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## How we can be green

### 15 ways to save the planet

The Anglican asked the diocese's Environmental Working Group to name the top 15 ways that Anglicans can reduce their carbon footprint in 2010.

1. Pray for the Earth, our governments, our churches and ourselves so that we might fall in love with the Earth and re-imagine our role and responsibility as God's stewards and caretakers of creation.

2. Buy locally produced food and merchandise. This reduces the amount of energy expended to transport goods. It supports family-friendly gardening, farming and husbandry. It supports smaller businesses that by necessity produce less waste.

3. Buy food that is in season. It is a challenge to buy seasonal fruits and vegetables in winter, but it reduces the energy expended in transportation and storage. Plus, local farmers' markets are so much fun!

4. Eat less meat. It takes two acres of grain to produce a pound of beef. Energy is also used to store and transport meat. We'd be a lot healthier if we simply ate less meat. Begin with "meatless Mondays."

5. Absolutely no bottled water. We've been swindled to believe that bottled water is somehow better and cleaner. It's not. The bottled water industry is reducing aquifers and filling landfills with all those plastic bottles. Use refillable water bottles. Serve glasses of water at conferences, gatherings and events.

6. Shorten the length of time you spend in the shower. Turn off the water when you lather up – it's actually more effective in getting you clean!

7. Don't be such a consumer. Do you really need those new jeans?

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### SKY'S THE LIMIT

The 2010 FaithWorks poster, shown above, and other campaign resources, such as brochures and bulletin covers, was sent to parishes in January. The goal for 2010 is \$1.55 million. Funds from the annual appeal will support FaithWorks' three partner agencies and 14 community ministries, helping those most in need locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. A special four-page insert on FaithWorks will be published in next month's issue of The Anglican.

## New course explores God's mission

### Anglicans learn to connect with those outside church

BY STUART MANN

**HAVE** you ever wondered what God is doing outside your church? Do you want to share your faith with others but you're not sure how?

The diocese has created a new course called Mission Possible. It's designed to help people begin to think about who God is, what God's mission is, and how churches can be shaped to respond to that call.

"The course is meant to start a conversation within a Christian community about what it means to be faithful to God's mission in a post-Christian world," says the Rev. Jenny Anderson, the Archbishop's Officer for Mission and co-author of the course. "God is at work in the lives of our neighbours, our friends, our schools, our gyms, the arts. So how do we find out what God is doing in our neighbourhoods, and how do we, as local churches, join in with that work?"

The course is designed to be run in parishes during Lent, although it can be used at any time of year. It consists of 90-minute study sessions that are based on scriptural readings. The readings are accompanied by questions and case studies to work through. There are PowerPoint slides for parishes that want to make the course more engaging and interactive. It will be up to the parish to decide how to run the course. It can be led by either clergy or laity.

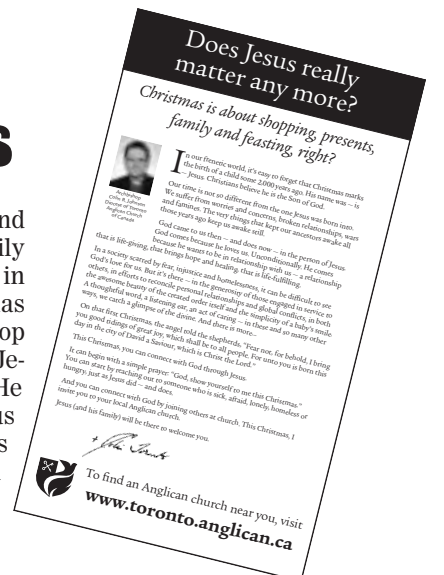
About 40 churches have already signed up for the course, with more expected in the next few weeks. The churches vary widely, from Anglo-Catholic to Evangelical, and from rural to city.

The Rev. Millie Hope of St. Martin, Bay Ridges, Pickering, explains why her church will be running the course: "We talk about Jesus calling us to look at the needs of the community around us, but I think having a

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## Cellphones, cars, toys ... and Jesus

**READERS** of *The Toronto Star* and *Metro*, the city's two biggest daily newspapers, were surprised in the days leading up to Christmas to see a large ad by Archbishop Colin Johnson, asking, "Does Jesus really matter any more?" He said the coming of God in Jesus is as important today as it was 2,000 years ago. He invited readers to their local Anglican church. For the Christmas ad and readers' comments, see page 4.





# 'Get into trouble' on behalf of poor, urges bishop

Jesus needs disciples, not admirers, he says

**BISHOP** Gene Robinson, the first openly gay priest to be ordained a bishop in the Anglican Communion, visited St. James Cathedral Jan. 9-10. He spoke to a gathering of about 100 people on Jan. 9 and preached at the Sunday morning service on Jan. 10.

In his Sunday homily, he said the season of Epiphany, which celebrates Christ's baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, is a time when Christians try to understand more clearly God's "showing up" in their lives through the birth of Jesus.

He recalled the Gospel story of the baptism, when God spoke of Jesus as his beloved son. Immediately after, the spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness, where he engaged in an inner struggle to determine what his ministry should be.

That ministry became clear when Jesus appeared in a syna-

gogue in Nazareth and read a scroll of the prophet Isaiah, saying that he had been anointed to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free.

In that context, Bishop Robinson asked what baptism should mean to us. Baptism is ordination, and every person baptized has an ordained ministry, he pointed out. "We must ask, 'What are we going to do? What shape is this going to have?'"

Jesus' ministry was to preach the good news of God and the love of God for everyone, even those on the margins of society, "the little ones," Bishop Robinson said. But after Jesus told people this, they became angry and tried to throw him off a cliff.

Preaching the Gospel always got Jesus into trouble, Bishop



Bishop Gene Robinson speaks to a member of the audience after his talk at St. James Cathedral. Photo by Michael Hudson

Robinson said, and this should be a sign in our own lives. If we are not in trouble for preaching the Gospel, then are we really preaching the Gospel?

"We need to spend time in the wilderness and ask what our ministry is, and if it's not getting us into trouble, why not?" he said.

God asks the church if it is going to spend time in beautiful buildings, or with the poor and marginalized, who have been told that God does not love them. "Are

we going to get into trouble by advocating for them?" Bishop Robinson asked.

The greatest danger for the church, he added, is that people become admirers of Jesus, but not disciples of Jesus. Jesus has no need of admirers, but he needs disciples who will get into trouble in his name, he said. "At the end of the day, you and I need to decide whether or not we are going to be lovely middle-class admirers of Jesus, or his disciples. Which will it be?"

# Course to plant missional seeds

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more intentional time might help us clarify what we're called to do," she says.

"I'm hopeful that we can touch the community around us more," she adds. "It's our gospel call. It's what Jesus wants us to do. It's what Jesus did in his ministry. He didn't sit in one place; he went out and touched the lives of people around him. He shared the good news, and that's our call, too. Maybe this course will give people a little bit of permission to do that."

Ms. Anderson says the course is designed to do that. "In the last two weeks of the course, we begin to turn people's eyes to their local neighbourhoods and very practical ways they can reach out and re-imagine church in their context."

The course is available on the diocese's website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca). If you are unable to download it, call Elizabeth McCaffrey, the diocese's Congregational Development coordinator, at (416) 363-6021 or 1-800-668-8932, ext. 225, and she will send you the material. There are plans to translate the course into Chinese.

## Church of St. Philip the Apostle

201 Caribou Road, Toronto  
St. Philip the Apostle is to be disestablished, 30 May 2010.

Parish wishes to dispose of stained glass windows and other furnishings to churches able to make most effective use of them. **Number are creations of Canadian artists Sylvia Hahn, Yvonne Williams and Gustav Weisman.** Great opportunity for churches to expand their attractiveness and value.

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## Touched by an angel

The Rev. Canon Ann Smith of St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga, shares this story of one woman's donation to Haiti:

A Chinese woman came into the church yesterday. She spoke very little English. She produced a bag of coins. "For Haiti!" she explained to me. In the conversation that ensued, I managed to figure out that she had come recently to Canada and didn't have much money. She wanted to do something for her daughter's birthday that was really meaningful. She went to the bank with the bag of coins and asked them to accept it for Haiti. Either they did not understand or simply couldn't be bothered with a small donation. I accepted it, explaining that I would have it counted and it would go along with any other funds donated to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. I made out a card for her daughter, wishing her a Happy Birthday, and saying that her mother had given a donation on her behalf. It made the day for both of us.

To make a donation to Haiti through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, see page 6.



# Whitby congregation surrounded by love

## Community pitches in to help

BY STUART MANN



All Saints, Whitby's steeple and walls remain standing after a fire gutted the inside of the church. At right, some members of the parish look at the church after the fire.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

**AFTER** losing their church in a devastating fire just before Christmas, the congregation of All Saints, Whitby, has been surrounded by love.

During their first service in their temporary church home, the congregation was ringed by clergy and lay people from other churches, singing Christmas carols to them.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the house," says the Rev. Beverley Williams, associate priest of All Saints.

The fire destroyed about 90 food hampers that were to be delivered to needy families for Christmas. Undaunted, the church set up a makeshift depot at the local high school. They were amazed at the outpouring of support from the community.

"The high school students were stepping over themselves to get the new hampers together," says Ms. Williams. "A young boy came forward and said, 'My family is going to be receiving one of these hampers, and I want to make sure that everybody gets one.' He donated his lunch money."

She says local businesses have

stepped forward to offer everything from free building supplies to taxi rides. The manager of a local bank gave \$2,000, raised by donations from individuals. (To make a donation to rebuild the church, visit any CIBC branch and make a deposit to account number 142-010-2302039.)

"It's incredible when Sunday by Sunday you're in the community, and then when something like this happens, you realize what a significant part of the community you actually do play," says Ms. Williams.

She hoped to be back in the church's office by the end of January, and she says the congregation will have limited use of the parish hall. However, it could be up to two years before their sanctuary is rebuilt. In the meantime, they are worshipping at the local Presbyterian church.

As for the sanctuary, the four walls and steeple are still stand-

ing, but the inside has been gutted. "Immediate first steps are demolition of the burnt timbers and putting on a temporary roof to keep the space protected from the elements," she says. "Come spring, we'll start reconstruction of the worship space."

She described the mood of the congregation as hopeful. "Whether it's the sidespeople or the sexton or chancel guild or the choir, everybody has picked up the ball and run with it and really shone through all of this. Every time I turn around, something is done and taken care of. They're wonderful and they need to hear a thank you."

In addition to losing their worship space, the congregation is also searching for a new incumbent. The former incumbent, the Rev. Kenneth Davis, left at the end of December to become the dean in the Diocese of Saskatchewan.



## BRIEFLY

### Bishop's Company Dinner set for May

Don Morrison, chief operating officer for Research In Motion (RIM), BlackBerry Canada, will be the guest speaker at the 49th annual Bishop's Company Dinner, held May 5 at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto, and the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel.

Before joining RIM in 2000, Mr. Morrison held a number of senior leadership positions in Canada, the United States, Europe and the Middle East with AT&T and Bell Canada. He is a member of St. Clement, Eglinton.

Funds raised at the dinner allow the College of Bishops to respond quickly to emergencies facing clergy. The dinner will begin with a reception and a live and silent auction. Entertainment will be provided by the St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, Steel Pan Band.

For more information or to order tickets, contact Sheryl Thorpe at 416-363-6021, ext. 243, email Ms. Thorpe at [bishopscompany@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:bishopscompany@toronto.anglican.ca) or visit the diocese's website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca).

### New outreach facilitator hired

"Social justice is not an optional add-on to one's personal faith but integral to the very essence of Christian life," says Elin Goulden, the new parish outreach facilitator for York-Credit Valley. Ms. Goulden is working part-time in the deaneries of Parkdale, Toronto West and Etobicoke, replacing Maggie Helwig.

A member of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto, Ms. Goulden is a keen environmentalist. She recently taught a course on Christian faith and environmental ethics at the Wycliffe Centre for Lay Education, and has helped to make the parish operations at St. Martin's more environmentally friendly. She also led a successful campaign to persuade her church to serve only fair trade coffee.

Anglicans from parishes in the three deaneries are invited to contact Ms. Goulden by emailing her at [e\\_goulden@sympatico.ca](mailto:e_goulden@sympatico.ca).

### Anglicans urged to stay vigilant

The Diocesan Pandemic Response Plan, which was activated last spring due to the spread of the H1N1 virus, has been suspended. However, H1N1 is still present in

communities and Anglicans need to remain informed and vigilant, says the Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon, the diocese's pandemic response resource coordinator.

"While both national and provincial public health officials report continuing declines in the number of confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza, we are reminded that the Canadian flu season continues until the spring and so the possibility of an H1N1 influenza resurgence remains," he says. "Also, World Health Organization officials continue to reinforce the message that the pattern for an unfolding pandemic event involves recurring waves of infection over an 18- to 24-month period."

He adds: "Continued vigilance is the most practical and significant response at present. While levels of anxiety and fear have diminished, it is important that the established public health care precautions remain in place and are practised by all."

See related article on page 5. For more information on the Diocesan Pandemic Response Plan and news updates on the pandemic, visit the diocese's website at [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca) and click on "Emergency Preparedness."

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## BISHOP'S OPINION

BY BISHOP PHILIP POOLE

# Youth can show us the way



The headline was intriguing: "Canadian teens are a philanthropic powerhouse." I didn't have time to read the article, but the headline stuck with me, causing me to reflect upon acts of charity by young people. In my experience, young people have generous and spontaneous hearts and a burning desire to help others. I'd like to share with you a couple of stories about a boy; both events took place before he hit double digits.

It was just before a church service on Christmas Eve, and this bright, precocious seven-year-old blurted out, "Father Phil, I have something to give you."

"Great, what is it?"

He handed me a large jar filled with pennies, nickels and dimes. "It's money I've saved and collected from neighbours. I went door to door. (His parents were mortified, and not for the last time.) Here is \$11.24. I want you to give it to the poor people."

I thanked and congratulated him. I asked him if I could tell his story to other people, and he said yes. I brought the jar into the pulpit and told the boy's story. Here was an unconditional act of love, I said, a sacrifice for another with no thought of personal gain, just a deep desire to help others. Here was grace-filled abundance. Here was a Christmas story.

About a year later, the same boy came to see me with another bottle of coins. This time the amount was about triple the first amount and the jar quite heavy. With a serious look on his face, he said, "Father Phil, I need your help."

"What do you want me to do?" I asked.

It seems he had been on a family vacation in Mexico and accompanied his mom into a store. "Father Phil, there was a woman who came into the store. She was holding a red cup. It was chipped. Her clothes were ripped and she looked old. She was asking for money. No one helped her and no one gave her any money. They made her leave the store." The boy had a look of deep distress on his face, thinking of the injustice. Then he brightened. "I've collected \$37.73. I want you to give it to that woman."

"Thank you," I said. "Do you by chance know her name?"

"Umm, no," he replied.

I asked the boy if I could phone some friends in Mexico to see if they could recommend a church that helped poor people, and if we might send his money to them. The boy thought that would be a good idea. One thing led to another and an orphanage was chosen in San Miguel de Allende.

I asked the boy if he would share his story with the congregation on Sunday. He gladly did, and two things happened. About \$2,000 was added to the boy's \$37.73. Secondly, the youth group at the church took on the project, and every year since, a delegation from that parish has gone to San Miguel de Allende to work with this remarkable orphanage.

The boy is now a young man with a large heart. He learned Christian generosity at an early age in his home, and developed a deep

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## Does Jesus really matter any more?

*Christmas is about shopping, presents, family and feasting, right?*



Archbishop  
Colin R. Johnson  
Diocese of Toronto  
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of Canada

In our frenetic world, it's easy to forget that Christmas marks the birth of a child some 2,000 years ago. His name was — Jesus. Christians believe he is the Son of God.

Our time is not so different from the one Jesus was born into. We suffer from worries and concerns, broken relationships, wars and famines. The very things that kept our ancestors awake all those years ago keep us awake still.

God came to us then — and does now — in the person of Jesus. God comes because he loves us. Unconditionally. He comes because he wants to be in relationship with us — a relationship

that is life-giving, that brings hope and healing, that is life-fulfilling.

In a society scarred by fear, injustice and homelessness, it can be difficult to see God's love for us. But it's there — in the generosity of those engaged in service to others, in efforts to reconcile personal relationships and global conflicts, in both the awesome beauty of the created order itself and the simplicity of a baby's smile. A thoughtful word, a listening ear, an act of caring — in these and so many other ways, we catch a glimpse of the divine. And there is more...

On that first Christmas, the angel told the shepherds, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

This Christmas, you can connect with God through Jesus.

It can begin with a simple prayer: "God, show yourself to me this Christmas." You can start by reaching out to someone who is sick, afraid, lonely, homeless or hungry, just as Jesus did — and does.

And you can connect with God by joining others at church. This Christmas, I invite you to your local Anglican church.

Jesus (and his family) will be there to welcome you.

+ Colin Johnson



To find an Anglican church near you, visit  
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This ad appeared as a three-quarter page ad in The Toronto Star on Dec. 17 and a full-page ad in Metro on Dec. 23. The papers have a combined daily circulation of more than 800,000. Archbishop Johnson has published two previous ads in The Star, calling on Ontario's political parties to help the poor.

## LETTERS

### Surprise during commute

While commuting home from work on the GO train, and routinely reading my *Toronto Star*, I had the most exhilarating experience when, instead of viewing another advertisement from a local retailer, I saw an advertisement from my Anglican Church.

In the midst of the Christmas rush and bustle, Archbishop Johnson's message could not have been more heartwarming, inspiring and inclusive. It provided the essential Biblical message of Christ's birth and added a very contemporary relevance that tends to reach a broader audience.

As a lifelong Anglican who has had reason over the past year to question, and to have to explain to others, why I remain an Anglican, his proactive message of hope, peace, joy and love through Christ could not have been more

appropriately placed, directed and conveyed.

Michele Seaton-Gascon  
Mississauga

### Frank and honest words

The other day I was flipping through the pages of *The Toronto Star* and came upon Archbishop Johnson's advertisement, "Does Jesus really matter any more?"

I read it and re-read it and was taken in by the frank and honest words that Christians should more often proclaim. I recently attended a couple of "holiday programs" at our local public school and the attempts made to not include anything related to Christmas and Christ's birth so as not to offend anyone was amazing. It was therefore refreshing to read the archbishop's statement. I have kept it and I will read it to my children, grandchildren and others who will be celebrating His coming at our family gathering.

Ary Vander Hoeven  
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# It's up to us now

BY THE REV. STEPHEN DRAKEFORD

Like many, I was attentive to the recent climate change conference in Copenhagen. I wondered if there would be a workable outcome and a firm treaty. There were the usual plot twists, protests, prayer vigils, disappointments and signs of hope. But when all was said and done, many of us were incredibly disappointed that there was no just, legally binding agreement – just a generalized, open-ended “accord.” Reading through the text of the accord, it was unclear if any real action would emerge in 2010 and if the United Nations would realize its target of less than a 2°C increase in global temperature.

As one who intercedes for justice and healing of the Earth, I feel like I am in mourning. I am disappointed with global leaders and particularly our own Canadian leaders’ failure to rise above economic concerns and render any sort of moral authority. There was little justice for the global poor, who are most affected by climate change. There was little love displayed for the Earth itself. Those who have done the most damage to the Earth through over-extracting, over-consumption and an addictive dependence on fossil fuels have virtually ignored the pleas of the world’s poor.

As the conference unfolded, I felt an emerging sense of shame as a Canadian – something I had never felt before. Our Prime Minister did not address the UN; instead, he went to dinner with Danish royalty, leaving the Minister of the Environment, Jim Prentice, to address an empty hall near midnight. Mr. Prentice’s address wasn’t worth staying up for anyway, as he said nothing. I am deeply saddened to realize that we are not only out of step with the global community but that our leadership is so inflexible that it will not attend to climate change, which is the most pressing global crisis. It is not about



Young Anglicans from the Diocese of Toronto take their message of love for the Earth to a rally on Parliament Hill before the Copenhagen climate change conference. PHOTO BY MURRAY MACADAM

the economy anymore – it is also about climate change, and we have to recognize that. Canada’s inattentiveness to climate change at the conference was rewarded: we were not invited to the final negotiating table; we have become a global pariah; and we rightly received the Colossal Fossil award for not only inattentiveness but for obstructing progress.

However, there is still hope. The failure of Copenhagen has galvanized the global grassroots community into action. There is an emerging movement that will soon be greater than any government’s concern for the economy. Canadian Christians are waking up to the fact that passionate spirituality is partially about reclaiming our role as stewards and caretakers of the Earth. As God’s people, we

are waking up to the fact that we have over-consumed to the detriment of the global poor and to the loss of species diversity. We are realizing that what is required of our repentance is to speak up against the direction our government leaders are taking. We are realizing that we need to change our lifestyle so that the great gulf between rich and poor can be fixed. With realization comes repentance; with repentance comes change; and with change comes the healing between nations and the healing of the Earth.

*The Rev. Stephen Drakeford is the chair of the diocese’s Environmental Working Group and the incumbent of St. Matthew, Islington.*

# Acts of charity inspiring

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concern for the poor.

Here is another example of Christian philanthropy among those not yet 10 years of age.

She had the longest hair in the church community. Over time, my young friend was touched by stories of young people undergoing chemotherapy who were embarrassed because they had lost their hair. A television documentary revealed that the children were teased at school because they had lost their hair. This young girl was touched by their plight but wasn’t sure how to help. Then she found a solution. She agreed to have her beautiful hair cut off so it could be woven into a hair piece for a bald young cancer survivor. That heroic act was captured in the local newspaper, with the result that other young people did the same thing.

These acts of charity are awe-inspiring. They are unconditional, spontaneous acts of loving goodness from young people not yet 10 years old. There is no thought of tax receipts and no thought of getting something back – just pure acts of love.

I have learned that generosity begets generosity, and that given a just and noble cause, Christians respond generously.

The world has just come through a season of generosity, a season of giving. But for Christians who acknowledge that they are created in the image of a giving and generous God, giving to others is not confined to a few weeks of the year. It is part of our Christian makeup, our DNA.

I remain inspired by the countless number of young people who make a difference in the lives of others: high school kids who travel to other parts of the world to dig a well or paint an orphanage; young people who help serve breakfasts to the homeless or help with the Out of the Cold Program; young people who don’t eat for 30 hours in solidarity with those who have so little, raising funds and awareness; young people who shovel the snow of a neighbour because he is too frail to do it himself.

In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus reminds us that whenever we provide clothing for the naked, visit the prisoner, feed the hungry or give a drop of water to the thirsty, we are giving it to Christ himself. This message was not confined to a certain time of year or religious occasion, but whenever a need arose.

There are lots of needs. Makes you wonder what you might do, doesn’t it?

# We are a faithful presence

BY THE REV. CANON DOUGLAS GRAYDON

I remember clearly that last weekend in April, when the World Health Organization moved towards declaring a Level Four Pandemic Alert. I thought, “Why do calamities always happen on weekends?”

For some time I had carried the cumbersome and long-winded title of pandemic response resource coordinator for the diocese. Until that weekend, planning a response to a pandemic was an interesting, if somewhat academic, subject. It was even fun at times. Mostly, however, it occupied little of my time – until that last weekend in April.

As the diocese activated its pandemic plan, my fear was that the H1N1 event would become the catastrophe everyone feared it would be. Suddenly my simple and minor job became a full-time commitment to keep the College of Bishops and the diocese informed of the ever-changing spread of the virus.

April seems like a long time ago now. The H1N1 pandemic has almost run its course. Its impact, thankfully, has been much less severe than anticipated. Even so, hundreds of thousands of people around the world became ill and many died. As we look back at this pandemic, how did we, as a community of faith, respond?

The diocese began developing its pandem-

ic plan in 2006. The plan was approved by Diocesan Council in early 2007 and was introduced to parishes that March. Patterns of worship began to change. Changes to the liturgical exchange of the peace were introduced. Hand sanitizers appeared on credence tables. Everyone learned about doing the “sleeve sneeze.”

When the World Health Organization declared a Level Six Pandemic Alert, the diocese was as prepared as a faith community could be: up-to-date information was available; many parishes had their own pandemic plans in place; and congregations were prepared to care for their most vulnerable members. The challenge for the diocese was not “now what do we do” but rather how best it could meet the needs of the wider community.

Through a variety of networks, the diocese supported the efforts of public health officials. Medical updates from the World Health Organization and other bodies were circulated to all diocesan clergy. As the pandemic unfolded, information updates were posted on the diocese’s website; these were accessed by churches from as far away as England and Australia. Parish nurses across the diocese played a vital role as health educators in their communities. As concern and anxiety grew, clergy provided invaluable leadership, reminding us all that as a people

of faith we are called to be servants to others who are caring for those who are sick, frightened or alone. Many Anglicans became ill and some Sunday schools were suspended, yet despite the challenge and because of our preparations, worship services continued.

As the pandemic unfolded, I attended many information seminars and emergency planning meetings. In almost every case, I was the sole representative of the faith community. I was often asked why I was there, for there was a genuine puzzlement as to the role of “the church” in emergency and pandemic planning. I realized that that was exactly why I needed to be there and why the church needs to prepare for events such as the H1N1 pandemic: to maintain a witness of faith as we face emergency situations or catastrophic events.

Our diocese still has much work to do in preparing for emergencies and pandemics. However, because of our preparations to date, we can continue to be that faithful presence which reminds us that God is with us both in times of prosperity and uncertainty.

*The Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon is the diocese’s pandemic response resource coordinator and the coordinator of Chaplaincy Services.*



# With needle and thread

Beautiful creations made to last

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

The women of the Anglican Church Women's (ACW) Needlework Department make beautiful things that last. The 17-piece set of vestments and altar clothes they completed in December for St. Thomas, Huron Street, was made to replace a set that was given to the church 70 years ago. "We are hoping this new set will last for another 70 years," says Donalda McTaggart, the convenor of the silk embroidery group and a member of St. Thomas'.

The set, which features extensive hand-embroidery in silk and gold thread on French silk damask, took about three and a half years to make by the 14 volunteers who work once a week at the ACW's office in Toronto. "I was looking for a design that would be traditional enough and that would also be appropriate for Christmas and Easter, which are the two major festivals that this set is used for," she says. "The design is of lilies, for Easter and the Annunciation, and the rose, which is a symbol of Our Lady and of Christmas. The white and red worked very nicely on the beautiful blue damask."



St. Thomas' parishioners raised the money—several thousand dollars—through donations and their own creative endeavours. "The generosity of the congregation, and beyond, was inspiring," says the Rev. Mark Andrews, the incumbent. "We had some marvelous fundraising events. One of our choristers, Katherine Barber [former editor-in-chief of the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary*], gave a talk, followed by a high tea. A beautiful quilt was created by someone who is not a parishioner—an act of extraordinary generosity. The Altar Guild has produced for sale some very attractive greeting cards." He says the artistry involved in the design and execution of the vestments is "exquisite, and a God-given gift." Ms. McTaggart and the other volunteers handed over the set to the church on Dec. 7. "The church is thrilled," she says. "I'm just overwhelmed by the reception. They are so excited by this set that we have been very honoured to make for them."

Now the sewers are on to the other projects on their waiting list. "Right now, we are working on a red set of hangings for St. Peter's, Erindale, embroidered with doves, which are absolutely realistic," says Ms. McTaggart. "We are hoping that that will be ready for Pentecost. We are also going to be starting restoration on the lady banner for St. Thomas'. St. James Cathedral will be sending



Clockwise from top left: members of the Anglican Church Women who worked on the vestments gather for a photo at St. Thomas, Huron Street; Donalda McTaggart, convenor of the ACW's silk embroidery group, presents a new cope to the Rev. Mark Andrews; some of the 17 new vestments and altar clothes on display.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

over its white high altar frontal for major repairs, and we are also going to be repairing the white frontal for Royal St. George's College Chapel. So it really is going to be an exciting year to do this work. The spring promises to be very busy."

The women, most of whom are in their 70s and 80s, possess skills that used to be common but are now increasingly rare. "I have ladies who do traditional



silk embroidery by hand," she says. "Embroidery is pretty much a lost art now. In the old days, we called it fancy work. You learned it as a young girl, embroidering pillowcases, tablecloths and tea towels."

The proceeds of the women's work benefit the work of the ACW. Just as importantly, the group provides fellowship and support to the women, many of whom are widowed. "They come

by TTC, from Willowdale, Richmond Hill, Mississauga, Pickering, even from Whitby," says Ms. McTaggart. "Some are Anglicans; some are not. If they have skill with the needle, we are interested." Their gatherings are lively times, with frequent peals of laughter emanating from the room. Ms. McTaggart says with a chuckle: "Actually, we get into trouble; we are quite rowdy."

## Send donations to PWRDF

ANGLICANS who want to donate to the relief efforts in Haiti should send their contributions directly to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), 80 Hayden St., Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2. Donations paid by credit card can also be made online at [www.canada-helps.org](http://www.canada-helps.org) or by calling the PWRDF at 416-924-9192, ext. 320, or toll-free 1-866-308-7973. Those wishing to pay by cheque can send payment directly to PWRDF at the address above or make cheques payable to your parish and write "PWRDF Haiti Emergency Response" in the memo line.

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# Church 'jewel' full of surprises

## Archways, fireplaces revealed

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

From the outside, the chain-link fences and hoarding tell passersby that development at St. James' Cathedral's parish house is well underway. Inside, progress is startlingly apparent, with the old building stripped back to the brick walls.

Ian Jones, president of The Bridgeton Group, the construction management company in charge of the reconstruction, says the project consists of 44,000 square feet of construction. Of that, 22,000 square feet will be renovation of the old 1909 parish house, and 22,000 square feet will be construction of a new building to replace the 1959 rear addition, which will be removed.

He describes what has been happening to the old parish house: "In the past six months, the building has been gutted and all the asbestos taken out," he says. "The building is clean and has been certified by the engineers."

Rob Saffrey, director of Operations and Finance for the cathedral, points out that with the 1959 addition removed, the parish house will be historically truer to the original 1909 building.

For example, in one part of the main floor, workmen discovered three large brick archways behind the drywall. They also found two fireplaces: a large one on the second floor (sadly, lacking its mantle) and a smaller one set into an angle of a wall on the third floor. All will likely be retained.

Another surprise was that the floors on the second and third floors of the building have not needed to be levelled, allowing



A hidden fireplace, far left, is revealed during renovation of the cathedral's parish house. At right, the ministry of the cathedral continues as the foot clinic is held in the nave.

PHOTO AT RIGHT BY MICHAEL HUDSON

the new sub-floor to be laid directly on top of the original. "We salvaged what we could to keep costs down," says Mr. Jones.

It has saved some time as well as money. Mr. Saffrey says the original move-in date for the renovation was June, 2011. Now, he says, they are looking at March, 2011.

While the parish house exterior will remain unchanged, the interior will be transformed into a modern, light-filled space with many of the 1909 brick walls exposed. The large doorway on Ade-



laide Street that led into the auditorium will now open into the cathedral's outreach areas. The hall will have a larger capacity

than the old parish hall and will be on ground level. The Dean's old office will be turned into the food services area, while the staircase will be opened to the basement, where clients can access services such as haircutting and the foot clinic. Also on the main floor will be the library and reception. It was here that the arches were discovered.

The second floor is reserved for offices, and glass partitions will be extensively used. At one end of the structure will be a residential unit, a three-bedroom apartment. The small fireplace was found behind one wall and Mr. Jones says they hope to be able to keep it.

The third floor once housed apartments, and there will be three residential units here in the 1909 structure, and two more in the new addition. One of them will be a three-bedroom apartment of approximately 1,400 square feet. Mr. Jones points out, "A similar space in a condo would cost \$600,000."

In the basement, 10 iron-beam columns have been erected to support the floors above. These will be concealed by walls when the building is finished. The existing electrical and mechanical rooms will be renovated and continue to be used for those purposes. The vestry and archives will also be located in the basement.

The new building will house two boilers, one for the parish house and the other for the church. A glass canopy will connect the cathedral to the parish house.

The new addition will feature glass walls and an outdoor terrace along the east wall, providing, he says, a transition from the historical to the 21st century. The canopy will also provide a bridge from the old cathedral to a contemporary parish hall.

When he talks about the finished project, Mr. Jones waxes lyrical. "From the park at night, the building with its glass walls will look like a jewel."

## Centre focuses on children's, youth ministry

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

ARE you looking for a new curriculum for your church's Sunday school? Wondering whether to invest in a program such as Godly Play? Choosing a Lenten course for your youth group?

Starting this spring, you will have a place to ask these questions and get answers: the Centre for Excellence in Christian Education (CECE), a resource centre and library located at St. John, York Mills, in Toronto.

The brand-new project received a grant of \$10,000 from York-Scarborough's area council last fall. "A lot of that money will

go toward funding a part-time librarian/co-ordinator position," says the Rev. Tay Moss, incumbent of the Church of the Messiah, who is one of the co-founders of CECE. "This person will help us build the initial infrastructure, come up with an acquisition strategy, order materials and supervise the volunteers."

The idea for CECE came out of conversations Mr. Moss had with Deacon Catherine Keating, a member of St. John, York Mills, about children's and youth ministry in the diocese. "The reason we are focusing on children and youth is that that's where the most pressing need is at the mo-

ment," he says. "We do envision that we will probably branch out and start to do adult education as well." CECE's collection currently includes resource materials that have been donated by the Diocesan Centre and by the Order of the Holy Cross. The resource centre also owns a full set of Godly Play materials.

One purpose of CECE is to overcome some of the financial barriers parishes face in children's and youth ministry. "Right now, if a Sunday school teacher wants to invest in new curriculum, it's very difficult to know where to send them," says Mr. Moss. "The typical solution is they go to a book-

store, but bookstores are there to sell people new materials, not to lend them anything or show them books that are no longer in print or materials that are free. With the resource centre, we can do those things. One church has already borrowed the Advent materials for Godly Play, to see if they want to invest in them permanently. It's a substantial investment for a parish."

Mr. Moss anticipates that the centre will eventually be funded by parish subscriptions, depending on the size of the parish. "The idea is that anyone can come in and look at the materials and talk to the librarian and the volun-

teers, but if they actually want to check something out for their parish, their parish needs to be a member of CECE," he says.

In the future, CECE plans to offer workshops and training events. Says Mr. Moss: "The hope is that it becomes a hub for community and connection and networking, so that we start to build a community around the vocation of teaching and forming young people."

For more information about the Centre for Excellence in Christian Education, visit [www.thecece.blogspot.com/](http://www.thecece.blogspot.com/).



## Fundraiser helps shelter

Holy Trinity, Thornhill, hosted an ecumenical "Service of Remembrance and Hope," on Dec. 6, the 20th anniversary of the Montreal massacre. The event was organized by Athena Graves, wife of the associate priest, the Rev. Daniel Graves. Members of Baptist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and United Church congregations participated, and a Roman Catholic lay woman gave the homily. Money raised at the event was donated to the Yellow Brick House Building Campaign, for a new women's shelter in the Markham region.

Ms. Graves, who organized another fundraiser for the shelter in the spring, said that besides raising money, she also wanted to raise awareness in the community and the church about the need for action against violence. "The event gave voice to a need in our community for a group that is often silenced by fear and intimidation," she said. "As the people of God, we must speak against violence, and abuse, and hatred in all its forms. As women, we must speak for those who have been silenced, stand with those who have been isolated, weep with those who mourn, name violence and abuse, and move toward eradicating the conditions that make women vulnerable."

## Churches use DVDs to tell stories

Members of St. Peter, Cobourg, recently produced a DVD about their church buildings, which underwent an expansion and renovation that was completed in 2005. The 30-minute DVD, entitled "Upon This Rock," contains more than 100 illustrations taken from archival sources, and more recent photographs, most by photographer Jack Houghton. Parishioner Jim Weller wrote the script and directed the project, while Suzanne Grew Ellis, a former broadcaster, narrated the story. "St. Peter's has exceptionally fine buildings and the story of their evolution is pretty interesting," says Mr. Weller. "We saw the opportunity to raise a few dollars with this DVD, since it was produced at no cost to the parish."



## A-CAROLING WE GO

At Christmastime, churches across the diocese reach out to their neighbours with carols. Above right, the senior choir of St. Peter, Churchill, and some of the youth, bring holiday cheer to the residents of Lakeside Retirement Home in Alcona on Nov. 28. Above left, members of St. John, West Toronto, sing in their neighbourhood of Bloor West Village on Dec. 11. "It was blisteringly cold, but we actually had people we didn't know stop and sing with us," says the Rev. Gary van der Meer, the incumbent. "In front of one shop, the staff came out to bring us chocolates." PHOTO ON LEFT BY TOM GEHRELS.

The video is being sold for two prices: a basic price of \$15 and a donor price of \$30 for which people get a \$20 tax receipt. For more information, contact 905-372-3442 or visit [www.stpeterscobourg.org](http://www.stpeterscobourg.org).

St. John, Mono, also expressed pride in its church with a DVD, entitled "Ministry Embracing People in Christ's Name," which was first shown during the Primate's visit at Thanksgiving. The video tells the story of St. John's, past and present, and features vintage pictures and other materials. The Rev. John Lockyer, the incumbent, says that the goal of the video was to create not only a souvenir of the church's 175th anniversary celebrations, but also a tool to tell the church's story to newcomers. "The DVD is one way we hope to tell people without any experience or history with the church about what happens in that 'big red church building on the highway,'" he says. Copies are available for \$20 from the church office; call 519-941-1950.

## AIDS Day service educates

On Dec. 1, the AIDS Committee of



Organizers of the AIDS Day service at Trinity, Barrie, pose for the camera on Dec. 1. From left to right: Doug Willoughby, pastoral associate at St. Paul on-the-Hill in Pickering; Karyn Cooper and Gerry Croteau of AIDS Committee of Simcoe County; and the Rev. Canon Brian McVitty, incumbent of Trinity, Barrie.

Simcoe County partnered with Trinity, Barrie, for the first time, to offer a worship service as part of their AIDS Day events. The worship service was attended by members of local churches and those affected by HIV and their families.

The guest preacher for the event was Doug Willoughby, pastoral associate at St. Paul on-the-Hill in Pickering, who had just returned from northern Uganda, where he was assessing the needs of the AIDS community. Two people who are HIV-positive spoke at the service about what it is like to live with the disease. The two overriding challenges are poverty and transportation to medical care. Poverty is an issue because those with HIV may not be well enough to continue at their job. If they lose medical benefits, then they are faced with the high cost of drugs. The other challenge for those in Simcoe County is transportation to AIDS specialists in Toronto. For those who are not feeling well, the 90-minute ride to Toronto can be very difficult.

The most moving part of the service was lighting candles on



## VISITOR

Archbishop Colin Johnson and the Rev. John Phillips, incumbent of Christ the King in Toronto, smile for the camera during the Archbishop's visit to the parish on Dec. 13 in celebration of its 50th anniversary. "It was his first visit to our parish," says parishioner Ron Gray. "He spoke to the children, gave an inspiring sermon, and celebrated communion. At the reception that followed, he cut the cake to celebrate his visit and also brought a gingerbread house for us."

behalf of those who needed healing and on behalf of those who have died. The congregation gathered in a circle for closing prayers,

and there was a real sense of common support and breaking down the isolation that many feel.

By the Rev. Canon Brian McVitty



## CARE PACKAGE

Members of Trinity, Barrie, gather around a box destined for a member of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. From left to right: David Miller, Bob Garrett, Deborah Marshall, Deb Berry, Sharon Lewis, and the Rev. Andrew Sandilands. Eleven boxes were assembled and sent by the congregation last year. "Sending the 'Chosen Soldier' boxes has been a tangible way for the congregation to connect with and support our Canadian troops in Afghanistan, particularly at key moments through the year, such as Christmas, Canada Day and Thanksgiving," says the Rev. Canon Brian McVitty, the incumbent.



# A ringing good time

Anglicans braved the chilly weather to ring in the New Year at the Archbishop's Levee, held at St. James Cathedral on Jan. 1. The annual event included music, a celebration of the eucharist, a ringing of the Bells of Old York, refreshments and the traditional receiving line to greet the bishops, the dean, the archdeacon of York, the chancellor and their spouses.



The refreshments table was popular, as ever.



Susan McCulloch, the diocese's FaithWorks campaign manager, shakes hands with Bishop George Elliott, as his wife, Linda, looks on.



The Rev. Canon Edmund Der and his wife, Margaret, greet Archbishop Colin Johnson and his wife, Ellen Johnson, holding their three-month-old grand-daughter, Keira.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Bishop Linda Nicholls says hello to Abigail Allen.

## Church serves up food, wine with teaching

Sisters of St. John the Divine help parishioners deepen their spirituality

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, parishioners have been taking the expression "food for the soul" literally. Every Wednesday for six weeks last fall, they enjoyed a gourmet meal, a glass of wine and, under expert guidance, a deepening of their spirituality.

The Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard, incumbent, says it all started at last spring's synod, when Archbishop Colin Johnson highlighted Natural Church Development (NCD) as a means of growing healthy churches. Using NCD, churches identify the characteristic they lack most and work on it.

Holy Trinity participated in NCD and found that while it was strong in many areas, passionate spirituality was its weakness — a weakness that it shares with most

Anglican churches in the diocese.

At that point, Mr. Kirkegaard looked to the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, because that was their area of expertise. "We started talking with them to see if we could create an environment with lots of hospitality — a gourmet meal, a glass of wine, friends around a table — and in that relaxed environment have the sisters do some teaching," he says.

He adds, "The recipe has been magical. I've had people in the parish say it's the best thing they've ever done."

With the sisters' time reserved, Mr. Kirkegaard had to supply the gourmet meal. He did that with the help of a recent graduate of George Brown College, Justin Anderson, who is a chef in a downtown hotel and also owns Heat Catering. He

charged only \$10 a person for the meals.

Each evening started with a three-course gourmet meal and a glass of wine, then moved into the teaching session. From an average Sunday congregation of 70, more than 40 people turned up.

Sister Constance Joanna and Sister Elizabeth Ann led the teaching sessions, which included subjects such as prayer and barriers to spending time with God; becoming aware of God in all aspects of our lives; praying with scripture readings; contemplative prayer; imaginative prayer; and rhythm of our lives.

"The sisters were fabulous," says Mr. Kirkegaard. "They have an ability to teach in a way that's very accessible, with humour."

The parishioners did not merely talk about what they learned; they also prac-

tised it, and then broke into small groups to talk about what they had experienced.

Mr. Kirkegaard says the series was a success because of the mix of the sisters' teaching, a gourmet meal and the chance to practise what had been learned. "Each little part interacted with the other," he says.

The sisters were excited about the success of the evenings, and parishioners have been equally enthusiastic. Many of them told Mr. Kirkegaard they had never been taught about prayer or spirituality.

"As soon as you apply that missing ingredient, they just open up and blossom," he says. "They say they're having experiences of God, and they find this exciting."



## LOOKING AHEAD

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## Services

**JAN. 9-MAR. 13** — St. John, Craighurst, will host an après-ski worship service at Horseshoe Resort's Ellesmere Chapel on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. Pray together, discuss scripture, share in Holy Communion and then enjoy some fellowship over wine and cheese. Everyone is invited. Call 705-721-9722.

**FEB. 1, 8** — Jazz Vespers at Christ Church, Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St., Toronto, at 4:30 p.m. Scripture reading, prayers and a brief reflection. Call 416-920-5211 or visit [www.christchurchdeerpark.org](http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org).

**FEB. 21** — Choral Evensong for First Sunday in Lent at St. Olave, Swansea, at 4 p.m., with St. Olave's Choir and organist Tim Showalter. Followed by light refreshments and a program for Black History Month, "Lift Every Voice and Sing! The Roots of Gospel Music," with Tiki Mercury-Clarke, the multi-talented Canadian-born singer, pianist, storyteller, lyricist, composer and cultural historian. For more details, call 416-769-5686 or visit [www.stolaves.ca](http://www.stolaves.ca).

## Lectures/Conferences

**FEB. 10** — Author Anna Porter is the speaker for the annual Gene Stewart Lecture at St. Thomas, Huron Street, in Toronto, at 8 p.m. She will speak on the democracies of Eastern Europe, the topic of her upcoming book *The Other Europe*. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved at 416-961-4565 or [suejoel@sympatico.ca](mailto:suejoel@sympatico.ca) or by contacting the church office at 416-979-2323. There will be a reception and book signing in the parish hall following the lecture.

**FEB. 17-MARCH 24** — Lenten Series at St. Olave, Swansea. Feb. 17: Litany by Candlelight with Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday, at 6 p.m., followed by light supper and a brief overview. Feb. 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24: Evensong at 6 p.m., followed by light supper and discussion. Contributions appreciated. For more details, call 416-769-5686 or visit [www.stolaves.ca](http://www.stolaves.ca)

**APR. 23-25** — Geneva Park AWARE (Anglican Women, Alive, Renewed & Enriched) is celebrating its 25th anniversary and invites you to a special spiritual weekend on beautiful Lake Couchiching. Join in for a weekend of fellowship, stimulating talks, inspiring music, fun and challenging workshops, and free time to relax and refresh. For more information, contact Marlene Paulsen at 416-282-0244 or [marlenepaulsen@sympatico.ca](mailto:marlenepaulsen@sympatico.ca), or visit [www.awareconference.org](http://www.awareconference.org).

**APR. 30, MAY 1, 2** — Peterborough AWARE invites you to spend a wonderful weekend filled with spiritual growth, fun, fellowship, excellent food, worshipful music and the blissful solitude of sitting beside the lake at beautiful Elim Lodge. The speaker this year is

Melanie Hart, who will be speaking on "Transformation," based on Romans 12:2 NRSV. To learn more about Melanie, visit [www.melaniehart.org](http://www.melaniehart.org). The weekend also offers workshops, a Taize service, and small group discussions. Preparation Day will be held at St. John, Port Hope (note change of venue), on April 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, contact Linda Finigan at [blfinigan@rogers.com](mailto:blfinigan@rogers.com) or 905-668-4969. To register, visit [www.awarepeterborough.com](http://www.awarepeterborough.com).

## Music

**FEB. 3, 7, 10, 21, 24, 28** — Organist Randy Mills of St. Mark, Port Hope, plays the complete organ works of J.S. Bach over seventeen concerts. Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark, Port Hope; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity College School in Port Hope. Free admission. For details, visit [www.tcs.on.ca/bach325](http://www.tcs.on.ca/bach325).

**FEB. 4, 11, 18, 25** — Lunchtime Chamber Music at Christ Church, Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St., Toronto, Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. Admission free; donations welcome. For more information, visit [www.christchurchdeerpark.org](http://www.christchurchdeerpark.org).

**FEB. 13** — The Marion Singers perform at St. Matthias, Bellwoods, 45 Bellwoods Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Marion Singers is a 16-voice ensemble, performing a varied repertoire of music styles, including classic sacred pieces from composers such as Mendelssohn, Viadana, and Tallis, as well as modern composers including Tavener, Lauridsen and Busto. Complimentary wine & cheese reception to follow. This is a fundraising event for the replacement of the church roof. Admission: \$20 per person. To order tickets, call the church office at 416-603-6720.

**FEB. 26** — Philippe Bélanger plays the newly installed 3-manual Casavant organ of All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., at 7:30 p.m. The concert is presented in collaboration with the Toronto RCCO's Organ Horizons Series. Tickets: \$25, seniors: \$20. Contact 416-233-1125, ext. 0, or visit [www.allsaintskingsway.ca](http://www.allsaintskingsway.ca).

**FEB. 27** — The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir (TMC) presents Singsation Saturdays, choral workshops where anyone who loves to sing is invited to join with noted local conductors and TMC choristers to learn about and sing some of the great choral masterpieces. On Feb. 27, participants will sing some of the great music of the Renaissance, including works by William Byrd, Palestrina and other Renaissance masters under the direction of Patrick Wedd, the Artistic Director of Musica Orbium and Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal. The workshop runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Cameron Hall, 1585 Yonge St. The fee is \$10 and includes refreshments. Participants can register ahead of time or at the workshop. For more information, call TMC at 416-598-0422, ext. 24, or visit [www.tmchoir.org](http://www.tmchoir.org).

**MAY 2** — Musicfest 2010 at St. John, York Mills, in Toronto. Enjoy music from the 50s, 60s and 70s, presented by handbell ringers and singers. 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Call 416-225-6611.



Linda Taberner, left, Nancy Mills and Carol Sakamoto enjoy a moment at a World AIDS Day Dinner at St. Thomas, Brooklin, on Dec. 1.

## Grandmothers help AIDS orphans

BY MARY LOU HARRISON

THE names are fantastic, let alone the phenomenal international outreach they represent. Gathering Grannies, Grandmothers Together Peterborough and Port Perry GMoms are just a few of the more than 200 groups of Canadian women who have taken up the call to assist African grandmothers struggling to care for children left orphaned or vulnerable as a result of HIV/AIDS.

The groups, whose members are not necessarily all grandmothers, raise funds to support the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. The campaign was launched on March 7, 2006, on the eve of International Women's Day.

It seeks to build solidarity, raise awareness and mobilize support in Canada for African grandmothers. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$6 million for use by community-level organizations in 15 sub-Saharan African countries. Donations are used to provide grandmothers with such things as food, housing grants, school fees and grief counselling.

Nancy Mills, a parishioner at St. Thomas, Brooklin, recommends involvement in a grandmother group to all Anglican women. "We can help make a difference for the orphans of AIDS," she says.

In 2007, her church hosted an exhibit by the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and the Anglican Church of Canada called, "Facing AIDS, Facing

Reality." This photographic journey portrayed the personal stories of those with HIV/AIDS and the responses of the Anglican Church and its partners. This was the catalyst for Ms. Mills to get involved with the issue, first as a member of St. Thomas' AIDS Response Team and, more recently, as an active member of G Force.

"The exhibition included some very poignant pictures of grandmothers caring for their grandchildren," says Nancy. "I felt great empathy and admiration for those women. Caring for grandchildren is for me a labour of love."

For more information, visit [www.grandmotherscampaign.org](http://www.grandmotherscampaign.org). The site includes a map of the existing grandmother groups and tips for starting a new group.

## Church furnishings available

ST. Philip the Apostle, Toronto, will close on May 30. The parish wants to dispose of stained glass windows and other furnishings to churches that can make effective use of them. A number of these furnishings were created by Canadian artists such as Sylvia Hahn, Yvonne Williams and Gustav Weisman. For a complete list of furnishings or to make an appointment to view, contact Don Taylor at [dftay78@rogers.com](mailto:dftay78@rogers.com) or Ken Armson at [mamkaa@sympatico.ca](mailto:mamkaa@sympatico.ca).

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## IN MOTION

### Appointments

- The Rev. Canon Ron Davidson, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Alban, Peterborough, Nov. 23.
- The Rev. Anthony Bassett, Associate Priest, St. Clement, Eglinton, Dec. 1.
- The Rev. Naomi Miller, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew and St. Aidan, Buckhorn, Dec. 1.
- The Rev. Ian Nichols resigned as Honorary Assistant at St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, and was appointed Honorary Assistant at St. Thomas, Huron Street, on Dec. 2.
- The Rt. Rev. Douglas Blackwell, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Whitby, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Jeffrey Donnelly (California), Interim Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Incarnation, during the Incumbent's medical leave, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Jason Prisley, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Stouffville, Jan. 1, while the Incumbent continues on leave.
- The Rev. John Lockyer, Incumbent, Parish of Mono, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. David Harrison, Incumbent, St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, June 1.

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## Vacant Incumbencies

*Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Ven. Peter Fenty.*

### First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation

- (not yet receiving names):
- St. Peter, Oshawa
  - Minden-Kinmount
  - St. Peter, Cobourg
  - All Saints, Whitby
  - St. John, Norway
  - St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville
  - St. Thomas, Brooklin
  - Holy Trinity, Thornhill

### Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee Receiving Names

- (via Area Bishop):
- Trinity Streetsville (York-Credit Valley)

### Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing

- (not receiving names):
- None

## Retirement

- The Ven. Judy Walton retired from her duties as Archdea-

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I publish my thanks to St. Jude for the St. Thomas's Nativity play in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*Nicole Pepper*

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## READING THE BIBLE

BY THE REV. CANON DON BEATTY

# The lynchpin between seasons

This year, the Feast of the Transfiguration will fall on Feb. 14. The Gospel reading for that Sunday is Luke 9:28-36. This is Luke's account of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up onto a mountain, where he is transformed before their eyes. This story appears in the three synoptic Gospels, but it is probable that Luke and Matthew copied it from Mark. Let us put this event into some context.

According to the synoptic tradition, Jesus spent most of his ministry in Galilee. He and his disciples made only one trip to Jerusalem, which would be his last journey. The transfiguration occurred near the end of his Galilean ministry. Jesus and his disciples had travelled as far north as Caesarea Philippi. It is here that Jesus confronted his disciples with the ultimate question, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah of God" (Luke 9:20). At last, the twelve had some idea of what Jesus' ministry was all about. Their understanding of the Messiah would undergo significant changes, but it was a start. Now the final period of Jesus' ministry could begin. In response to Peter's confession, Jesus told his disciples that he must suffer and die, and on the third day he would rise again (Luke 9:22).

With this background, let us look at the transfiguration passage. What happened on the top of that mountain? In the story, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him. Luke records that while Jesus was praying, he was transformed before them. Luke always had Jesus praying as he was preparing to receive some form of revelation. Luke continues by saying that Jesus' face shone and his clothes became dazzling white. Then Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about his coming death. They were recognizing him as the Messiah. What an experience! No wonder Peter wanted to do something to celebrate this event. He wanted to build three dwellings, or booths, to honour Jesus, Moses and Elijah. This is

reminiscent of the Feast of Booths, which is a harvest festival celebrating the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt, led by Moses. This festival is still celebrated by our Jewish friends.

In the transfiguration story, Moses represented the law, while Elijah represented the great tradition of the prophets. Luke is saying that Jesus is the fulfillment of all of the promises made by God in the law and the prophets as contained in the Hebrew scriptures. Then something even more momentous happened. A cloud came and overshadowed them and the voice of God called out, "This is my son, my chosen, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). These words are very similar to the words spoken by God at the baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:22). At each event, God is voicing his approval of the path chosen by Jesus. In Hebrew, the cloud is called the "shekinah" and it represented the presence of God to the Jewish people. Thus the transfiguration becomes God's stamp of approval on the final events in Jesus' life.

Now with this approval, Jesus can turn his face to Jerusalem and his ultimate destiny, where he will confront the temple authorities, be arrested and be put to death. The story of the transfiguration acts as a kind of hinge between his Galilean ministry and his trip to Jerusalem, leading to his passion and death upon the cross on Calvary Hill. The season of Lent is about that final journey to Golgotha. Thus the transfiguration is also the lynchpin between Epiphany and Lent.

As we continue our dialogue with scriptures in reading this passage, we are reminded that we follow a wonderful and awesome God. As we celebrate this Festival of the Transfiguration prior to the beginning of Lent, may we be reminded that Jesus is our Messiah, and may we come before him in wonder and awe and follow him, as did his disciples so long ago.

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

## PRAYER CYCLE

### FOR MARCH

1. St. George the Martyr, Apsley
2. St. James, Emily
3. St. James, Roseneath
4. St. John, Emily
5. St. John, Ida
6. St. John the Baptist, Lakefield
7. Street Outreach Services (LOFT Community Services)
8. St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough

9. St. Luke, Peterborough
10. St. Matthew and St. Aidan, Buckhorn
11. St. Michael, Westwood
12. St. Thomas, Millbrook
13. St. Stephen, Chandos
14. Crosslinks Housing and Support Services
15. St. John the Evangelist, Havelock
16. Christ Church, Campbellford
17. St. Mark, Warsaw
18. Hospital chaplaincies of the diocese
19. All Saints, Collingwood
20. Christ Church, Banda

21. The Rt. Rev. George Elliott, Area Bishop of York-Simcoe
22. Christ Church, Batteau
23. Good Shepherd, Stayner
24. Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach
25. Trinity Church, Barrie
26. St. Margaret, Barrie
27. St. Paul, Innisfil
28. Nottawasaga Deanery
29. Church of the Redeemer, Duntroon
30. St. George, Allandale (Barrie)
31. St. Giles, Barrie

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# Let's move beyond a one-time celebration

BY THE REV. CANON ANTHONY JEMMOTT

I have always had great admiration for the organizers of the diocese's annual black heritage service. They are able to put together a multifaceted service at one of the coldest times of the year. They are also able to get hundreds of people to come to it, including many who have already been to church that day. I've often wondered what it would be like if the celebration were held in late summer during Caribana.

There's no doubt that it is a moment of celebration, beyond just having a good time and a good dance. It is not an accident that the service draws both Anglicans and non-Anglicans: whatever noble stirrings may have led Wilberforce and others to champion the cause of emancipation, the freedom it procured could not have happened if the people themselves were not convinced that the freedom they sought was God-ordained.

However, we cannot deny the question occasionally asked: Why do we have a black history month or a black heritage celebration at all? The month and the celebration acknowledge the contribution of people with historic roots in Africa to all aspects of Canadian society, not just our Anglican community.



Children enjoy the Black Heritage Service. This year's service will be held at St. Paul, Bloor Street, on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. All are invited. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

They have helped some of the most vulnerable people in our society, including school children and seniors.

It is easy to think of the celebration of black heritage as something "out there," something exotic and not part of the mainstream. But in fact, the contribution of these people is an indispensable part of so many of our institutions. That depth of contribution can only be possible when people have the capaci-

ty to adapt and, more importantly, a capacity for loyalty.

The church has endorsed the concept of multiculturalism, but in fact it goes much further back, to one of our source documents. The Letter to the Galatians (Chapter 3) says that our oneness in Christ is not based on gender, ethnicity or status in society. Each culture in the multicultural mix must therefore examine its contribution in light of the Gospel and not against the old notions of

"Christendom." Truth to tell, there were many values and practices in those times that would bring dishonour to the Gospel.

The celebration of black heritage must move to a stage of open dialogue about common values and, in the process, own up to and flush out a lot of the hidden judgments and attitudes held about "the other group." While we wait to do this, the wider Canadian multicultural mix is adjusting to other ingredi-

ents brought by growing numbers of people of other major faith traditions. If some of these values were ever to be given legitimacy in Canada, we might find ourselves having to deny the true humanity revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

I realize that the complexity of life makes it easy to adopt a reductionist viewpoint, so that even the terms "black people" or "white people" fail to recognize that within each group there are so many differences and variables. This call to further and serious dialogue, however, is not an exercise in futility because we are one race and we are being called towards one Christ. This is not about a church taking its agenda from the world, but about a church giving leadership in a world that is begging for direction.

I gather that the *indaba* process is going to be tried among clusters of dioceses to move us beyond the deadlock we have recently experienced in the Anglican Communion. Hopefully, when that happens, it will not only address content and process, but an exposition of important cultural values of the participants as they relate to the Christian Gospel.

*The Rev. Canon Anthony Jemmott is the incumbent of St. George Memorial, Oshawa.*

## How we can be green

Continued from Page 1

Why not wear out something before you buy new clothes? Turn those frayed chinos into summer shorts.

8. Repair small machinery instead of replacing it. There may be a handy soul at church who would like to help you.

9. Turn down the heat in your home - 20°C should be the maximum. Put on warm socks and a sweater. Turn it down at night.

10. Turn down the air-conditioner. You will live if you keep your house no cooler than 26°C.

During the day, close the windows and draw the curtains. At night, open the windows and let the breeze through.

11. Use cloth bags. Milk bags make great sandwich bags. Bread bags make great doggie-do bags. As for the bags we get at the grocery store for fresh vegetables: is there any reason we can't take them the next time and re-use them?

12. Get over using disposable items; cloth napkins and china plates and mugs look better, anyway. If you have to be seen carrying Starbucks or Tim Hortons cof-

fee, buy one of their travel mugs.

13. Carpool and take public transit. Walk more, bike more, and travel less. It's surprising how much more wonderful life is when we slow down a bit.

14. Get your lawn off drugs. Better yet: plant indigenous species of grass and wildflowers, which do not require the heavy watering non-native species do.

15. Get your house off chemicals. Vinegar, sodium bicarbonate, salt and lemon are great cleaning agents.

## Local priest publishes book on healing prayers

**THE** Rev. Daniel Graves, associate priest at Holy Trinity, Thornhill, has published a book called *Prayers for Healing from the Anglican Tradition*. The book is a collection of healing prayers found in authorized prayer books from around the Anglican Communion.

For several years, Mr. Graves was the retail sales manager of the Anglican Book Centre in Toronto. "During my time as an Anglican bookseller, I realized how difficult it was for the average person to find and collect all the various prayer books from around our wonderful Anglican Communion," he says. "I spent considerable time and effort acquiring various editions for the store in order to make them accessible to North American Anglicans. Around the same time, I was invited to work with the Archbishop of Toronto's Committee on Healing. In our training of lay people for the healing ministry, we began to realize that we needed a resource that would gather prayers from the Anglican tradition for both our clergy and lay ministers. I took it upon my-

self to search out healing prayers from our tradition, and this collection is the result."

The book is handy and pocket-sized and would be useful for hospital or home visitation, or for those developing healing liturgies in their parishes. It begins with a theological introduction to the healing ministry, outlining a broad understanding of healing prayer. The prayers themselves are divided into categories (collects, blessings, prayers for those facing chronic illness, before an operation on a child, etc.). The book concludes with suggested psalms and readings.

"While this collection is derived from the Anglican tradition, I do hope that it will be of much benefit and use to those other denominations as well, in particular our Lutheran brothers and sisters," he says.

The book sells for \$13.95 and is available at the Anglican Book Centre in Toronto or by ordering online at Augsburg Fortress Canada, [www.afcanada.com](http://www.afcanada.com).



The Rev. Margaret Fleck, left, the Rev. Canon Michael Burgess and Bishop Ann Tottenham take part in Habitat for Humanity's faith leaders' build in Toronto last October.

## Social justice prayer cycle available

**THE** Social Justice and Advocacy Prayer Cycle for 2010 is now available. "Please use the prayers in your intercessions to share the good news of how we reach out to people in need across our diocese

and beyond by showing God's love in action," says Murray MacAdam. For the prayer cycle, visit [www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca) and click on "Social Justice."