yaffe. *The Toronto Star*

## Service celebrates Christian unity

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an ecumenical prayer service will be held on Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto. All are

invited. Bishop Peter Fenty, area bishop of York-Simcoe, will join Thomas Cardinal Collins, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Coptic Orthodox Bishop Anba Mina and other religious leaders at the service. The homilist will be the Rev. Dr. Peter Holmes of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto. St. Michael's is located at 65 Bond St., Toronto. Paid parking is available and refreshments will follow the service.

## Service celebrates 'mosaic of peoples'

The diocese's 22nd annual Black History Month service of celebration will be held at St. Paul, Bloor Street on Feb. 26 with special music beginning at 4 p.m. All are invited. The theme of the service is

"From the Heart of Africa to the Soul of the Caribbean: Celebrating a Mosaic of Peoples." The service will include worship, music, dance, spoken word and a special acknowledgement of Canada's sesquicentennial celebrations. The service is organized by the diocese's Black Anglicans Coordinating Committee. For more information, call 416-809-4639.

## African-Canadians' stories told in exhibit

A special exhibit on the history of African-Canadians in Toronto will be held at St. James Cathedral on Feb. 5-25. With the support of the Ontario Black History Society and other organizations, the exhibit will tell the history of African-Canadians through sto-

ries of individuals who lived and worked in Toronto, with a focus on those having connections to the cathedral. Marriage and baptism records of African-Canadians at the cathedral date back to 1802. At the cathedral's 11 a.m. service on Feb. 5, all music will be by black composers, including Nathaniel Dett. Bishop Peter Fenty, the area bishop of York-Simcoe, will preach the sermon. Special artifacts will be added to the exhibit for that day. On the evening of Feb. 15, the cathedral will host an evening of storytelling by a member of Historica Canada. The exhibit, located in the cathedral, will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited. For more information, contact Nancy Mallet, the cathedral's archivist, at 416-364-7865, ext. 233.





Michelle Mercer is surrounded by Sunday School children during a presentation by Bishop Patrick Yu honouring her 50 years of service to St. John the Divine, Scarborough.

### Sunday School teacher celebrates 50 years

St. John the Divine, Scarborough held a surprise celebration in October for Michelle Mercer, who has been teaching at the church's Sunday School for 50 years. Ms. Mercer started teaching when she was a teenager and has been the superintendent for several years. "Her positive attitude and creativity have made the church school fun for many children over the years," says Jean Stoner, a parishioner.

Several former students returned for the celebration. More than 140 people attended the service that day and the luncheon that followed. Ms. Mercer was presented with roses, a memory book and charms for her bracelet.

Later in the month, Bishop Patrick Yu visited the church for the last time as area bishop and presented Ms. Mercer with a certificate in appreciation of her dedication and service to the church, signed by Archbishop Colin Johnson.

### Pergola honours retired organist

Elaine Pudwell, organist and

choir director at Holy Trinity, Thornhill for 34 years, retired in June 2016. As a tribute to her ministry, the church's garden committee donated a pergola for the lawn.

Under Ms. Pudwell's leadership, worship hymns, chosen with care to fit the lectionary, ranged from traditional to contemporary to spirituals. Anthems ranged from Bach to jazz.

Many tributes were offered at her final service. "Her ability to keep her cool, to inspire the choir, to ensure harmony in the choir and to make our singing fun, enjoyable and an act of worship, were all touched on," said a chorister. "She expected the best and the choir tried to live up to her expectations."

A music teacher at Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill for 22 years, she influenced many young people. "Elaine was a gift from God," said the school's chaplain. "She spoke her mind freely but was kind and considerate." She was able to keep the students interested with a blend of old Anglican hymns and upbeat religious songs.

In addition to playing at Holy Trinity, Thornhill, Ms. Pudwell appeared regularly as concert

recitalist at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Buffalo, St. Paul, Bloor Street and Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto.

### Pair travel to Grassy Narrows

This past summer, Coral Petzoldt and Maggie Panter from Holy Trinity, Trinity Square in Toronto travelled to Grassy Narrows, a First Nations community in northwest Ontario that had been devastated by mercury poisoning from a pulp and paper mill in the 1970s. Ms. Petzoldt and Ms. Panter were part of a Christian Peacemaker Teams delegation.

Before going to Grassy Narrows, they spent some time in Kenora, where they learned about Indigenous issues, including residential schools, sexual assault, children adopted into non-Indigenous families and murdered and missing Indigenous women. "We heard from more than one person that separation from family and community was the worst part of the residential schools, even worse than the various kinds of assaults," said Ms. Panter.

At Grassy Narrows, the team slept in sleeping bags on the floor at the Trappers Centre. They attended the opening of the Family Services Building. "After speeches, drumming and dancing, a delicious meal was served," said Ms. Panter. "We visited some of the memorials for the residential schools – some listing those who had died and others listing all those who had attended. We learned about the path that mercury had taken through the area and region. We went to the blockade site, started by two teens, to block the logging trucks from continuing to clear-cut, which also leads to more mercury poisoning. So far, it has been successful."

The group made bannock and learned how to harvest rice in the traditional way. "We attended a



Clockwise from above: A pow-wow at Grassy Narrows; a young girl at the pow-wow; a sign warning of contaminated water at Grassy Narrows. PHOTOS BY CORAL PETZOLDT



pow-wow and participated in the intertribal dancing. It was truly a memorable experience," said Ms. Panter.

### Parish hall 'forest' helps needy

St. John, East Orangeville helped bring the community together to provide food and toys to needy families during Christmas. Local businesses, service clubs and emergency services were asked to decorate a Christmas tree and bring it to the parish hall to create a "Magical Christmas Forest." Members of the public were asked to visit the forest on Dec. 9-11 to place a new, unwrapped toy or food item under their favourite tree. While they were there, they could cast a ballot for their favourite tree, with the chance of winning it and having it delivered to their home.

"We've always had a tree in the hall for families to bring toys to, and we wondered how we could ramp up the display to encourage people to bring more toys," says the Rev. John Lockyer, incum-



bent. "It's a way of reaching out and expressing our support for the community."

The event was a success. Local groups decorated and delivered 14 Christmas trees, and more than 200 families visited to drop off toys and look around. "The event produced 12 giant bags of toys and three giant bags of food," says Mr. Lockyer. The toys and food were given to the Toys for Tots and foodbank, run every Christmas by the Orangeville Police Service.



The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, incumbent of Holy Trinity, Thornhill, joins Elaine Pudwell and her husband Paul.

## Time to update subscription list

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