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Archbishop Terence Finlay volunteering at the drop-in centre at All Saints, Sherbourne Street, Toronto, in 2008. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Farewell to leader, pastor, friend

Cathedral packed for Archbishop Terence Finlay's funeral

BY STUART MANN

**AS** he was planning his funeral, Archbishop Terence Finlay told his close friend and colleague Archbishop Fred Hiltz that he wanted to make sure everything was taken care of "so that I could just lie there and enjoy it all."

He surely wouldn't have been disappointed. About 800 people, many of them shedding tears, including Archbishop Hiltz, packed St. James Cathedral on March 25 for the funeral of the man they simply and affectionately called Terry.

At the end of the nearly two-

hour service, as his coffin was being carried down the aisle to the open doors, there was a collective sense that the church had lost a great leader, pastor and friend.

"It was a great celebration of Terry's life and of our faith," said Archbishop Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. "At times we were weeping as we let him go but for the most part we were celebrating who he was as a person, as a Christian, and as an Anglican."

Archbishop Finlay, who served as the 10th Bishop of Toronto from 1989 to 2004, died at his

home in Toronto on March 20 at the age of 79. He had cancer.

His funeral started with Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" and Oscar Peterson's "Hymn to Freedom," played on the piano by the Rev. Canon Tim Elliott, a former incumbent of Christ Church, Deer Park in Toronto. That was followed by native drumming and singing as the Rev. Canon Andrew Wesley smudged the coffin, walking around it and using a feather to bathe it in smoke.

The piano prelude and smudging ceremony set the tone for the

service, which reflected the archbishop's warmth, faith and passion for social justice. The first hymn, sung to the tune "Thaxted" (also the tune for "I Vow to Thee My Country") began with the verses:

*Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;*

*Give freedom's light to cap-*  
*tives, let all the poor have worth.*

*The hungry's hands are plead-*  
*ing, the workers claim their*  
*rights,*

*The mourners long for laughter,*  
*the blinded seek for sight.*

*Make liberty a beacon, strike*

*down the iron power;*

*Abolish ancient vengeance;*  
*proclaim your people's hour.*

The first and second readings (Micah 6: 6-8 and 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31) were read by Archbishop Finlay's daughters, Sara-Jane Finlay and Rebecca Finlay. Archbishop Hiltz gave the homily, based on the the Gospel reading of John 20: 1-9.

"As Terry embraced and enjoyed life to the fullest, so he embraced death – with courage and confidence," he said. "He knew the teaching of the apostles –

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# 'Terry loved this church'

## Primate fights back tears during emotional homily

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whether we live we live unto the Lord, or whether we die we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's.

"When he called me to ask if I would offer a homily, there was in his voice a hope, a real hope that the funeral would be a celebration of our faith in the promises of Christ. 'I want everything in place', he said, 'so that I could just lie there and enjoy it all.'"

Laughter rippled through the congregation, soon followed by silence as Archbishop Hiltz was overcome with emotion remembering the conversation. "When I hung up the phone after our conversation, I thought to myself, what a lovely final wish – that he

be surrounded by family and friends as they listen to the word of God, praising God and singing to God with all our hearts and souls. What a lovely final wish."

He spoke about how Archbishop Finlay touched people's lives as a parish priest, archdeacon, bishop and archbishop. "Some would know him as the bishop who baptized and confirmed them, some as the archbishop who ordained them, some would know him as the liaison bishop to the Missions to Seafarers across Canada, some would know him as the bishop who created opportunities for dialogue across deep differences of theological perspectives, particularly over matters of human sexuality – not only in our own church but across the Communion. Some knew him as the bishop who was humble enough to be able to say I'm sorry that I have offended you – can you embrace my hope that we be reconciled?"

He spoke about Archbishop Finlay's role as the Primate's Envoy



Archbishop Finlay goes into St. James Cathedral for his final service as diocesan bishop in 2004. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

voy to the Residential Schools and as the co-chair of the Primate's Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice. He said he ably represented the church and advocated for the poor in places of power such as governments.

"No matter the work to which Terry was called, no matter the office he held or the title he wore,

the absolutely distinguishing mark of his character was friendship," he said. "He had a wonderful way of befriending people in the name of Christ. He was kind and gracious. It seems that etched on his very soul were those immortal words of the prophet Micah: What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our Lord."

He continued: "Terry loved this church. He loved the whole ecumenical church. And he served it faithfully for 56 years. He happily gathered us for worship, fellow-

ship and dialogue. Terry stood tall for all the church could be – a light that shines in the midst of the world's darkness, a bread that feeds the hungry, a building sheltering those in need."

Following the homily, the Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon, the diocese's coordinator of Chaplaincy Services, led the Prayers of the People. Afterwards, those in attendance shared the Peace and then took communion. Archbishop Colin Johnson, the current Bishop of Toronto, concluded the service with the blessing and dismissal.

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Thursday 25th May at 6 p.m.  
Ascension Communion (BCP)  
plus supper at 6:40 and talk at 7:

### ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX DIALOGUE

Rev. Canon Philip Hobson reflects on recent discussions between Anglicans and Eastern Orthodox about the theological understanding of the human person and the many ethical issues we face today.

He describes his experiences at the Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Dialogue's latest conference in Armagh, Northern Ireland.

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Pall bearers carry Archbishop Finlay's coffin out of the cathedral.



Canon Alice Jean Finlay (centre) with daughters, grandchildren, family and friends, watch as Archbishop Finlay's coffin is lifted into the hearse. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Comments on his passing

Thousands of comments were posted on social media after the announcement of Archbishop Finlay's death on March 20. Here are a few:

"Lovely man who kindly and whole heartedly touched all who encountered him. A great loss. Blessings, hugs to all his family." *Jennifer Kelly, Twitter*

"Bishop Terry was a huge influence to me and laid the basis for my call to spiritual renewal. A huge loss to General Synod and to the ELCIC." *Bishop Susan Johnson, ELCIC, Twitter*

"He was my parish priest in a key time. Always that ready smile & talk whenever our paths met. So present & joyful." *Sherry Coman, Twitter*

"I learned so much in just one hour I spent in a coffee shop with Abp. Terence Finlay years ago... life-altering for me. May he rest in peace." *Irene Moore Davis, Twitter*

"Archbishop Finlay supported, served, and led Huron through six decades. Thank you +Terry and AJ!" *Faculty of Theology at Huron University College, Twitter*

"We are ever so grateful for the time he spent with us. He was a blessing when we needed it, and we are better for having known him." *All Saints, Kingsway, Twitter*

"Terry was an awesome guy who was always ready to answer your questions, have a conversation, and stand up for what is right." *Lauren Bryant-Monk, Twitter*

"I am heartbroken at the loss of this kind, gentle man. Among the best of ecumenical colleagues." *Sara Stratton, Indigenous Justice Animator for the United Church of Canada, Twitter*

"He was a lovely man and a Christian in the truest sense of the



Archbishop Fred Hiltz shows a letter he received from Archbishop Finlay and urges the congregation to take to heart the words he wrote: 'God's grace and wisdom will guide you in the days ahead.'

word." *Jennifer James-Meron, Facebook*

"A great loss, indeed. He was a very caring and generous man. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise to glory." *Bayani D. Rico, Facebook*

"This was a wonderful man with deep compassion and a great sense of humour, who served us right up to the end. He has been loved and he'll be missed." *Trinity - St. Paul, Port Credit, Facebook*

"I haven't shed that many years in a long time. I cried so much the woman beside me, in an incredibly kind gesture, gave me her handkerchief. I have my misgivings about the Anglican Church to be sure, but I can say beyond a doubt there are those in the church who are quietly and humbly seeking the face God, so as to bless others as God would have them do. I count Terry as one of them." *Matthias Mayer, Facebook*

"I once called Archbishop Finlay with a quick question and the next day he showed up in my office with folders of information that he thought (correctly) would help situate his answer more fully and then sat with me for almost an hour as we continued to talk through the question. I am holding this memory today after hearing of his death this morning." *Dr. Ryan Weston, Anglican Church of Canada, Facebook*



Archbishop Finlay's coffin and mitre rest in the cathedral during the visitation and overnight vigil before the funeral.



Bishop Peter Fenty, area bishop of York-Simcoe, hugs Canon Alice Jean Finlay during the visitation.

"Archbishop Finlay was the chaplain of the Canadian House of Bishops when we were going through a particularly hard time discussing same sex blessings. I had felt attacked on a personal level. There were rumours said about me that just were not true. For the first time in my life, I



Native drumming and singing during the smudging ceremony.

asked myself was it worth the personal cost to my reputation and emotional well being. I was thinking of early retirement from the House of Bishops. The archbishop felt my pain and sat with me through some late hours. Reminded me of God's call of my life and to whom I had committed to serve. We were miles apart in cer-

## Premier attends

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Among the honorary pall bearers were Premier Kathleen Wynne, former senator Hugh Segal and Adrienne Clarkson, a former governor-general. Also in attendance was the Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

In an interview after the service, Archbishop Johnson described Archbishop Finlay as warm and generous. "He really lived that sense of warm embrace of everyone, which is what Jesus did. He was modelling the life that he saw in Jesus, who was always inquisitive about people, always welcoming people, drawing them out and calling them to fuller life. That's exactly who Terry was and why so many people were touched by him."

Ordained deacon in 1961 and priest in 1962, Archbishop Finlay came to the Diocese of Toronto from the Diocese of Huron in 1982 and served as the incumbent of St. Clement, Eglinton. In 1986, he was elected a suffragan bishop in the diocese and served in the episcopal area of Trent-Durham. He was elected coadjutor bishop in 1987 and installed as the 10th Bishop of Toronto in 1989. He was elected and installed as metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario in 2000.

After his retirement in 2004, he served as chaplain to the national House of Bishops, episcopal visitor to the Mission to Seafarers in Canada, and was the Primate's Envoy on Residential Schools. He continued to serve as interim priest-in-charge for several parishes in the diocese, most recently retiring this past Christmas from All Saints, Kingsway.

Throughout his ministry he was supported by his wife, Canon Alice Jean (AJ) Finlay, who has served in many international organizations, including the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

tain theological issues but that night it meant nothing. That night he was my brother in Christ sitting with me through a rough time in my life. I will never forget it. I will miss him. My prayers go to his family." *Bishop Larry Robertson, Facebook*

"He became a good friend in my early days at St James and was a great rock to lean on in some difficult times since then. Always ready with a grin, a hug, and a 'hello, how are you?' He will be dearly missed by the very many he loved and ministered to." *Andrew Keegan Mackriell, Facebook*

"Our prayers are with the Anglican Church of Canada and the family and loved ones of the Most Rev. Terence Finlay. Many in the United Church remember Archbishop Finlay for his commitment to ecumenism and the work of reconciliation. May he rest in peace." *United Church of Canada, Facebook*



# He lived his life abundantly

## ARCHBISHOP'S DIARY

BY ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON



I was privileged but deeply saddened to participate in the funeral of Archbishop Terry Finlay in March. He was my mentor and friend. Twenty-five years ago to the month, he had surprised me by inviting me to become his

executive assistant and later archdeacon, and for a short time, one of his suffragan bishops. For the next 12 years, we worked together on an almost daily basis, and I witnessed firsthand the joys of Terry's episcopal ministry and his heartaches. The former was much more public than the latter. It was the former that undergirded and sustained his ministry as diocesan bishop. He fully and authentically lived out what another bishop once quipped he was looking for in an ordinand: a person who loved God and loved people.

What a moment it was when he presided as diocesan bishop at the SkyDome for the sesquicentennial celebrations of the diocese! He was as interested in the conversation he had with a street person he met on a morning's walk to the Synod office through Allan Gardens as he was welcoming the Queen to the cathedral. He read and talked and prayed and laughed in full measure. He had that special capacity to listen carefully and charitably to people who held views diametrically opposed to his, and to bring into helpful conversations people who would not usually speak to each other. He consulted widely before making decisions – too widely in some people's view, but they had not borne the personal scars of times when that had not been done. Terry was immensely likeable because he so liked the people he was with at the moment: it was infectious. His compassion was generous and widely embracing. He lived his life abundantly as a follower of Jesus, and invited others to share in it. Even as he approached his impending death, he was busy living: preaching the Gospel, visiting the sick, advocating for the marginalized, playing with his family, relishing stories, mesmerized by a movie, devoted to the love of his life, Alice Jean.

I also had the rare privilege to witness the dark sides of episcopal life the Archbishop had to endure. It was in these much more private times of anguish and sorrow that his faith was deepened and his mettle burnished. Those personal moments are not mine to tell, but it was here I learned the most important lessons from him – how to live with courage and hope in the ultimate goodness



Archbishop Finlay greets people in St. James Park, beside St. James Cathedral, after his retirement service as diocesan bishop in 2004. With him is Bishop Douglas Blackwell. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

of God's redemptive love. The burdens of the office did not overwhelm the joy he felt in responding to God and the church's call. For Terry Finlay, ministry was not so much a sacrificial obligation dutifully embraced as a compelling and life-giving vocation – life-giving to him and life-giving to others. He was embarrassed with his honorific as bishop, "My Lord," but that for an archbishop fit him entirely: "Your Grace."

If you were present at the funeral rites – the Friday night visitation, remembrances and vigil, and the Saturday Requiem Eucharist – you know how it was a celebration of Christian hope and confidence in the resurrection. Terry and AJ, with the advice and assistance of family and friends, planned it well. It was tearful and joyful, grief-filled and celebratory.

Following in his example, may I suggest that you think about your own funeral plans – not to be morbid about it or grandiose but realistic? What scripture do you want read, what hymns sung? Who do you want to participate? What service do you want? Where will you be buried? Have you a will? Tell your family, your executor and your parish priest. (If you don't, how will they know?)

Terry remembered the church and other important charities not only in his will but through an insurance policy purchased for that purpose, a generous act by a generous

couple.

My wife and I have our funeral wishes written out. They are stored in the parish files for future reference – hopefully long in the future! We have told our family so they know our wishes and where to find all the relevant documentation. We first made our wills before we brought our first child home from hospital when we had really nothing of value but her, and we have updated them regularly since then as our circumstances changed. We have appointed powers of attorney for personal care if we cannot make our own decisions, and powers of attorney for property if we cannot attend to our affairs. We have told our executor, so there is no confusion about what to do when we die. We have made provision for our family, for the church and for our favorite charities so that others may continue to enjoy the blessings that we most valued in our life.

That is not gloomily fatalistic but part of our personal witness in life as in death to the faith we have in God, from whose love nothing will be able to separate us in Christ Jesus. This was Terence Finlay's witness. "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living" (Romans 14).



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## ALL TOGETHER

Participants in an interfaith community walk in Parkdale in Toronto's west end have their picture taken at Hindu Prathana Samaj temple on March 19. The group visited a Buddhist temple, a mosque, a United Church and the Hindu temple. The organizers sought to build a united front of tolerance, inclusion and acceptance in light of recent acts of hate and division in Canada. The group includes Arif Virani, MP Parkdale-High Park (second row, fourth from left), the Rev. Alexa Gilmour of the United Church (second row, centre) and the Rev. Gary van der Meer of St. Anne, Gladstone Avenue (second row, sixth from left). PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON





# Listen and let their stories change us



BY ELIN GOULDEN

**T**his past year, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy Committee was forced to confront

its complicity in systemic racism.

As we were planning our fall outreach conference, we focused on themes of displacement and alienation – how vulnerable people get pushed to the margins, out of their homes and onto the streets, off their land and into reserves, out of their countries and into refugee camps and desperate searches for asylum. We lined up a keynote speaker and leaders for workshops addressing these issues. All were and are excellent speakers, people who have devoted themselves to the work of justice. Some have experienced marginalization in different ways. But one thing they had in common: all of them were white.

A few weeks before the conference, we were called to account by a faithful member of the black community in our diocese. How is it, we were asked, that our committee had planned an entire conference around the themes of displacement, marginalization and alienation – even using a title drawn from a psalm that has become a renowned African-American spiritual – without reflecting at all on the experiences of people of African descent? Our diocese is perhaps the most diverse in Canada and is enriched by the contributions of Anglicans of colour at every level, yet the leadership of the outreach conference did not reflect this diversity.

It was certainly never our intention, as a committee, to exclude the voices of racialized communities. But that is how racism, like other forms of systemic oppression, works. It is insidious. It looks like “the way things are” or “the way we’ve always done it” or “we chose the people who were available on the occasion that suited us.” And even if our actions are unintentional, they cause real damage to the Body of Christ, because when any group of people do not see themselves included in the events, committees or leadership of the church, they may legitimately wonder if we really see them. Do we value their stories? Do we care about the challenges and injustices they experience?

And if not, how can we ever come to acknowledge our own part in perpetuating those injustices and take steps to change our ways? Will the church listen when people of colour, disabled people, the LGBTQ community and the poor express frustration and, yes, anger at the systems that have excluded and oppressed them? Or will we shake our heads and say, “but they are so angry” or “they are always raising a fuss” or “if only they used different tactics”?

Recently, the Anglican Church of Canada responded to Senator Lynn Beyak’s remarks lamenting that more focus had not been placed on the “good” of residential schools. While not denying that there were some individuals working in the schools who had good intentions, and even some students who had positive experiences, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Bishop Mark MacDonald and General Secretary Michael Thompson reminded us all that “it is Indigenous people who have the authority to tell that story. It is our duty to receive that story and let it change us.” It has taken our church many decades and the witness of thousands of survivors to get to that place with Indigenous people. Can we begin to listen to others whom we have excluded, to receive their stories and let them change us?

To do so requires drawing back from our positions of privilege to make room for others. This is not an easy thing to do. It requires real intentionality and humility, and being willing to do things differently. Yet we are meant to have the mind of Christ Jesus, who emptied himself for our sakes rather than exploiting his position as the Son of God. As church, we are a people formed by forgiveness and reconciliation, a new people formed by the breaking down of barriers in Christ. We are called to nothing less.

The members of the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee apologize sincerely for our failure to include and lift up the voices of people of colour. We pledge ourselves to the process of reception and change, and invite Anglicans of all backgrounds to join us on this journey.

*Elin Goulden is the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant.*

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 | DR. STEPHEN SCHARPER

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6:30pm Light Supper (Cathedral Centre) | 7:00pm Lecture (Cathedral Centre)

Dr. Stephen Scharper is a celebrated environmental ethicist and theologian at the University of Toronto.

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By Paige Souter  
Manager of Annual Giving

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 Cor 12:27 It is amazing what can be accomplished when we do things together.

Together, as Anglicans and friends we contributed \$1,523,646 to the 2016 FaithWorks Campaign, our shared diocesan ministry to care for people in need. Together, as parishes, donors, corporate sponsors, ministry partners, and volunteers we fed, sheltered, nurtured and befriended over 13,000 people in 2016. Together, we are improving the lives of individuals and families who face difficult challenges.

*"I am always inspired by our donors whose faith-filled generosity brings to life the power of Christ's love in the world," says Archbishop Colin Johnson. "With open hearts and generous spirits, we respond as the body of Christ to the needs that are ever present within our communities. We do not turn away from the challenges but reach out in faith and hope knowing that together, in Christ, we can make lives better."*

*"As we celebrated FaithWorks' 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, we witnessed the tremendous commitment and dedication of donors and volunteers to our shared mission to care for people who are the most vulnerable in our communities," noted Shelagh McPherson, Chair of the FaithWorks Allocation Committee. "Because of their prayers and financial support, our ministry partners are able to care for thousands of people."*

Thank you! for your generosity and ongoing support. Because of you, FaithWorks through the work of our ministry partners are improving the lives of thousands of people. May our prayer for FaithWorks be that together, we will continue to walk with people who are most in need, knowing that as members of the body of Christ all things are possible!

### CARING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND PRISONERS

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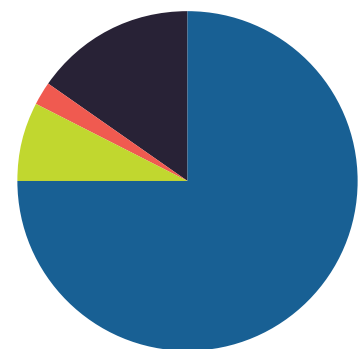
- Last year you helped to support 3,600 people who are homeless through the provision of drop-ins, shelters, and street outreach programs
- Last year you helped to provide spiritual support, community reintegration, and employment and housing supports for 532 people who have been touched by the prison system
- Last year you helped 514 young adults living with complex mental health challenges find and keep stable housing

*"I have started a new Beginning in my life with BRIDGE and it is helping me to learn about how I can live in the community and with my family."*  
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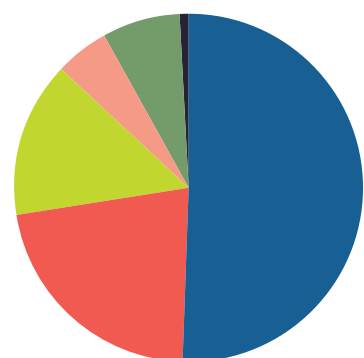
Together, we provide safe shelter, educational supports and mentoring to women, children and youth who are at risk of violence and abuse.

- Last year you helped to provide transitional housing, outreach and support programs for 3,778 for women, children and youth affected by violence
- Last year you helped 1,320 children and youth develop life skills and self esteem to face academic, emotional, and social challenges



#### Where the money goes

- 2017 Allocation: \$1,157,528
- Parish Retainers: \$98,109
- Area Grants: \$34,982
- Campaign Expenses: \$209,707



#### Where the money comes from

- Parishes: \$700,314
- Corporate: \$317,184
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- Other: \$3,778





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- Last year you helped to provide pastoral care, street outreach, worship services, and traditional mentoring and spiritual companionship for 6,000 First Nations people

- Last year you helped to support the work of the Anglican Church of Canada, including the Council of the North, and Indigenous ministries
- Last year you helped to provide bereavement and spiritual care for 219 people living with HIV/AIDS

*"I never thought that I'd fall so far, and lose so much (as a result of HIV/AIDS) . . . When I was first introduced to the Philip Aziz Centre it was through the men's group. We were a group of men with HIV, substance addictions, and other challenges, who met regularly to share food and to talk. By being part of this group, I transformed in every way. Now, my volunteer meets me every week for three to three and half hours, and we talk about everything under the sun. His visits make me want to be a better person. He helps me physically, mentally and emotionally." — Alex, Client of the Philip Aziz Centre*

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**PARISH CAMPAIGN**

The heart of the FaithWorks Campaign are the parishioners of the 176 parishes who raised \$700,314 to support outreach ministry both in the Diocese and around the world. An important part of parish campaigns are the funds that parishes are able to retain to support outreach ministries within their local community. In 2016, parishes retained \$98,109. In addition, \$34,982 were made available for Area Ministry Grants.

Thank you for your faith-filled generosity. Together, as the body of Christ, we are sharing God's love with people who need it most.





# I get to time travel every day

*The Rev. Dr. Pearce Carefoote is the interim head of rare books and special collections at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto.*

**We are the largest rare book library in Canada.** The department of special collections at the University of Toronto has been around since 1955; we have been in our present location – the south tower of Robarts Library – since 1973. Our collections range in age from 4,000-year-old cuneiform tablets through Egyptian papyrus from the time of Christ, medieval manuscripts, early printed books and modern Canadian literature. We have large collections in the history of science and medicine, Scripture, philosophy, theology, English and European literature, history and Canadiana, as well as the archives of Canadian authors like Margaret Atwood and Leonard Cohen.

**I am responsible for the medieval and historic manuscripts, the early printed books and, for the last seven years, historic Canadiana as well.** That means I work with antiquarian book dealers from around the world who have items for sale; I examine them and look to see if they will fit into our current collections. I also work with donors who have books from those periods or subject areas, to add their books and manuscripts to our holdings. I catalogue these items as they arrive according to rare book standards and assist with reference services. I also do a great deal of teaching at the library. I teach my own full-credit course entitled “Rare Books and Manuscripts” for second-year master’s students from the Faculty of Information, as well as about 30 seminars annually to professors who want sessions taught on topics such as “the book in the Reformation” or “the making of medieval books,” for example. As interim head, I am also involved in the administra-



**The Rev. Dr. Pearce Carefoote holds a 1549 Book of Common Prayer, left, and a 1539 Great Bible authorized by Henry VIII, at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON**

tion of our department, its logistics and finances.

**There are two very big projects with which I am presently involved.** I am the curator of our current exhibition, “Struggle and Story: Canada in Print,” which traces the history of the nation in broad strokes, from the time of the first European encounters with Indigenous peoples through to Canada’s centennial year in 1967, but specifically through an examination of the print legacy that has been left behind. I’ve written an illustrated catalogue to accompany the exhibition and assist with the instruction and informational tours associated with it. That exhibition runs through the summer until just after Labour Day.

**After that, I will curate our exhibition commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and that is taking up a great deal of my time at the moment.** The exhibition is entitled “Flickering of the Flame: Print and the Reformation” and will open on Sept. 25, running

until Christmas. It shouldn’t be surprising that the special collections department of a university that is 190 years old, with deep religious roots, would house important legacy collections that document the era before, during and immediately after the Reformation. Knowing that we wanted to mark this important anniversary, we started acquiring more materials from around the world, but especially in Europe and the United States, that filled in the gaps for us. So, for example, in the last few years we have purchased pre-Reformation vernacular devotional manuscripts and even an indulgence from Spain. We also have very rare and important early pamphlets and polemical caricatures by Martin Luther spanning the years 1519 to 1545, both in Latin and German, with their fine woodcuts from the workshop of Lucas Cranach. Because we want to tell the story of the Reformation as it spread across Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries, we have purchased rare copies of the 1549 and 1559 Book of Common Prayer, for example, to add to

our already strong collections of BCPs. We have also acquired rare Recusant materials to show the ways in which English Catholics, for example, responded to the Reformation in England. Other materials, donated and bought, flesh out the movement as it reached deeper into the continent, Scotland, Ireland and even, by extension, into North America.

**One of the side benefits of all this activity is that it has deepened relationships with dealers around the world.** There are very few feelings of excitement, at least for someone like me, like going into an antiquarian dealer’s shop in Paris or Vienna, being made welcome, turning the pages of these books and having a dealer trust you enough to say, “We’ll send it on; I think you need it for your exhibition” – and knowing you have the support of the library administration back home to do it!

**I think this exhibition reinforced what I already knew at a basic level: that when Christians stop listening to each other, when they allow pride to trump the Gospel, they sow the seeds of dissension.** While researching and putting this exhibition together over the last six years, I’ve come to the realization that this wasn’t just a matter of Catholics versus Protestants. There was a lot of politics going on in the background, men and women quite willing to take advantage of the fault lines that existed within Christianity to press their own advantage at the expense of the church’s unity. That has reminded me that Christians are still susceptible to being played by those whose political agendas are more important than their faith, even by those politicians who profess to be Christians.

**Most importantly, mounting this exhibition has reminded me that there are elements of truth and error to be found on**

**both sides (if we can speak of “both” – it was in fact “multiple” sides).** There is much, for example, that Protestant churches can learn from the Catholic spiritual and mystical traditional and its emphasis on the transcendental, and much that Catholics can learn from the continued Protestant emphasis on the fundamental importance of Scripture. If we know our history and how we got to where we are today, which this exhibition attempts to show, maybe there is still hope for unity in the future, though I doubt ever uniformity.

**The best thing about my job is actually twofold: it’s working with these beautiful, ancient texts – with the annotations of their previous owners in the margins of their books, struggling to make sense of what they were reading – and then sharing their story with the current generation of readers and visitors.** I get to time travel every day, and take people along with me for the ride.

**Five years from now I’ll probably be retired from the library and, I hope, free to do more pastoral or educational ministry in the church.**

**My favourite passage of Scripture is Romans 8:38-39.** “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It speaks to my own faith journey. When I felt that I did not belong, whether in the church or in my family or among my classmates, I knew that I always belonged to him. The passage has always kept me grounded and hopeful. I belong to Christ, his love is unconditional, and despite my own failings, he keeps bringing me back to him. No power can take that away from me.



## DAY FOR DEACONS

Archbishop Colin Johnson and the diocese’s deacons have their photo taken at a retreat day at St. John’s Convent in Toronto on March 11. Above, deacons take part in a small group discussion. Deacons are ordained persons who often exercise a ministry of service beyond the church, particularly to the vulnerable and marginalized. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



# Church hosts food hub for neighbours

Aim is to grow, process and share food locally

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

**I**N the heart of Parkdale, a diverse neighbourhood west of downtown Toronto, the Church of Epiphany and St. Mark is taking steps to help its neighbours find healthy, affordable food. The goal is one the parish sees as a natural fit. “The biblical story begins in the garden and ends in a feast,” says the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney, associate priest-missioner to the Parkdale Community Food Hub. “Food is central to the ministry of Jesus. Food is central to the ongoing sacramental presence of Jesus within the people of God today.”

The idea of hosting a food hub in the church surfaced in early 2013 when the Jeremiah Community, a new monastic Anglican group, found a home in the church building. “Members of the community were looking around the neighbourhood trying to find places to connect,” says Mr. McKinney. The church had recently lost its daycare tenant, and local leaders wondered if it could offer space where food could be distrib-

uted to residents. “Parkdale remains a relatively affordable neighbourhood by city standards, but the pressure of gentrification is increasing,” says Mr. McKinney. “We’re concerned that healthy, culturally appropriate food will become more and more unaffordable.”

The church’s location at the heart of Parkdale makes it an ideal gathering space. With the Milky Way Garden just behind it, a park and community centre across the street and a public library next door, the church is positioned at the centre of a neighbourhood actively talking about what its future could look like. “Where the church sits, it can either be in the way of a lot of this grassroots momentum toward a more equitable, diverse and inclusive neighbourhood, or it can be an enabler of that,” says Mr. McKinney.

The food hub idea didn’t take root immediately, but the church continued to make connections with local organizations concerned about development in Parkdale. Meanwhile, a neigh-



The Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney at the entrance to the community garden behind Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale. At right, some of the garden beds. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



bourhood-wide planning study identified health and food security as an area of interest, and the idea of a community food hub re-emerged. “It became an idea of multiple organizations collaborating, ideally in a single space, by sharing resources and trying to think about creative solutions to food insecurity,” says Mr. McKinney.

The focus has also shifted to food security, rather than emergency food relief. “It takes into account the whole of the food system, beginning with the planting and growing of food all the way through processing, producing, harvesting, all the way to the table,” he says. “How do we make sure the system guarantees that people don’t find themselves in a situation where they need emergency food relief?”

While many models for food hubs exist, the concept in Parkdale is being driven largely by the church’s existing facilities. The building has two industrial kitchens, one of which is already

set up as a space different groups can use to host food literacy programs. “It would offer programs that would teach young kids how to cook, for instance, which is happening now,” says Mr. McKinney.

Members of the church hope its other kitchen can be upgraded to accommodate a food production or food processing centre, which would connect with the Milky Way urban agriculture site just outside the building. “One of the things we’re looking at is increasing the production capacity of the garden and, if bylaws and zoning allows, creating a market garden so food can be sold,” he says.

“This is a part of a longer-term vision of the food system in Parkdale where food is grown, processed and consumed or sold in the same square block.”

Plans for the food hub are still in their early stages, but the community of Epiphany and St. Mark will continue to advocate for its success as a member of the project’s steering community of neighbourhood partners. “Food has been identified by the neighbourhood as a need, and the church is in a position to contribute something towards that,” says Mr. McKinney. “I would say that the Holy Spirit is doing something in the neighbourhood.”

## BRIEFLY

### Readers give to newspapers

Readers in the Diocese of Toronto have once again generously supported *The Anglican* and *Anglican Journal*, giving \$122,321 to last year’s appeal. The money will be divided evenly between the two church newspapers. After campaign expenses, each will receive \$46,264.

“These donations are incredibly important to keep the paper

going, and I want to thank everyone who gave,” said Stuart Mann, editor of *The Anglican*, the diocese’s newspaper. He said the money will be used to pay for freelance photography and graphic design, and to help with the cost of printing and mailing. The paper has a circulation of 20,000. It is published monthly except for July and August.

Anglicans across Canada gave \$497,121 to the appeal, which supports the work of the national paper, the *Anglican Journal*, and the diocesan papers. Since its inception, the annual campaign has raised \$9.8 million.

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# ACW marks 50th anniversary

## Group seeks renewal as it builds on past

BY STUART MANN

**AS** it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 13, the diocesan Anglican Church Women is looking ahead to the future while honouring its storied past.

The women's organization, commonly known as the ACW, will be marking the occasion at its annual general meeting, held on May 13 at Christ Church, Stouffville. The special guest speaker will be federal health minister Jane Philpott. Prior to entering politics, Dr. Philpott had an extensive career in family medicine, public health, medical education and advocacy for those living with HIV/AIDS.

The theme of the gathering, "Moving Forward in Faith," reflects the ACW's commitment to respond to some important issues of the day, says Anita Gittens, ODT, the current president and a member of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale. Among the subjects to be discussed will be women's health, social justice and advocacy concerns, and healing and reconciliation.

The theme also speaks to the ACW's renewal, says Ms. Gittens. Like many churches and church organizations – both Anglican and of other denominations – the ACW is experiencing a decline in membership, and members are aging. In response, the organization is working to attract younger women.

The diocesan ACW has decided to reinvent itself. While continuing the work and fellowship it is known for, it is exploring new ways to reach new and younger members. "We don't know how our areas of focus will look in the future, but we feel there's an opportunity for us to be relevant in this changing world and to be that focus for Christian community that is part of our purpose," says Ms. Gittens.

She says women's lives have changed greatly since the ACW was formed in 1967. Often juggling full-time work and families, women today do not have the time or inclination to make long-term volunteer commitments. They still want to meet to discuss their faith, she says, but nowadays it's more likely over a quick meal at the local restaurant. If they agree to help out, it's often on an as-needed basis, she says.

The ACW is adapting to this new reality. It is exploring the use of social media, hoping to engage a younger demographic. As well, some ACW groups in churches are meeting at different times and locations, and for a variety of reasons. "It's almost like fresh expressions of ACW," says Ms. Gittens, referring to the term used for new forms of church to reach seekers. "We have to meet others



**Puppeteers perform a skit that helps school children learn about issues, including mental health, at the ACW's annual general meeting last year at St. Thomas, Brooklin. The ACW funded the puppet program, helping to reach 325 children in Trent-Durham. At right, women work on vestments at the ACW's office in Toronto. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON**

where they are, find out what's relevant for them and how we can be of service."

She is confident that the ACW will succeed, mainly because its core mission is still as relevant today as it was 50 years ago: to be a focus for Christian community among all Anglican women, affirming their gifts and encouraging their ministries through worship, learning and service. "Everyone wants to belong and to be part of something, to know they are not alone – whether closely knit or loosely formed, still part of a community."

In the meantime, she says, the ACW continues to be active in parishes across the diocese. "Our members enjoy what they do, whether it's helping with worship, catering, leading and taking part in educational groups and Bible studies, lobbying their elected officials for change or doing hours of charity work in the community."

Indeed, the ACW has been active in every part of parish and diocesan life since it started. In parishes, ACW members serve as chancel guilds, lay readers, Bible study leaders, Sunday School teachers and more. They organize parish dinners, bazaars, prayer groups, book clubs and travel clubs. They cater to bereaved families after funerals, knit prayer shawls for the sick, sew caps for cancer patients and dolls for sick children, and visit seniors and shut-ins.

Each year, the diocesan ACW gives money to a number of organizations, particularly those involved in social justice issues and outreach. For the past two years, it has funded groups that assist senior women, many of whom



have Alzheimer's disease. In previous years, the ACW has funded groups that provide children's breakfast programs and worked with homeless youth and those suffering from mental illness. A new focus for 2018-19 will be chosen at the annual general meeting on May 13.

The ACW funds some lesser-known causes as well. It provides pension assistance to women who were missionaries but are not entitled to a pension. It supports the Council of the North, and provides bursaries to female theological students. It provides funds to women who are training for the diaconate, and also provides training in caring for church chancels and sanctuaries.

The ACW has been ably led by 15 presidents over the years. They are: Pat MacKay (1966-68), Peggy Salter (1968-1970), the late Winnifred Goodaire (1970-73), Audrey Shepherd (1973-76), the late Lillian Bradstreet (1976-79), the late Peggy Lonsdale (1979-82), Georgi Doyle (1982-85), the late

Betty McKim (1985-88), Gladys McClellan (1988-91), the late Jane Cook (1991-94), Marion Chambers (1994-97), Elizabeth Loweth (1997-2001), June Dyer (2001-2003), Marion Saunders (2003-08) and Anita Gittens (2008-present).

The ACW in the diocese was created in 1967 with the amalgamation of four women's groups: Woman's Auxiliary, Mothers' Union, the Chancel Guild and Church Year, after General Synod passed a resolution in 1966 that the four organizations be combined to form the Anglican Church Women.

A national gathering of all Anglican women will be held on June 15-18 at Redeemer University College in Ancaster. It will be hosted by the national executive of the Anglican Church Women of Canada.

For more information about the diocesan ACW's annual general meeting on May 13 at Christ Church, Stouffville, call the ACW's office at 416-363-0018 or email acw@toronto.anglican.ca.

## LOOKING AHEAD

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email [editor@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:editor@toronto.anglican.ca). The deadline for the June issue is May 1. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar at [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://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. April 12, Simon Walker of St. Jude, Oakville; April 26, Richard Birney-Smith, playing music for Holy Week and Easter; May 10, Richard Spotts of Westminster Choir School, Princeton, New Jersey; 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](http://www.organixconcerts.ca).

**APRIL 30** – Easter carol service, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road.

**APRIL 30** – The Metropolitan Silver Band, a 30-member band founded in 1931, presents an exciting evening of music. Its repertoire includes classics, marches, great musicals, religious music, popular selections and contemporary works written and arranged for brass band. At St. Andrew, Scarborough, 7 p.m. The church is located at 2233 Victoria Park Ave. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for children. Complimentary refreshments after the concert. Call 416-447-1481.

**MAY 7** – Rock Eucharist featuring the music of The Beatles, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

**MAY 7** – Join the handbells, chimes, band, choir and organ at 3 p.m. in celebrating MusicFest 2017: Around the World in 80 Minutes, at St. John, York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., Toronto. Proceeds aid Sleeping Children Around the World and the church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Visit [www.sjym.ca](http://www.sjym.ca), call 416-225-6611 or email [musicefest@sjym.ca](mailto:musicefest@sjym.ca).

**MAY 13** – Organ recital with Dr. Giles Bryant, former organist and choir master at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto, 7:30 p.m., at St. Thomas, Brooklin. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets can be reserved by calling 905-655-3883, or will be available at the door.

**MAY 13** – The new and larger combined congregations of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, Bloor Street will be holding a spring sale, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 525 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Rummage, baked goods for sale and more.

**MAY 17** – Evening of piano, voice, saxophone and organ, 7:30 p.m., St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto. Contact Konrad Harley, 416-463-1344 or at [office@stbarnabas-toronto.com](mailto:office@stbarnabas-toronto.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

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**MAY 21** - Bach Vespers, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

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

perience that includes salad, fresh rolls, New York Strip steak or chicken cooked over an open hearth by professional chefs, potato, apple pie and wine – all for \$40 – at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 111 Cactus Ave., Toronto. Call 416-222-6198 or email monks-cell@hotmail.com for reservations. Seating available Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday night from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**MAY 6** - Spring Fling: Caribbean Dinner and Dance, 6:30 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Admission \$25. VISA accepted. Tickets will not be available at the door. Call 416-283-1844.

**MAY 13** - The Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women will be holding their 50th anniversary celebration, annual general meeting and luncheon at Christ Church, Stouffville. Details to follow. For tickets, call 416-363-0018 or email acw@toronto.anglican.ca.

**MAY 13** - Mother's Day Brunch, fellowship and fine food, grandmothers-to-grandmothers marketplace and speaker, door prizes, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Timothy, Agincourt, 4125 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto. Tickets \$15. Call 416-293-5711.

**MAY 19-25** - Electronics collection, recycle your used and unwanted electronics at the church for free, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

**MAY 25** - The Rev. Canon Philip Hobson of St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto, reflects on the latest conference of the International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue, 7 p.m., at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto. Communion at 6 p.m., followed by light supper. Call 416-769-5686.

**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.

**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 [steuthbertsleaside.com](http://steuthbertsleaside.com) or contact Maureen 416-485-0329.

## PRAYER CYCLE

FOR MAY

1. St. James the Apostle, Brampton
2. St. James, Caledon East
3. Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton)
4. St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea
5. St. Jude, Bramalea North
6. Trinity Church, Campbells Cross
7. New curates of the diocese
8. Wycliffe College
9. Trinity College

10. St. Anne, Toronto
11. St. Chad, Toronto
12. Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale
13. St. George-the-Martyr, Parkdale
14. Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery
15. St. Matthias, Bellwoods
16. St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto
17. The Postulancy Committee
18. The Bishop's Company
19. St. Hilda, Fairbank
20. Jeremiah Community
21. Bishop Kevin Robertson

22. St. John, West Toronto
23. St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto
24. St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto
25. Ascension Day
26. St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto
27. St. Olave, Swansea
28. The Religious Communities of the diocese: SSJD and OHC
29. Parroquia San Esteban, Toronto
30. St. Paul, Runnymede
31. St. Thomas, Huron Street

## IN MOTION

### Appointments

- The Rev. Steven Smith, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul, Uxbridge, March 2.
- The Rev. Anthony Bassett, Incumbent, St. John the Baptist, Norway, May 1.
- Sean Davidson, Assistant Curate, Church of the Resurrection, May 1.
- Molly Finlay, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Whitby, May 8.
- Philip Hamilton, Assistant Curate, Trinity Church, Aurora, May 8.
- Philip Stonhouse, Assistant Curate, St. Bride, Clarkson, May 15.

### 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. Philip, Etobicoke (York-Credit Valley)
- St. James, Orillia (York-Simcoe)
- St. Clement, Eglinton (York-Scarborough)

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

- All Saints, Kingsway
- Christ Church St. James, Toronto
- St. Stephen, Downsview
- Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River
- St. Timothy, Agincourt
- St. James Cathedral – Vicar

### Ordination

- Michael Van Dusen will be ordained a deacon at St. Aidan, Toronto on May 6 at 4 p.m.

The following individuals will be ordained transitional deacons at St. James Cathedral on May 7 at 4:30 pm:

- Sean Davidson
- Vinaya Dumpala
- Molly Finlay
- Philip Hamilton
- James Liu
- Philip Stonhouse

### Death

- The Most Rev. Terence Finlay, former diocesan bishop, died on March 20. His funeral was held at St. James Cathedral on March 25.

## Kids have fun during March Break

ST. Anne, Toronto held its first March Break program for children and the theme was "Discovering God." Eleven children, aged four to eight, participated. Each day began with Godly Play, in which the children listened, watched, wondered and created using a Bible story. Other activities included drumming, planting bulbs, a scavenger hunt, crafts, story time and free play. A cooked lunch and snacks were



Children at St. Anne's with Lego creations. PHOTO BY LOUISE SIMOS

provided for a nominal fee. The program was created and led by Louise Simos, St. Anne's ministry intern and a Trinity College student, with parishioner Sharon Antidormi and a youth

member making up the core team. Ten parishioners stepped up to support the week by leading drumming, helping with food preparation and ensuring adequate supervision.

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# Cricket making a comeback in diocese

Anglicans have historic ties to former official sport

BY STUART MANN

**RANIL** Mendis was doing some research for a grant application when he came across a little-known fact: Canada's first official sport wasn't lacrosse or hockey but cricket, proclaimed by no less than Prime Minister John A. Macdonald in 1867.

Not only that, but Anglicans were among the best cricketers of the time. Two clergymen in particular stood out. In 1889, the Rev. F. W. Terry, playing for Canada against the United States, set an individual score of 111, a record that stood until 1963. There is also the story of the Rev. T. D. Phillips, who captained the Canadian team during a tour of England in 1880. He replaced the original captain, who was arrested for being a British Army deserter.

The earliest recorded match between Anglican churches in the diocese involved St. James Cathedral and St. Matthias, Bellwoods, held in Toronto on July 20, 1889. The cathedral team won by 21 runs.

Mr. Mendis, a member of St. Thomas a Becket, Erin Mills South, Mississauga, says that while cricket lost its prominence in Canada soon after Confederation, it never really died out. In fact, he says, the sport is making a comeback due to generations of immigrants who played it in their native countries, often in the former British Empire.

Even cricket among Anglican churches in the diocese is experiencing a resurgence. Last summer, Mr. Mendis and a handful of other enthusiasts organized weekly cricket practices at the church and a one-day event dubbed the "Mississauga Church Cricket Day." Despite the threat of rain and thunderstorms, about 30 people turned out, setting up wickets and playing a friendly match.

It was so successful that the organizers are planning a similar event on July 22 in Mississauga. So far, teams from four Anglican churches have signed up to play – St. Thomas a Beckett, St. Peter, Erindale, Christ Church, Bramp-



**Ranil Mendis, with bat, joins the York Memorial High School women's cricket team at the Mayor's School Cricket Recognition Event, held at Metro Hall in Toronto on April 6. The event celebrated the success of Toronto high school cricketers. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON**

ton and Holy Family, Heart Lake, Brampton. Mr. Mendis says that anyone can play, even people who have never tried the sport. "It's a great way to have fun and bring our congregations together," he says.

Mr. Mendis, who came from Sri Lanka when he was 30 and lives in Brampton, devotes much of his free time to promoting cricket in high schools in the Greater Toronto Area. He's a volunteer with CIMA, a charitable organization that provides school boards with funds, equipment and training for teachers.

This summer, the group plans

to bring students from across Ontario to Brampton for five days of cricket matches and cultural celebrations. "It's a way of celebrating the culture of Canada – cricket's relevance to the past and also to the present and future," he says.

He says the school boards have been very receptive to CIMA's support. "You find that most of the kids who want to play cricket are either new to Canada or they've played somewhere else, and they've never had the chance to get involved here in the game they love."

CIMA sends 12 high school

cricketers from Ontario overseas every year for a two-week tour. Last year, a team went to Sri Lanka. This year, a group will be going to Trinidad.

For Mr. Mendis, a life-long cricketer, it's very rewarding to help young people play the sport. "As I get closer to my retirement, I thought it was time to give something back to the community and do something that the kids would enjoy," he says.

To learn more about the cricket day for churches on July 22, contact Mr. Mendis at [rmendis1@gmail.com](mailto:rmendis1@gmail.com) or Peter Marshall at [judipeter@hotmail.com](mailto:judipeter@hotmail.com).

# Haliburton embraces refugees

Local residents fix up rectory, donate items

BY STUART MANN

A refugee family from northern Syria, a region that has experienced some of the heaviest fighting of the country's civil war, is now living in the Anglican rectory in Haliburton, thanks to the efforts of the local church and the surrounding community.

Yousef and Ghiyab Wiso and their nine children have been living in the rectory beside St. George's church since arriving in Haliburton last September. The village, with a population of just over 1,000, is located in the heart of cottage country, about a three-hour drive north of Toronto.

St. George's used a grant from Our Faith-Our Hope, the diocese's fundraising campaign, to fix up the five-bedroom building in preparation for the family's arrival. "It was in really bad shape," recalls the Rev. Canon Anne Moore, incumbent of the Parish of Haliburton.

The grant allowed the church

to make major improvements such as putting in new plumbing, and local residents did the rest – cleaning, painting, laying carpet, installing kitchen cabinets and even planting a garden and flowers.

"It was just amazing," says Canon Moore. "People really stepped up to the mark."

The hospitality didn't end there. As soon as word spread that the church would be sponsoring a refugee family, financial donations started to flow in. That was soon followed by clothes, parkas, furniture, toys, skates, bicycles, hand-knitted blankets and hand-made quilts for each bed. There was so much donated food that the freezer's lid wouldn't shut.

"We finally had to say to people that we had enough," says Canon Moore. "It was just incredible how much came in. Everyone had seen the picture of the little Syrian boy on the beach and wanted to help."

The family arrived in Toronto on Sept. 19, 2016. "To see the smiles on their faces at the airport was something I will never forget," says Canon Moore.

Any concerns that the family might have trouble fitting in were soon put to rest. Shortly after arriving in Haliburton, they were taken on a guided tour of the village and people stopped their cars to welcome them.

The children, aged one to 19, loved the snow of the past winter, says Canon Moore. They wore snowsuits for the first time, went tobogganing and learned how to skate. All but the two youngest kids are in school, and the two oldest have part-time jobs in a local restaurant. The mother and father are taking ESL lessons, provided for free by retired teachers.

There is still much to do, but so much has been done already, says Canon Moore. "To see this community come together like this has been incredible," she says.



**Three of the nine children from the Wiso family skate for the first time. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PARISH OF HALIBURTON**

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