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## Diocese welcomes new bishop

BY STUART MANN

**THE** members of the Tapestry Chamber Choir never thought that one of their fellow choristers would become a bishop.

"We're so proud of her," said Lois Yakiwchuk, an alto in the 25-member Newmarket community choir.

The choir made the trip down to St. James' Cathedral in Toronto on Feb. 2 for the ordination of the Rev. Canon Dr. Linda Nicholls to the sacred order of bishops. They sang a beautiful rendition of John Rutter's *The Lord Is My Shepherd*.

"The moment they started to sing was the first moment in which I thought I was going to cry," said Bishop Nicholls after the service. "We've been rehearsing it for a few weeks, and I had asked for it specially. The words said everything I wanted to say about this: the Lord is my shepherd."

Bishop Nicholls, a soprano in the choir, says she hopes to remain in the choir if she can fit it into her new schedule. "As long as I can work out the logistics, I would very much like to continue. We rehearse on a Sunday evening and I love to go and just stand in the back row and sing my heart out."

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Bishop Linda Nicholls shakes hands with the Rev. Canon Kenneth Fung as Archbishop Caleb Lawrence looks on at the end of the service.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Study to gauge support for campaign

BY STUART MANN

**A** feasibility study will be conducted in the diocese this spring to gauge the breadth of support for a major diocesan fundraising campaign.

About 500 Anglicans from across the diocese are expected to take part in the study, which will be conducted by CCS Inc., one of North America's most experienced and respected fundraising firms in the area of church campaigns. There will be one-on-one interviews, focus groups and an online survey.

Bishop Colin Johnson says a diocesan fundraising campaign would "turn our hopes into reality" for people not just in the Diocese of Toronto but farther afield.

"While ongoing stewardship ef-

orts are an important expression of faith, there are times when extraordinary resources must be brought to bear to further the goals of the ministry of the church," he says. "Whether it is time to secure an endowment, build new churches, share our good fortune with others abroad or assist the less fortunate in our midst, a fundraising campaign can provide money to make these things possible.

"In my three years as diocesan bishop, I have witnessed a tremendous sense of hope. With the prospect for growth across the diocese, I believe we need to engage all Anglicans in an effort – a collective vision, if you will – that will inspire a greater commitment to service. With God's help, this will be an effort we can all be proud of because it will move our

ministry to a new level, and I am very excited about that."

The feasibility study will be held from March until May. The results will be assessed by a group made up of bishops, clergy and church members reflecting the diversity of the diocese. The final decision to hold a campaign rests with Bishop Johnson and Diocesan Council.

If the decision is made to hold a campaign, it will unfold in two phases. The first will begin this fall, with a targeted approach to individual Anglicans who will be asked to give major gifts. The second will begin in the spring of 2009, when churches will be asked to participate.

The parish campaign will be staggered, with about 40 churches taking part during three- to four-

month intervals. The campaign is expected to wind up in 2011.

Peter Misiaszek, the diocese's director of Stewardship Development, said churches would benefit directly from the campaign. "There would be a significant sharing arrangement with local congregations and the diocese so that a large portion would stay in the parishes. This will be an exciting time for the diocese, giving churches an opportunity to dream about new ministry possibilities."

Diocesan Council approved the feasibility study in December. The study will cost \$75,000, to be paid for out of the Ministry Allocation Fund. The money will be returned to the fund if the campaign is held.

The last time the diocese held a

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## Audit exemption provides relief

**CHURCHES** that were scrambling to find an auditor who meets the Ontario government's public accounting licensing requirements can breathe easier for 2008.

The government recently adopted an amendment that reinstates the exemption from the requirement to be licensed in order to provide public accounting services without reward. This means that people who provide audits to churches in 2008 on a volunteer basis are not required to have a

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# Time to turn another page

BY JACKIE FOOTE

As of today – Tuesday, Jan. 22 – it is 112 days until graduation. This approaching date both excites and scares me: as one chapter of my life comes to an end, a completely new and unknown one waits to begin.

I have spent the past two and a half years at Trinity College learning doctrine and dogma, the history on which the Anglican Church is founded, the correct names and roles during the liturgy, and how to get in touch with my feelings.

With all that training and experience, I am still worried about whether I can really do this. Can I really do what God has been calling me to do?

Before I find out whether I'll sink or swim, there are a lot of things that need to be written, paid for, approved, and signed. With each term come weekly readings, papers, and the expectation of enlightened discussion during class time. This can sometimes seem extremely overwhelming, especially with the late nights of reading, writing and a lot of caffeine.

Then of course there is the

week that I look forward to, along with my fellow students: Reading Week! This title is so inaccurate: Other than reading traffic signs, TV commercials and menus, very little academic reading actually takes place during the week. The important preparation for Reading Week involves answering the following questions: What can I afford to do and which assignments have to get done and which can wait? How one spends Reading Week greatly influences the rest of one's term and spirits.

As graduation quickly approaches, one must get prepared for the next chapter and say goodbye to the chapter that has just ended. This can be hard for some and a relief for others. I hate goodbyes and do not say them; instead, I use words like "See you later" or "Going to miss you." Goodbyes are too final for me. I want to think that somewhere down the road I am going to see that person again.

This is one thing that I am not looking forward to in May – saying goodbye to the wonderful, encouraging, supportive and real people that I have had the honour and blessing of going through Trinity with. With this

group I have laughed until it hurt, cried with sadness, smiled with anticipation and excitement, and shared the look of confusion during a class when we had no idea what the professor was talking about.

My time at Trinity would not have been the same without these good friends that I will have for the rest of my life. But as graduation approaches, I must make final choices and go to exit interviews to decide what

to do next and how to take my experience both in and outside of the classroom with me. Thankfully I have 112 days to think about these questions while I write papers, read textbooks and enjoy celebrating and worshipping with an amazing community of believers.

*Jackie Foote is in her third and final year of divinity school at Trinity College, Toronto.*



## Study to determine donors' interests

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similar campaign was 20 years ago, when Faith In Action raised \$18 million, \$4 million more than what was forecast.

An informal survey of Anglicans last summer showed strong support for a campaign. Bishop Johnson also met with a group of clergy recently and found broad support for it.

Mr. Misiaszek said a feasibility study is important not only to evaluate the strength of support for a campaign, but also to find out what people see as the priorities for the money raised. He said some ideas which have sparked interest are building new churches, supporting the Council of the North, funding training programs for clergy, and creating an endowment to support the office of the bishop.

In his charge to synod last May, Bishop Johnson said he would like to see five new churches built in the diocese over the next 10 years. "If we want to do that, and I believe we must, then we need to undertake a major capital campaign," he told synod. "We need to begin the process to discern the feasibility and the potential case we should present to our people. I think we have enough work to present a case for \$75 to \$80 million to be raised."

The Rev. Jennifer Reid, incumbent of St. Peter, Erindale, and chair of the Stewardship board, said the diocese has the potential to build up the kingdom of God not just locally but throughout the world. "For the diocese to think big is a good thing. We'll be working together and exploring possibilities and finding hope."

## Audit exemption may be permanent

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public accounting licence.

The government has indicated that it intends to make the exemption available on a permanent basis by a subsequent amendment of Ontario Regulation 238/05. In accordance with the reinstatement of the exemption, the Institute is also reinstating its former exemption from the requirement to maintain professional liability insurance coverage by members who provide only public accounting services without reward.

For more information, contact Rob Saffrey, the diocese's director of Finance, at [rsaffrey@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:rsaffrey@toronto.anglican.ca).



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— Bishop Colin Johnson in his charge to synod in May, 2007

## ‘Radical welcome’ leads to growth

Congregation willing to try new ideas

BY NANCY DEVINE

In the heart of the old town of Markham, Grace Church’s front wall features a colourful art installation. It is a patchwork quilt of tiles, each one created by the church’s parishioners. It is a reminder that all are welcome, and that the congregation is richly diverse and united in the church. There is also a lot of room left for new tiles.

The Rev. Canon John Read, incumbent, and his wife, Janet, came to the parish four years ago with a mandate for growth from the parish selection committee.

“We had been at St. John’s in Port Hope and we loved it dearly,” says Canon Read. “The thing that enticed us to come here was that the parish had a strong desire to grow, and that was the challenge.”

Markham, just north of Toronto, is a town on the verge of becoming a small city, with a population of more than 200,000. It’s projected that in the next three years, 281,000 people will be calling Markham home.

The parishioners of Grace Church are planning for some of them to find a spiritual home at their church. Worship is a lively, music-infused experience that includes projection screens and PowerPoint presentations. There is a clear connection between the congregation and the leadership, and the welcome is both intentional and warm.

“We practice radical welcome



Children, teenagers and adults sing at the Sunday service at Grace Church, Markham. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

here,” says Canon Read. “The Rule of St. Benedict is that each guest who presents themselves must be welcomed as Christ. For this reason, we meet for coffee in the lobby right after the service, and any parish meetings are a half-hour after the service. It allows us to greet newcomers and friends, and enables us to be intentional about welcome.”

Rogers Gardham, who has been a member of the congregation since 1969, says the changes have both energized and enlivened his personal experience of worship. “We leave the church

with a sense of real joy that goes out into the community. Believe me, people respond to that; they want to know why our parking lot is so full.”

Canon Read has visited St. Bartholomew’s Church in New York City to attend workshops led by the Rev. Bill Tully, a guru of church growth. In addition, Canon Read has worked with Alice Mann of the Alban Institute, who is a consultant on church growth for congregations in both Canada and the United States. He has also attended Andrew Weeks’ Magnetic Church conferences.

“All of these people have provided some insights into growth, and these principles can be applied successfully,” he says. “I have found they work, and it helps when the congregation is willing to try out new ideas.”

The church recently conducted a survey to look at how it could manage the growth that was happening, and how growth was changing the church.

Mike Clare, one of the churchwardens, explained that growth can sometimes work against a church like Grace, where parking and Sunday seating can be at

a premium. “You start wondering if you should be building a new church or something, but maybe you can look at ways to better use the building you’ve got before you rush to construct something new.”

The survey indicated that while the 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. services were burgeoning, there was not a lot of willingness to add an 11 a.m. service.

“People had a hard time telling us this, but the fact of the matter is that 11 a.m. is just too hard for people to commit to,” said Canon Read. “People are busy — even on Sunday mornings. An 11 a.m. service is just too late for the congregation when they have activities and commitments on a Sunday afternoon.”

After some prayerful deliberation, the parish leadership decided to add a 9:30 a.m. informal worship service in the parish hall. Dubbed Eucharist in the Round, the service features upbeat contemporary music and liturgy. Attendance since last September has been steadily increasing. Eucharist in the Round will continue until after Easter. When church attendance falls off during the summer, Grace Church will return to its two services.

“The aim was to make sure that when a new person comes — even if they are just shopping around for a church, they will come in and say ‘Hey, there is a place for me here in the church and in the parking lot,’” explains Michael Clarke, who has been at Grace Church since 1985, and has stayed through all the challenges. He says that now that things are on the upswing, he appreciates his parish community even more. “There is such life here, so much diversity, so much

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## BRIEFLY

### TV host to speak at gala dinner

Award-winning television broadcaster Valerie Pringle will be the guest speaker at the 47th annual gala dinner of the Bishop’s Company on April 30 in Toronto. The reception begins at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square. Dinner commences at 7 p.m. at the Toronto Marriott Hotel next door.

Funds raised through the annual dinners support the Bish-



Valerie Pringle

ops’ Discretionary Fund, which is used to aid clergy and their families. The evening includes music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$175 each or \$1,600 for a table of 10. For more information and to reserve a seat, call Sheryl Thorpe at (416) 363-6021 (1-800-668-8932), ext. 243.

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### Good Friday Walk targets pollution

As you plan your parish’s outreach and advocacy efforts for 2008, why not add the Good Friday Walk for Justice to your list? This annual event draws Anglicans and other Christians from as far away as Oshawa for a creative and deeply spiritual Good Friday service and walk through downtown Toronto. This year’s walk, to be held on March 21, will highlight air quality and air pollution issues. It starts at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square.

# Stepping out of the stream



**B**y the time you read this, we will be right in the middle of Lent. Many of us will have already picked a Lenten discipline. Some have undertaken additional spiritual reading, or attended a Lenten course.

Others test their will against their appetite by giving up one pleasure or another. The point of all this is to prepare for Easter. Lent is spring training. Throughout these months, as the days lengthen and our hearts gladden, we are invited to a total body-and-soul workout to get in shape as members of the body of the risen Christ.

I had the privilege of starting spring training a little early this year. You may be interested, even encouraged, to know that your bishops pray and study the scriptures together every time we meet. As well, the bishops of Toronto and Niagara, with their chancellors and senior staff, go away on retreat together each January. The monastery of St. John the Evangelist has been their regular venue. This was my first year. Now I understand why it is so precious. For a few days we joined in the brothers' discipline of silence and prayer. The brothers pray seven times throughout the day, starting at six in the morning. Most of us joined in two or three services. Brother David led our group with a passage for each day and gave us things to think about and to share the next day. Some of the questions we worked on were, "What can you say personally about God?" "What do you desire of God?" And, "Do you really want to be healed?"

A retreat, I find, gives me time to step aside from the swift current of experience and tasks. If prayer is getting one's head above water to breathe, a retreat is stepping out of the stream. I climb on a rock and take stock of where I am and where I have come from. I look ahead to the next section of the journey before going in again.

## BISHOP'S OPINION

BY BISHOP PATRICK YU

I know people who make a point of taking long retreats of a week or even 40 days. For me, an overnight retreat, or even part of a day, is already a treat. We are blessed in this diocese with places of Christian hospitality and prayer. The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine and the Order of the Holy Cross are Anglican houses. The Manresa Centre in Pickering or Queen of the Apostles in Mississauga are Roman Catholic centres. I find it a benefit to be able to join in existing rounds of regular prayer. Some places offer group or individual direction, if you ask ahead of time. But you can make a retreat in any quiet place. It is simply time set aside intentionally to pray, read the scriptures and write in your journal. I have done it at a cottage, a park, or even a hotel room.

Here is a paradox: I go away to retreat from work, yet when I slow down and come in touch with my own self, my mind becomes clear. I write down things that clutter my mind in order to meditate. As I do that, the problems seem to organize or even solve themselves. One time, years ago, I did that at the Sisters' old guest house on Botham Road, and the retreat away from work became the most productive day of the year.

But these are only side effects. The cause is taking a vantage point in God through prayer. As we connect with God in a fresh way, untapped springs become open – springs of thankfulness, of self awareness, of creativity and joy. I heartily recommend this practice not only as a Lenten discipline, but also as a regular treat – during Easter, Pentecost, and all year round.

This happy side effect of productivity happened again for me at this most recent retreat. A poem came into my head and wrote itself, even though I have never written a po-

em in my life. It happened when I was working on the first question, "What can you say personally about God?" For what it is worth, I share it here with you:

After this many years  
it is a lie to deny  
your hand to guide,  
inspire,  
provide.

You have saved my skin,  
turned me round blind alleys  
to their ends and mine.

After this many years  
I no longer can tell  
what is yours or mine.  
Thoughts of my mind  
Which are noble and right  
I cannot copyright.

I feign not humility  
nor discount humanity.  
A finite, beloved way  
expressing You in Yu.

There are corners of my soul  
which I will not let go.  
Places you well know,  
but for courtesy,  
wait to be told,  
invited.

After this many years we are  
a couple in equilibrium.  
Locked in a truce,  
a prolonged deuce  
which hopeless I will lose  
in the end, and win by losing.

To come face to face,  
lost in close embrace.  
To see and have my face,  
my fate.  
After this many years.

# What is your deepest desire?

**W**e are just over halfway through our journey through Lent, and no doubt many of you have given up something during this holy season. I look back over the years and see that I have given up everything from chocolate to television, meat to dessert, even beer and coffee. I could do without Seinfeld and lemon meringue pie, but the lack of caffeine for 40 days proved to be more than I could handle. I wasn't really myself!

Every Lent, we embrace the discipline of giving things up. It starts on Ash Wednesday when we hear the call to "observe a holy Lent" with prayer, abstinence, fasting and alms-giving. I hear and say those words every year.

## CASUAL OBSERVATIONS

BY THE REV. MICHAEL CALDERWOOD

They call us out of our self-centredness – never an easy task – and yet, despite the initial discomfort, grumpiness or inconvenience, something begins to emerge from these simple sacrifices.

One thing that emerges is the grace that comes with self-examination. For example, a few years ago I gave up television, and I was struck by how much of a habit it had become. Suddenly all those complaints about not having enough time fell silent. When I no longer searched for the remote control every night, my eyes unglued from the TV set, I had enough time for all sorts of things. I was both happy with this newfound freedom and a little ashamed of how much time I had been wasting watching television.

The "giving up" part and the accompanying self-examination show me how I live my life and the choices I make. It is not always pretty, but observing a holy Lent opens up space for something new. Lent makes room for better choices and plants within me a desire for a new way of life.

I believe that getting in touch with our desires is an important element in our relationship with God. In Mark's gospel, Jesus asks blind Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" It always strikes me as an odd

question: It should be obvious. But Jesus asks not to seek information, but to deepen his relationship with him. What do you want? What is your deepest desire? It is a question that, if taken seriously, causes us to pause. And as we pause, there arises a strange kind of restlessness. We are fallen creatures, after all, and more often than not we really do not know what we want, or where we are going, or what to do. And while this can be a hard place to be, it is not necessarily a bad place to be. What do you want? What is your deepest desire? Lent makes room for that question. Lent helps us wait quietly for the answer.

Lent may mean giving up a piece of lemon pie or abstaining from watching yet another episode of Jerry, Elaine, Kramer and George. It can be about giving up things, that is true. But I hope as those things are set aside, peeled back, and left behind, we can see within our hearts something new cracking through the surface. With fewer distractions, maybe we can be more attentive to what really matters. Maybe we can see there is need of only one thing. Maybe what really emerges during these 40 days is a desire to follow Jesus more closely, to love, serve and praise him just a little bit more. Lent can become for us not only a season, but a way of life, rooted in a desire to be with the One whom my soul loves.

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## LETTERS

### Use with caution

*Re Facebook, websites, blogs making impact (February).* I've been trying to discourage the use of Facebook with our parishioners for security reasons. You really have to be careful of what you reply to on these sites, and there are more and more instances of predators scanning the sites for targets of scams, frauds or worse.

**Robert Millar**  
Toronto

# No need to fear passion

BY THE REV. DR. BRENT STILLER

**P**assion is a loaded word. It conjures up images that often don't sit well with the ethos of Anglicanism.

Passionate about books? Music and art? A loved one? A social issue? The Leafs? (Hmm.) You bet. But passionate about worship and living our faith? That may be pushing things a bit.

Several years ago our parish embarked on an envisaging process. We invited an outside consultant to help us think about who we were as a parish. Our goal was to work out an engaging mission statement that would help direct and inform our parish's priorities and interests.

About two-thirds through the weekend, the participants began pulling the themes together and assembling a new mission statement. But the word "passion" kept sticking its seemingly irrelevant — and maybe irreverent — head into the group conversations. Each time it popped up, it evoked uneasiness in some of the participants.

When the facilitator asked people why they felt the way they did, it became apparent there was something really irritating about this seven-letter animal. Being passionate about faith was synonymous with swinging off the rafters and foaming at the mouth for Jesus. Some thought that "passionately celebrating and sharing the love, life, and hope of Jesus Christ" would translate into becoming fanatical or, at the very least, anything but Anglican.

One dictionary defines passionate as "having, compelled by, or ruled by intense emotion or strong feeling." It's a helpful definition, but it can also make you believe that being passionate about faith is primarily an emotional expression, and that having feelings, emotions, or desires about God and knowing God, is something we might want to compartmentalize or sort out from the "ordinary" realm of daily living.

The challenge, as scripture constantly reminds us, is that we are wholly integrated creatures. We cannot simply segregate our being into physical or spiritual, emotional or rational. We think, feel, experience, and know many things through the wonderfully integrated faculties that God has endowed us with. Jesus himself demonstrated living a fully integrated life.

When it comes to living as spiritual persons, we need to be honest about who and what we are. If we attend church and regularly meet with others in our faith communities, but do so with caution so we don't become too passionate about our spirituality, we can set ourselves up to become indifferent (passion's very opposite) about God and his radical, transformative call to live for his kingdom's purposes. Going to church then becomes an act of attending an innocuous social event with a vague hope that God might show up. And if he does, one wants to be careful to manage an appropriate response. And hopefully he won't be too excited, either.

The fact is that being passionate about one's spirituality has little to do with how we worship liturgically and stylistically. High, low, catholic, evangelical, emergent — these don't define the heart of how a person engages with the good news of God's disclosure to the world in Jesus Christ.

I believe that being passionate about one's spirituality comes down to this: Wherever you are in your faith journey, however much you wrestle with life and your place in it, will you allow your innate hunger and desire for God to be seen as a divine gift? Will you allow that gift to become lived and experienced in commitment and enthusiasm through the worship and



mission of Christ's church?

In many articles about Natural Church Development (NCD), Christian Schwartz argues that parishes with a healthy, passionate spirituality have developed a balanced, threefold orientation: they are based on the Word (scripture), directed by the Spirit, and focused on the world.

Mr. Schwartz's description is given to encourage, rather than further discourage, those of us already feeling beaten down by a lack of personal or corporate passionate spirituality. Being passionate about our faith does not equate with having more stuff to do. Rather, he suggests we begin by taking a personal inventory. Ask yourself which is least developed in your life. Word? Then it may be the right moment to spend more time in scripture. Feeling like your life receives little direction from the Holy Spirit? Hang out with Christians who may have more experience in this area. Are you a Sunday morning kind of Christian whose faith is private and compartmentalized, cut off from the rest of your world? It may be time to associate with those in your Christian community who are engaged in the needs and places of the community beyond the

parish walls.

And of course, from time to time, evaluate the balance of your orientation, asking which is least developed. Enjoy the process of growth, the challenges, and the awareness of God enlarging the places and passion of your life.

At the end of our parish's envisaging weekend, we realized that something miraculous had happened. Despite the theological and liturgical differences present in that room, we saw that what united us was nothing less (and perhaps nothing more, but that's okay) than the gospel of Jesus Christ. Quite serendipitously, we discovered that corporately and individually — together or alone — we could be passionate in our spirituality — passionate because God has planted such a gift within us.

Acknowledging this gave us permission and freedom to uniquely express our lives in the way we now live out our mission statement, to "passionately celebrate and share the love, life and hope of Jesus Christ." And no one has swung from the rafters.

*The Rev. Dr. Brent Stiller is incumbent of Church of the Ascension, Port Perry.*

# Welcoming others as Christ

BY SISTER DOREEN MCGUFF

**W**e often think of monastic hospitality as something we work hard to provide for our guests. Hospitality towards each other is the real hard work, out of which we can offer a hospitable place for others. Real monastic hospitality understands that every person, those inside the convent or monastery and those who come to us as guests, is to be welcomed as Christ. Each of us is a guest in the house of God seeking to find again the creative gift of life. Those of us who live in monastic communities need to believe this of ourselves and live it, while at the same time working to share this with others. We need to believe that, indeed, Jesus is one of us. This lies at the heart of monastic hospitality. This is to stand on holy ground and onto this holy ground people come by the hundreds to experience what we have here. Here into the rhythm of our balance of life, guests come, seeking rest and refreshment, health and wholeness, healing, peace and justice.

As we pass the peace, it is our opportunity to greet each other with, "I see the face of God in you." This is the heart of monastic hospitality towards each other. When we lose this concept of each other as "guest," our view of monastic hospitality is distorted. The convent or monastery becomes not God's home but my place, my time, my space. It becomes a place to be protected for my personal, comfortable way of life.

Why is monastic hospitality so important? At the heart of monastic hospitality — that each person is Christ, that each person is the home of God — lies the power to transform people and their world. I believe that it holds the key to the future of the monastic life — to new vocations, and to authentic witness in the church and the world. Hospitality is not about sweet kindness, tea parties, conversation and coziness. It is about the hard work of becoming a nurturing community where people need each other and care about each other; it is about learning to live with others who are different from us; it is about accepting from each other the differences and gifts that each person has. It is about broadening our insights in our relationships with each other, where different lifestyles and values can be held together as part of the package of belonging together in the home of God. It is commitment to working for a creative tension that is life-giving in the midst of the sometimes painful challenge of accepting each other in our myriad differences, and of living with unresolved issues and questions. It is about honouring each other's humanness and personhood. To really live monastic hospitality — to be Jesus for each other — would shake and change the way we live.

*Sister Doreen McGuff is a member of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, which has a convent in Toronto. This is an excerpt of an article that first appeared in the Christmas issue of The Eagle, the newsletter of the SSJD.*



Archbishop Caleb Lawrence places a mitre on the head of Bishop Nicholls.  
PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Diocese welcomes new bishop

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Despite a snowstorm on the previous day and a thick layer of slush and snow outside, the mood inside the packed cathedral was warm and joyous. The two-hour service included stirring hymns, a sermon by the Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, and the traditional laying-on-of-hands by bishops from several dioceses. The Most Rev. Caleb Lawrence, archbishop of Moosonee and met-

ropolitan of Ontario, was the presiding celebrant and chief consecrator.

Bishop Colin Johnson said he's glad to see Bishop Nicholls return to the Diocese of Toronto. "We lent her to the national church and it's good to bring her home," he said. Bishop Nicholls was a parish priest in the diocese before going to work for the national church as the Co-ordinator for Dialogue.

He said the diocese and the



Bishop Nicholls is joined by members of L'Arche Daybreak Community, who gave her the crosier.

episcopal area of Trent-Durham in particular will benefit from the skills she honed as Co-ordinator for Dialogue. "She brings the gift of deep listening, prayerfulness, theological articulation and very strong pastoral skills," he said.

Bishop Nicholls will be installed as the area bishop of Trent-Durham at St. Peter's, Cobourg, on March 1. She succeeds Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones, who retired at the end of February.

She says she is looking forward to being the chief pastor of Trent-Durham, which has 69 churches in 45 parishes and is geographically the largest episcopal area in the diocese. It is located in the eastern half of the diocese. "I think it's an exciting area. It has such a diversity, and there are so many opportunities to exercise ministry in different ways. I'm looking forward to that and to being with congregations as they con-



Bishop Nicholls receives a standing ovation at the end of the service.

tinue to develop their sense of mission."

She says she is happy to be working closely with churches again. "I love being with parishes on Sunday mornings and sharing

with them in the joy of the liturgy. I love listening to parishes wrestle with what it means for them to be the church in their community, and to listen together about what God is calling them to do."

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday): March 16

- 8:00am Said Eucharist
- 9:00am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist
- 11:00am Liturgy of the Palms and Choral Eucharist
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong

### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week: March 17, 18, 19

- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Tuesday in Holy Week: March 18

- 10:30am Renewal of Ordination Vows and Blessing of Oils

### Maundy Thursday: March 20

- 6:30pm Institution of the Lord's Supper and Stripping of the Altar, Watch at the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

### Good Friday: March 21

Preaching: Archbishop Hiltz, Primate of Canada

- 12noon Mattins
- 1:00pm Ante-Communion, Reading of the St. John Passion
- 2:00pm Evensong & Veneration of the Cross  
(11:00am & 3:00pm—Confessions heard in the Lady Chapel)

### The Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, March 22

- 9:00pm Lighting of the New Fire, Holy Baptism and First Eucharist of Easter

### Easter Day: Sunday, March 23

- 8:00am Said Eucharist
- 9:00am Sung Eucharist
- 11:00am Procession & Choral Eucharist  
Presiding: Bishop Johnson; Preaching: Dean Stoute
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong

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## BRIEFLY

### Mission-Shaped Church author to visit

Bishop Graham Cray, chair of the committee which produced the landmark document, *Mission-Shaped Church*, will preach at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, on March 9 at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Bishop Cray is the bishop of Maidstone, England.

"He's one of those people who will feed your imagination," says Simon Bell, a consultant in congregational development for the diocese.

In *Mission-Shaped Church*, Bishop Cray and his committee explored ways the Church of England could evangelize contemporary English society. The document was adopted by the Church of England's General Synod in 2004.

Bishop Cray is also a leader in

the Fresh Expressions movement in England, which encourages church plants in sometimes unusual locations and formats.

While in Toronto, Bishop Cray will be at Wycliffe College from March 10-14, where he will speak in classes and preach in the chapel. He will also be the guest speaker at the Institute of Evangelism dinner on March 13.

### Sponsorship available for youth ministers

Do you want to learn from other Canadian Anglicans who do ministry with youth? Whether you are an experienced youth minister or a newcomer to youth ministry, the National Anglican Youth Ministry Forum, Generation 2008, will renew, equip and empower you. The conference takes place June 10-15 at Huron University College in London, Ont.

Workshops will cover topics such as engaging youth in sacred storytelling, Christian meditation, working with aboriginal

youth, responding to youth who "act out," building learning communities, ministry in a multi-racial context and mental health issues. Plenary speakers will include David F. White, author of *Practising Discernment with Youth*, and Reginald Blount, associate professor of Formation, Youth, and Culture at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

The fee for the five-day event is \$375, which includes accommodation, meals, workshops, plenary sessions, a resource CD and evening socials. Three people from each diocese will have conference fees paid for and travel partially subsidized. If you are interested in being a sponsored participant for the Diocese of Toronto, contact Simon Chambers, youth ministry consultant, at [schambers@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:schambers@toronto.anglican.ca).

For more information and registration form, visit [www.generation.anglican.ca](http://www.generation.anglican.ca) or call (519) 438-7224, ext. 280.

# Opportunities abound during March Break

**M**arch is here and spring is not far away. With March comes March Break. That is one of those good/bad scenarios for parents. March Break is a good opportunity for families to spend more time together and participate in fun activities. It is time away from homework, lessons and regularly scheduled activities. On the other hand, it's also the beginning of, "Mom, I'm bored," or the dreaded whine of, "I have nothing to do." This is where leaders in children's ministry

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY LAURA WALTON-CLOUSTON

can enhance a child's March Break and welcome her or him into a warm church family.

The reality is that many parents cannot take March Break off from work. The kids may have time away from school, but not everyone can fit that into their schedule. Wouldn't it be great if your church could help

those parents who can't be home for March Break? How about a March Break Day Camp? It would be a gift to many busy parents and bored kids.

There are other opportunities for connecting with children during March Break. Church groups can go on day trips to museums, the Ontario Science Centre and art galleries. Perhaps you can go to another place of worship to learn about a different faith.

Some parishes in our diocese hold social nights during March Break. One parish is having a

Rib & Game night that includes contests for best ribs, dinner, and fun and games for all ages. The parish invites the community, so all can come and enjoy a night of good food and fellowship. This social evening can give a break to parents who are with children all day. It can also give parents who need to work time to be with their children instead of preparing dinner.

No matter what your parish does over March Break, remember that it is all about what we can do to support our kids and

young families, not about what they can do for the church. It is about outreach and sharing. The Anglican Church is at its best when we give our support to those who need us. It is just one more opportunity to share the gospel while enjoying life in our community.

*Laura Walton-Clouston is the diocese's Children's Ministry Network coordinator.*

## Every week special

BY NANCY DEVINE

**THE** procession winds its way around Grace Church, Markham, as crucifer, acolytes, the choir, and the congregation bring the light of Christ into the church and reflect it to the outside world.

This is an ancient practice used in the early church to commemorate the 40 days after Jesus' birth, when he was first presented to the temple and Simeon welcomed the infant as the Messiah.

But while the procession's origins are ancient, the music and liturgy that surround it are fresh and bright, and accessible to someone who has never before celebrated Candlemas. The candles further brighten an already happy Sunday celebration.

"When the Lord Bishop of Jamaica visited us he reminded us, 'When you preach redemption you must look redeemed.' We have really taken those words to heart. We take pride in our facility and our worship space, and it has attracted new people and refreshed the congregation already here," explains Rev. Canon John Read, incumbent.

In addition to making every week a special celebration, focused on enabling people to feel they belong, Grace Church has embraced technology in its worship service to include PowerPoint presentations on a retractable overhead screen.

Technology has also improved parish communication. Parishioners can get a parish e-newsletter, and the website offers connections to not only parish groups, but also daily scripture readings and a collection of photos that illustrate a rich and varied parish life.

Canon Read credits the congregation for the growth at Grace Church. "This is a very giving congregation. They are willing to share their time, their talent and their money, and they are willing to try new things together. If something we try doesn't work out, that's okay. We will try something else."



The Rev. Canon John Read greets parishioners after the service.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

## Radical welcome

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energy. This is a joyful place to be."

Carol Saunders Mohammed, another churchwarden, says that change hasn't been easy. "There are those who are concerned that the church is growing too fast, but I have found that sometimes these are people who aren't willing, for whatever reason, to be part of the growth."

Adds Mr. Gardham: "Growth and the change it brings can be a frightening thing for people. That's why you need to have people leading it who are not only prepared for growth, but also know how to manage the changes. That is what has helped Grace Church grow in the way it has."



Children have fun in Sunday School.

## Bowmanville church celebrates 175 years

St. John, Bowmanville, recently completed a year of celebration to mark the church's founding in 1832. Worship was central throughout the year, with guest preachers who included former incumbents, the grandson of a former incumbent, and a priest who grew up in the parish. They all brought special memories and a vision of the wider church.

"Visits from diocesan bishop Colin Johnson and area bishop Michael Bedford-Jones reminded us of our place in the diocesan family," said the Rev. Susan Sheen. Fun events included a fashion show, a dinner with entertainment, and a canoe trip on the Barron River, which was a busy logging area in 1832.

The year concluded with a CBC reading of Dickens' A Christmas Carol, with Garvia Bailey from Big City, Small World, and four other readers entertaining a full church. At the end, everyone agreed with Tiny Tim: "God bless us every one!"

## Young people produce newsletter

The Downsview Youth Covenant (DYC), the youth ministry of St. Stephen's, Downsview, now publishes a quarterly newsletter, The DYC Star. "A parent suggested we do something like this to keep them up to date," says youth minister Marie Green, who is the editor of the publication.

"We also use it as a way of communicating to our supporters. It is mailed to eight community agencies nearby, our sponsors, other churches—mostly in York-Credit Valley—and other stakeholders. We also use it as a marketing and media engagement tool. A copy will be included with St. Stephen's own newsletter in the quarterly mailing."

The DYC Star is full of colourful photos of DYC activities and includes a handy calendar of upcoming events. All articles are written by the young people in the program. "Usually it's about something they've done that they want to write about - like the Professional Activity Day trip we took recently," says Ms. Green. "They couldn't stop talking about it, so it was not hard to get a vol-

unteer to write an article."

## Congregations amalgamate

The congregations of St. John the Evangelist, Havelock; St. Michael, Westwood; and Christ Church, Norwood, of the Parish of Belmont, amalgamated into one congregation with one vestry as of Dec. 20, 2007, in a bid to exercise better stewardship of time and talent. The worship and ministry activities of the three churches will remain unchanged.

## Grant funds outreach to kids, newcomers

St. David, Lawrence Ave., received a grant from the diocese of more than \$15,000 for a community ministry in the Jane and Lawrence area of Toronto, which is home to low-income families from Latin America, Africa, and the West Indies. St. David's will use the funding to run a twice-monthly children's club for kids aged 6 - 12, Sunday programs for children, an annual March break camp, outreach and resource information programs for newcomers and immigrants, ethnic worship for newcomers, and workshops for adults.

## All Saints, Kingsway walks to Bethlehem

Last fall, the people of All Saints, Kingsway, found a unique way to improve their physical and spiritual well-being. Starting in early September, members of the congregation signed up to collectively walk to Bethlehem in time for the birth of Jesus.

The distance from All Saints to Bethlehem is more than 11,000 kilometres, and the participants had 12 weeks to walk the distance.

Very quickly, the walk gathered about 70 participants, including the incumbent, the Rev. Canon Andrew Sheldon. Participants were given pedometers to help keep track of their daily accomplishments, which they wrote down in a log sheet. They also received a series of devotions and scripture readings to contemplate while walking, running or exercising in any way that would accumulate kilometers toward their goal.

By the third week, All Saints had reached the British Isles and continued through Paris, Zurich,



Organist Murray Baer recently celebrated 25 years of ministry at St. Mary's, Richmond Hill.

Milan, Munich, Sarajevo, Istanbul, Ankara, Beirut and Damascus, marking their progress on a large map set up in the church narthex. As the weeks went by, they discovered that they were ahead of schedule—their dedication and enthusiasm had them arriving in Bethlehem about two weeks early. One member walked over 700 kilometres in 12 weeks!

At the end, participants received certificates of recognition for their contribution to the challenge. The key to the success of this program was not arriving early or arriving at all but giving people the incentive to become more active both physically and spiritually. The Parish Nurse Committee, which sponsored the walk, hopes to run it again next year but may have to ask the participants to walk to Bethlehem "the long way around" to create a greater challenge.

## Organist celebrates 25 years of service

At the beginning of January, St. Mary, Richmond Hill, celebrated the 25th anniversary of organist Murray Baer's music ministry, with a special service and a reception.

"Murray is an incredibly talented musician and takes great pleasure in offering his gift of music to the honour and glory of God," says the incumbent, the Rev. Mark Kinghan. In a reflection he offered during the service, Mr. Baer gave thanks to his family for providing him with inspiration and to God for calling him to this ministry.

## Pulpit swap marks Christian Unity Week

An unfamiliar figure stepped forward when the time came for the sermon at Christ Church, Bobcaygeon, during the morning service on Jan. 20. It was Pastor Yvonne Kendrick, who is usually to be found at Lakes Community Church, a local Pentecostal congregation.

At the same time, at Lakes Community Church, the Rev. Alan Reeve, who normally officiates at Trinity United Church in Bobcaygeon, was addressing the worship-



Ministers from four Bobcaygeon churches enjoyed a "pulpit swap" on Jan. 20 in recognition of Christian Unity Week. From left to right: Yvonne Kendrick, the Rev. Paul Johnston, the Rev. Allan Reeve, the Rev. Carey Jo Johnston, and the Rev. Jeanette Lewis.



Parishioners of All Saints', Kingsway, hold up certificates they received for participating in a symbolic walk to Bethlehem. From top left, clockwise: Linda Whyte, the Rev. June Abel, parish nurse Jennifer Cameron, and Fran Richardson.

pers. And in Knox Presbyterian Church, the Christ Church incumbent, the Rev. Jeanette Lewis, filled in for the Rev. Paul Johnston, who had walked over to the United Church to give his Sunday sermon.

What was happening in Bobcaygeon on this cold January morning? It was the start of Christian Unity Week and the ministers from four different churches marked the occasion with a "pulpit swap".

"It was a momentous step forward," said Ms. Kendrick as the ministers sat down together on the Monday afternoon following

the event. The four congregations and the ministers enjoyed the experience. It was a learning opportunity and a chance to show the community that Christian unity is a reality.

Mr. Johnston asked the question: "How many churches are there in Bobcaygeon?" The answer, of course, is that there is but one Church. Would they do it again? The answer was a unanimous "Yes," and the planning for next year has already begun.

— By David Sparkes



Pianist Keiko Yoden performs a concert at All Saints', Collingwood, to raise money for children living with HIV/AIDS in Africa.



**BEYOND YOUTH GROUP**

BY SIMON CHAMBERS

# Homelessness tops agenda at youth synod

Traveling on the TTC recently, I've been impressed with a series of posters in bus shelters. The posters contain images of people in need who blend into the background of the image. The caption says, "We see what others tend to miss."

This year at youth synod, we are going focus on those whom others tend to miss – the homeless.

If you are an Anglican between 14 and 30 years of age who is faithful, passionate and wants to participate in a wider community of the church, youth synod is the place for you! Alternatively, if you know someone who fits this description, please encourage them to attend.

Youth synod provides a great opportunity for youth and young adults from across the diocese to

gather to learn about the church and to explore issues of faith. Along the way, great friendships are forged through worship, discussion and fun.

Youth synod will take place April 25-27 at Seneca College, Newnham Campus, Toronto. Those who attended Youth Synod in 2006 will recognize the agenda and format. There will be small group discussions that delve into the issue of homelessness, a session where youth can debate and explore issues of importance to them and to the church, time with our bishops, and an opportunity to do work on responding to homelessness. Saturday night will feature "Movie with the Bishop", as well as a concert by hip-hop artist Shad and his DJ.



Young Anglicans talk at youth synod last year. This year's format will include a concert, a movie and conversations with the bishops. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

There will be some changes from previous youth synods. Whereas in the past, time together has included the formulation of motions, this year the motions will be developed and disseminated before synod. Youth synod participants will be invited to attend a pre-synod event

on April 19, the Saturday before youth synod, where they can learn more about the reality and issues surrounding homelessness. Our discussions of homelessness will be aided by a presentation and a panel discussion on homelessness issues by a variety of Christians involved in

work with the homeless. For more information about youth synod, please visit [youth-synod.ca](http://youth-synod.ca), or ask the youth leader in your parish!

*Simon Chambers is the diocese's consultant for youth ministry.*

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## Young actors present children's classic

This April, St. John's Youth Players present *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, a production faithful to the original C.S. Lewis story of Narnia, with the addition of giant shadow puppets enacting the final battle scene.

The story centres on four children who, while staying in a rambling old house in England, step into a wardrobe filled with coats and furs. Suddenly they find themselves in the forest land of Narnia, where it is always winter and never Christmas. They meet charming and frightening woodland creatures, the evil White Witch, and finally, Aslan the lion Saviour. The play features professionally designed sets, professional direction and an experienced cast of young people aged 11 through 16.

The show is appropriate for families, Sunday school classes, birthday parties and anyone who loves the Narnia tales or wants to be introduced to them. "St. John's mounted this play 18 years ago in the chancel with a cast of youth and adults," says Sally Armour-Wotton, the director of the drama program at St. John's. "The White Witch and the assistant director met and married, and their daughter is playing the role of Susan this time around! You just never know how theatre may affect your life, so come to the show and find out."

*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* plays at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. (five-minute walk from the North York Centre subway), April 5, 2008 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children eleven years and under, and are available at the box office or through TicketMaster at (416) 872-1111.

## Concert raises funds for kids in Africa

The music of Beethoven, Schumann, Somers, Taki and Debussy filled All Saints', Collingwood, on a recent Sunday afternoon. The concert was a gift from pianist Keiko Yoden to children living with HIV/AIDS in Africa. It was also a gift to the nearly 200 people of All Saints', who were moved to a standing ovation at the end of the concert. Ms. Yoden's passion, energy, skill and sensitivity were evident as she moved from one composition to the next.

The concert was held to raise funds to help meet some of the many needs of African children touched in some way by HIV/AIDS. Close to \$3,000 was raised; these funds will be sent to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, designated for the children.

Ms. Yoden, who assists with music activities at All Saints, grew up in Katano, Osaka, Japan, the sister city of Collingwood. She taught music for eight years at the Osaka International University and has also worked as a pianist

and interpreter for master classes in Austria, Germany and Japan. She was chosen to visit Ontario in 1999 as a member of the Group Study Exchange, sponsored by the Rotary International Foundation. Since then she has participated in various exchange and cultural activities between Canada and Japan involving music.

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## Services

**MAR. 2** – The Propitiation group visits the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1149 Weston Rd., Toronto, for Choral Eucharist (BCP) at 10:30 a.m. Call Peter at (416) 977-4359 or Paul at (416) 928-1925.

**MAR. 2, 9, 16** – Christ Church, Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St., Toronto, presents a series of Sunday evening organ recitals at 7:30 p.m., concluding with an evening hymn and an organ improvisation, followed by the office of compline. For more information, contact the church office at (416) 920-5211.

**MAR. 9** – Experience the key elements of a genuine Jewish Seder meal led by the Rev. Brian Parker, formerly of "Light of Messiah" association, at 6:45 p.m. at Trinity, Barrie's "Espresso Praise." Call (705) 728-2691 or visit [www.trinitybarrie.ca](http://www.trinitybarrie.ca).

**MAR. 9** – St. Andrew, Scarborough, 2333 Victoria Park Ave., is celebrating Archdeacon Rafiq Farah's 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at the 10 a.m. service. The service will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Call (416) 447-1481.

**MAR. 17-21** – Celebrate Holy Week with the Parish of Craighurst and Midhurst. Services will be led by Canon Russell Bowman-Eadie, Canon Treasurer of Wells Cathedral in the Diocese of Bath and Wells in England. Short service with meditation on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at St. Paul, Midhurst, at 7:30 pm. Communion and Foot Washing with Stripping of the Altar on Thursday at St. Paul's, Midhurst, at 7:30 p.m. and Good Friday Meditation from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's, Midhurst. Easter Sunday Services will be at 9:15 a.m. at St. Paul's, Midhurst, and 11:15 a.m. at St. John's, Craighurst.

**MAR. 23** – The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate, will preach at Christ Church, Deer Park, on Easter Day at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call (416) 920-5211.

**MAR. 30** – Jazz Vespers at St.

Philip's, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Rd., featuring the Nathan Hiltz Quartet. 4 p.m. Pay what you can. For information, call (416) 247-5181.

## Meetings/Lectures

**MAR. 1** – Glass designer Sarah Hall will speak at St. Leonard's, North Toronto, 25 Wanless Ave., from 2 to 4 p.m., about the New Jerusalem window she created for St. Leonard's and about the other glass in the church. All are welcome. To confirm your attendance, call the church office at (416) 485-7278.

**MAR. 4** – Church of the Redeemer, 162 Bloor Street W., explores the first five books of the Bible in an engaging new series that blends storytelling, lectures and music. The series, entitled Telling the Story: Beginning the Old Testament, commences with the Book of Genesis, on March 4, 7-9 p.m. Admission is free, but participants must register for individual events or the series by Feb. 29 by calling (416) 922-4948, or visiting [www.thereedeemer.ca](http://www.thereedeemer.ca) -> News/Information. A community meal will be served from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall, for a suggested donation of \$8 per person. The other dates and books in the series include Exodus on Apr. 1, Leviticus on May 6, Numbers on June 10, and Deuteronomy on September 30.

**MAR. 8** – The Toronto East KAIROS Committee presents Environmental Refugees: Humankind at Risk, a discussion of the dire consequences of current environmental practices with Stephen Scharper of the Department for the Study of Religion/Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Barnabas, Chester, 361 Danforth Avenue (near Chester subway). Call (416) 466-0566. Free admission.

**MAR. 29** – Propitiation meeting with evening prayer (BCP), reading and discussion of "Leaven in the Lump of Lambeth," the keynote address at last year's Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement's conference in England. For location and to RSVP, please call Paul at (416) 928-1925 or Peter at (416) 977-4359.

**APR. 5** – Beth Moore women's day retreat called "Loving Well" will be held at Trinity, Barrie. Dynamic teaching by a gifted communicator. The cost of \$20 includes lunch. Space is limited; pre-regis-



## DELICIOUS

The kitchen crew stands behind Hyacinth Harvey as she flips pancakes at Christ Church, Scarborough's annual Pancake and Samosa Supper on Feb. 5. At right, Marjorie and Charles Sargeant enjoy supper with their sons Brandon, left, and Travis. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

tration only. Call (705) 728-2691 or visit [www.trinitybarrie.ca](http://www.trinitybarrie.ca).

**APR. 12** – Affirming Catholicism Canada series: "To be in communion..." at St. Thomas, Huron Street, 383 Huron St., Toronto. Mass at 10 a.m.; coffee and conversation from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner, member of the Covenant Design Group (Anglican Communion). RSVP to the Rev. Robert Ross at (416) 268-9174 or [robert.ross@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:robert.ross@tdsb.on.ca).

**APR. 25-27** – Have you registered for the AWARE conference at Geneva Park? Deepen your relationship with God, enjoy workshops and small groups, experience creative corporate worship, and interact with women from other churches. This year's speaker is Bishop Linda Nicholls and the chaplain is the Rev. Dr. Dana Fisher. For more information, visit <http://awareconference.org/1.html>.

**MAY 2-4** – AWARE ELIM LODGE is a weekend retreat that offers an excellent speaker, small group discussion and inspiring music with time for solitude, fun and fellowship. The speaker is Anna Spray and the chaplain is the Rev.



Stephanie Douglas-Bowman, who is assistant curate at St. Bride's, Mississauga. Music will be provided by Catherine Hawley and her group. The contact is Linda Finigan at (905) 668-4969 or [blfinigan@rogers.com](mailto:blfinigan@rogers.com). Registration forms are available at [www.geocities.com/peterborough](http://www.geocities.com/peterborough).

## Sales

**MAR. 29** – St. John's Rehab Hospital Auxiliary Gigantic Garage Sale, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grasett Hall, 285 Cummer Ave., North York. Free admission and free parking. All proceeds for the Hospital's "Rebuilding Lives" Capital Campaign.

## Music/Drama

**MAR. 1** – The ORIANA Women's Choir will perform at Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Rd., Toronto, with renowned musical guests Michael Bloss (organ) and Leslie Newman (flute). The performance includes traditional and contemporary arrangements of hymns and songs of praise with audience participation, as well as premieres of six uniquely Canadian commissioned arrangements. Tickets are \$25 (\$20/seniors and \$10/students). Call (416) 538-1650.

**MAR. 9** – Sundays at 4:00 at St. John's Convent, North York. Hear Tom Bell on organ with the St. Jude's Oakville choir. Evensong follows at 5 p.m. Freewill offering.

Talking supper \$10 (reservations required). St. John's Convent, 233 Cummer Ave. Call (416) 226-2201, ext. 305, or visit [www.ssjd.ca](http://www.ssjd.ca).

**APR. 5-6** – St. John's Players present "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sat., Apr. 5, and 2 p.m. on Sun., Apr. 6, at The Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for children 12 and under. Tickets on sale at the box office or Ticketmaster at (416) 872-1111 or [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca).

**APR. 11** – Jazzfest '08 featuring the Jazz Ensembles from Woburn Collegiate. Musicfest Canada Gold Medalists under the direction of Brian Farrow at 7:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Tickets \$10. For information, contact (416) 283-1844.

**APR. 19** – St. John's Rehab Hospital Auxiliary "Fundraising Concert" Swing into Spring, featuring the Rev. Canon Tim Elliott, playing a jazz-filled evening of contemporary melodies. The concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy, North Toronto, 100 Old Orchard Gr. at Ridley Blvd. \$20 admission at the door. Proceeds for the Hospital's "Rebuilding Lives" Capital Campaign. For further information, call the Volunteer Office at (416) 226-6780, ext. 7013.

**APR. 23** – All Saints, Peterborough, presents a fundraising concert with the Three Cantors, at 7:30 p.m. Admission fee is \$20. For tickets, contact Linda at (705) 743-5181 or Mabel at (705) 742-7384.

## Author to speak at meeting

Once again it is time to be thinking about the Anglican Church Women's annual general meeting. This year it will be held on May 3 at St. Bride's, Clarkson. We are delighted that our guest speaker will be Janet Matthews, co-editor of *Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul*. Plans for the meeting are still under way, and more information will follow. Please be sure to reserve this day, as it is an opportunity for renewal, spiritual refreshment and sharing.

A necessary component of

## ACW

BY MARION SAUNDERS

that meeting will be the election of the ACW's board members for the coming year. Several positions will be vacant, including executive vice-president, deanery representatives and members to represent the ACW on diocesan committees. If you are interested, please call the office, (416) 363-0018 or email [acw@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:acw@toronto.anglican.ca). It is a wonderful way to learn more

about what is happening, to learn about each other, and to share in fellowship.

The ACW's special project theme this year is Literacy. If you know of a worthy organization focusing in this area that could benefit by the outreach of ACW, please call the office.

This is also an advance notice that the annual Chancel Day is scheduled for Oct. 25 in Stouffville.

The members of the Diocesan ACW Board wish each reader a most blessed and joyous celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

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## Social Justice and Advocacy Prayer Cycle

**MARCH 2** – Pray for Trinity East, Toronto, and its support of St. Peter's Food Bank and NeighbourLink community outreach

**MARCH 9** – Pray for Church of the Nativity, Malvern, its after-school program for children, the youth music program, and Seniors' Community Lunch.

**MARCH 16** – Pray for Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, its week-day lunch program for the homeless, and its Fair Trade coffee, chocolate and olive oil program.

**MARCH 23** – Pray for St. Andrew Japanese Congregation, Toronto,

its support of Flemingdon Park Ministry and St. Monica's, and its outreach to the Momiji Seniors' Residence.

**MARCH 30** – Pray for St. Augustine of Canterbury, Toronto, and its support of Flemingdon Park Ministry, St. Peter's Food Bank, Street Outreach Services, and Amnesty International.

For the complete Social Justice and Advocacy Prayer Cycle for 2008, visit the diocese's website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjab](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjab).

## BRIEFLY

### Diocesan confirmation open to all

Bishop Colin Johnson will preside at the annual diocesan confirmation service at St. James' Cathedral on April 6 at 4:30 pm. All parishes and congregations of the diocese are welcome to present candidates for confirmation, re-affirmation of baptismal vows and reception into the Anglican Communion at this liturgy. Please contact the Bishop's Office, (416) 363-6021, or 1-800-668-8932, for further information.

### HIV/AIDS survey available online

The Diocesan AIDS Subcommittee is carrying out a survey of what parishes are doing to minister to people with HIV/AIDS. The survey is available on the diocese's website, [www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjab](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjab).

### Christians, Jews to hold candid talks

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, of which the Diocese of Toronto is a member, is presenting six "candid conversations" between Christians and Jews from February to April. One of the talks will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Anglican Church, 201 Caribou Rd., Toronto, on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Douglas Graydon

and Rabbi Roy Tannenbaum will be the moderators. The discussion will focus on how the related feasts of Passover and Easter ritually reenact defining foundational events for both religious traditions. For more information on this series, visit [www.bethsholom.net](http://www.bethsholom.net).

### Anglicans, Lutherans to discuss worship

The National Worship Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada will take place in Montreal June 25-28. The speakers will be Gordon Lathrop, a distinguished Lutheran liturgist, and Karen Ward, a Lutheran pastor serving a joint Lutheran-Episcopal congregation in metropolitan Seattle which is primarily under 30 years of age. Register at [www.worshipconference2008.org](http://www.worshipconference2008.org).

### Hymn books available

St. Simon the Apostle, Toronto, will give away about 300 small hymn books (Book of Common Praise, some 1938 edition, some newer) to any parish or group that has a use for them. To make pick-up arrangements, phone (416) 923-8714 and leave your contact information with the administrator. The Church of the Incarnation, Toronto, also has 50 hymn books (Book of Common Praise, music edition) to sell. They are in "like-new" condition, many with plastic covers. The parish is asking \$15 per book. They also have 50 Book of Alternate Services to give away. Call (416) 221-7516.

## PRAYER CYCLE

FOR APRIL

1. Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach
2. Redeemer, Duntroon
3. St. George, Allandale (Barrie)
4. St. Giles, Barrie
5. St. Margaret, Barrie
6. Nottawasaga Deanery
7. St. Paul, Innisfil
8. St. Paul, Midhurst
9. St. Paul, Singhampton
10. St. Peter, Minesing
11. St. Thomas, Shanty Bay
12. Trinity Church, Barrie

13. PWRDF
14. St. James, Lisle
15. St. John, Craighurst
16. St. Luke, Creemore
17. St. Hugh and St. Edmund
18. Church of the Apostles
19. San Lorenzo-Dufferin
20. Humber Deanery
21. St. John, Weston

22. St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale
23. St. Philip-the-Apostle
24. St. Stephen, Downsview
25. St. Timothy-by-the-Humber
26. St. David's, Lawrence Ave.
27. Huronia Deanery
28. All Saints, Penetanguishene
29. Christ Church, Waubaushene
30. Good Samaritan, Port Stanton

## IN MOTION

### Appointments

- The Rev. Gordon Sheppard, Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul, Newmarket, Jan. 1, 2008.
- The Rev. Ariel Dumarán, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Margaret Tamil Congregation, Jan. 1, 2008.
- The Rev. Jonathan Eayrs, Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark and Calvary, Jan. 1, 2008.
- The Rev. Canon Bruce Mutch, Honorary Assistant, St. Thomas, Huron Street, Jan. 10, 2008.
- The Rev. Anne Moore, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton), Feb. 1, 2008.
- The Rev. Carol Hardie, Associate Priest, St. James, Orillia, March 1, 2008.

### Ordinations

- The Rev. David Julien will be ordained at Christ Church,

Oshawa, on March 9, 2008, at 7 p.m.

- The Rev. Matthew McMillan will be ordained at St. Timothy's, Agincourt, on March 9 at 4 p.m.

### 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):
- Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton)
  - Parish of Lakefield
  - St. James the Apostle, Brampton
  - St. Mark, Midland
  - Parish of Coldwater-Medonte

### Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee Receiving Names

- (via Area Bishop):
- St. Paul, Lindsay

(Trent-Durham)

- St. George, Pickering (Ajax) (Trent-Durham)
- Parish of Orillia South (York-Simcoe)

### Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing

- (via Area Bishop):
- St. Timothy, North Toronto (York-Scarborough)
  - Holy Trinity, Trinity Square (York-Scarborough)
  - St. Andrew, Scarborough (York-Scarborough)

### Death

- The Rev. Bruce Scott Alton died on Jan. 8. He was ordained in 1962 in the Diocese of Huron and served at the Church of the Advent, and St. John, West Toronto, in the Diocese of Toronto. Mr. Alton also taught at Trinity College. The funeral service was held at St. John, West Toronto, on Jan. 12.

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# Musician seeks fresh sounds

Open doors to global music, says organist

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

**D**oug Cowling thinks he sounded like “a complete Grinch that stole Christmas” during his CBC interview about Christmas carols this past holiday season. “I was saying that the one thing you know about Christmas is that you will start with ‘Oh, Come All Ye Faithful,’” says the musician with a laugh. “It has always been like that, and it will always be like that.”

“You just have to make things fresh,” he adds in a more serious tone.

Making music fresh is something Mr. Cowling is passionate about, which is why he is excited about the changes that have happened in Anglican music in the last 20 years. “It used to be a very small box,” he says. “The definition of Anglican music has changed, and it’s no longer just a fixed body of about 100 hymns and a certain number of anthems. We are now seeing a whole global musical phenomenon in the Anglican Church, and choirs in parishes can find a greater diversity of music to bring into the liturgy.”

“If you go to St. Stephen’s, Downsview, they have calypso; if you go to Trinity, Streetsville, they have praise choruses; if you go to St. Mary Magdalene’s, they have Gregorian chant. So the box of Anglican music is much bigger than it was even 10 or 15 years ago.”

Mr. Cowling, who grew up in

## OUR LIVES

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

*Our Lives features inspiring stories of the clergy and laypeople among us. This month, The Anglican talks to musician Doug Cowling.*

the village of St. George in Brant County and in St. Catharines, has been involved with Anglican music virtually all his life. “As a kid, I never wanted to go to Sunday School, so I always had my grandmother take me,” he says. “The moment I could join the choir when I was seven, I did, and I have been singing and playing ever since. We had church musicians in my family as well, so it’s kind of a family tradition.”

He studied organ with Eric Dowling, a composer and one-time president of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. “I never became a professional musician; it was always my avocation,” he says. After getting his undergraduate degree from Trinity College, he did graduate studies in English drama at the University of Toronto, and sang in the Trinity College Choir and later at St. Mary Magdalene’s. He has worked as a musician at parishes across the diocese, including Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale; St. Wilfrid, Islington; St. Mary Magdalene; and more recently, at the Church of the Messiah in Toronto, where he spent a decade. He is now director of music at St. Philip’s, Etobicoke.

“I think St. Philip’s is quite typical of many Anglican parishes in the sense that its musical tradition was based primarily on the old blue hymnbook,” he says. “Now they have the new *Common Praise*, which, of course, opens up to a lot more different kinds of music. I’d like for us to make the box as big as possible. I want us to sing a diversity of music, so



**Doug Cowling says there is a greater diversity of music in churches than ever before.**

for instance, we’ll sing a South African acclamation for the gospel, we’ll have a calypso mass for Black History Month, but we’ve also had Gregorian chant and Latin motets.”

He says that the people in the pews have changed as much as the music has. “People are pretty discerning about where they are going to put their time and their energy,” he says. “The days when you could have people coming to a Thursday night rehearsal and then on Sunday morning, 52 weeks a year, are long gone.” The way to get people involved with church and church music is to invite them personally and then let them experience what the church has to offer without imposing an obligation on them.

Music can play an important part in churches’ growth, he says, as long as they focus on engagement rather than entertainment. “I think that worship is our store window; it’s what we Anglicans do best,” he says. “People are attracted to the Anglican Church for its worship and particularly for its music. So if we are looking for growth and for more people in the pews, we need to look seriously at providing music that’s going to engage people and ex-

cite them.

“We really have to get people singing and taking their part in the liturgy, and that means more than just five hymns. That means we need to get some singing in the Eucharistic prayer, the gospel acclamations, the dismissal. All of these parts of the liturgy really require music to come alive.”

He tries not to make any assumptions about people’s levels of musical knowledge and has had many visitors who read music thank him for including the music in the service leaflet. And he believes that, instead of separating children and youth, it’s important to provide liturgies that are engaging for all generations together.

“I think we really have to be intentional and work hard to get young people involved in the liturgy every Sunday,” he says. “If they don’t grow up feeling engaged and welcomed in the liturgy, they are not going to come to church once they are adults. I don’t think that necessarily means that you try to ape a rock group because in fact that can be pretty lame. There is nothing worse than hearing an amateur choir do a poor rendition of Bach, and it’s even worse to hear them do a poor rendition of U2.”

“We have to look for musical experiences that are new and engaging for young people. For instance, there’s a lot of African music that is really compelling for people of all ages. People respond to it because they can sing it, they can engage in it, and it has compelling rhythms that speak to some of the things that people want to experience in church.”

Like most church musicians, Mr. Cowling works at St. Philip’s part-time, and spends the rest of his time on other projects. He

has done workshops on music and liturgy for church conferences, the national church, and dioceses, including the Diocese of Toronto’s Fresh Start and Momentum programs. He has collaborated with a production company called Classical Kids, writing and arranging the music for dramatized introductions to the lives of the great composers. Four of these productions, with titles like *Beethoven Lives Upstairs* and *Mr. Bach Comes to Call*, have received Juno awards.

He also sings with the Tallis Choir of Toronto. “I do a lot of arranging and research for that group; we do a lot of recreations of historic liturgies,” he says. “Coming up in May we are going to recreate the Jacobean evensong that would have been performed at Chapel Royal for Charles I — absolutely gorgeous Anglican music of the early 17th century.”

Mr. Cowling describes himself as a great church hopper. “I’m a parishioner at St. Mary Magdalene’s, but whenever I have an extra Sunday or in the summer, I’m always looking at what other parishes are doing. It’s really important to be able to see different kinds of music and liturgy modeled in different ways.”

He says that at its best, church music brings humans into contact with God “in a way that words on a page can’t. There’s something about the musical experience of singing that raises the spirit. It excites our emotions, it stimulates our memory, but it’s also a way that God touches our hearts and minds. As Anglicans, we know that to experience musical moments in the liturgy is to experience a sacramental moment of being with God.”

## Playing, composing was his way of praying

Talent a ‘gift from God’

BY THE REV. JENNIFER REID

**W**hen Oscar Peterson was a young man heading off on his first tour, his Anglican priest, Mr. Coombs, told him, “I expect you to enjoy yourself and to do the right thing.” Oscar laughed whenever he told that story, because he never let Mr. Coombs down.

Oscar accomplished many things and was an extraordinary musician. The world has honoured him in many ways: Austria issued a stamp in his honour; a theatre was named after him in Japan; he received eight Grammy awards and was made a Com-

panion of the Order of Canada; and he was pictured on Canada’s first-ever stamp made in honour of a living person (2005). Oscar delighted in all of these awards and cherished them.

Even with all these honours, Oscar never lost his humility. While he knew he could play the piano and take another jazz musician “to another key,” he also knew that his talent was a gift from God and it should never be misused. When Oscar heard the St. Peter, Erindale, choir perform Hymn to Freedom in a worship service one day, tears streamed down his face. “It was played for God,” he said. “It feels so good to have it played for God.” Playing the piano and composing was a way for him to connect with God; it was a way of praying. For many in the audience, his music lifted us up to another level of being as well.

There have been, and will continue to be, many tributes paid in honour of Oscar Peterson. His legacy will live on in his music and in his family and friends. He died at home on Dec. 23 with his wife Kelly and daughter Celine by his side. Oscar is survived by Norman, Gay Parr, Lynn Spinney, and Joel, and predeceased by Sharon Blackburn and Oscar Peterson Jr. He is the brother of Daisy Sweeny, May Peterson, Phil Peterson and the late Fred and Chuck Peterson. Oscar will be remembered by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The world has lost a musical genius, the Anglican Church has lost a lifelong supporter and member, and God welcomed home a beloved child.

*The Rev. Jennifer Reid is the incumbent of St. Peter’s, Erindale.*



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