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Confirmands have their picture taken with Bishop Peter Fenty and sponsoring clergy after the diocesan confirmation service at St. James Cathedral on April 30. The confirmands came from churches across the diocese. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Café invites neighbours in

Church connects with local community over coffee

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

CHURCH of the Messiah has found a new way to entice its neighbours to step inside: coffee. The Bell Tower Café has been selling fair trade coffee, hand-made pastries and organic juice at Avenue Road and Dupont Street since it opened in late February.

"It began about four years ago, when the church decided that we wanted to do some kind of fresh expression to reach people around us that weren't being reached by conventional church evangelical methods," says the Rev. Tay Moss, incumbent. The church convened a committee, including experts in business, culinary arts and architecture, to explore its options.

After commissioning an Envision survey, walking around the area and talking to local stakeholders, the team decided to cre-

ate a space where its neighbours could gather in a comfortable way. "A lot of them are very consumer-based, and they like to kind of have this curated life experience based on consumer choices they've made," says Mr. Moss. "It had to be something which was an open space, and cafés have that kind of character just naturally. People tend to linger."

As the name suggests, the café sits in the church's bell tower, contained on a cart with its own water and electrical systems. "It's this gorgeous little space that everybody comments on when they come in," says Vivia Kieswetter, who runs the café. "It's got two stained glass windows in it, and the ceilings are at least 30 feet high." There are also chairs and tables set up in part of the sanctuary, and the church installed a new Wi-Fi system for those who want to stay and work.

According to Ms. Kieswetter, whom Mr. Moss calls the "Brewmaster of Divinity," the neighbourhood is starting to notice. "Word of mouth is starting to travel," she says. "We're getting a lot of support from the businesses around, kind of talking us up and sending us people."

The menu of fair-trade coffee, handmade baked goods and organic juice is a deliberate choice. "Part of the mandate of the café was stewardship of the earth and stewardship of the environment, so it's important to offer organic things and foods based on whole food ingredients," says Ms. Kieswetter. Customers can also choose to donate \$5 to the till, a menu item called "Giving Back" that helps provide coffee and pastries to the area's less affluent residents when they come in.

While the café has been open mostly mornings so far, it was re-

cently incorporated into an open mic night at the church. More events are being planned for the summer, including meditation and yoga classes and a series exploring artists' spirituality.

Mr. Moss says one of the most gratifying parts of the café has been learning even more about the church's neighbours. "You can actually find ways to meet people's needs who don't feel like they have needs," he says. "Somehow they find their way in and they sit down and they hook up their laptop and they sit for a while, you maybe catch them looking at the stained glass window, and you kind of wonder, what is that person thinking about when they look at the stained glass?"

Learn more at www.belltower-cafe.ca and stop by for a coffee at the corner of Avenue and Dupont in Toronto.

Church feeds families

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

WHEN the Rev. Ian Martin arrived at St. Matthew, Oshawa two years ago, he noticed something was missing. Beyond a few social groups and an annual bazaar, the church didn't have much opportunity to meet its neighbours. "Literally, we didn't even know the people across the street," he says. "I really did just start praying. It was a constant prayer every day."

He began to dream of using the church's hall and kitchen to bring people together over a meal, an idea that came to life when he mentioned it off-hand to a young woman in the parish who happened to be a professional chef.

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"To my surprise, she said 'Okay, let's do this.' I had to do a double take," he says.

One of the first challenges was getting the church community on board at the same time as it was struggling to pay the bills. "There wasn't any money to do it, but I felt basically convicted that we had to do something," he says. "A good section of the church said, 'Let's try it, we have nothing to lose.'"

Family Fridays launched in September 2015, and from the start, Mr. Martin insisted on weekly meals. "To develop a relationship, you kind of have to see someone all the time," he says. "We had to get into the regular rhythm in the people we want to talk with."

Guests sit 10 to a table and serve each other family-style. Themes have included a fondue night, English high tea, and a medieval night to celebrate the Reign of Christ. There's always an activity for kids, such as dodge ball, lip sync battles, paper

airplane contests, or human versions of Battleship and Hungry Hungry Hippos. "We set half of the hall aside for the kids to run and make as much noise as they can," says Mr. Martin. "The parents get to sit around and talk with other parents, which they're all starved for."

While not an official part of the program, conversations often turn to faith. "It just kind of came out organically," he says. "The newcomers are the ones that asked the questions, and we found ourselves having answered those questions."

In its first year, Family Fridays grew to 60 people, two-thirds of whom were members of St. Matthew's, something that surprised Mr. Martin. "They started to actually form deeper relationships, more loving relationships, across the table," he says.

After running Family Fridays for three months, the church applied for a Reach Grant from the diocese and later a two-year Stretch Grant, part of which was



Kids play a board game after dinner at a Family Friday event while their parents talk over dessert. PHOTO BY JILL JAGO

set aside to hire an events coordinator. The ministry was also re-structured as a winter-to-spring program with a new caterer and local partnerships.

Now in its second year, people around Oshawa are starting to take notice. In March, Oshawa mayor John Henry dropped in for a meal. Mr. Martin was also interviewed on the local Rogers TV station, a connection made through a friend of the caterer.

Social media has been a powerful tool for reaching people beyond the church walls, though Mr. Martin cautions that in-person connections are key. "Unless you have people inside the church really jazzed up about it and proud of it, it won't matter what you do on Facebook," he says.

In April, the church used social media to promote a Friday night Easter egg hunt that attracted six new families, several of whom came back on Easter morning. "They got to walk around the entire church, non-threatened, and get the feel like they know where they're going," says Mr. Martin. "That's kind of my subtle message with Family Fridays – come to church before going to church."

While the explicit goal has never been to attract people to Sunday services, this has been an unintended benefit. "After two years, I've seen tangible growth. We've got new families that are coming this year, and they're asking about things like baptism," he says. "They've been seeking but they haven't really been engaged,

so they're trying us out again now. And they're starting to stick."

Mr. Martin also credits his parishioners with a deliberate shift in attitude toward newcomers, particularly young families. "We'd rather have the noise of the children here than the deafening silence without them, and that message is huge," he says.

As the second year of Family Fridays winds down, Mr. Martin says there are still challenges on the horizon, including how to fund the ministry beyond the Stretch Grant, but he is excited about the future at St. Matthew's. "It's accomplished more than just the mission; it's transformed the parish as a whole along the way," he says. "We feel alive, and we're showing it in far greater ways."

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The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker preaches.



Newly ordained deacons stand with Archbishop Colin Johnson, bishops and clergy outside St. James Cathedral on May 7. From left are the Rev. Philip Stonhouse, the Rev. Sean Davidson, the Rev. Vinaya Dumpala, the Rev. Molly Finlay, the Rev. Philip Josselyn-Hamilton and the Rev. James Liu. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



The Rev. James Liu takes a photo with friends and family.



The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala greets friends.



The Rev. Molly Finlay takes a photo with her family.



The Rev. Sean Davidson and his family smile for a photo.



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Our Faith—Our Hope is changing lives



I came across a pastoral letter from the Bishop of Toronto to the clergy and laity proposing a significant fundraising effort. In it he proposed a graduated schedule of offerings to achieve a substantial goal and an individual appeal to each church family in the diocese by a member of their parish “to knock at every one’s door and rouse the inhabitants to devote a small portion of what God has bestowed upon them to promote so great a work.”

That letter came from John Strachan, the first Bishop of Toronto, in January 1854!

The Our Faith-Our Hope: Re-imagine Church campaign began with an idea I first proposed to Synod a decade ago. As it gradually took shape, we determined that it would be a cooperative program shared between the diocese and parishes that responded to the generosity of God’s many gifts to us to engage God’s mission. We identified the goals of Strengthening Local Parishes, Building the Church for Tomorrow, Revitalizing Our Inheritance and Giving to Others.

The Canadian North has many clergy and lay catechists in charge of parishes who work without a stipend. Many are isolated in communities that face traumatic pastoral issues including, unfortunately, the accumulated pain of dealing with multiple suicides. The Diocese of Toronto made a grant of \$500,000 from Our Faith-Our Hope (OFOH) to fund a request from the Council of the North and Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples to hold regional circles where clergy and lay leaders could come together for mutual learning, support and refreshment. So far, 276 have participated from half a dozen dioceses. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$100,000. The Diocese of the Arctic, for instance, brought peo-

ARCHBISHOP’S DIARY

BY ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

ple from 48 communities together. The feedback has been astounding. It makes a difference in peoples’ lives.

The Anglican Chaplaincy for the Canadian Forces elected its first full-time bishop to provide episcopal care for regular and reserve chaplains and their families, and to military personnel across the country. It only became possible because of an initial endowment of \$500,000 from OFOH.

Another \$500,000 grant from OFOH to the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) supports new work in maternal and child health in the developing world and midwifery services in remote northern communities in Canada. Ours is the largest single gift any diocese has ever given to PWRDF in its 50+ year history. Because of matching federal government grants, that gift created a value of over \$2.5 million. Safe deliveries and proper health care are now available because of your generosity.

Parishes around the diocese have been made physically accessible, youth work is being funded, leaders are being trained, pioneering ministries in new contexts have been planned and an amazing array of creative projects have been undertaken locally because of Our Faith-Our Hope – not just because of the financial resources now available, but also because of a reinvigoration of imagination and commitment.

We have succeeded in remarkable ways. While not every parish participated, the vast majority did – and achieved more than many had thought possible. Some of the parishes did not formally join the OFOH project because they were already in the midst of substantial funding efforts. Others added to their

goals to meet parish capital needs and did spectacularly well. Taking that into account, at least \$50 million in new funds has been contributed to ministry in the diocese and beyond in the last seven years, over our regular offerings and FaithWorks contributions.

We are a different diocese because of that. Yes, the money has helped us fund new ministries, adapt old buildings, engage in new mission, support vulnerable people in Christ’s name. More than that, though, it has helped build relationships between people, allowed people to share personal stories, identified and trained new leaders, built up confidence, and assisted people to articulate and share their faith.

I have been changed by the experience. I am more confident in speaking clearly about my faith and my commitment to it. I have discovered a new capacity to give generously. I have met the most amazing Anglicans, heard their stories and been moved by their faithfulness. I have rejoiced in the creativity and boldness of vision of people and parishes (and yes, to be honest, occasionally disappointed by a few). I think our church is in a different place because of Our Faith-Our Hope. We have begun to re-imagine church.

I am profoundly grateful to you and the many people like you who have made and are making a difference in our world because of your faith in Jesus Christ. And I am especially grateful to the lay leaders and clergy in our diocese who took the initiative and rose to it so graciously.

The campaign is now officially concluded, but the allocations continue and the mission God invites us to share is still on our doorsteps. As my first paragraph noted, this was not the first financial campaign, nor will it be the last – the work of the Church is not over. Let us continue onwards in faith and in hope.



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Serving Archbishop Finlay was a privilege



A broad inviting smile, firm handshake and the word “welcome” are the memories we have when Angela and I first met Terence Finlay, Bishop of Toronto, in the summer of 1997. I was beginning my ministry as the incumbent of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea.

When we entered his office, there was a warmth and genuineness experienced by both of us in our first meeting with Bishop Finlay. He was very interested in getting to know us and our young family. We shared the stories of our Christian journeys and family life. It was a pleasure to engage with him and have a sense of the pastoral care and support he offered clergy and their families. I had no idea that six years later I would be working closely with him as his executive assistant and Archdeacon of York.

I got to know Terry, as he was affectionately called, when I became a member of the Postulancy Committee and a regional dean. He gave wise counsel and offered good insight into challenging matters facing the Church. His was a calming voice and a non-anxious presence. He offered strong episcopal leadership in the diocese, both pastorally and morally. He was a model of deep faith and prayerful thoughtfulness, and was genuinely concerned about the well-being of the clergy and laity under his episcopal leadership.

In the spring of 2003 I received a call from the Archbishop’s office inviting me to meet with him. I thought I was going to be invited to sit on another committee of the diocese. He

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BY BISHOP PETER FENTY

quickly got to the purpose of our meeting and asked if I was willing to be considered as a candidate for executive assistant and archdeacon. The position had become vacant when Archdeacon Colin Johnson was elected suffragan bishop. I was surprised when he met with me just before the clergy conference that year and offered me the position.

It was a privilege and distinct honour to serve as his executive assistant and archdeacon. I got to know Terry even better and learned much from him. I witnessed the depth of his faith and his concern for every parish in the diocese. He showed compassion, particularly for the marginalized and minorities in the Church and in the wider community.

Archbishop Finlay was very disciplined in his work. He worked long hours and paid attention to detail, thoroughly reading documents, letters or any material needed for meetings. It was also evident that he cared deeply for the wider Church and appreciated the importance of ecumenical relationships.

One of the qualities I admired about Terry was his willingness to make time for people. He made himself available to clergy and laity who needed to meet with him. I was often asked to join him in meetings with others, and it was evident that he always listened intently. Terry was a pastor, mentor, friend and confidante.

Another quality I admired in him was his humility. He engaged with people in all stations of life. He was as comfortable talking

and engaging with persons on the street corner or drop-in centre as he was with persons serving in public office.

One of the challenges he faced was the Church’s position on human sexuality. While in office he upheld the doctrine and discipline of the Church. On leaving office, he officiated in a same-gender marriage, for which he had to be disciplined by his diocesan bishop, who was once his archdeacon, executive assistant and suffragan bishop. In receiving the admonition, he told his successor in office that he expected nothing less from him and that he was exercising his episcopal ministry responsibly.

I believe that Archbishop Terence was leading the diocese in the direction of being more welcoming to those who were vulnerable, marginalized, voiceless and in the minority. He made a very significant difference in the life of the Diocese of Toronto. It is not surprising, therefore, to hear and read the very complimentary reflections that many have shared about their experiences of him. He exercised a servant ministry throughout his ordained life, and for that we give thanks to God for his example. I was privileged and honoured to have had the opportunity to know him as my bishop, mentor and friend. The Church has been blessed to have had him as a faithful bishop. He will be missed and leaves a legacy of exemplary leadership, humility, compassion and profound faith. We are grateful to his family for having shared him with the Church and assure them of our prayerful support. We give Archbishop Terence Finlay back to his Creator God with the same graciousness we experienced of him. May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

Videos create emotional connection

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

If a picture is worth a thousand words, how many words is a video worth? Well, a video on Facebook receives, on average, 135 per cent more organic reach than a photo. Recent studies tell us that Facebook users watch more than 8 billion videos every day, while more than 500 million hours of video per day are viewed on YouTube. By 2019, nearly a million minutes of video will be shared online every second.

Videos can be used to share a message, provoke a thought or spur an action. Even more simply, they can show a quick snippet of life in particular place. Much of their power lies in their ability to create an emotional connection with viewers.

The diocese has seen much recent success with its videos. Archbishop Colin Johnson's Christmas and Easter messages have earned steadily more views and interactions since the first video was released in March 2015. With the help of a modest budget for ads on Facebook and Twitter, his recent Maundy Thursday message reached 48,000 people and received 24,000 views in its first week. Much of that success is thanks to Anglicans sharing the video online, spreading the message of God's love among their own friends.

An example of the tangible power of video came this past January when, following up on his column in *The Anglican*, Archbishop Johnson appeared in a video urging Anglicans to provide short-term housing for refugee claimants through Romero House. Touched by the story of Tim, Kathy and Marino, Facebook and Twitter users shared the video more than



In a video for the diocese, Kathy Mansfield and Tim Stephenson speak about their experience hosting a refugee in their home. PHOTO BY NICHOLAS BRADFORD-EWART

200 times, making it the diocese's most-shared video. Within a week, it had reached 26,500 people without the help of paid social media ads. Romero House reported several instances of families joining its Community Host Program after seeing the video in their social media feeds.

Videos are also connecting people with the ongoing life of the diocese. Interviews with the nominees in last year's episcopal elections were viewed nearly 15,500 times.

The consecration of our three new bishops in January has been watched 4,000 times so far. Bishop Peter Fenty's consecration, posted on YouTube in 2013, has nearly 20,000 views, many of them from well-wishers in Barbados.

But videos don't need to be professionally produced, expensive or even long to reach people. The most effective online videos are less than two minutes long. On platforms like Instagram, videos as short as a few seconds can be incredibly effective.

A choir singing an anthem on Sunday morning. Pealing church bells. Balloons floating up to the ceiling in celebration. A swinging thurible. A child's shriek of joy during a baptism. These moments, easily captured, give viewers a taste of life in your community.

It has also never been easier to create and share simple videos. Facebook has a built-in tool that will let your church's page create a slideshow of photos with music. On Instagram, you can record videos in the app itself or import them from your phone. Tools like Boomerang create short, looping videos that can be shared straight to Facebook or Instagram. Even livestreaming can be as simple as holding up a phone and tapping a button. Facebook and Twitter both have built-in live video functions that are easy to use. Smartphone cameras are getting better and better, and for simple moments, online audiences generally don't expect the highest quality.

That isn't to say we should indiscriminately record and post video of everything we see. As with any communication tool, video is best used in a strategic way to help achieve a certain goal. Will this video resonate with an audience we're trying to speak to? Does it help us spread a message we're trying to get across? Does it show something about our community we want to share?

I encourage churches to think about the ways they can incorporate video into their digital lives to show how God is working in their communities. Grab a phone, hit "record" and have fun!

Martha Holmen manages the diocese's website and social media presence.

Diocese welcomes social justice consultant

ELIN Goulden started as the diocese's new social justice and advocacy consultant at the beginning of April. Before taking on this position, she had been working since 2010 as part-time parish outreach facilitator for York-Credit Valley, serving as a liaison between area parishes and the diocese on matters of outreach and social and ecological justice. She was also program coordinator for the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC) from 2013-2015, and support staff for the Anglican Church of Canada's task force on the theology of money in 2015.

Ms. Goulden's academic back-

ground includes degrees in law and theology. Her prior work experience includes service at all three levels of government, including work for the Public Interest Law Centre of Legal Aid Manitoba and for Environment Canada, as well as working as a legal editor for several years before beginning her theological studies. She received her MA in theology in 2008 and taught two Diploma in Lay Ministry courses through Wycliffe College in 2008 and 2009.

Ms. Goulden is passionate about connecting the day-to-day life and work of the Church with the biblical call to justice and



Elin Goulden

wholeness for all of God's people and creation. She has long been inspired by Isaiah 1:16b-17: "Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow," as well as the cosmic vision of redemption in Christ portrayed in Colossians 1:17-20: "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together... and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross." She and her family are active parishioners at St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto.

BRIEFLY

Young women welcomed onto Ancient Path

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine is accepting applications for Companions on an Ancient Path. "This is a great opportunity for young women in their 20s and 30s who have a passion for the Gospel, who want to serve others, who seek ways to deepen their lives as followers of Jesus, and who would like an experience of intentional community," says the Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, program coordinator. Beginning in September, the women will live at St. John's Convent in Toronto for a year while developing their leadership skills and deepening their spiritual lives. There is also an opportunity to take courses at Wycliffe College. For more information, visit www.ssjd.ca.

Lay pastoral visitors invited to learning event

The diocese's chaplaincy committee welcomes active lay pastoral visitors to a learning event on Oct. 13-14 at St. John's Convent. This event will explore opportu-

nities for creating a diocesan-wide supportive network of lay pastoral visitors and identify future learning events and needs. Participants will gather on the evening of Oct. 13 for fellowship and explore lay pastoral visitors' networking and its potential on Oct. 14. Limited overnight accommodation is available at the convent guesthouse for those travelling from outside of Toronto. Space is limited. Register at dgraydon@toronto.anglican.ca or 416-363-6021 ext. 236.

Conference explores Messy Church movement

Messy Church leaders, volunteers and newcomers are invited to the first Messy Church Canadian Conference on Oct. 26-27 at Wycliffe College, Toronto. There will be keynote addresses by Lucy Moore, the founder of Messy Church, and Martyn Payne, member of the Bible Reading Fellowship's Messy Church team, along with many practical workshops. The conference welcomes parents, grandparents, Christian educators and anyone interested in reaching families in the community with the Gospel message. Registration costs \$130 until June 30 or \$175 after. For more information, visit www.wycliffecollege.ca/messy-churchconference.



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PRIESTS CELEBRATED

Archbishop Colin Johnson and the area bishops present stoles to honour priests' jubilee anniversaries at the chrism mass at St. James Cathedral on April 11. Also at this annual service, oil for anointing and healing is blessed and clergy reaffirm their ordination vows. At right, silver jubilee stoles for 25 years of ordained ministry are presented. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



The Rev. Donald Anderson receives a diamond jubilee stole for 60 years of ordained ministry.



The Rev. Canon Claire Wade of St. Thomas, Brooklin (centre) and the Rev. Judy Allen of Holy Family, Heart Lake in Brampton receive consecrated oils.



Archbishop Johnson presents golden jubilee stoles to celebrate 50 years of ordained ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The Anglican is not published in July and August. The deadline for the September issue is July 28. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Music & Worship

APRIL 12–JUNE 21 – Kingsway Organ Recital Series, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., free, All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Toronto. May 24, Mark Himmelman of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo; June 7, Andrew Adair of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto; June 21, Manuel Piazza, Bevan Organ Scholar at Trinity College and director of the senior choir at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church,

Toronto. Visit www.organixconcerts.ca.

MAY 28 – Special contemporary music and worship service, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

JUNE 10 – Voices Chamber Choir presents Far and Wide, a celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary with music by Canadian composers and arrangers, 8 p.m. at St. Martin in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors available at the door, or contact voiceschamberchoir@yahoo.ca or 416-519-0528.

JUNE 11 – Festive evensong for Canada 150 national thanksgiving at 4 p.m., followed by strawberry tea. At 5 p.m., Both Sides Now: Canadian musician, singer, historian and teacher Larry Beckwith looks at Canadian music from 1867 to the present. St. Olave, Bloor and Windermere. Contribu-

tions appreciated. More details at 416-769-5686 or stolaves.ca.

JUNE 17 – Scarborough's Got Talent youth and young adult showcase auditions, 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

Sales

MAY 27 – Plant sale, 9 a.m. to noon, Christ Church, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville. Call 905-640-1461.

MAY 27 – Yard sale, 8 a.m. to noon, rent a table for \$25, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

JUNE 3 – Perennial plant sale with bake table, lunch counter and garden craft sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul, Innisfil, corner of Yonge Street and Mapleview Drive.

JUNE 3 – Yard sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave. (Chester subway station). Contact the office at 416-463-1344.

JUNE 17 – Neighbourhood lawn

sale hosted by the ACW, St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto. Tables are \$20. To rent a table, call the church at 416-769-5686 or email stolaves@stolaves.ca.

Workshops & Gatherings

JUNE 9 – Hunger Games event with movie, food, discussion, trivia, games, activities and prizes. \$5 admission. 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

JUNE 11 – Community festival in conjunction with Better Living Foundation's "Stroll, Roll and Run" relay and festival. There will be a bake table, lunch, crafts, raffle, activities for children and more, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Church of Ascension, 33 Overland Dr., North York. Call 416-441-8881.

JUNE 27 – Spirited, food and drink for the body and soul. An

opportunity to relax and enjoy spiritual conversation – everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask. 7:30 p.m. at Ace's Place Bar and Grill, 113 Guildwood Parkway, Toronto.

JULY 24–28 – Gadgets and Gizmos" summer day camp, St. Cuthbert, Leaside, 1399 Bayview Ave., Toronto. A week of adventure for children ages 4-12. Cost is \$100 and includes lunch and snacks. Bible stories, fun activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended care 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an extra \$50. Register www.stcuthbertsleaside.com or contact Maureen at 416-485-0329.

JULY 29 – St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea annual golf tournament at Caledon Woods Golf Club, 15608 Hwy 50., Bolton. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. with tee off at 1:30 p.m. Reception and prizes to follow. Contact the church at 905-793-8020 or Alister Rice at 416-988-4853.

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3. The Staff of the Synod Office
4. Bishop's Working Group on Intercultural Ministry
5. Matthew House
6. North House Shelter
7. The Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care
8. St. John's Community Outreach Ministries
9. Samaritan House Community Ministries
10. The Postulants of the Diocese
11. Theological Colleges of the Anglican Church of Canada
12. All Saints, Markham
13. Christ Church, Stouffville
14. Christ Church, Woodbridge

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15. Emmanuel, Richvale (Richmond Hill)
16. Grace Church, Markham
17. Holy Trinity, Thornhill
18. York Central Deanery
19. St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges
20. Romero House (Director - Jenn McIntyre)
21. The Rev. Chris Harper - Indigenous Priest
22. Toronto Urban Native Ministry
23. Council Fire
24. St. Mary, Richmond Hill
25. Mission to Seafarers
26. St. Philip on-the-Hill
27. Lakefield After-School Program
28. LOFT Community Services
29. St. Paul, Washago
30. Wycliffe Church, Elmvale

FOR JULY

1. The Anglican Church of Canada - Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate
2. Huronia Deanery
3. St. Athanasius, Orillia
4. Christ Church, Waubaushene
5. St. David, Orillia
6. St. George, Fairvalley
7. Good Samaritan, Port Stanton
8. Good Shepherd, Wyebriidge
9. The General Synod and Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada
10. St. James, Orillia
11. St. John, Matchedash
12. St. John, Waverley
13. St. Luke, Price's Corners
14. St. Mark, Midland
15. Parish of Penetanguishene
16. The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
17. The Bridge Prison Ministry
18. Couchiching Jubilee House
19. The Dam
20. The David Busby Centre
21. Downsview Youth Covenant
22. Lakefield After-School Program

23. Camp Couchiching
24. St. Bride, Clarkson
25. St. Elizabeth Church, Mississauga
26. St. Francis of Assisi
27. St. Hilary (Cooksville)
28. Holy Spirit of Peace
29. St. John the Baptist (Dixie)
30. Mississauga Deanery
31. St. Luke (Dixie South)

FOR AUGUST

1. St. Peter (Erindale)
2. St. Thomas a Becket (Erin Mills South)
3. Trinity - St. Paul, Port Credit
4. Trinity, Streetsville
5. Diocesan Girls' Choir School
6. York Mills Deanery
7. Ascension, Don Mills
8. St. Christopher
9. St. Cyprian
10. St. George on Yonge
11. Incarnation
12. St. John, Willowdale
13. Flemingdon Park Ministry
14. St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole
15. Our Saviour
16. St. Theodore of Canterbury
17. Executive Board and Trusts Committee
18. Trent-Durham Area Council
19. York-Credit Valley Area Council
20. Bishop Riscylla Shaw
21. York-Scarborough Area Council
22. York-Simcoe Area Council
23. St. James Cathedral
24. St. Bartholomew
25. All Saints, Sherbourne St.
26. St. Andrew by-the-Lake
27. St. James Deanery
28. Holy Trinity, Trinity Square
29. St. Paul, Bloor Street
30. St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle
31. Redeemer, Bloor St.

CANADA BRIEFS

Iraqi refugee becomes Anglican priest

VANCOUVER - Fr. Ayoob Shawkat Adwar, a priest in the Chaldean Catholic Church, was received as an Anglican priest at a ceremony in Surrey, B.C. on March 26.

The event was a "small but significant piece of history," says Archdeacon Stephen Rowe, rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Surrey, since Adwar is thought to be the first Chaldean priest in history to have become a member of the Anglican clergy.

Originally from Mosul, Iraq - heartland of the Chaldean church - Adwar was ordained as a Chaldean priest in 2008. His family began to arrive in Canada about five years ago, and Adwar himself followed in 2014, when he was granted refugee status.

At around the same time, a group of Chaldeans began worshipping at the Church of the Epiphany. In Advent 2014, Melissa Skelton, bishop of New Westminster, gave her permission for a Chaldean Rite Mass to take place at the church. Over time, Anglicans and Chaldeans started attending each other's services and learning more about each other's traditions.

Meanwhile, Adwar had declared an interest in becoming an Anglican priest and began a discernment process. He was confirmed as an Anglican in December 2016. That ceremony, like his reception as an Anglican priest, was presided over by Bishop Skelton.

Adwar, who is fluent in both Arabic and modern Aramaic - a Middle Eastern language derived from the language of Jesus - will serve as a curate in the diocese of New Westminster, working with an experienced Anglican priest.

Topic

N.B. church provides charity meals made by kids

WESTCOCK, N.B. - A rural New Brunswick church is providing meals for local people in need of prepared food—made by some of the smallest people in the congregation.

For more than a year and a half, children at St. Ann's, Westcock, outside Sackville, N.B., have been taking part in "Feed

My Sheep," a Sunday school program devised by parishioner Kim Grant. One Sunday a month at 9:30 a.m., Ms. Grant gathers with at least 15 children ages 2-13, a retired Sunday school teacher and two or three parents in the church kitchen. While their parents worship, the children and their supervisors prepare an entire menu - a chili, stew or soup, a biscuit or breadstick and a dessert. When the service finishes, the children and their parents take the food to 12-18 recipients in the community. These include, for example, people in palliative care or people recovering from surgery who would find it hard to make meals for themselves.

"The kids are very excited to get to the door at the delivery," Ms. Grant says. "They understand the idea of helping others, and they understand it doesn't matter whether it's someone from our church."

The program was inspired partly by a Christian study looking at ways of helping children learn to succeed in ways that will help them later in life. Summer camp and mission work were two activities the study identified, Ms. Grant says.

Children understand what ministry means—even if adults don't often entrust them with it, she says. "Kids want to give and want to do for others," she adds. "But we don't always give them the opportunities."

The New Brunswick Anglican

Habitat for Humanity seeks help from faith groups

EDMONTON - Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn will be in Canada this summer to take part in the construction of 150 new homes with Habitat for Humanity - and an Anglican priest with the homebuilding charity is encouraging faith groups to get involved.

In honour of Canada's 150th anniversary, Habitat for Humanity has chosen Canada as the site of this year's Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, an annual project that features the participation of the Carters themselves, supporters of the charity since the 1980s. The project will see the construction of 150 homes in several Canadian cities, with the focus on Winnipeg and Edmonton. It will be Habitat's largest Canadian construction project to date.

Faith communities are encouraged to contribute either labour or lunches at the sites. Helping families become homeowners, he says, is a "meaningful and spiritually fulfilling" challenge.

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft, Associate Priest, All Saints, Sherbourne, April 16.
- The Rev. Canon Anthony Jemmott, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Mary, Richmond Hill, May 1.
- The Rev. Ronald Duncan, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. James the Apostle, Brampton, May 1.
- The Rev. Irina Dubinski, Associate Priest, Grace Church on-the-Hill, May 4.
- The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala, Assistant Curate, St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea, May 15.
- The Ven. Elizabeth Hardy, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St.

- John, East Orangeville, June 1.
- The Rev. Patrick McManus (Algoma), Incumbent, All Saints, Kingsway, July 1.

Vacant Incumbencies

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

First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation (not yet receiving names):

- Christ Church, Bolton
- Christ Church, Deer Park

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee (receiving names via Area Bishop):

- St. Peter (Erindale) -

- Chaplain to Seniors
- St. Philip, Etobicoke (York-Credit Valley)
- St. James, Orillia (York-Simcoe)

Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing (no longer receiving names):

- Christ Church St. James, Toronto
- Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River
- St. Clement, Eglinton
- St. Timothy, Agincourt

Ordinations

- The Rev. Earl Campbell was ordained a deacon at St. Dunstan of Canterbury on May 14.
- The Rev. Joan Wilson will be ordained a priest at St. Mar-

- garet in-the-Pines on June 10 at 2 p.m.
- The Rev. Jeffrey Nowers will be ordained a priest at Christ Church, Brampton on June 11 at 4 p.m.

Conclusions

- The Rev. Frances Kovar con-

- cluded her ministry at St. James the Apostle, Brampton on April 30.
- The Rev. Dr. Lisa Wang will conclude her ministry at St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto on May 28. She will be moving to the Diocese of Huron.

Volunteering is a way of giving back

Wendy Thornton has volunteered for the diocese and in her home parish of Nativity, Malvern for many years. She was born and raised in Barbados.

I am currently a director of finance and administration at a non-profit organization. I do a split function of finance and human resources, which I enjoy, as I get to work with the two disciplines that appeal to me. I was previously a director and board chair at a women's shelter. It was a transformative time for me, as I saw first-hand the disturbing effects of abuse, and the sadness and loneliness of persons having to leave their homes. I observed being here the first December how difficult this was as I saw the families, especially the children, not being in their own homes at Christmas. As difficult as this experience was, I did a term of six years. I truly learned so much about life, and I felt at the end of that term that I was able to make a positive difference, not only to my own life and the things we take for granted, but to the lives of women at the shelter.

I am a member of the women's ministry at the Church of the Nativity, where I have been worshipping for the past 30 years. I love to travel, and make the opportunity to do that often. I love to sing. One of my joys is singing the old familiar hymns that bring back so many memories of my youth, and I look forward to our monthly praise and worship service. Working with youth is another thing I look forward to, as you can learn so much from them. I have had many opportunities to travel



Wendy Thornton at her home parish of Nativity, Malvern. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

with the youth group on our annual trips to the U.S., to visit different congregations and share our ministry with them, and be a part of theirs.

As a lay reader, I take the time to prepare the Prayers of the People before Sunday morning. As I prepare, I review the readings for the day and ask God to give me the guidance to pray for the needs of congregation and the current needs of the world. As an intercessory, I read the epistle and assist with Communion. Lay anointing is done with the permission of the area bishop. In this ministry, you are licensed and may minister to the sick through prayer and sacramental anointing with consecrated oil. This is a vital prayer ministry and is done during the Eucharist. As a lay anointer, the best part of my role is to be able to interact with and pray for people who have specific challenges

or needs, to see the results of answered prayer and to receive positive feedback from the congregation.

Currently, I am working on my training as a parish selection committee coach. It is fulfilling to work in your home parish, but very rewarding and insightful to work in others' parishes, as we all do worship a little differently and uniquely. The roles assigned to the parish selection coach include working with a congregation or elected group and the area bishop to find an incumbent for a parish. Having been the chairperson of a selection committee three years ago, I appreciate the discernment that goes into the process to articulate the needs of a parish, to assist in preparing the parish profile and the interview process.

Volunteering for me came very easily when I came to Canada,

as it was something I had done before, and it is a way to meet people and form bonds. Volunteering is a way of giving back your time and talents for the many abundances that are given to us. I started volunteering in Canada as a treasurer at the Church of the Nativity many years ago. After that, I continued my ministry as a rector's warden, a leader in the youth group, youth mentor and a representative on the Synod nominations committee.

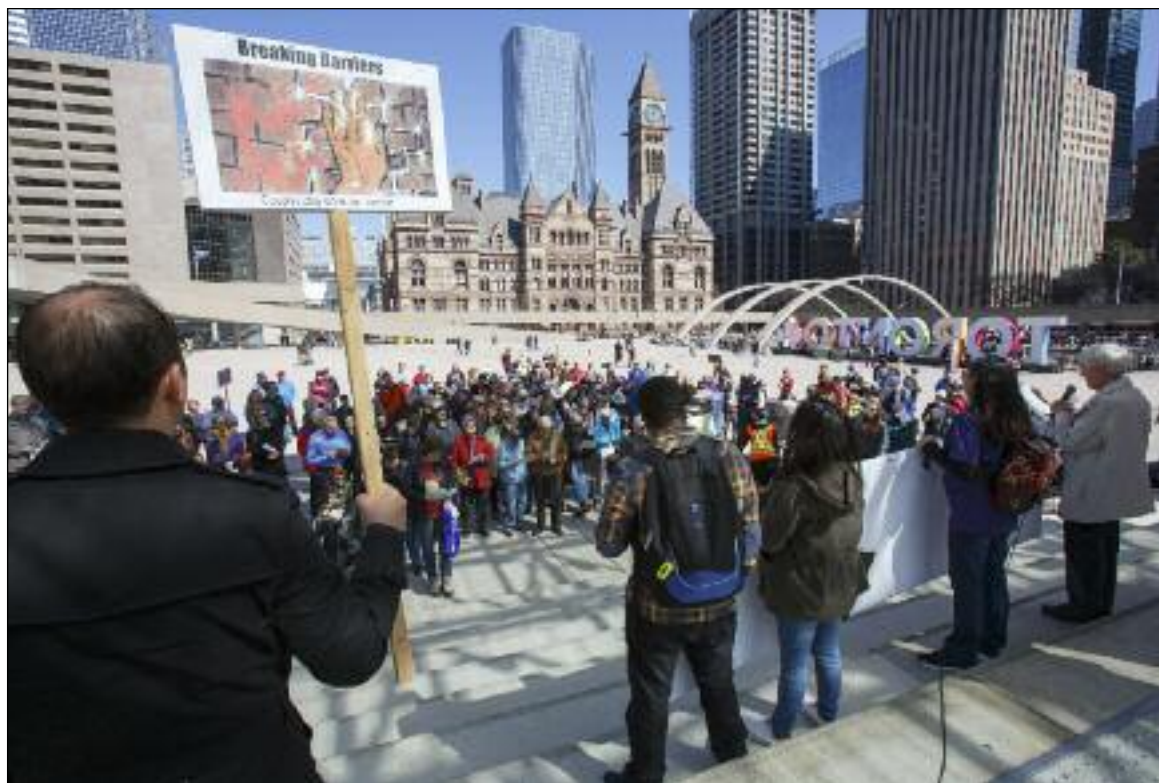
My spiritual journey started in Barbados. As a young girl, I observed the lives of my mother and my grandmother. I watched their continued participation in the organizations within the church. As I followed them to the numerous services and meetings, I acquired a liking for the music, the bible readings and the spiritual aspect. As I entered my teenage years, I noticed the peace and serenity in their lives from serving God, and it became my mission to follow their example, seeing their faith in the Lord as stepping stones towards my future. While at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Barbados, where I spent my formative years, I was involved with Sunday school and many youth activities. The one I will always be grateful for is the Church Girls' Brigade, which helped me to develop social skills, confidence, discipline and leadership skills, to explore the bible and be part of a social network including dancing and traveling, which I still love to do today.

Being a Christian enables me to meet the daily challenges and stresses of life and work. I

rely on prayer and meditation to see myself through the challenges. In the busyness of life and the social pressures that you face, you always know your go-to place. Working in the financial sector, the demands are many and the workload is great, especially in this environment that we live in, but I always know that I can reach out to God in prayer, while also relying on my relatives and church family for the support that I need. One of the advantages to being a part of a Christian fellowship is the mentors you meet along the way, the encouragement and the resources you acquire for growth, spiritual and otherwise, the friendships and the social activity. For the support I need, my trust in God gives me the confidence and strength to deal with personal issues that I may encounter in the workplace any given day.

Five years from now, with God's help, I intend to be retired from the work environment and continuing to do God's work either in Canada or Barbados.

My favorite passage of scripture is Proverbs 3:6, which states, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." I need to call on this scripture regularly. This passage was given to me by my grandmother as I left Barbados many years ago to immigrate to Canada, and sometimes I can still hear her voice repeating this to me. My favourite hymn is "He Leadeth Me," because I know that whatever situation occurs, God's hand will be leading me.



BREAKING BARRIERS

Participants gather in Nathan Phillips Square during the Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice on April 14. The walk started and ended at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square and included short reflections focusing on barriers faced by women, refugees, Muslims and others. At left, Murray Lumley of Danforth Mennonite Church carries a wooden cross as the walk pauses in support of Masjid Toronto mosque; Bishop Riscylla Shaw speaks at the end of the walk. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON