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## Website now on mobile devices

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**THE** diocese's website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca), has been optimized for mobile devices and to meet current accessibility standards.

"People are increasingly using their mobile devices to communicate and access information, and we wanted to make sure that our website could respond to that," said Canon Stuart Mann, the director of Communications. "At the same time, we wanted the site to be accessible to those with special needs."

People who view the website on their mobile devices will be able to access everything that is on the desktop version. A simple homepage and easy-to-use menu helps people get to the information they want.

"We tested the website on as many tablets and smartphones as possible, including the BlackBerry Q10 and Z10, iPhone and Android devices," says Canon Mann. "The website can also be viewed on older models, such as the BlackBerry Bold, but people who use them will have to keep in mind that their devices do not have the ability to display websites to the same degree that modern devices do."

People can donate to Faith-Works through a mobile-friendly webpage. In the coming months, all of the diocese's funding programs on the website, including Our Faith-Our Hope, the Bishop's Company and the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation, will be optimized for mobile devices.

"People can continue to give to all of these important programs through the desktop version, the same as they have always done," says Canon Mann. "Now they can

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### GOOD TIMES

Young people enjoy each other's company at the Church of South India, Toronto, on Oct. 5. They were attending the induction of the Rev. George Jacob, the first priest-in-charge appointed to the church since it became a designated ministry of the Diocese of Toronto in 2013. Another photo, Page 12. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Course helps with invitation

Stories designed to inspire Christians to share faith

*In this series, we look at how the diocese's campaign is helping individuals and parishes re-imagine the church.*

BY CAROLYN PURDEN  
AND STUART MANN

**WITH** the help of an Our Faith-Our Hope grant, a group of clergy and laity in the diocese has created a new, parish-based resource that they hope will inspire and equip Christians to share their faith.

Called Spirit of Invitation, the resource draws on stories from people's lives today and from stories of invitation in the Bible. It includes original videos, shot on location in the diocese.

"We hope people will be excited by the course and grow in comfort

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with sharing the good news of the Gospel," says the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, the incumbent of St. George on Yonge, Toronto, and co-chair of the group.

Spirit of Invitation consists of six sessions, each about two hours long, ideally for groups of six to eight people. Each session includes discussion, prayer, a video and a study of scripture. People will be encouraged to reflect on their own experiences and why they want to share their faith, and how sharing is a form of invitation.

The course material was written by the Rev. Judy Paulsen, pro-

fessor of evangelism at Wycliffe College, and the Rev. Canon Susan Bell, the diocese's canon missionary.

The group wants to make Spirit of Invitation as accessible as possible. Early next year, 10 parishes will be asked to run the course as a six-week pilot project. However, the videos will be available on the Internet before the end of December, with the course materials following in January. At that point, parishes and individuals can start using them right away.

"It doesn't matter to us how a person receives the material or even how they use it," says Canon Kinghan. "The important thing is getting it out there with a message that says invitation is really good and it's not all that hard."

He adds that by being available online, the course could spread from Toronto to other dioceses in Canada and even overseas. The Diocese of Huron has already asked if it could run the pilot project at the same time as Toronto.

"In some respects, Spirit of Invitation can become a gift from the Diocese of Toronto to the wider church," says Canon Kinghan.

The introduction to the course materials asks participants to see the six sessions "as a way to begin a different conversation, one that will put us in a creative space – one that will get us moving out into our neighbourhoods and cities to find out what God is doing in the lives of all his children."

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# Video invites people into conversations

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The course is based on the following assumptions: "We offer the love of God out of the abundance of what we ourselves have been given; we offer this invitation from a community into a community – this is not an individualistic evangelism course; the process of invitation is grounded in relationships; invitation is a process that often happens over time; invitation is not a program, it is an attitude of heart and mind; offering an invitation is grounded in the Christian family story."

One of the most engaging parts of the course are the videos. "They're going to surprise people," says Jeff Potter, pastor of outreach and evangelism at the Church of the Transfiguration, Toronto, and co-chair of the group. "They explore a range of topics, things that Anglicans and Christians in general, experience, and they relate these things back to what it means to engage in the kind of invitation that's open and unforced and doesn't at all smack of solicitation."

The first video in the course tells a personal story of invitation, and the joy of how invitation is experienced in a shared meal and the Eucharist. Other videos look at joy in greater depth and reflect the theological thrust of invitation.

"The videos and the course material are inviting the participants into a moment, and that in itself teaches people what invitation's about," says Canon Kinghan. He predicts that once people view a video, they will want to share it with others, and use it as a resource to engage in conversation.



People share a meal in video from Spirit of Invitation course. PHOTO BY NICHOLAS BRADFORD-EWART

has been run in many parishes in the diocese for the past five years.

Canon Kinghan said Spirit of Invitation is not a substitute for Back to Church Sunday; rather, it is a different way to look at invitation, for those who want to.

"Back to Church Sunday focuses on specific Sundays when we invite people to church with the hope that they will stay," he says. "Spirit of Invitation has taken a broader look, saying we're always about invitation and it's not limited to this Sunday or that Sunday. It's how we make it part of our life, and our relationships, all the time."

Spirit of Invitation grew out of Back to Church Sunday, which

## Website accessible

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also give to FaithWorks on their mobiles. We're already working on making the other funding programs mobile-friendly as well."

Those who have special visual needs will be able to adjust their mobile devices for better viewing. On the desktop version of the website, a new accessibility bar is displayed across the top of the homepage, allowing people to adjust the size of the type and the screen's contrast to meet their needs. Other changes have been made throughout the site to make it easier for people who are visually impaired. These improvements make the website compliant with WCAG 2.0 Level A requirements.

The improvements to the website were made possible by a grant from the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign. "The Communications department is grateful for the funds to do this work" says Canon Mann. "The campaign is about re-imagining the church, and these improvements to the website will help Anglicans do that in a very real way."

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# Peterborough churches sign covenant

## Clergy work as team

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

**THE** clergy and congregations of five Peterborough churches have signed the Anglican-Lutheran Covenant, a formal agreement of mutual ministry in the city. The signatories to the agreement are Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Anglican congregations of All Saints, St. Barnabas, St. John the Evangelist and St. Luke the Evangelist.

The covenant was inspired by a similar arrangement between two congregations in Rochester, N.Y. The Peterborough churches also drew inspiration from team ministry work in the Church of England and from the fresh expressions movement. The covenant was developed in consultation with Bishop Linda Nicholls, the area bishop of Trent-Durham.

The Rev. Geoff Howson, the priest-in-charge at All Saints, explains that all five churches are facing challenging times, with smaller congregations and tighter budgets. "Doing this forces us to ask how we can be creative and find a new way of being the church, so we can use our resources and not get hung up on being maintenance-oriented," he says.

A major benefit has been that the five clergy are able to work as a team, rather than as "Lone Rangers," he says. They meet weekly and offer support to each other. As trust builds, they discuss difficult situations and seek insight and advice from each other.

The five churches will remain distinct, governed by their own corporations and annual vestries, and will worship in their own locations. However, they hope the covenant will open the door to opportunities to better serve the

needs of Peterborough.

As an example, says Mr. Howson, on issues of social justice such as poverty and homelessness, the five voices representing a large part of Peterborough can be powerful. "By joining together, we're able to have a more profound voice in a city that does have a fair number of social issues it needs to confront," he says.

The churches will share programs and worship as well. A Covenant Choir has been formed from 28 singers drawn from the five churches, and they are singing at special events. As well, there was a joint outdoor worship service in September and a joint Blessing of the Animals service in October.

The churches may also band together to sponsor a refugee family. "All five churches are trying to be missional, becoming more aware of our neighbourhoods," says Mr. Howson. "How can we reach out and be a presence there?"

A covenant council has been established, with equal representation from each church, comprising the incumbent, churchwarden and two members of each congregation. The council will advise incumbents on worship, pastoral care and Christian education, and make recommendations to the churchwardens on shared opportunities in administration and property management. The council has also established several working groups that will focus on family ministry, education and training, worship, health, communications and shared events.

Peterborough is in the midst of significant change, and Mr. Howson believes the covenant offers an opportunity to be a new kind of church in the city. What that



**Anglican and Lutheran clergy take part in a joint Blessing of the Animals service at St. John the Evangelist in Peterborough on Oct. 5. From left: the Rev. Geoff Howson, priest-in-charge of All Saints, Peterborough; the Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe, incumbent of St. Barnabas, Peterborough; and the Rev. Scott Schellenberger, pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Peterborough. PHOTO BY RALPH COLLEY**

church will look like, no one knows, he says. "Maybe this will become the Anglican-Lutheran parish of Peterborough, where you have a team ministry," he says. "I think that's a possibility."



## BRIEFLY

### Vital Church Planting conference returns

The Vital Church Planting Conference returns Jan. 29-31 at St. Paul, Bloor Street, co-sponsored by the Diocese of Toronto and the Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism. This year's conference theme is "Charting Our Waters: God's Mission in the Canadian Context," featuring speakers and workshop leaders from across Canada engaged in pioneering ministries and planting fresh expressions of church. Included in the conference is the Saturday Team Day on Jan. 31, a day focused on learning and practicing missional listening and other skills essential for teams intending to start something new. A special day pass means potential team members unable to attend the weekday conference can attend Saturday's hands-on missional

training at a reduced cost. Visit [www.vitalchurchplanting.com](http://www.vitalchurchplanting.com) for more information.

### Conference explores children's ministry

Interested in learning about children's spirituality, Sunday school curriculum, or spiritual formation in the home? These are just a few of the topics being talked about at this year's Children's Ministry Conference: "Making it Easier to Serve" on Nov. 1 at St. John, York Mills. The one-day conference is organized every year by the Centre for Excellence in Christian

Education, a group of lay people and clergy in the diocese, to promote children's ministry. This year's keynote address – "Making Faith Stick! Practices that Shape a Child's Faith"—is being given by Janie Robertson. Workshop presenters this year include Brian Suggs, Dr. Daniel Wong, Robert Robinson, Jackie Nunns, Lindsay Bradford-Ewart, Yau-Man Siew, and Elizabeth Achimah. Lunch and childcare are provided. The day concludes with a presentation by Archbishop Colin Johnson of the Sladen Awards for excellence in children's ministry. For more information, visit <http://thecece.org/>.

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# Poverty strategy needs firm goals



Archbishop Colin Johnson sent this letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne in September, in response to the government's second phase of its Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The Hon. Kathleen Wynne  
Room 281,  
Main Legislative Bldg, Queen's Park  
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Dear Madame Premier:

On Sept. 3, 2014 the Ontario government released the long-awaited second phase of its Poverty Reduction Strategy, *Realizing our Potential*. The document provides an important opportunity to focus public attention on the continued prevalence of poverty in our province. Anglicans in the Diocese of Toronto have been actively working to address poverty in our communities for decades, and we welcome any effort by the government to engage with this issue. This latest phase of the Poverty Reduction Strategy contains several ambitious proposals to root out poverty, including a bold goal to end homelessness, a commitment to expand health and dental care programs to all low-income Ontarians, and a continued focus on reducing child poverty levels across the province.

While these proposals are admirable, the lack of a firm timeline or concrete goals in

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BY ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

the strategy are cause for concern. The first phase of the Poverty Reduction Strategy, released in 2008, contained concrete, measurable goals and plans for implementation, such as the central commitment to reduce child poverty in Ontario by 25 per cent over five years. Although this ambitious goal was not met over the first five years of the strategy, the stated commitment and timeline were important in moving the issue forward and achieving real successes in this effort. Over the course of the first phase of the Poverty Reduction Strategy, low-income families saw significant increases in the Ontario Child Benefit, the implementation of full-day kindergarten across the province, and an increase in the minimum wage. According to the government's own statistics, these initiatives helped to lift 47,000 children out of poverty in the first three years of the strategy, and prevented 61,000 children from falling into poverty. Without the firm commitments contained in the first strategy, it appears that the second phase of this strategy will struggle to achieve comparable developments.

It is encouraging that the new phase of the Poverty Reduction Strategy expands its focus beyond child poverty to address poverty issues for all Ontarians. The government's commitment to end homelessness in Ontario is especially positive news. Anglican parish-

es throughout the diocese have long been actively involved in supporting our neighbours who are homeless or precariously housed through the development of affordable housing projects on church lands, advocating for increased funding for supportive housing, or supporting Out of the Cold programs. We welcome the renewed attention this strategy will provide to this issue.

We see the new Poverty Reduction Strategy as a positive step toward addressing poverty in our province. We now look for some concrete action plans on the part of the government to achieve the important goals they have laid out in this strategy. The Diocese of Toronto is committed to working with the government, and with our partners such as the 25in5 Campaign and the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition, to move towards taking action on poverty in the province. Together, we can live out our commitment to embody "God's reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation" in our communities and make a tangible difference in the lives of our most vulnerable neighbours.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak to you about this, as I hope that we can continue to work together in solidarity to the benefit of all of the citizens of Ontario. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for the work that you do.

Yours faithfully,  
The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson  
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## LETTERS

### Assisted suicide

Thanks so much to Dr. Reginald Stackhouse for raising this issue (Time to Talk Openly About It – October issue). In 1972-75, my family and I watched in anguish and sadness as our Dad, Herb Mowat, a prominent Anglican layman (and friend of Reg Stackhouse and many other clergy), lay in a hospital bed after a car crash, paralyzed from the chest down and in dreadful pain, before he finally died two and a half years later. During his lifetime, he was the strongest man I ever knew – physically, mentally and spiritually. He was a devout Christian and the Rock of Gibraltar to many. Dr. Stackhouse

called him "a powerhouse" with a dynamic and magnetic personality. And yet this powerful man begged his children to help him die. We could not. Ironically, he had taken such good care of his health all his life to the age of 79 that his heart would not let him go. He had no quality of life during those agonizing years in hospital. We were called to the hospital several times to "say goodbye" as doctors were sure death was imminent, but he rallied, only to go through interminable months more of agony. Assisted suicide, which I'm told occurs quietly today, would have given him what he deserved – a peaceful end to excruciating pain and suffering. Let's talk!

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# Ten good stewardship habits



**A**t this time each year, many parishes embark on intentional-giving pledge drives. It is a time of great anticipation, as volunteers take stock of their accomplishments

over the past year and dream about future ministry possibilities. For some parishes, this is the only slot on the calendar when time is devoted to discussing stewardship or pledging or a myriad of other topics expressly focused on finances.

Here are 10 good stewardship habits that need to be encouraged by our parish leadership if stewardship is to be more widely embraced in our parishes:

1. Preach about stewardship. While it might seem obvious that we need a dialogue about generosity, there is a general reluctance to preach on this topic. A good sermon, preached seasonally, will help reinforce our understanding of stewardship as being inherently biblical.
2. Promote stewardship education in all parish media. This includes newsletters, parish bulletins, bulletin boards, social media and websites. Include some sort of testimony, lay witness, reflection or ministry update. It all helps to keep the stewardship message relevant.
3. Celebrate volunteerism. Single out a parish ministry each week and celebrate its work in front of the whole congregation.
4. Say thank you. The church benefits by having one of the most captive audiences in the not-for-profit sector, and they should not be taken for

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BY PETER MISIASZEK

granted. Think of ways to publicly acknowledge the giftedness of others.

5. Encourage your parish to tithe to outreach. The tithe remains the measure of generosity that is most widely admired and yearned for, and it is a challenge for most of us. It is precisely because it is such a challenge that parishes should lead by example and endeavour to donate 10 per cent of their revenue to outreach, including 5 per cent to Faith-Works.
6. Talk about leaving a legacy of faith. Legacy giving is not a well-established tradition in the Anglican Church. If we make a commitment to dedicate one Sunday each year to promote gifts through wills and estates, an important foundation will be laid for future generations.
7. Encourage pre-authorized giving. By making a monthly gift to the church through our bank account, we demonstrate the important role the church plays in our lives and the value we place on ensuring that the ministry needs of the church are met.
8. Lead by example. Churchwardens and clergy need to be examples of good stewardship. Their enthusiasm for stewardship education is essential. Incumbents need to be seen as financial supporters of the parish as well.

9. Develop an annual narrative budget. A narrative budget shows what ministries were supported by the previous year's offerings and how the vestry is budgeting resources to carry out the congregation's mission. It helps the vestry demonstrate its accountability to the rest of the membership so that its accountability inspires trust, and trust inspires commitment.
10. Conduct an annual intentional giving campaign. Christian disciples need to be moulded and fashioned. They need to be taught about what it means to be generous and then be invited to give of their own time, talent and treasure.

Stewardship is more than an intentional giving campaign held in the weeks after Thanksgiving. If stewardship is to become a way of life – that is, a lived-out example of how we profess our Christianity – then we need to find ways of incorporating it into our daily lives.

Too often parishes seek a quick fix for their financial stewardship decline. They mistakenly believe that if they implement a giving campaign in the fall – and experience the anticipated 15 per cent increase in giving – then all will be fine. But what is wrong with aiming for robust growth and transformation by implementing a year-round process? Change takes time, patience, energy and a willingness to trust the process. Our most successful parishes are examples that growth is possible precisely because of the investment that leadership makes.

*Peter Misiaszek is the diocese's director of Stewardship Development.*



## EDITOR'S CORNER

BY  
STUART MANN

## Let them drive

**A**fter the stop sign, turn right," I said. "And remember to breathe."

My daughter's knuckles were turning white as she approached the stop sign and put on the turn signal. This was her first big street, with moving cars and pedestrians.

"It's okay," I said. "You're ready for it."

We had started driving lessons two months earlier. After church on Sunday, we would head over to the parking lot of the local movie theatre and practice driving around on the pavement. She would start up the car, check all the mirrors, then inch forward. The car is a "standard," so we often came to a lurching stop as she tried to manage the gears.

In time, she learned how to go forward smoothly, and soon she was circling the lampposts, slowing down, turning and speeding up. Her confidence grew with each outing, and so did her enjoyment. This was an unexpected experience for her, and she could see the possibilities unfolding.

After a few weeks, we started driving around our neighbourhood. She couldn't quite get the hang of staying in the same lane when turning, and I grew several years older in a flash as we swerved past parked cars and turned away from the ditch at the last moment. But she got better at it, and soon we were travelling farther afield, down the long streets and into the "crescents" and "terraces" and cul-de-sacs that make up our part of town. She could signal, stop and turn, even on a small incline. She was ready for her first big test.

She was very quiet as we approached the street, which was one of the main arteries in town. The sidewalk was empty and the traffic was light. "You can do this," I said. "Just remember to stay in your lane."

She inched the car forward, looking both ways for pedestrians and cars, then turned into the street. In a split second, the scene changed. A car was coming the other way, and people were jaywalking over to their coffee shop. Suddenly we were surrounded by moving vehicles and people.

She swerved to avoid the oncoming car and headed straight towards the parked cars. I sat there, too stunned to move. But the crash never came. She straightened out our car and held her course. She turned down the first side street and came to a full stop. We both sat there for several seconds, speechless.

"We can go home now," I said finally. It had been a terrifying moment, but it had left us feeling euphoric. She had passed the test.

Since then, we've been driving all over town, small streets and big. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to spend this hour with her, watching her grow in confidence and maturity. I never knew that teaching someone, and letting go, could be so satisfying.

I was reminded of Archbishop Johnson's call to all of us some years ago to "drive the family car" and try something new to share the good news of Jesus with others. One of the consequences of letting others do this, and in fact teaching them how to do it, is that we will be immeasurably enriched by it. I urge you to try it.

# We have a God of second chances



BY SEÁN MADSEN

**T**he way some televangelists and certain denominations tell it, all one has to do is "accept Jesus" and one's life will be perfect

from then on.

Where does that leave those of us who have struggled along our faith pilgrimages with doubts and fears – sometimes feeling very close to God, while at other times only too keenly aware of his absence?

Are there lessons we can learn from the Bible that will help when the faith journey is all uphill, with no crest in sight?

We are all too familiar with the giants of faith like Abraham, Joseph, Ruth and Esther – and so many others who never seem to have any doubts, no matter what difficulties they encounter. But do we sufficiently remember "Doubting" Thomas or the fearful Peter, who actually denied even knowing Christ, only to again become a leader among the apostles?

We should also consider the numerous Psalms that cry out to God and wonder where he is. Some of the best examples might be 10, 13, 22 and 74. See particularly

Psalm 131:2: "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?"

Given the events surrounding the birth and ministry of John the Baptist, related in the first chapter of Luke, it is quite a shock to see him sending disciples to Jesus in chapter 7, to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Previous to this, John had fully embraced his ministry as Christ's forerunner, had baptized him and seen the Holy Spirit descend on him, and had specifically pointed him out as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Yet we find him subsequently expressing these doubts about him. If such a thing could happen to John the Baptist, is it any wonder that we too sometimes experience a lack of faith?

In 1 Kings 19, we find the great prophet Elijah, who, with God's direct intervention, has just won an astounding victory over the prophets of Baal in the preceding chapter, now filled with fear and deep depression. Notwithstanding God's repeated protection and provision for him, he is now petrified at the thought of possible

revenge by the wicked Queen Jezebel. Even after escaping possible capture at her hands, he actually lays down and asks God to let him die! Only when God then sends ravens to bring him food does his spirit revive.

How many times have you confronted an overwhelming circumstance where you were doubtful of any possible help from God, despite many past examples, only to have a completely unexpected resolution suddenly appear? How much we are so often like the father of the apparently epileptic boy, who is healed by Jesus in Mark 9; when asked if he really believes that the Lord can cure his son, he responds, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

Indeed, we are blessed to have a God who is a God of second chances: "For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14). We are also promised that "a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench" (Isaiah 42:3). For those of us who still struggle along the journey of faith – even when discouraged – it is God's gentle hand which will lead us to our true and eternal home.

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## Showing solidarity with Mideast Christians

MONTREAL – Anglicans were among a crowd of people marching through the city in solidarity with religious minorities, especially Christians in Syria and Iraq, on Aug. 24. Starting at the Greek Melkite Catholic Cathedral of Saint Sauveur on L'A-cadie Boulevard, more than 1,000 marchers, many of them members of eastern churches including Maronite Catholic, Orthodox Syriac, Greek-Melkite Catholic, Antiochian Orthodox, Armenian Catholic, Orthodox Coptic Catholic and Orthodox Chaldean, as well as protestant churches, walked to Marcellin-Wilson Park. *Montreal Anglican*

## Photo project inspires youth

EDMONTON – In June 2013, Holy Trinity Anglican Church – partnered with the Knights Templar and the Old Strathcona Youth Society (OSYS) – invited high-risk and street-involved youth to meet at the church for a weekly meal and photography instruction.

“We looked at ways relation-

ships and the arts can be used to empower and support youth,” said the Rev. Chris Pappas, the incumbent of Holy Trinity. Youth were given donated digital cameras and asked to photograph signs of hope in their neighbourhood. About 16 youth participated and matched their favourite photos with scripture quotes. With help from the Anglican Foundation of Canada's Kids Helping Kids Fund, the images were then published in an 18-month calendar.

Proceeds from the calendar, available at Holy Trinity, the Diocese of Edmonton Synod Office and the OSYS resource centre, will help support the youth society.

*The Messenger*

## Helping the homeless prepare for winter

VANCOUVER – With a grant from the city, St. Faith's Anglican Church plans to run its third annual Take a Bite Out Of Winter program, which provides a meal and a chance for people in need to pick up free winter clothing. A tent will be set up outside the church to welcome people, and “valet service” will be offered, so people can leave their shopping carts and backpacks outside. “Personal shoppers” will be on hand to help select winter clothing, blankets and sleeping bags. Last year, the program served close to 100 people, said organizer the Rev. Christine Wilson.

“Our church hall was alive with conversation, laughter, handshakes and hugs,” she said. *Topic*

## Celebrating a century

KAMLOOPS – On Oct. 19, a celebration took place at St. Alban's, Ashcroft marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Cariboo in 1914. The Rt. Rev. Barbara Andrews, bishop of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, and Archbishop John Privett of the Diocese of Kootenay, took part in the anniversary event. “Imagine the courage it took to request the formation of a new diocese in the midst of the declaration of World War I, when men and women from across the Central Interior were volunteering to join the Canadian forces and heading off to Europe,” Bishop Andrews writes in an article in *The Anglican Link* about the anniversary. The Diocese of Cariboo was closed in Dec. 2001, after financial problems resulting from lawsuits by people abused as students of church-run Indian residential schools made its operations unsustainable.

*The Anglican Link*

## Car for Haitian orphanage

OTTAWA – Since 2010, St. James in Carleton Place, Ont., has supported two orphanages in Haiti, with parishioners Jennie Black-



## NEW MINISTRY

Morning Wang (right) is commissioned as associate for the new Mandarin Ministry at St. George on Yonge, Toronto, on Oct. 5. With her is the Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD, the associate priest at the church. Ms. Wang builds relationships between Mandarin-speaking people and the church. She does this through leading an ESL course at the church, using worship liturgy to teach English and the Christian faith. She also helps to translate the Sunday services into Mandarin. “I hope that this ministry can share the Gospel to more Chinese, particularly the Mandarin-speaking people, and bring them into the Anglican Church,” she says. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

burn and Ronette Vines co-ordinating funds and supplies. When parishioners heard that Dieudonne Batrville, the founder of one of the orphanages, was having difficulties with her vehicle, which was reaching a point beyond repair, the Rev. David Andrews approached local car dealer Mike Pitre of Carleton Ford for help. He generously donated a 2006 Ford Escape with an extra set of tires for Ms. Batrville to use for the orphanage and her work there.

*Crosstalk*

## Lost and found


HALIFAX – The Rev. Gary Thorne, the Anglican chaplain at King's College and Dalhousie

University in Halifax, was pleased to announce on Sept. 7 that an altar cross, stolen from the chapel at King's College in August, had been recovered. Although the iron and brass cross with some inset glass was not worth much money, it was missed by the chapel worshippers. A young man responded to the offer of a \$200 reward and brought the cross to Mr. Thorne. “To my mind, the young man was desperate for money and must have been disappointed when he realized it had no resale value,” he wrote in *The Diocesan Times*, thanking students for their efforts to publicize the missing cross and reward. *The Diocesan Times*


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# 'You can show it's possible'

Speech opens day of discussions, workshops

BY BOB BETTSON

**"YOU** are making a difference." That was the message from Carol Goar, a *Toronto Star* columnist who has written extensively on poverty, hunger and social policy issues, as she addressed Christians gathered for the diocese's annual Outreach Networking Conference in October.

Ms. Goar believes churches and other non-governmental organizations working on issues of poverty, homelessness and the gulf between the rich and the poor have made incremental changes possible.

She cited the increase in the minimum wage, the creation of the Ontario Child Benefit and the increase in social assistance payments to single adults, as positive results of the social justice movement.

"These are small things, I acknowledge, but they have made a material improvement in people's lives," she said. "And they wouldn't have happened if people like you hadn't led by example and stood with those who couldn't afford basic necessities in a rich, advanced nation."



Toronto Star columnist Carol Goar, speaking at the diocese's Outreach Networking Conference, says individuals and church groups have improved people's lives. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Ms. Goar's keynote address at the conference, held in Richmond Hill, kicked off a day of discussions and workshops on issues of social justice. Workshop topics included reconciliation with First Nations, Biblical storytelling, restorative justice, ethical investing and whether the Gospel is political.

The conference brought together clergy and lay people who are engaged in outreach work in the diocese. This year's theme was "Repairing the Breach: Signs of Healing." (Isaiah 58:12).

Despite the incremental changes, many challenges remain, said Ms. Goar. "The biggest, in my view, is that millions of Canadians – good people who help their neighbours, donate to charity and belong to your congregations – sincerely believe we can't afford to do more than we're doing for people in need."

Over the past 20 years, she said, political leaders at all levels of government have systematically re-shaped public opinion, convincing Ontarians that increas-

ing social assistance rates is dependent upon reducing the province's deficit.

She said governments and special interest groups use different ways of measuring poverty to suit their own goals. These conflicting messages create confusion in the minds of people.

The third biggest challenge, she said, is the current political fixation on the middle class. She said the next federal election will be dominated by appeals to the middle class, leaving little room for others. "Unless voters de-

mand it, poverty will be an afterthought – if that."

She finished by saying that probably the toughest challenge is for people not to feel overwhelmed by the needs and complexities of those in poverty. "Most of us don't feel equipped to deal with this daunting snarl of pathologies. Even if we could, it would be hard to bring others along. So what can one person or one church or one group do?"

She encouraged people to keep helping and advocating for those in need. "No matter what has gone wrong in a person's life, he or she still needs a meal, a safe place to sleep and wash and the knowledge that they'll be welcome somewhere."

"You can show it's possible to treat everyone with dignity regardless of their mental health, addiction, appearance or behavior. You don't have to know how to deal with their problems to listen respectfully. You don't have to be a therapist to offer marginalized people the humanity that is usually missing from their lives."

Ms. Goar ended her address by saying that there are many ways that people can help the poor, from assisting them with paperwork to attending rallies. She said church groups can launch a speakers' series, hold an all-candidates meeting, and produce easy-to-read facts on poverty. Individuals can urge their family members and friends to speak out and vote to send a message about the kind of province and country they want.

## Group fights against 'wage theft'

BY BOB BETTSON

A group that worked on a recent campaign to increase the minimum wage to \$14 an hour is broadening its effort to increase legal protection for low wage workers in Ontario.

Beixi Liu, an organizer for the Workers Action Centre, outlined the group's efforts to convince the provincial government to strengthen Bill 18, the "Stronger Workplaces for a Stronger Economy Act" which is being studied by the legislature.

Mr. Liu, speaking at a workshop at the Outreach Networking Conference, said stronger measures are needed to address "wage theft," when workers don't get paid for the work they do. Wage theft happens in a number of ways, he said: not paying overtime or vacation pay, issuing bad cheques, or denying access to CPP, EI, and worker's health and safety compensation.

The Diocese of Toronto supported the drive to increase the minimum wage before the last election. Many vestry meetings last winter approved the call for the increase from the previous rate of \$10.25 to \$14. However, the government increased the minimum wage to \$11.

Mr. Liu said his group still be-



Beixi Liu speaks about protecting non-unionized workers from unscrupulous employers. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

lieves that minimum wage increases are necessary. A participant in the workshop noted the minimum wage in Australia is \$17, which is above the poverty line, so it can be done.

Now the group's focus is on a comprehensive bill that addresses working conditions and protections for non-unionized workers. Mr. Liu said Bill 18 needs strengthening in a number of ways. Deadlines for reporting wage theft need to be increased to two years. Government must take more responsi-

bility for enforcing compliance, rather than waiting for complaints. Another challenge is dealing with temporary workers, hired by agencies, who are paid as much as 40 per cent less than other workers. "We need equal pay for equal work," said Mr. Liu. He added that barriers that prevent temporary workers from being hired permanently need to be lowered. Also, documents outlining workers' rights must be translated into other languages, for Ontario's diverse workforce.

## Local pipeline for tar sands oil raises concerns

BY BOB BETTSON

A pipeline that opened in 1975 to ship oil from Montreal to refineries in Sarnia has become a symbol of the potential dangers of climate change caused by the use of heavy oil from the Alberta Tar Sands.

Environmental activist Lyn Adamson told a workshop at the Outreach Networking Conference that Line 9 pipeline, which passes through southern Ontario, is set to carry three million barrels a day of tar sands oil.

What worries environmental groups, local politicians and academics is that Enbridge, which is responsible for Line 9, has a record of 610 spills, including a massive oil spill in 2010 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, which was the largest in United States history.

The pipeline running through southern Ontario has about nine million people living within 15 km of it.

Participants viewed a film on the Line 9 controversy, which showed the efforts to stop the Enbridge plan, and how they have been ignored by governments and the petroleum industry. At this point, the pipeline change in direction, which will carry the tar

sands oil from Sarnia to Montreal, is likely to be approved soon by the National Energy Board.

The Rev. Maggie Helwig, who is the priest-in-charge of St. Stephen in-the-Fields, Toronto, has been part of protests against Line 9, at times chaining herself to heavy equipment to stop work. She has been present at "integrity digs" to inspect the pipeline.

Ms. Adamson says Line 9 crosses every river that feeds into Lake Ontario, so an oil spill would be devastating. She says 18 First Nations within 50 km of the pipeline have not been consulted.

The Line 9 issue is also linked to current climate change discussions. The heavy oil from the tar sands is more dangerous to ship, even by pipeline, and it is the same type of oil as was involved in the Lac Megantic train derailment. It takes 350 gallons of water to produce one barrel of heavy oil, or bitumen, and carbon emissions are huge.

Ms. Adamson said it is easy to "throw up our hands," considering the immense implications of climate change. "But we have a prophetic mandate, because it is God's creation we are talking about."



## New programs attract families

Christ Church, Stouffville has launched a new weekly family drop-in and sports program to draw younger parishioners. The idea arose when the Rev. Dawn Leger, the associate priest, organized a potluck with the aim of getting younger families and singles together.

"Mostly I was hoping that these very busy folks would just have a chance to connect with one another," she says. Instead, they began discussing what they could contribute to Christ Church and developed the Family and Youth Initiative, which subsequently received a Reach Grant from the diocese.

The sports program offers participants a way to meet new people, make new friendships and stay active. Initially, badminton and floor hockey will be offered to those 16 and older in the church's Great Hall one night a week. The church hopes to expand the program to include basketball and volleyball.

At the same time, a family drop-in on Tuesday nights offers activities for the entire family. Plans include crafts nights, sports nights, bike maintenance and movie nights. Parishioner Shawn May, one of the organizers, says of the family program, "I'm looking for a low-cost regular activity that we can all do together, rather than having us all segmented off into individual activities."

## Church celebrates 30th anniversary

For Bishop Phillip Poole, it was a special homecoming when he celebrated and preached at the 30th anniversary celebration of Christ Church, Stouffville's current worship space. Bishop Poole had been rector of Christ Church when the worship space was built back in 1984. Happy memories were recalled through slides, music and fellowship.

As he re-dedicated the space, Bishop Poole spoke of the hard work and love that went into expanding it all those years ago. The dedication and commitment of the parishioners has continued into the present, he said, and is seen in the many ways that Christ Church



**Bishop Philip Poole, area bishop of York-Credit Valley, delivers his sermon at the 30th anniversary of Christ Church, Stouffville's current worship space. At right, family and friends enjoy food after the service. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON**

ministers to the community and those in need.

Following the service, there was a luncheon for the almost 200 guests, with speeches from former church members as well as Bishop Poole.

## Parishioner honoured for food bank deliveries

Bishop Peter Fenty, area bishop of York-Simcoe, presented Peter Paterson of Holy Trinity, Thornhill with a special certificate of recognition in May. The previous month, Mr. Paterson had made his 500th food bank delivery since 1996 on behalf of the church. Past recipients of the special certificate have included St. Peter's Food Bank (closed 2009), All Saints Church Community Kitchen and Clothing Depot, the Richmond Hill Food Bank and Eva's Place.

## Bee invasion ends sweetly

The May 29 Ascension Day service buzzed at St. Theodore of Canterbury, a small church in Toronto's north end, as hundreds of honey bees invaded the organ loft. A hive that had been quietly building in the wooden soffits of the east gable had split and the new queen had mistakenly led her swarm of workers into the church. They headed for the light of the west window, trying to reach the park beyond.

Discretion being the better part of valour, the organist and choir joined the congregation below, all scrambling to occupy the front pews furthest from the visitors. The service proceeded to the accompaniment of piano and frantic bees.

"A novel way to fill the front pews," said the Rev. Susan Haig, priest-in-charge. "God works in mysterious ways."

Honey bees are in drastic decline in North America. A combination of harsher winters and the use of neonicotinoid pesticides is creating worrisome talk of colony collapse. But St. Theodore's has two healthy hives, in the east soffits and a second in the west organ loft.

This tale has a satisfying ending thanks to three remarkable organizations. The congregation of St. Theodore's refused to consider extermination as an option, even when extermination appeared to be the only option. Peter Chorabi of BeeRescue safely removed the queen and workers from the loft, and subsequently the main hive from the soffits. George, the roofer from Toronto Star Roofing, carefully repaired the soffits, in the process pulling out 12 feet of honeycomb, weigh-



ing about 50 pounds.

The Ascension Day queen is healthy and laying eggs in Mr. Chorabi's apiary, her new home somewhere in Ontario's farmland, and St. Theodore's has extracted "Holy Honey" for tasting. To learn more about Bee Rescue visit [torontobeerescue.ca](http://torontobeerescue.ca).

## Church's fun day supports food bank, mission

Hoping to involve the community in raising funds for local needs and a Christian mission, St. Christopher, Richmond Hill held a Community Fun Day this summer. More than 100 people from the neighbourhood turned out to enjoy the fun and games, which included a colourful inflated slide, face painting and yard and bake sales. Many participants asked about faith, church and mission, said the Rev. Philip Der, incumbent.

The Rev. Judith Alltree from the Mission to Seafarers was also on hand, greeting people and chatting with them about her work.

With the help of more than 50 parishioners, young and old, St. Christopher's raised about 200 pounds of food and \$2,800 for the Richmond Hill Food Bank and the Mission to the Seafarers.

## Anniversary celebrated

The members of St. Athanasius, Orillia, will be celebrating in November with the Rev. Joan Mitchell, incumbent, as she marks 25 years as an ordained priest.

## Shelter hosts fundraiser for housing

St. Simon's Shelter in Toronto is holding a fundraising event on Nov. 20 to support the development and operation of transitional and supportive housing for its clients. The need for this type of accommodation was identified by shelter residents and other stakeholders as a step toward permanent housing and retention of housing for the homeless.

The fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. at the Trillium Ballroom at Atlantis, Ontario Place. There will be a full buffet, a band and professional dancers and a silent auction. The shelter, which was founded in 1990 by St. Simon the Apostle, Toronto, has a rich history of providing emergency overnight accommodation for the homeless. It started as the first Out of the Cold program staffed exclusively by church volunteers. In 1999, the seasonal drop-in began operating 365 days a year on a permanent basis. Since then, it has provided 320,000 nights of emergency accommodation, serving 1,300,000 meals. In that time, it



## INDUCTED

**Bishop Peter Fenty, area bishop of York-Simcoe, (right) was the celebrant when the Rev. Gregory Bailey was inducted into the Parish of Georgina. Among those attending were the Rev. Stephen Kern, the incumbent of St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville, who preached, and the Rev. Nicola Skinner, incumbent of All Saints, King City, and regional dean of Holland Deanery.**





## FOR HAITI

The Junior Youth Group of St. Philip, Etobicoke hold a lemonade stand in the church in support of PWRDF's Haiti Hot Lunch program. The kids had learned about the program from a video they watched earlier in September at their Junior Youth Group meeting. They raised \$150 from the sale of lemonade and goodies, which they added to the \$50 they had collected at their meetings over the course of the last year. Amy Naseer (right) was so inspired by the video that she donated her savings of \$75 to the Haiti Hot Lunch program. The program provides lunch to school children in Haiti.

has also transitioned more than 700 residents into housing.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$125. For more information, contact Bob Duff at bobduff@bellnet.ca.

## Market brings food, fun to neighbourhood

This summer, the Church of the Messiah partnered with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, the residents of 250 Davenport housing development, and FoodShare to establish a weekly Good Neighbours' Food Market to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to an under-served part of Toronto.

Access to fresh food can be difficult in well-off parts of the city, such as the Yorkdale neighbourhood just south of Messiah, because high rents push affordable food retailers away and poorer residents lack cars to reach them.

The Good Neighbours' Food Market brings fresh food directly to the residents in a farmers' market setting. Every Wednesday, volunteers sell the produce under a large tent on the lawn in front of 250 Davenport at below-market prices.

The church also hands out a weekly newsletter at the market that includes recipes and articles about faith, housing policy and other items of interest to local residents. Face painting for kids, live music, and yoga are also frequent activities there.

The objectives of the market go beyond just making affordable food accessible. The Rev. Tay Moss, incumbent of the Messiah, says there is a growing gap between rich and poor in the neighbourhood and the market brings people together and helps to break down social isolation.

"The intention is use the market as a platform for building up community," he says. "We want to add a community meal, cooking demonstrations, movie nights, social service tents and other pro-

grams based on the needs in our community."

The hope is that as needs are met and community is formed, spiritual communities will also flourish. The market start-up costs were funded by a Reach Grant from the diocese, as well as by the parish.

## Program nurtures young leaders

Photography, videography, community building and advertising were a few of the skills that a group of young people learned at the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, this summer. The youth mentorship program, known as CIRCUIT (connect, interact, reflect, create, understand, imagine, teach) was an experiment to see how the church could build relationships with local youth by teaching them useful skills to run a Vacation Bible School with younger children.

The church hired seminarian Elizabeth Aine Achimah to develop and run the program, which was funded by a diocesan Reach Grant. The goal was to recruit and train young people who would then use their skills to help run the day camp.

What the church did not expect was just how important the program would be for those who participated, many of whom had behavioural, mental illness and intellectual challenges.

"We have had ample opportunities to come alongside these youth and help steer them into a life-giving path," says Ms. Achimah.

The young people initiated many theological discussions, and several attended Morning Prayer before the day's activities began. "It's pretty cool — and isn't always something that comes up this early in a program with unchurched teens," says Ms. Achimah.

The program wrapped up with an open-mic style talent show and pot-luck dinner.



## Local students helped with education

For the third consecutive year, All Saints, Whitby awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each to two local young people, Hayleah Sytnyk and Maya Deen. The recipients and their friends and families joined members of the parish in June for the annual family barbecue and service. As in previous years, the church raised the money through their coin jars and two fundraisers.

## Film festival challenges audiences

The St. Hilary's International Film Festival (SHIFF) was held over three nights in September, each with a different focus. On Thursday night, the festival screened a collection of films submitted by youth under 19 from across Canada and other countries around the world. These shorts films covered a wide range of topics, each of them offering insights into current youth culture. Each film sparked conversation not only about the topic covered, but about the way it was addressed and conceptualized in the form of film. This was the first time that the festival had held a youth-focused film night, held in collaboration with The Dam and Reel Youth.

Friday night featured two short films from two graduates of Glen Forrest Secondary School in Mississauga, Julie Do and Donna Liu. As well, attendees watch a short film, "Use Your Power", and then were encouraged to write to the authorities to free Canadian citizen Saeed Malekpour, who is being held in an Iranian prison. There was also two professionally produced films: "Laundry Day," by Vancouver brothers Jeremy



## SCAREY

Children in the Vacation Bible School at St. Andrew, Alliston this summer make animal faces as part of their "Weird Animals" program. Joining them are the Rev. Kim McArthur, incumbent, and Bishop Peter Fenty.



## REMEMBERING

A colour party from the Orangeville Royal Canadian Legion opened a memorial eucharist at St. John, Orangeville on Aug. 10. The service commemorated those who died in the First World War, including three members of the parish.

and Michael Stewart, and "The Lady in Number Six." The latter won an Academy Award this year for Best Documentary Short Subject. It is a moving film about the world's oldest pianist and oldest Holocaust survivor, Alice Hertz Sommer. Until her death at 110 years old, Alice never tired of saying "Music saved my life, and music saves me still."

On Saturday night, the festival partnered with AWA (African Women Acting) to include an African food fair, a performance from Afro-Jazz singer Sonia Aimy, and the screening of the Calgary-made film "Treacherous Heart" by Kathryn Fasegha. It is the story of a Nigerian family immigrating to Canada and some of the cultural challenges they encounter.

"SHIFF grew from an idea to a community cinema experience that is educational and entertaining, with a social edge," said the Rev. Paul Walker, incumbent. "We had people gathered together in a church who usually would not come on a Sunday morning. As one film producer said, 'I never thought I'd find myself back in a church.' People became engaged in conversation with filmmakers, directors, and one another on human issues after sharing the common experience of going out to the movies."

## Cookies, coffee and conversation on menu

All Saints, Collingwood has a very successful program that runs every Thursday morning, even through the summer. It is

called Co3, which stands for coffee, cookies and conversation. The sign goes up outside the church and in come the people — the lonely, the handicapped, young and elderly. All are made welcome and given a name tag.

There is a long table with a "T" extension at each end, several small tables and a circle of chairs. Encouraged by church members, the ladies knit prayer shawls, some with complicated patterns and some that are simple. The shawls are given to the sick and shut-ins, together with a card that lets them know that they are being prayed for and how much God loves them.

At the other tables, dominos, Scrabble and cribbage are played, resulting in laughter and big smiles.

The circle of chairs is for simple exercises. One of our parishioners has been certified to teach chair exercises for the elderly and those with physical disabilities. Music is played, with some strained expressions on faces, but also more laughter.

Some just sit and chat while enjoying their coffee and biscuits. The Rev. Douglas Michael, incumbent, and the church's deacon, Victor, are there to lend a caring ear and gentle response to those who need help.

A new initiative gives the guests a chance to make puffy quilts. The quilts are donated to My Friends House, a local refuge for battered wives, and the plan is to make one for every bed. Several men and women have already volunteered to help.



To submit items for Looking Ahead, email [editor@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:editor@toronto.anglican.ca). The deadline for the December issue is Nov. 3. Parish-  
es can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar, at [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca).

## Worship and Music

**NOV. 2** - Mariachi Vespers for All Souls Day, 4 p.m., St. Philip, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Road. Featuring Jorge Lopez and Mexico Amigo Band.

**NOV. 2** - City Flutes in Autumn at St. Olave, Bloor and Windermere streets, Toronto. Choral Even-song at 4 p.m. followed by Pumpkin Tea. At 5 p.m., Torontois City Flutes, directed by Lana Chou Hoyt, return to St. Olave's with a sequence of classical, contemporary and popular flute pieces. Call 416-769-5686.

**NOV. 8** - The Sound of Music II, 4:30 p.m., St. Peter, 776 Brimley Rd., Scarborough. Entertaining evening with different performances and choirs. Light supper afterwards. Admission: \$20 for 12 and over; under 12, free. Limited number of tickets. Call 416-755-7909 or 416-267-2741.

**NOV. 8** - Gemini Pan Groove Steel Pan Concert, 6:30 p.m., St. Luke, 904 Coxwell Ave. Toronto. Preceded by soup and dessert. Advance tickets \$20. Call 416-421-6878, ext. 21.

**NOV. 9** - Jazz Vespers for Remembrance Day: Make Love Songs Not War, 4 p.m., St. Philip, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Road. Featuring Diana Pantom, Reg Schwager and Don Thompson.

**NOV. 14** - A special concert, 7:30 p.m., at St. James Cathedral featuring Andrew Ager's Symphony No. 2, "The Unknown Soldier." This elegy uses the words of soldiers who fell in the Great War. Readers include Michael Valpy, Jack Granatstein and Sheila Ager. Tickets are \$25 through [www.stjamescathedral.on.ca](http://www.stjamescathedral.on.ca) or call 416-364-7865 ext 233.

**NOV. 29** - The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir, 7:30 p.m., St. Aidan, 70 Silver Birch Ave., Toronto. This fundraising concert features Christmas seasonal favourites and other traditional music in support of congregational development through "Community Engagement." Tickets \$25. Information and tickets: 416-961-2222 or [staidan@eol.ca](mailto:staidan@eol.ca), [www.welshchoir.ca](http://www.welshchoir.ca).

**NOV. 30** - Jazz Vespers, 4 p.m., St. Philip, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Road. Featuring Chris Donnelly Trio.

**NOV. 30** - Advent Choral Even-song, 4 p.m., followed by Christmas Tea at St. Olave, Bloor and Windermere streets, Toronto. St. Olave's Arts Guild and Consort present light music and entertainment at 5 p.m., featuring A Child's Christmas in Wales and compositions by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Call 416-769-5686.

**NOV. 30** - Advent Carols and reception at St. Thomas, 383 Huron Street, Toronto, beginning at 7 p.m.

**NOV. 30** - Healey Willan Singers presents an Advent Choral concert, A Garland of Carols, 3 p.m., featuring Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols. John Stephenson, accompanist; Ron Ka Ming Cheung, conductor. St. Mar-

tin-in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto. Tickets available at the door: \$20 adults, \$15 for seniors/students.

**DEC. 6** - Voices Chamber Choir presents An English Christmas featuring music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, John Rutter and many more, 8 p.m.. John Stephenson, accompanist; Ron Ka Ming Cheung, conductor. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto. Tickets at the door: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors/students.

**DEC. 7** - St. Martin-in-the-Fields annual Advent Carol Service at 7:30 p.m. The choir presents the music of Chilcott, Paul Edwards, James MacMillan, Palestrina, Sanders, Stuart Thompson and Vaughan Williams. Directed by Jack Hattey, with Tom Fitches, organ, and Nancy Nourse, flute. Freewill offering. Reception follows. St. Martin's is located at 151 Glenlake Ave.

**DEC. 14** - Christmas Jazz Vespers, 4 p.m., St. Philip, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Road. Featuring Mark Eisenman Quartet.

**DEC. 21** - The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols as celebrated at King's College, Cambridge, 7 p.m., St. Thomas, Huron Street.

## Poetry Reading

**NOV. 19** - Remembering George Johnston (1913-2004), 8 p.m., St. Thomas's Parish Hall, 338 Huron St. Poetry readings by William Blissett, Andrew Johnston, Richard Greene, John Reibetanz and John Terpstra.

## Christmas Bazaars

**NOV. 1** - Christmas Bazaar at St. Nicholas, 1512 Kingston Rd., from 12 p.m.

**NOV. 8** - Annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Holy Family, Heart Lake, Brampton. Crafts, bake table, Christmas ideas and special draws.

**NOV. 8** - Annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Grace Church, 19 Parkway Ave., Markham. Antiques, collectables, knitting, sewing, preserves. Lunch will be served. Call 905-294-3184.

**NOV. 8** - Christmas Fair featuring crafts, kitchen items and silent auction, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Cuthbert, Leaside, 1399 Bayview Ave.. Call 416-485-0329.

**NOV. 8** - Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Church of Our Saviour, 1 Laurentide Dr., Don Mills. Baking, knitted items, crafts and more. Call 416-449-3878.

**NOV. 8** - Craft Sale and Bazaar at St. Peter, Erindale, 1745 Dundas St. W., Mississauga from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knitted goods, Christmas crafts and decorations. Free admission. Non-perishable food donations for the Deacon's Cupboard food bank welcome

**NOV. 8** - Christmas Bazaar at Christ Church, Scarborough Village, 155 Markham Rd., from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baking, needlework, silent auction and unique scarves.

**NOV. 8** - Annual Snowflake Bazaar and Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John, 11 Temperance St., Bowmanville. Bake sale, crafts, attic treasures. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 905-623-2460.

**NOV. 15** - Christmas Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Olave, 360 Windermere Ave. Shop for unique hand-made crafts by GTA arti-



## SPECIAL DAY

Lynne Samways-Hiltz (left) is received as an oblate during a Eucharist marking the 130th anniversary of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, Toronto, on Sept. 8. Mervat Iskander (right) is renewing her oblate promises. Sr. Jessica, who is the Oblate Director of the SSJD, looks on with Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate. Archbishop Hiltz's sermon is on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nbq10sseZIO](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nbq10sseZIO). PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SSJD

sans. Entrance proceeds directed to downtown homeless. Call 416-769-5686.

**NOV. 15** - Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Leonard, 25 Wanless Ave., Toronto. Silent auction, attic treasures, baking and more. Call 416-485-7278.

**NOV. 15** - Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Peter, 776 Brimley Rd., Scarborough. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake table, Christmas items and gifts. Arts and Crafts table rental \$25. Call Lottie, 416-755-7909, or the church, 416-267-2741.

**NOV. 15** - Country Craft Bazaar, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Paul, Innisfil, Yonge St. and Mapleview Dr., Barrie. Knitted and sewn items, children's gift shop for mom and dad, photos with Santa. Call 705-722-7755.

**NOV. 15** - Annual Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., All Saints Whitby, 300 Dundas St W. Preserves table, Christmas crafts, home decor items. Information: 905-668-5101.

**NOV. 22** - Christmas Fair, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Tea Room at Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St. Decorations, toys and baked goods.

**NOV. 22** - Nutcracker Fair at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent auction, bake table and crafts. Wheelchair accessible. Call 416-767-7491 or visit [www.stmartininthefields.ca](http://www.stmartininthefields.ca)

**NOV. 22** - Holly Berry Bazaar, St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, gently used china and DVDs. Santa in attendance. Information: 416-283-1844.

**NOV. 22** - The Belles of St. Timothy, Agincourt, 4125 Sheppard Ave. E., are ringing in Christmas from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Timothy Mouse Christmas store features unique crafts, fashion and kitchen accessories. Free admission. Elevator. Lunch tickets \$10 at the door. Information: Pat Williams, 416-299-7767, ext. 228.

**NOV. 22** - Holly Bazaar, Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Woodbine Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Preserves, fine china, silent auction. Information: 416-425-8383.

**NOV. 22** - Holly Berry Fair, St.

Luke, 904 Coxwell Ave. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Quilt raffle, Christmas items, crafts. Call 416-421-6878, ext. 21.

**NOV. 22** - St. James the Apostle, 3 Cathedral Rd., Brampton, Holly Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch room, silent auction, bake table, numerous vendors. Information: 905-451-7711.

**NOV. 22** - 14th Annual "Christmas at St. Mark's" sale and exhibition of artists and artisans. Over 20 artisans in attendance from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free admission. St. Mark's Parish Hall, 51 King St., Port Hope. Information: 905-885-6706.

**NOV. 29** - St. Timothy's Christmas Kitchen, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 100 Old Orchard Grove, North Toronto. Baked goods and silent auction. Photos with Santa. Call 416-488-0079.

**NOV. 29** - St. Mary, Richmond Hill, 10030 Yonge Street holds its Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jewelry, White Elephant, puzzles, raffle. Lunch served from 11 a.m.

**DEC. 6** - St. Nicholas Day Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Philip's Parish Hall, 60 Dixon Road, Etobicoke. Christmas crafts, food, fun, raffle.

## Dinner to support Caribbean Christians

**NOV. 15** - Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Blvd., Toronto. Rev. Dr. Kortright Davis, professor of theology at Howard University School of Divinity and rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., will be keynote speaker at this annual Canadian Friends to West Indian Christians fundraising dinner. Eucharist at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$60, \$30 tax receipt. Call Felicia Holder at 416-636-5071.

## Fairs and Bazaars

**NOV. 8** - Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Balmoral Dr., Brampton. Raffle, bake table and more. Call 905-793-8020.

**NOV. 15** - Fall Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of Christ the King, 475 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke.

**NOV. 21-22** - Ten Thousand Villages offers fairly traded, unique

home decor and gifts at the Festival Sale and Cafe at St. James, Orillia from Friday, Nov. 21, 12 noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Your purchase helps skilled artisans around the world receive a fair price for their crafts.

## Christmas Craft Sale

**NOV. 20-21-22** - Christmas Craft Sale and Raffle for St. Jude, Wexford, Scarborough, to be held at Parkway Mall (corner of Victoria Park and Ellesmere) during mall hours. A wide selection of hand crafted items. Information: Ruth at 416-757-4808.

## Carol Singing

**DEC. 14** - Annual Community Carol Sing at 7:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Free will offering to be donated to The Kids for Peace. Refreshments follow. Information: 416-283-1844.

## Advent Catechesis

**NOV. 29, DEC. 6, 13 & 20** - At St. Simon-the-Apostle, 525 Bloor St. E., Toronto from 2 to 3 p.m. on the Saturdays of Advent. A new resource from the Church of England helps us re-claim and grow into basics of our Christian faith and deepen in our knowledge and contemplation of Christ. All welcome. Visit [office@stsimons.ca](mailto:office@stsimons.ca), [www.stsimons.ca](http://www.stsimons.ca).

## Colour Workshop

**NOV. 2** - Living with Colour, a lunch and learn event to learn about colour, from decorating your home to the clothes you wear. St. Matthew, 3962 Bloor St., W., Toronto. Starts at 12:30; tickets \$25, required for admission. Call 416-231-4014.

## Alzheimer's and Aging

**NOV. 1** - Karen Phair from the Alzheimer Society of Peel will discuss Alzheimers and aging, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St Peter, Erindale, 1745 Dundas St. W., Mississauga. Call 905-828-2095.



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## PRAYER CYCLE

### FOR NOVEMBER

1. St. David, Donlands
2. Ecumenical and interfaith dialogue
3. St. John the Baptist, Norway
4. St. Luke, East York
5. St. Matthew, First Avenue

## IN MOTION

### Appointments

- The Rev. Sandor Borbely has been appointed Honorary Assistant at Trinity Church, Bradford, as of September 16.
- The Rev. Carol Friesen has been appointed Associate Priest at St. Christopher, Richmond Hill, as of September 21.
- The Rev. Elizabeth McCready has been appointed Honorary Deacon Assistant at St. David, Donlands, as of September 21.
- The Rev. Catherine Sider Hamilton has been appointed Associate Priest at St. Matthew, First Avenue, Toronto, as of September 21.
- The Rev. Keith Todd has been appointed Honorary Assistant at St. David, Donlands, as of September 21.
- The Rev. Lori Pilatzke (ELCIC) has been appointed Incumbent of St. David Anglican-Lutheran, Orillia, as of September 15.
- The Rev. Susan Haig has been appointed Incumbent of St. Theodore of Canterbury, Toronto, starting October 1.
- The Rev. Maureen Hair, Priest-in-Charge, the Parish of Coldwater-Medonte, Oct. 1. This two-year appointment is in conjunction with her current appointment as Incumbent of the Parish of Washago-Price's Corners. For the duration, the

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14. Chaplain to Markham-Stouffville Hospital
15. Chaplain to St. Michael's Hospital
16. Mission to Seafarers
17. Beverley Lodge (LOFT)

two parishes will form the Huronia Cluster. The Rev. Capt. Ron McLean has been appointed Associate Priest for the Huronia Cluster, Oct. 1. Ms. Hair and Capt. McLean will be assisted by deacons the Rev. Jim Ferry and the Rev. Sue Curtis, and lay ministers Julie Poore, ODT, and Joyce MacKeeen.

- The Rev. Philip Cooper, Honorary Assistant, Church of the Incarnation, Toronto, Oct. 5.
- The Rev. Karen Hatch, Priest-in-Charge, St. Margaret Tamil Congregation, Nov. 1. This is in addition to her current appointment as Incumbent of St. Margaret in-the-Pines, Toronto.
- The Rev. Megan Jull will be ordained a priest at All Saints, Kingsway, on Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

### Vacant Incumbencies

*Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Diocesan Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Conliffe, [mconliffe@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:mconliffe@toronto.anglican.ca).*

### Trent Durham

- St. Matthew, Oshawa

### York – Credit Valley

- St. Matthias, Bellwoods
- Trinity, Streetsville

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20. All Saints, Sherbourne Street
21. Holy Trinity, Trinity Square
22. San Lorenzo Ruiz, Toronto
23. St. James Deanery
24. St. Andrew by the Lake, Toronto Islands
25. St. Bartholomew, Toronto
26. St. Paul, Bloor Street
27. St. Peter, Carlton Street
28. St. Simon the Apostle, Toronto
29. Trinity East (Little Trinity), Toronto
30. St. James Cathedral, Toronto

### York – Scarborough

- Christ Church, Scarborough
- St. Christopher (Associate Priest)

### York – Simcoe

- Grace Church, Markham

### Death

- The Rev. Ronald LaMarche died on Oct. 2. Ordained in 1967, he served as Assistant Curate at St. Nicholas, Birchcliffe, and Incumbent at the Parish of Fenelon Falls, St. Mark and Calvary, Toronto, and St. John the Divine, Scarborough. He retired in 2000, and in his retirement served as Honorary Assistant at St. George, Oshawa. His funeral was held at St. George, Oshawa on October 7.
- The Rev. Hugh Kernohan died on Oct. 9. Ordained in 1991 for the Diocese of Toronto, he served as Assistant Curate, later Priest-in-Charge, at St. Paul-on-the-Hill, Dunbarton, and was Incumbent of the Parish of Cartwright until his retirement in 2002. In retirement, he was active in the Parish of Georgina. A memorial service was held on Oct. 18 at Knox United Church, 34 Market St., Sutton. A Masonic memorial service was held on Oct. 17 at Forrest & Taylor Funeral Home, Sutton.



## READING THE BIBLE

BY THE REV. CANON DON BEATTY

# Ancient books full of wisdom

The third section of the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible) is called the Ketuvim or "the Writings."

This was the last section to be added to the Jewish canon of scripture and has the most varied collection of genres. The authorship of these books has been questioned by biblical scholars over the years, with few definitive answers. Some of these writings date from very ancient sources. Some of the Psalms, for example, may date from King David in the 11th century BCE. The Book of Daniel, on the other hand, was written much more recently, probably dating to the second century BCE.

The Writings include three books of the Wisdom genre. Last month, we looked at one of those books, Job. It is to the other two books, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, I would like to turn today. With Job, they form the Wisdom part of the Tanakh. All three books are very different, written from distinctly different world-views.

The Wisdom tradition was international, with most of the tribes and nations in the Near East possessing their own Wisdom writings. These books usually outlined skills for living well, based on the experiences of the authors. Thousands of proverbs have been discovered in the Ancient Near East, containing guidance for living well and thus prospering.

Wisdom literature had little connection to the other major themes or the great formative historical memories in scripture. There is no mention of covenant, the Promised Land, the temple, the ancient ancestors or the Exodus.

Last month, in looking at the Book of Job, we saw that bad things happen to good people, and punishment is not always the result of living sinfully. God doesn't seem to have an understandable moral order in life. Finally, we saw God telling Job that, as he was unable to understand the laws of creation or the order of nature, he could not limit God by deciding how God must act in the universe.

Proverbs is almost diametrically opposite to this worldview. The basic premise of this book is that good behaviour will lead to a good life, and if one behaves in a particular way he or she will be rewarded and prosper.

The Book of Proverbs is a se-

ries of sayings of a father to his son about the skills necessary in living well. If you expect to succeed in life, you have to act in a certain way. Proverbs is a set of skills for living a good life. Thus good behaviour is rewarded by God, and bad behaviour will lead to suffering.

The Book of Ecclesiastes is a very different response to leading a good life. This book may have originated with Solomon (the son of King David), who was the last king of the united kingdom in Palestine. It would have been written in his old age. After his death, the kingdom of Israel divided into two parts. If this book originated with Solomon, it has undergone much revision and rewriting at the hands of the scribes and redactors, especially in the third and second centuries BCE.

Ecclesiastes appears in a section called the Book of the Five Scrolls, containing five short stories that are read at the five major festivals in the Jewish Year. Ecclesiastes is the fourth book and is read at Sukkot, the festival of the late harvest or in the late autumn.

The message of Ecclesiastes is simple: "There is nothing new under the sun" (1:9) and "vanity of vanities, all is vanity" (1:2 and 12:8). All wisdom is like chasing after the wind. This is mentioned some five or six times in Ecclesiastes. You can't catch it. It will always evade you. Nor can you understand what it is all about. (Remember, this was written 3,000 years ago!) Thus, for the author of Ecclesiastes, "all is vanity." Life really has no meaning; it is irrelevant and empty. What we do is useless and of no significance.

But the author of Ecclesiastes ends with the statement, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for that is the duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing whether good or evil" (12:13-14).

Actually, this epilogue may have made it possible for this book to be included in the canon of scripture. It does suggest a dichotomy in Ecclesiastes. Although life is meaningless, nevertheless we need to be obedient to God in all things to live a good life. This is another fascinating read and is only 12 chapters in length. As you read this book, try to consider the people for

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SPECIAL MOMENT

The Rev. George Jacob and his wife and children receive applause from Bishop Philip Poole, the choir and the congregation after Mr. Jacob was inducted as the priest-in-church of the Church of South India, Toronto, on Oct. 5. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

BRIEFLY

Former ACW president turns 100

The diocesan Anglican Church Women’s second president, Winifred Goodaire, celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 13. The Goodaire family were members of St. Clement, Eglinton, for about 50 years. Ms. Goodaire

started the ACW at St. Clement’s and was its first president, before becoming president of the diocesan ACW. She was instrumental in starting the College of Preachers, held at St. Clement’s.

Day explores contemplative life

A day for those interested in a contemplative approach to life and prayer will be held on Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St.

John, York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., Toronto. “Voices of Silence” is an opportunity to develop a contemplative network in the diocese. For more information, contact [info@contemplativefire.ca](mailto:info@contemplativefire.ca).

Nominations invited for Order

Nominations are invited for the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. In 2014, every parish in the following deaneries is eligible to submit one nomination: Oshawa, Mississauga, Eglinton, Huronia and Tecumseth. Nomination forms should be sent to your Area Bishop by Nov. 21. Awards will be presented at the Archbishop’s Levee on Jan. 1, 2015 at St. James Cathedral. For nomination information, visit the diocese’s website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca).

Decree on ecumenism celebrated at cathedral

“Pilgrims Together,” an event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council’s decree on ecumenism, will be held Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. James

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Participants and their guests are invited to attend the Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols at 4:30pm where participants can vest and will be acknowledged during the service.

Please contact the Reverend Simon Davis for more information or to register before November 24, at [sdavis@stjamescathedral.on.ca](mailto:sdavis@stjamescathedral.on.ca).

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Barbara Fulton, 2013



Marcus Nance, 2013


**LOFT Community Services**  
Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30pm  
St. James Cathedral, Toronto




St. James Cathedral

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**TICKET PRICES**  
**Regular - \$35**  
1 ticket  
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1 ticket plus tax receipt  
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2 tickets, tax receipt,  
invitation to post-concert reception



Stephanie Martin, 2013



Claire Lautier, 2013

Looking Ahead

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Theatrical productions

**DEC. 5&6** - Dickens’ A Christmas Carol at St. George, Oshawa. Performances at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 and 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 6. Tickets for adults \$18; for seniors and children 17 and under, \$15. Carol sing-a-long after each performance. 50% of the net profit goes to St. George’s Memorial Church. Information: [dancynproductions.com](http://dancynproductions.com).  
**DEC. 12&13** - St. Thomas, Huron Street and Poculi Ludique Societas annual co-production, A Medieval Christmas, takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13. Tickets for stu-

dents, \$10, seniors, \$15, adults, \$20.

**DEC. 13** - The sixth annual reading of A Christmas Carol at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theodore of Canterbury. Tickets \$10 at the door. All proceeds to benefit North York Harvest Food Bank. Call 416-222-2461.

Wigmore Bursary

**NOV. 23** - St. Olave welcomes guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. George Sumner, principal of Wycliffe College, at 10:30 a.m. Special guests will be Marena (Wigmore) Charon and recipients of the Rev. Dr. V.D. Wigmore Bursary. Information: 416-769-5686.

Parish News

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First try is successful

For the first time, St. Olave, Toronto, decided to participate in Back to Church Sunday, which was held on Sept. 28. The church made use of the free invitations provided by the diocese and added labels to them, giving the service time and church address. The invitations were to be handed out by parishioners. Invitations were placed in the church bulletin in the two weeks prior to the day, and the Rev. David Burrows, incumbent, and Janice Douglas, a churchwarden, made sales pitches each week at the beginning of the services. “We emphasized

that the goal was to take the risk of inviting someone and to not feel bad if that person can’t come,” said Ms. Douglas. “For my own part, the task of inviting someone encouraged me to finally invite a neighbor, who wasn’t able to come but now knows that the door is open.” Mr. Burrows also sent an email to parishioners on the Thursday before the Sunday, noting that if they couldn’t invite anyone, they could be welcoming. On the actual day, the church printed its entire service in the bulletin to make it easier for visitors to follow. At least a half a dozen new faces showed up on Sunday morning, including two young people.

Reading the Bible

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whom it was written and the reason for its composition, and then how its teachings applies to your life. Enjoy the dialogue.

*The Rev. Canon Don Beatty is an honorary assistant at St. Luke, Dixie South, Mississauga.*

Cathedral, the corner of Church and King streets, Toronto. There will be a liturgical celebration followed by guest speakers and a time of fellowship. The guest

speakers will be Dr. Michael Attridge of St. Michael’s College, Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Alan Hayes of Wycliffe College, Toronto. All are invited.