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Installation begins new era

Bishop Asbil becomes chief pastor

BY STUART MANN

WITH three knocks on the door of St. James Cathedral with his crozier, Bishop Andrew Asbil ushered in a new era in the Diocese of Toronto.

Admitted into the cathedral by the assembled clergy and laity, Bishop Asbil was then installed as the 12th Bishop of Toronto, making him the chief pastor of Canada's most populous Anglican diocese.

The cathedral was filled to capacity for the two-hour service, held on Jan. 13. It was streamed live on the internet and watched by people across the diocese and around the world.

During the investiture, held near the beginning of the service, Bishop Asbil received the diocesan crozier. He then placed his hand on a Bible and made a solemn promise and declaration to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of the office of the Bishop of Toronto and to be a faithful shepherd to the flock of Christ.

He was then escorted to the cathedra, the seat of the bishop, and installed there. Afterwards, he was presented to the congregation, which responded with sustained applause.

Archbishop Anne Germond, the metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and the Bishop of Algoma, was the presiding celebrant. Archbishop Colin Johnson, the 11th Bishop of Toronto who retired on Dec. 31, participated in the service, as did the diocese's four suffragan bishops. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and other bishops also took part.

After Bishop Asbil's investiture and installation, the service continued with readings, prayers and the celebration of the Eucharist. At the end of the service, Bishop Asbil returned to the cathedral's doors to bless the City of Toronto and the diocese.

One of the themes of the service was inclusion. The Indigenous land acknowledgment was said in Cree by the Rev. Canon Andrew Wesley, and prayers were offered in Cantonese,



Clockwise from top: Bishop Andrew Asbil receives the diocesan crozier from representatives of Synod; water from the diocese's four episcopal areas is poured into the baptismal font; Bishop Asbil blesses the city and the diocese; Bishop Asbil hugs Bishop Kevin Robertson, Bishop Riscylla Shaw and Bishop Jenny Andison after the service. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

French, Swahili and Spanish.

Bishop Asbil spoke about inclusion in his sermon. "In a time of transition, you're probably thinking will there be room for me, will there be a place for me, if I am part of the LGBTQ2 community, if I'm progressive, if I'm evangelical or conservative, if I'm an Anglo-Catholic, if English is not my first tongue? Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. My pledge as your bishop is to walk with you, not some of you but all of you... We need all to be a part of this journey."

He ended his sermon by speaking

about baptism, transformation and change, encouraging churches to "knock on doors" and be present in their neighbourhoods, trusting that God will provide. "My brothers and sisters, walk with me and I will walk with you. And let us together walk with the one who created us, redeemed us and sets us free."

After the sermon, liturgical dancers and four people brought water from the traditional four directions and the diocese's four episcopal areas to the baptismal font for the asperges, the rite of sprinkling the congregation with holy water in re-



newal of their baptismal covenant.

The asperges was accompanied by "Wade in the Water," a moving spiritual song. The music during the service ranged from traditional

to spiritual to rock. The music was provided by the cathedral's choirs, musicians from Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., and the Nathaniel Dett Chorale of Toronto.

Portrait, anthem among surprises at celebration

BY STUART MANN

ON the walls of the Diocesan Centre hang pictures of all the Bishops of Toronto since Bishop John Strachan, the founder of the diocese. A new addition to this select group is a painted portrait of Archbishop Colin Johnson, who retired on Dec. 31. It is the first painted portrait of a Bishop of Toronto since Bishop Derwyn Owen in 1947.

The portrait was unveiled at a retirement celebration for Archbishop Johnson at St. James Cathedral on Dec. 15. Anglicans from all parts of the diocese joined Toronto Mayor John Tory and other dignitaries at the event to express their thanks and appreciation to him.

Archbishop Johnson said the portrait took him totally by surprise. "It was painted from a photograph, so I had no idea that it was being done," he said. "It's a beautiful representation and I am happy the artist generously carved off a few pounds!"

The portrait, showing Archbishop Johnson in a relaxed and approachable pose, was painted by Gregory Furmanczyk, a noted Canadian artist whose works hang on Parliament Hill and in Queen's Park. It was a gift from Alison Knight and Rod Barr, long-time friends of the diocese and life members of the Bishop's Company. Ms. Knight was the diocese's chief administrative officer from 2003 to 2009 and the donation was made in memory of her father, Donald John Knight, a devout churchman who died last year.

The painting now hangs in the Diocesan Centre's boardroom, re-

named the Johnson Boardroom in thanksgiving for Archbishop Johnson's four decades of service to the diocese. It is the largest meeting room at the Diocesan Centre and provides space for many groups.

"I am deeply honoured that Alison Knight and Rod Barr have given this gift in honour of Alison's father," said Archbishop Johnson. "That it will hang in the diocesan boardroom, now renamed in my honour, is a double blessing."

In addition to the painting, a new anthem was created in recognition of Archbishop Johnson's love of music. The anthem, composed by organist Matthew Larkin, is called "Strengthen for Service" and uses the text from Matthew 25:37-40. The anthem was sung for the first time by the cathedral's choir during Evensong, held after the celebration.

The portrait's unveiling and the announcement of the new anthem were just two of many surprising and delightful moments at the three-hour celebration, which included a reception line, a cake in the shape of the cathedral and reflections by Mayor Tory, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Deputy Premier Christine Elliott and Thomas Cardinal Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Mayor Tory praised Archbishop Johnson for his advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized, saying he had made Toronto a better place to live. "Your advocacy has been exemplary – quiet, respectful and informed," he said. "You have respected the diversity of this city, focusing on making it inclusive."

Ms. Elliott echoed his words:



With the newly unveiled portrait are, from left, artist Gregory Furmanczyk, Chancellor Clare Burns, Archbishop Colin and Ellen Johnson, Alison Knight and Rod Barr. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

"You've planted seeds of love and hope in your advocacy to which we can all aspire," she said. "You've performed your service joyfully and faithfully. Your advocacy for the marginalized demonstrates your commitment to helping our most vulnerable."

Bishop Andrew Asbil, who became the Bishop of Toronto on Jan. 1, reflected on how the portrait showed various sides of Archbishop Johnson. "If you hold it in a particular light, you might just see the patience of a man who has tried to keep the Church together – but deeper still of a shepherd who has created a gracious pasture for a flock to dwell in, so that our differences do not consume us but make us better, deeper and richer. If you hold it in a different light, it speaks of a man with deep faith, leading in a time when it's hard to

find faith. If you hold it in a different light, you can see the whimsy and the humour and the good nature, but also a man who deeply loves this Church."

He added: "We are so grateful to you. The shoes you have left behind are massive. I will do my very best to try to fill them."

Archbishop Johnson was joined by his wife Ellen and their three grown children and grandchildren at the celebration and the Evensong that followed. Archbishop Johnson's brother and his wife also attended, along with many close friends and colleagues. Clergy, lay people and staff also attended.

"It is a privilege and an honour to have served this great diocese for 41 years, and also to have served as the Bishop of Moosonee and Metropolitan of the province," he said, addressing the gathering. "I've said numerous times that had I decided to do something different,

I don't think I would be as happy. After 41 years, I would do this all over again. The joy in ministry is profound and deep, and while there are occasions when I pull my hair out and get frustrated, I remember that initial call of joy and gladness, to be able to serve the people of God in such a huge range of ways."

He said he was humbled that people had given up their Saturday afternoon, often travelling many miles, to attend the celebration. "I am incredibly honoured by the gifts I've received today, but what I'm most deeply grateful for is your presence," he said.

Many came to express their thanks and appreciation. "I think what Archbishop Johnson has done for the diocese is beyond measure," said the Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark, the incumbent of the Parish of Minden-Kinmount. "He's brought a very diverse and

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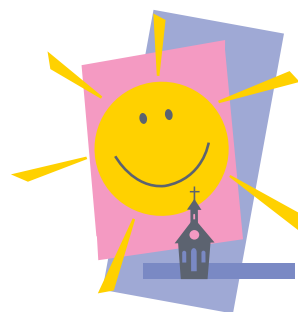
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FESTIVE OCCASION

St. James Cathedral was the setting for Archbishop Colin Johnson's retirement celebration and a service of Evensong that followed. Clockwise from top left: Bishop Philip Poole speaks from the cathedral's pulpit; Archbishop Colin and Ellen Johnson with a grandchild; Bishop Andrew Asbil reflects on Archbishop Johnson's portrait; Ellen Johnson receives flowers and applause; Mayor John Tory; a cake in the shape of the cathedral; Archbishop Johnson with well-wishers during the receiving line. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



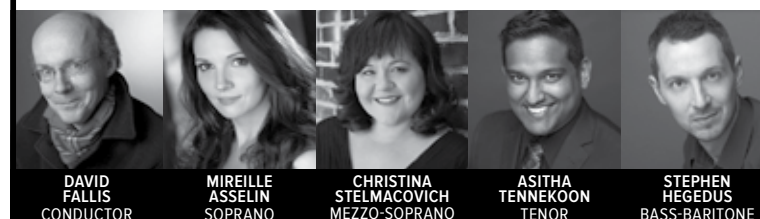
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Archbishop thanked for service

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multicultural city together, staying graceful and poised as he works among the disadvantaged. He's always making his clergy and the people around him feel they are the most important people to him. He always remembers your name, who you are and how you are doing. His words of encouragement have always been an inspiration to me."

Joanne Colbourne, ODT, a parishioner of All Saints, Kingsway who has served on diocesan boards and committees, said he has a "heart of gold" in terms of thinking of others. "He's a most humble but gracious minister of the faith, and it's been a privilege to have him as our leader," she said.

In an interview after the celebra-

tion, Archbishop Johnson said he was leaving the diocese in good hands. "I'm very, very hopeful for the future of the diocese. I think Bishop Asbil will be brilliant as our diocesan bishop. The College of Bishops is strong and the clergy and laity are enormously gifted. God has truly blessed this diocese."

Words of gratitude, wonder and hope



February, the shortest month of the year, begins with the tradition of Wiarton Willie seeing or not seeing his shadow. Will he show us the way to an early spring or six more weeks of blessed snow, slush and cold? It is important to remember that Willie gets it right only about 40 per cent of the time. Flipping a coin offers you better odds. Nevertheless, we anticipate the moment for an indication of what is to come. On the same day, Feb. 2, the Church remembers another moment – when Mary and Joseph arrive at the temple, 40 days after the birth of Jesus, to bless, to be blessed and to be purified. It's the day when an old priest and a prophetess give an indication of what is to come.

Mary and Joseph came with a pair of turtledoves – or was it two pigeons? – to mark in a liturgical way the safe arrival of Jesus and a new beginning. Ask any new parent about the moment of arrival and one listens to an epic account that is marked by drama, near misses, harrowing anxiety, pain, a call to the midwife, a rush to the hospital, breathing into contractions, barely making it, unexpected visitors, a stranger's intervention, and the moment a first breath is drawn. Mary and Joseph came with an emerging narrative that included the same but made more complete by the presence of angels, shepherds, and magi from the east.

Like most parents of a newborn, they

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By BISHOP ANDREW ASBIL

must have been sleep deprived, bewildered and joy-filled. They must have wondered how their lives had changed, how their hearts had expanded with love in ways they could not have imagined. By the 40th day, it all begins to sink in. By the 40th day, you discover how a newborn can render you feeling quite incompetent, unsure of what the cry in the night might mean: is it hunger, a need for a diaper change, a want for comfort? How daunting is the responsibility of raising an infant. And yet how profound and wondrous it is, too – kind of like taking your first few steps as a bishop in this wondrously gifted diocese.

For some of us, Christmas ends on Boxing Day and out to the curb goes the tree. For others, Christmas is stretched to the Epiphany, and that's when the decorations go back into storage. And still others go the distance and bring Christmas to its natural conclusion on Feb. 2. On the 40th day, the telling about this wondrous child takes another turn. The shepherds, the angels and the magi have already spoken. Now we hear from the Holy Spirit and two elders. A priest named Simeon and a prophetess named Anna have longed for this moment. Whispers of the Spirit assured them that their waiting would not be forsaken. They would see the Messiah with their own eyes. Longing for the Day is part of our Chris-

tian journey. Pining to experience the return of Jesus, of peace, of justice, of divine order fuels us to keep going in the face of so many shadows in life. Moses longed for a land flowing with milk and honey. The prophets ached for home. Paul desired to finish the race. Week by week, we embody the faith and the longing that is in us when we speak the memorial acclamation, *Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again*.

Simeon helps us imagine the same when he breaks out into song: "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

We hear these words of gratitude, wonder and hope at Evensong, set to music by the likes of Chilcott and Byrd, Tavener and Wood. The older I get, the more I appreciate Simeon and Anna for their tenacity, patience and unwavering trust.

On Feb. 2, we are reminded to place our hope in a God who always surpasses the odds by transforming death into life. By the blessing of candles, the bearer reveals the Light of Christ in the midst of darkness and brings to reality God's dream of salvation. Candlemas calls the Church to transform old, broken patterns and to be steadfast in holding on. And holding on leads to freedom. Feb. 2... that's the same day F.W. de Klerk announced to the world that he would release Nelson Mandela from prison.



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A story woven into the quilt of Canada



Black History Month is celebrated in North America and in some other countries in February. It is believed that the precursor of Black History Month was "Negro History Week," which was started

in 1926 in the United States by historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Mr. Woodson contended that, "If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated." The choice of February is linked to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14).

It has been suggested that such an observation was first celebrated in Toronto by railroad porters within the black community by 1950, who had learned about it on their travels in the United States. In 1979, the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS), founded in 1978, petitioned the City of Toronto to have February proclaimed Black History Month. Interest grew in the community and the OBHS successfully lobbied the federal government to have February declared as Black History Month. Following a motion introduced by Grenadian-born the Hon. Jean Augustine, the first black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Parliament of Canada officially recognized February as Black History Month in December 1995.

It is believed that Mathieu Da Costa was the first black person to arrive in Canada in the early 1690s. He served as a translator for French and Dutch traders and explorers. Following Mr. Da Costa, many persons of African descent have made Canada their home. As in other parts of the world, black people were once enslaved in Canada.

BISHOP'S OPINION

By BISHOP PETER FENTY

They, their descendants, and new African-Canadians have made and continue to make significant contributions to the development of Canada.

The list of African-Canadians who have made invaluable contributions to Canada is long! Harry Jerome, a three-time Olympian, won the bronze medal in the 100-metre race in 1964; there is now an awards ceremony named in his honour. Donovan Bailey became the world record-holder and the fastest man in the world at the Atlanta Games in 1996. Other black sports stars include hockey player, P.K. Subban, a significant donor to a Montreal hospital.

The list is also growing in the field of politics, in which women have played a leading role. Rosemary Brown, confronted with racism and sexism, was the first black female member of a provincial legislature and the first woman to run for leadership of a federal party. Immigrating from Jamaica, she became well known as a political commentator and activist, co-founding the Vancouver Status of Women Council. Barbadian-born Anne Clare Cools was the first black person to be appointed to the Senate of Canada. Haitian-born Michaëlle Jean broke many barriers, including her role as the first woman to be Secretary-General of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie. She was appointed Governor General of Canada by Queen Elizabeth II in 2005. The face of Viola Desmond, of Nova Scotian descent, both an activist for desegregation and a pioneering businesswoman, now graces Canada's new \$10 bill.

Lawyer Lincoln Alexander had many

"firsts." He was the first black member of Parliament, cabinet minister, and Lieutenant Governor for Ontario. Having served in the Royal Canadian Air Force before attending law school, he held his seat for four successive elections before resigning to serve as chair of the Ontario Workers' Compensation Board. He served as chancellor of the University of Guelph for a 15-year term, exceeding that of any of his predecessors.

It is no secret that there are many African-Canadian members of the Anglican Church of Canada who have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to the life and witness of this Church. Our Church must not take their presence and desire to continue contributing to its life and witness for granted. We must continue to work towards increasing the participation, representation, empowerment and inclusion of black people in lay and ordained leadership roles in the full life of our Church.

The story of Canada has been enriched by a story of a people that is not often taught and or passed on in schools. Many young Canadians are growing up having never heard these tales of human endeavour and success. It is important that all of us take the time and initiative to learn more about our contribution to Canada, to share it with others, and to advocate for its inclusion in schools' curricula across our nation. The story of African-Canadians is intricately woven into the quilt of the Canadian story.

There is an annual Diocesan Black History Month service held on the last Sunday of February at St. Paul, Bloor Street, and more parishes in our diocese are also holding similar celebrations. Let us honour and celebrate Black History Month with the same interest, enthusiasm and support as that given to other celebrations throughout the year.

Let's reimagine how we use God's house



In the interest of stewardship, is it time to rethink how we use our buildings? After salaries for clergy and administrative support, the up-keep of buildings is usually the biggest expense for our churches. In fact, deferred maintenance hangs like a millstone around the necks of many in church leadership. Whether it's replacing the roof, making the building barrier-free, repaving the parking lot or renovating the kitchen, the costs of maintaining our physical plants are huge and becoming more pressing.

Most of our churches are single-use facilities, and Sunday is their peak day for usage. During the rest of the week, the church hall and meeting rooms may be used for Bible studies and service group gatherings; the Chancel Guild comes in on Saturday to prepare for the Eucharist; and the choir can be counted on to meet for practice on Thursday evening. The majority of our churches are fitted with pews that are bolted to the floor, and the altar is in a fixed location. Except for the music ministry – not including organs, mind you – very little is portable in the main worship space.

THE STEWARD

By PETER MISIASZEK

Church design has been remarkably static for generations, if not centuries. But is it still practical? Our use of pews makes it virtually impossible to employ the nave for anything but worship. It might be available for community prayer during the week if our church doors were open, but most are locked; the risk of theft or vandalism prohibits accessibility except if a volunteer or staff person is present.

The time has come for us to think long and hard about how we use our buildings, with whom we share them, and the frequency with which we use them. For all intents and purposes, a building that experiences the bulk of its traffic only on Sunday is not practical, especially in an era of declining attendance and increasing capital expenditure. Can we find a better way to be good stewards of them?

By reusing or reimagining the use of our church buildings, I am not suggesting that we convert churches into condominiums or theatres. My point is that

we should be maximizing the use of our buildings to better proclaim the gospel and engage with our community. Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., for example, operates a meal kitchen throughout the week that attract hundreds of needy people. This outreach effort strengthens the church community, helps define the parish's mission and provides a valuable ministry to people in need.

Can we imagine our churches as multi-use facilities? Parts of our buildings could be used as theatres, libraries, office space, health centres and so on. We could engage the community by welcoming young people to after-school programs, study groups and fitness activities. If we removed our pews, community agencies could use the space to feed the hungry, operate drop-ins, organize yoga or fitness classes or any type of club.

Our churches could be multi-denominational. Many rural communities are burdened by large church buildings that serve declining populations. Why can't we move in together? Why must the Anglican, United, Lutheran and Presbyterian Christians all have separate church buildings that cost a fortune to heat in the winter and require significant day-to-day maintenance?

Let's imagine that parish council meetings are not consumed by conversations about declining revenue and increasing costs for church maintenance. Let's imagine doing new ministry and new outreach without worrying about having to replace the boiler or put a new roof on the church. These are possible if we re-imagine how we use our church buildings, establish new congregations or contemplate how we will connect with our community.

It is not far-fetched to think that a sanctuary can house three denominations, that basketball courts be set up outdoors on church property, that the hall is rented out as office space during the week and that a blood donor clinic uses the choir loft.

If we imagine that God's church is more than what we do on Sunday mornings, then how we use our buildings can be powerful examples of God's enduring witness in our world. Seekers might not just find God on Sunday; they might also find the Holy One on Tuesday afternoon at the blood donor clinic.

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What are we really communicating on social media?



BY THE REV. CANON
DAVID HARRISON

The medium is the message," Canadian philosopher Marshall McLuhan famously said. By which he meant that any new medium (or "extension of ourselves," as he defined the word) ends up having unintended consequences that go beyond whatever message we are trying to convey.

Prof. McLuhan, who died in 1980, wrote long before the advent of social media and the internet, but I suspect he would have a lot to say about these technologies and how the medium of social media in its myriad forms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, to name a few) has become the message itself. Or to put it another way, what the "message" is that we send when we use social media to communicate to our friends and strangers alike.

In churchland, it has become standard practice for dioceses, bishops, parishes and clergy to use social media to communicate what they are up to. The audience is both internal and external, with the emphasis usually placed on the external.

"That's where the young people are," we tell ourselves about Facebook and Instagram. "We need to be relevant" we say, so we post pictures of ourselves and our parishes and our diocese to show how busy and engaged we are, both to those who are in our pews and those who aren't. We start to count "likes" and comments and followers, and believe we are being missional in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ (or, at least, the good news about ourselves and our ministry).

I've done it – in spades. Personally, I've known what it is like to constantly be on the look-out for the clever observation or the witty remark that I could post on Facebook, and then taken not-so-secret delight as the likes and comments have piled up. Once I even posted a photo of myself skating on a public rink in clerical collar, cassock and biretta, on the dare of a friend who said that I wouldn't. And I've also rushed home after church to post dozens of pictures of something that has happened in my parish that morning. It was fun, exhilarating and satisfying.

But I've stopped. In fact, I've left Facebook altogether. (Truth be told, I never did tweet, and my Instagram account is followed by exactly five people: my moth-

er, my wife, my two daughters and a first cousin.) I quit because something was niggling at me, and that something was what the message of the medium was and what it was becoming – at least for me. It was becoming "look at me" and "look at what I'm doing" and "look at what I'm willing to do." The scientists who talk about the dopamine hit that comes with each "like" are right: it is satisfying. It's great for the ego. It's a rush.

I also stopped because of what I was seeing of the Church. It wasn't generally my secular friends and acquaintances I saw falling into the "look at me" trap: it was my Church friends and acquaintances and strangers who were doing it alongside me. Sometimes it felt competitive. "I'll match your cute children's pageant with my even cuter children's pageant." "I'll match your full pews with my stuffed, full pews." I could feel the devil lurking behind my computer screen, wiggling his (or it is her?) little finger at me. C'mon, David, strut your stuff!

Is it a gospel message? Is it the message of the one who came not to be served but to serve? Is it the message of the one who humbled himself even to death on the cross? What is the message we send

to the world, and to ourselves, when we get hooked on social media to promote ourselves, our parishes and our diocese? To be sure, social media allows us, individually and collectively, to communicate in a quick and relatively effortless way to hundreds, if not thousands, of people. And I don't doubt for a moment that our Facebook and Instagram and Twitter accounts do some good. My parish continues to use all three (although, interestingly, I have never had someone tell me they have come to check out our parish because of social media. Our website – that's a different story.)

But still, what is the deep, embedded message of using social media to communicate about ourselves and our ministry? Is it one of humility and service? Or is it one of competitiveness and self-absorption? And is this technology still so young that we haven't yet had the time and space to take stock of its effects on our well-being?

We know what we think our message is. But maybe – just maybe – the medium is getting in the way.

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The Order of the Diocese of Toronto, an award created in 2013, honours members of the laity in the diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. We give thanks to God for the work and witness of these faithful people who, in the exercise of their baptismal ministry, have demonstrated that "their light shines, their works glorify." In 2018, the recipients came from the following deaneries: Eglinton, Huronia/Tecumseth, Mississauga, and Oshawa. They were presented with their medallion at St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on Jan. 1.

Ann Abraham, ODT

St. James Cathedral, Toronto

Mrs. Abraham was nominated by the Archbishop for her long-standing dedication to the cathedral and the diocese. She has served on the board of Street to Trail, at the weekly Tuesday drop-in, was a lay pastoral visitor to the Toronto Jail, and directed the York Group for many years. A skilled and tactful director, she inspired new women to take on more leadership and follow in her capable footsteps.

Roy Allam, ODT

All Saints, Whitby

Mr. Allam was nominated by All Saints, Whitby for his unstinting service in a multitude of roles, particularly for his work in managing the rebuilding of the parish after the devastating fire in 2009. The hundreds of hours of work he devoted to the project, all while holding down a full-time job, saw All Saints rise like a phoenix from the ashes and resulted in the beautifully restored and improved sanctuary it has today.

Rosemary Athron, ODT

St. George, Fairvalley

Ms. Athron was nominated for her 50 years of dedication to her parish. She has served on the ACW, the altar guild, the parish executive, the congregation advisory board, the Huronia Cluster Ministry, the worship committee, the luncheon group, the service bulletin, computer screen and Christmas parades committees, and as deputy churchwarden, treasurer, Synod member, outreach mission chair and pastoral visitor. She is a devoted mother and loving grandmother.

Patrick Bennett, ODT

St. Thomas, Brooklin

Mr. Bennett was nominated for his role in the establishment and leadership as president and director of the St. Thomas Child Care Centre since it began in 2008. He was instrumental in the design and implementation of a thoughtful and uniquely symbiotic relationship, and continues to chair monthly board meetings, carefully stewarding operations and the partnership with the parish. Marrying his profession as a lawyer to his faith and commitment to Christ's church, he diligently supports the centre, which accommodates more than 150 children.

Myrlene Boken, ODT

St. Peter, Churchill

Ms. Boken was nominated by St. Peter, Churchill for her dedicated and skilled service to the parish. She has sung in the choir and served as churchwarden and

Sunday School coordinator, as well as on parish selection committees, the altar guild and outreach programs that serve the community. Using her professional talent in growth analysis and demographic studies, she has travelled across the country to spend time learning and researching in order to serve the wider Church.

Bill Bradbury, ODT

St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering

Mr. Bradbury was nominated by St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering for his work in bringing the parish into the electronic age. As a result of his efforts, church services and sermons are available online every week, and he has produced several award-winning videos on the life and programs of the parish. A quiet, unassuming man, he strives to put his God-given gifts to use in his service, recognizing God's guiding hand in his life experiences.

Chris Bunting, ODT

Grace Church on-the-Hill, Toronto

Mr. Bunting was nominated by the Archbishop for his skill and expertise in communications. He has advised the Archbishop and the diocese's Communications department on a number of important issues over the years. He serves on the board of trustees of the Awareness Foundation, which provides education support primarily to Christian children and youth in Syria and Iraq and promotes better understanding of Middle East issues in the West. Currently, he is a churchwarden at Grace Church on-the-Hill and a member of the select vestry at St. Peter on-the-Rock, Stony Lake.

Brendan Caldwell, ODT

Messiah, Toronto

Mr. Caldwell was nominated for his generous and sacrificial service to his church community and beyond. He leads a rich and engaging Sunday School program – known for taking kids' spiritual questions seriously – and gives generously of his time, talent and treasure to support young people. A recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his philanthropy and volunteer service, he serves the community on school boards, including The Bishop Strachan School and Wycliffe College, and leads the Caldwell Foundation's efforts to improve the lives of children in India.

Mary Charbonneau, ODT

Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit

Ms. Charbonneau was nominated for her steady example of humble service to her parish and to people in the neighbourhood who are vulnerable or fighting to survive. Within the parish, she provides loving pastoral care and a listening ear in her anointing ministry to people who have suffered loss and who may be struggling in their life of faith. A founding member of a L'Arche community in Ottawa and a learner of Jean Vanier, she was drawn by the spirit of inclusion at Trinity-St. Paul and strives to direct parish resources to the community's deepest needs.

Fanella Chiu, ODT

St. Elizabeth, Mississauga

Ms. Chiu was nominated by St. Elizabeth, Mississauga for her commitment and



Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto gather with Bishop Andrew Asbil, the area bishops, clergy and

dedication to the parish ministry. Over the past four years, St. Elizabeth's has gone through substantial development and challenges, including church extension and a generational transition in leadership. Her leadership has provided stability, direction and encouragement to both the parishioners and the incumbent.

Peter Davidson, ODT

St. Martin, Bay Ridges (Pickering)

Mr. Davidson was nominated for his faithful service to God within his parish and the diocese. As the parish FaithWorks coordinator, he has helped make St. Martin's one of the diocese's most generous donors. He has served both the parish and the diocese in so many capacities that the true extent of his dedication is known to God alone.

Gretchen Dewhirst, ODT

Trinity Church, Bradford

Mrs. Dewhirst was nominated by Trinity Church, Bradford for her years of dedicated and loving service to God and the Church. Whenever her church needed her, she answered the call, holding every imaginable position with gracious humility. It is her loving, pastoral heart for all people that her parish appreciates most, continually going above and beyond in looking after each and every one, and for that they are eternally grateful.

Joan Doodchenko, ODT

St. Paul, Uxbridge

Mrs. Doodchenko was nominated by St. Paul, Uxbridge for her 65 years of active ministry. An enthusiastic four-term churchwarden and altar guild director since 1993, she also supports outreach and

recently worked towards the founding of the Uxbridge Gay-Straight Alliance. A treasure to St. Paul's, her positive and active work ethic is exemplary to all.

Shirley Fraser, ODT

St. Thomas a Becket (Erin Mills South)

Mrs. Fraser was nominated for her commitment to both the parish and to outreach ministries within the Anglican community and beyond. Faith has guided her as a member of Anglicans in Mission in Alahabad, India, and to making clients feel welcome at the Deacon's Cupboard Food Bank. When not on a committee, you can find her on the third Friday of the month celebrating fellowship at Soup at Noon, an event she spearheaded.

Joan Gardy, ODT

St. James, Orillia

Mrs. Gardy was nominated for her dedicated service to St. James, Orillia as chair of the worship committee, ACW executive and minute-taker for a variety of committees. Fellowship is very important to her, and she always makes sure that events are not only planned but are fun. Given her lengthy service, she is one of those people who are foundational to the church because she knows the past well and is able to express hope for a future.

Geraldine Patricia (Tric) Glover, ODT

St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga

Mrs. Glover was nominated by St. Francis of Assisi for her spiritually thoughtful and caring leadership. She has served over 35 years in many roles, highly values relationships and demonstrates concern for the sake of others, especially through the

the Diocese of Toronto



Laity on Jan. 1 at St. James Cathedral. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Christmas hamper program and prayer circles. Bringing prayerful devotion to everything she does, she has exemplary organizational skills that ensure everything she does for the parish is done well.

John Goodwin, ODT
St. Clement, Eglinton

Mr. Goodwin was nominated for serving the Church with intelligence and devotion. Former chancellor of the Diocese of the Arctic and trustee of the General Synod Pension Plan, he has used his notable professional background as a lawyer to steward the national church and the diocese as a member of the Investment Committee. A man of strong faith and principles, he is an important part of the faith and fabric of the parish, community, diocese and wider Church.

Sheila Hawkins, ODT
St. Mark, Midland

Mrs. Hawkins was nominated by St. Mark, Midland for her many years of tireless and dedicated ministry of caring and healing. A former nurse, she has always been in the business of caring for people and has organized regular worship services in local retirement and nursing homes. Without her gifted and personal ministry, St. Mark's would not be the caring and welcoming place it is today. God has richly blessed the Church with her ministry.

Kirk Hearder, ODT
St. John, East Orangeville

Mr. Hearder was nominated by St. John, East Orangeville for being a lifelong member of every congregation of the former Parish of Mono, his father having been a

vocational deacon there. He has fulfilled every parish role with grace, humour and dedication: churchwarden, advisory board member, lay reader, intercessor, pastoral visitor, Taizé leader, chalice bearer, outreach coordinator, building steward and Synod member. But perhaps more courageously, he is the male anchor of the parish's three-person catering team.

Joan Higginbottom, ODT
St. Peter (Erindale)

Ms. Higginbottom was nominated for her excellence in leadership, her commitment to the prayer and worship life of her parish and her ongoing volunteerism in the life of the Church. She broke gender barriers, becoming the first female churchwarden, lay Eucharistic minister and reader. She offers wisdom and shines with God's love in all of her baptismal ministry. She is an excellent example of faithfulness to all.

Jacqueline Hyacinith, ODT
St. Hilary (Cooksville)

Mrs. Hyacinith was nominated for her tireless effort and joyful personality, which helps St. Hilary's find its heart in order to reach out to others. As the coordinator of the St. Hilary's Food Pantry, she is an unparalleled administrator, marketer and relationship builder; all the while ensuring that the cupboards and pantry are always full through her coordination with stores, companies and the Mississauga Food Bank, and by researching bargains. Her efforts go well beyond helping people in the community to get the food they need; she makes sure that everyone who walks in the door is welcomed, cared for and leaves feeling better.

Carolyn Kearns, ODT
Christ Church, Deer Park

Ms. Kearns was nominated by Christ Church, Deer Park for her valued service in faith as a member of the management team and stewardship committee, and for her contributions as chair of parish selection committees. Her leadership and facilitation skills ensure that the best involvement from all members is received, recognized and contributes to great choices for the parish's ministry. As a long-time volunteer leader at Trinity College, she lends her skills to the wider Church and community.

Marilyn Kellar, ODT
St. Peter, Oshawa

Ms. Kellar was nominated by the Archbishop for her decades-long active service to St. Peter, Oshawa. She has been part of the sanctuary guild, Sunday School ministry, bazaars and cookie sales, and the parish food bank that serves the whole community, in addition to being the envelope secretary. Open-minded and open-hearted, she is a welcoming and refreshing presence for everyone at St. Peter's and in the community of south Oshawa.

Beth Kinghan, ODT
St. Paul, Uxbridge

Mrs. Kinghan was nominated by the Archbishop for her decade of faithful ministry as a lay member of the Postulancy Committee, and for the gifts of wisdom, insight and discernment she brings to that work. As a clergy spouse, she knows both the joys and challenges for clergy families and has been a role model and mentor for others, particularly the partners of postulants, ordinands and clergy.

Penelope Laity, ODT
St. Timothy, Agincourt

Ms. Laity was nominated by the Archbishop for her outstanding and faithful work to the people of her parish as a former churchwarden, security officer, small group member and envelope secretary. She has served the greater community through her outreach to homeless guests at the weekly breakfast program. She now encourages and motivates others to cultivate these gifts of the spirit at St. Timothy's and beyond.

Murray MacAdam, ODT

St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough
Mr. MacAdam was nominated by the Archbishop for his decades of work in social justice and advocacy in both Canada and the Global South. He worked as the PWRDF information resources officer and the Diocese of Toronto's social justice and advocacy consultant and was the editor of Catalyst, the publication of the Christian social activist organization Citizens for Public Justice. An author and educator on progressive social change and Indigenous issues, he is now an active volunteer in his retirement.

Bill Matthews, ODT
St. Peter (Erindale)

Mr. Matthews was nominated by the Archbishop for his long and dedicated service to both his local parish and the life of the diocese. As a long-time member of St. Andrew, Scarborough, he served as a churchwarden and key layperson. Now at St. Peter's, he is a dedicated diocesan volunteer and has successfully coached several parish selection committees with grace and hope.

Cathy Matthews, ODT
St. Peter (Erindale)]

Mrs. Matthews was nominated by the Archbishop for her continued dedication to ministry in her former and current parishes as a key layperson, and at the wider diocesan level. A skilled diocesan volunteer, she brings wisdom, grace and insight to coaching various parish selection processes.

Frederick Meridew, ODT
Holy Spirit of Peace, Mississauga

Mr. Meridew was nominated by Holy Spirit of Peace for his lifetime of faithful, dedicated service to the Church. As junior church crucifer, Sunday School leader, lay reader, treasurer and financial consultant, he has selflessly offered his considerable gifts and skills to serve God everywhere he has lived. His faith, insight and wisdom, gentle nature and good humour continue to be a blessing to all.

David Moore, LLD, ODT
Christ Church, Deer Park

Mr. Moore was nominated by the Archbishop for his lifetime of service in faith. He founded and led the congressional care team, served on the stewardship committee and, with his wife Joan, gives generously to the parish, the diocese and the wider community. He leads by shining example in everything he does, encouraging others to offer their talents, time and treasure.

Joy Packham, PMP, ODT
St. Margaret, Barrie

Ms. Packham was nominated by the Archbishop for her service to the diocese as a skilled volunteer. She has been a member of the Fiscal Framework and Budget working groups, the York Rectory Commissioners and the Project Enabling and Monitoring Group, a coach for Growing Healthy Stewards and a Bishop's envoy. Recently, she assisted as a Synod scribe at the November 2018 Synod.

Stephen Powell, ODT
St. George Memorial, Oshawa

Mr. Powell was nominated by the Archbishop for his musicianship, spanning more than 44 years at St. George's. As organist, pianist and choir director, in addition to his full-time profession as a high school teacher, he has creatively built teams and happily donates his time to other ministry areas. He has made a difference over the years, as he has displayed his numerous gifts on a regular basis with humour and sensitivity, as well as outstanding ability as a musician.

Eric Preston, ODT
Holy Trinity, Thornhill

Mr. Preston was nominated by the Archbishop for his long-standing dedication as a churchwarden and advisor to clergy, and his commitment to improving the physical, financial and fellowship well-being of his parish community. He serves the wider Church as a member of the diocesan Budget Working Group and Project Evaluation and Monitoring Group, guiding parishes to implement initiatives. He is also recognized for his ministry in the marketplace, contributing to the mental health and justice systems throughout the province.

Recipients

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Don Reid, ODT

St. George, Fairvalley

Mr. Reid was nominated by the Archbishop for being a dedicated member of St. George, Fairvalley and the community for over 55 years. He has served on the parish executive, congregation advisory board, Huronia Cluster Ministry, cemetery board, Christmas parade committee, maintenance and as churchwarden, and has supplied any heavy equipment when needed. As a full-time farmer, he has raised a herd of over 200 beef cattle, volunteers with the Coldwater Fall Fair and is a man of amazing understanding of God's good earth.

Nora Robinson, ODT

St. Leonard, Toronto

Mrs. Robinson was nominated for her trailblazing leadership as a woman in the Church, serving as St. Leonard's first female churchwarden. She is a tireless worker who ensured that people who could easily be forgotten continued to be invited back into the life of the parish. Whether welcoming the Primate or the widow and orphan, she reminds her parish constantly that all are welcome at the heavenly banquet.

Peter Schloen, ODT

St. Thomas, Brooklin

Mr. Schloen was nominated by the Archbishop for being a faithful member of his parish for six and a half decades. A long-time churchwarden and treasurer, he found the time to volunteer to be building manager when the parish undertook a major building expansion project in 2006. As the go-to person for any child care centre issues, while managing the leasing of the facility and the in-house parish calendar, he is always giving his time, talent and treasure for the betterment of his parish.

Sheila Thomas, ODT

St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, Bloor Street

Ms. Thomas was nominated by the Archbishop for her faithful service as long-time parishioner and volunteer at St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle. She has served on the altar guild, hospitality team, in the



Bishop Andrew Asbil leads the applause as the newly appointed members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto stand after the presentation of the Order's medallions, shown at right. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

church office and as a link to the community with the Reaching Out Through Music program. Her care for others is an outward and visible sign of her Christian faith, which she lives out day by day.

Diane Toyce, ODT

Trinity, Streetsville

Ms. Toyce was nominated by the Archbishop for her years of dedicated and Christ-centred service at Trinity, Streetsville. She was the executive administrator of Trinity for many years and, among many other things, helped to develop the highly effective newcomers' ministry that welcomed many people into the life of the parish.

Rosalinda Trotter, ODT

St. Timothy, Agincourt

Ms. Trotter was nominated by the Archbishop for her faithful and compassionate service to St. Timothy's as a churchwarden, treasurer, altar guild member, social convener and co-chair of the Our Faith-Our Hope committee. Her financial background and expertise continue to be invaluable, as she created a counter's manual that is now used in many parishes throughout the diocese. Instrumental in obtaining financing for the parish when a new addition was added, St. Timothy's is so grateful for her love and dedication to serving with her God-given talents.

Mary Watson, ODT

Christ Church, Roches Point

Mrs. Watson was nominated by the Archbishop for her long and distinguished service role in the parish. She can handle many different things at the same time – outreach events like parish bazaars, liturgical assistant in services, ACW treasurer, churchwarden – and is known as a “total volunteer” to her parish. She is a living homily; in the words of St. Augustine, she teaches us, she delights us, she moves us.

Jack White, MD, ODT

Grace Church, Markham

Mr. White was nominated by the Archbishop for a lifetime of Christian service, beginning in the 1950s. He has served as churchwarden and cemetery trustee, and at age 86 still organizes set-up for most events in Grace Church's very active parish hall. In retirement, “Doc White” was acclaimed for his community service on CBC Radio. If you see smiling, laughing folks enjoying themselves, “Smilin’ Jack” is surely nearby.

Evadne Wilkinson, ODT

St. Paul, Bloor Street

Ms. Wilkinson was nominated by the Archbishop for her long, gracious and faithful service to her parish and to the wider community of black Anglicans in the diocese. She served for many years



on St. Paul's outreach community, helped raise significant funds for the Diocese of Kaduna in Nigeria, and serves with the All Saints Café at St. Stephen, Downsview. She has also been involved with the diocese's annual celebration of Black History Month for many years.

Antoinette Williams, ODT

St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)

Ms. Williams was nominated by the Archbishop for her faithful services at St. George's, where she has been a member for over 18 years, serving as a Sunday School teacher and deputy churchwarden, as well as being involved in the finance and fellowship committees. In addition to being the wife of a police officer and a mother, she runs her own business and volunteers in her local elementary school and with the Navy League. She is deeply appreciated by her parish family for her quiet wisdom, determination and dedication to St. George's, especially during times of upheaval and transition.

CANADA BRIEFS

Parishioners make quilts for babies in north

HALIFAX - Up to 200 infants in Nunavut may be sleeping more snugly this winter thanks to the efforts of parishioners at St. John's Anglican Church in Wolfville, N.S.

As part of the church's 200th anniversary, celebrated through 2018, parishioners decided in mid-March to create 200 baby quilts to send to families in Nunavut by the following winter. All 200 were completed that fall, and on Nov. 24, the quilts were displayed at an annual coffee party given by the church's Anglican Church Women, blessed and packaged. As of press time, organizers were hoping to get all the quilts

to Nunavut early in the new year.

The idea of creating quilts to send north arose partly from a 2016 talk on some of the needs of northern families given by parishioner Beverly McKee, who had spent more than 25 years as a health care worker in the north. One church member recalled Ms. McKee saying some Nunavut families don't have warm blankets in which to wrap their newborn babies. The project was organized by parishioner and avid quilter Elizabeth Biggs. In the end, more than 40 people took part, including members of Ms. Biggs's quilting club.

The Diocesan Times

Diocese supports women's housing project

OTTAWA - Women at a time of crisis in their lives now have more affordable housing in the nation's capital after the opening this fall of a new facility by Cornerstone Housing for Women, a mission of the Diocese of Ottawa.

The building formerly belonged

to the Sisters of Jeanne D'Arc Institute, a Roman Catholic religious community. It was purchased by Cornerstone with the intention of repurposing it for affordable housing, a project that was launched in March 2017. The \$8-million project was supported by all three levels of government, and Cornerstone itself raised \$2 million over a two-year capital campaign. It opened in November 2018.

“Our dream has become a reality thanks to the incredible groundswell of support by the caring, compassionate and hard-working people of faith within the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and the greater Ottawa community,” said Jessie-Lee Wallace, resource development officer for Cornerstone. Almost 30 parishes in the diocese contributed to the project financially, through food donations, volunteer work and in other ways, she said.

The newly refurbished building contains 42 small bachelor apartments and is intended to provide a secure home for women hoping to recover from abuse or job loss, get

support for mental health and addiction problems, or move past a time of crisis in their lives. One-tenth of the units are reserved for Indigenous women, and an Indigenous elder will serve on the building's staff. More than 1,000 women become homeless in the nation's capital each year, Ms. Wallace said.

Crosstalk

Consultation held on human trafficking

EDMONTON - Anglicans from the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, as well as the dioceses of Western Newfoundland and New Westminster, gathered here in October to hear about and discuss human trafficking in their communities. Participants heard from speakers, including Taanis Bellerose, an Indigenous survivor of sexual exploitation. Ms. Bellerose, who was brought into the sex trade at age 12 and lived on the street for 25 years, now works as an advocate for others who have been exploited sexually.

The Canadian Centre to End

Human Trafficking is developing a hotline to provide round-the-clock help to trafficking victims, and hopes to launch the service in the spring, said Barb Gosse, the centre's CEO. She told attendants that churches provide valuable help in the struggle against human trafficking. “You are our eyes and ears on the ground; you have potential volunteers around you all the time and you are a powerful community of assistance providers,” she said.

The meeting was the third of four regional conferences planned by the Anglican Church of Canada's departments of Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice and Global Relations. Similar events, funded by General Synod and the Anglican Foundation of Canada, have already been held in the ecclesiastical provinces of Ontario and Canada. The fourth, for the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, is planned for early 2019, and the results are to be presented to General Synod when it meets in July.

The Messenger

I've loved every moment of it

Ginnie Wong is the children and youth coordinator at St. John, Willowdale. She also participates in various ministries with the church's English-speaking congregation.

I'm really excited for season two of our softball ministry. We started this ministry last spring and it has been a huge blessing to many of the people from the various churches that have participated, specifically families. I can't wait to see how God moves for season two! I'm also excited about the various catechesis programs we have going on, and for the ones for the future. We're hoping to have more family-oriented programs so children and parents can grow together in the faith.

The best part of my job is being invited into people's lives and witnessing God's faithfulness. Our God is good! I also love seeing how people's love for God fuels their love for their neighbours, making them serve the parish and those in their lives in beautiful and creative ways.

One of the challenges of my job is that I always feel I can be doing more. It's been a continuous lesson to learn the importance of the Sabbath. I've been learning the truth that the Sabbath is really for us. Resting helps reorient us and remind us that God is God and to trust Him.

I was born into a loving Christian home with two amazing parents who immigrated from Hong Kong. Looking back, I would have to say that both have contributed to my spiritual life. My mother was someone who was faithful in prayer; I have many memories of walking past her bedroom and seeing her on her knees praying for her children and those



Ginnie Wong has worked in youth ministry for 13 years.

in her life. My father is more philosophical in nature, so I remember having theological discussions with him. He taught me that it was normal to struggle and have questions about faith. We shouldn't be afraid to ask questions or to doubt. A lot of people in scripture had questions for God.

I spent the majority of my life in London, Ont. It was while studying biology at Western University that I felt called to

ministry. From there I went to Wycliffe College, where I completed a Master of Divinity. Before working at St. John's, I was at St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church in Mississauga.

One of the most significant moments in my life was when I was part of a small group in junior high school. Studying scripture in community at a young age changed me. Through the small group, I was able to openly explore

my fears, questions and doubts in safety. I also realized that the words in the Bible are living and active because they are God's words, and He is living and active. I also learned, through the example of my youth leaders, what loving Jesus looks like in my context and at my age. By sharing their lives with us, I witnessed the different ways the gospel is healing, hopeful and transformative. It's my own transformative experience in the Church that makes me passionate about providing the same for the next generation. I've been doing youth work for 13 years and I've loved every moment of it.

Five years from now I would love to continue to be doing what I am doing, serving the Church and helping people along their journey with Jesus. I love the Church and would love to continue to be a participant in God's loving work in the world. I also hope to be more involved in my local community. I've been building relationships with those in my neighbourhood and I hope to continue to do so by becoming more involved in the clubs that I am already invested in. Toronto is a great city and it has so much potential in leading the way in protecting the most vulnerable who dwell in it.

My favourite passage of scripture is Hebrews 12:1 because I have been formed by so many faithful saints who have been older than me throughout my life. It's so special because it reminds me of how even though none of the saints is perfect, God's grace and love is above all our brokenness, as we have been made saints through Him and by Him. I also love this verse because I was told by a family member how my great-great grandmother in China prayed for the generations that would come after her, that they would know and love Christ. I've never met her, but I can't wait to meet her in glory!

BRIEFLY

New anthem available to choirs

"Strengthen for Service," the new anthem by Matthew Larkin commissioned in honour of Archbishop Colin Johnson, is available free to choirs in the diocese for their own use in worship. Based on Archbishop Johnson's episcopal motto, "For the least of these," the anthem is written for SATB choir and organ. Visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca, to download the sheet music.

Cathedral hosts ecumenical service

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place Jan. 18-25. This is an annual ecumenical celebration that invites Christians around the world to pray for the unity of all Christians, reflect on scripture together, participate in ecumenical services and share fellowship. An ecumenical service sponsored by the Greater Toronto Area Christian Council of Churches will be held on Jan. 27 at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Cathedral. All are invited. Leaders from churches across Toronto will

take part, and Bishop Andrew Asbil will preach. This year's theme is "Justice, only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 12:20).

Vestry motion focuses on poverty

This year's social justice vestry motion invites parishes to commit to at least one new or enhanced direct outreach activity and one new or enhanced advocacy action to address poverty in Ontario. The motion's flexibility allows parishes to consider what actions would have the most impact in their local context and develop their capacity to respond. The motion, suggestions for action and background information are available on the Social Justice and Advocacy page on the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Conference explores liturgy

Liturgy Canada presents "God Sends Us in Mission," the fifth event in its Renewing Liturgy series. This conference will help restore the Sending as an essential act in the eucharistic celebration with the potential to reveal the deeper meaning the Eucharist has for the rest of the world. It will take

place on Feb. 2 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington. Learn more at Liturgy Canada's website, www.liturgy.ca.

ACW annual meeting planned for April

The diocesan Anglican Church

Women will hold its annual meeting at St. Timothy, Agincourt on April 27. More details to follow.

Bishop teaches on Apostles' Creed

Bishop Jenny Andison will hold a pre-Lenten teaching series on the

Apostles' Creed on Feb. 6, 13 and 20 from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Thomas, Huron Street. Open to all clergy and laity in the area, the evenings will include time for small-group discussions and larger group interactions. To register, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.



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Levee rings in new year

THE annual Bishop's Levee was held at St. James Cathedral on Jan. 1 – the first for Bishop Andrew Asbil as the diocese's new Bishop of Toronto. The event included a Eucharist, a ringing of the cathedral bells and an opportunity to share New Year's

greetings with the diocese's bishops and chancellor and their families. The receiving line was followed by festive music, a choral Evensong and the presentation of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto (see pages 6-8).



Clockwise from above: Bishop Andrew Asbil greets the Rev. James Liu, James Yu (middle) and Robert of the diocese's Mandarin Ministry; Bishop Peter Fenty greets Antoinette Williams (left) of St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax) and her relatives and friends; Wunmi Temowo (left) and Femi Adeite of St. Paul, Bloor Street; the receiving line; from left, Chancellor Clare Burns, Jacqueline Hyacinth, ODT, of St. Hilary, Cooksville, Mary Asbil and the Rev. Adrienne Clements of St. Hilary, Cooksville; Bishop Andrew Asbil greets the Rev. Alison Hari-Singh and her daughter; Bishop Jenny Andison and her daughters greet Femi Adeite; Bishop Peter Fenty greets the Rev. Canon Edmund Der; Bishop Kevin Robertson and his husband Mohan Sharma enjoy a happy moment with the Rev. Vernon La Fleur. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



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Bishop Kevin Robertson (left) and Mohan Sharma are joined by Bishop Susan Bell of the Diocese of Niagara after their wedding.

Bishop Robertson married at cathedral

THE Diocese of Toronto congratulates Bishop Kevin Robertson and Mohan Sharma, who were married on Dec. 28 at St. James Cathedral in the presence of their two children, their families and many friends, including Archbishop Colin Johnson and Bishop Andrew Asbil. Bishop Robertson is the area bishop of York-Scarborough.

(Bishop Robertson and Mr. Sharma, who have been a couple since 2009, had their relationship blessed in 2016 according to the Pastoral Guidelines of the Diocese of Toronto and are now married under the marriage provision of the same guidelines.)

The diocese wishes them much joy in their marriage.

PRAYER CYCLE

FOR FEBRUARY

1. Christ Church, Norwood
2. Christ Church, Omeme
3. Peterborough Deanery
4. St. George-the-Martyr, Apsley
5. St. George, Hastings
6. St. James, Emily
7. St. James, Roseneath
8. St. John the Baptist, Lakefield
9. St. John the Evangelist, Havelock
10. The Community of Deacons
11. St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough
12. St. John, Ida
13. St. Luke, Peterborough
14. St. Matthew and St. Aidan,

- Buckhorn
15. St. Michael, Westwood
16. Parish of Belmont
17. All Saints Church Community Centre, Toronto
18. St. Peter on-the-Rock, Stony Lake
19. St. Stephen, Chandos
20. The Chapel of Christ Church, Lakefield
21. The Chapel of St. Mark, Warsaw
22. St. Thomas, Millbrook
23. St. Bride, Clarkson
24. Mississauga Deanery
25. St. Elizabeth Church, Mississauga
26. The Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto
27. St. Hilary (Cooksville)
28. Holy Spirit of Peace, Mississauga

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Wilner Dangawen, Associate Priest, St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, Dec. 1, 2018.
- The Rev. Ronald Duncan, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke, Dixie (Lakeview), Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Murray McColl, Interim Priest-in-Charge, the Parish of Apsley, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Steven Smith, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Peterborough, Jan. 1.
- The Rev. Jerome Khelawan, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Thomas à Becket, Erin Mills South, Jan. 14.
- The Rev. Robert Shantz, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. John, West Toronto, Jan. 28.
- The Rev. Canon Anthony Jem-mott, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter, Oshawa, Feb. 1.
- The Rev. Jason Prisley, Incumbent, St. Hugh and St. Edmund, Mississauga, March 4.
- The Rev. Lisa Newland has been appointed Regional Dean of York Mills Deanery beginning March 1.

Vacant Incumbencies

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

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

- St. Peter, Oshawa
- St. Andrew by-the-Lake,

- Toronto (Half Time)
- St. James Cathedral

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

- St. Thomas à Becket, Erin Mills South
- St. John, Bowmanville

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

- Trinity, Aurora

Ordinations

- The Rev. Shelly Pollard will be ordained a Priest at St. John, York Mills on Jan. 26 at 4 p.m.
- The Rev. Brian Suggs will be ordained a Priest at All Saints, Kingsway on Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.
- The Rev. Ken Johnstone will be ordained a Priest at St. Margaret in-the-Pines, Toronto on Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.
- The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena will be ordained a Priest at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. on March 3 at 4:30 p.m.
- The Rev. Jeff Boldt will be ordained a Priest at Trinity, Streetsville on April 14 at 4 p.m.

Celebrations of New Ministry

York-Credit Valley

- The Rev. Chris Dow, Priest-in-Charge, St. James, Caledon East, Feb. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Deprivation of Ministry

- The Rev. David Giffen has been deprived of ministry under Canon 22 and his appoint-

ment as incumbent at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. has been terminated as of Dec. 12, 2018. Deprivation means that he is unable to function as a priest, publicly or privately, or hold any appointment requiring ordination, until he is reinstated by the Bishop of Toronto.

Death

- The Rev. John Allan Kirk died on Dec. 14, 2018. Ordained deacon in 1974 and priest in 1975, he served as assistant curate of St. Paul, Lindsay, incumbent of the Parish of Elmvale, incumbent of St. Theodore of Canterbury, North York, and incumbent of St. John the Baptist, Norway. In 1992, he moved to Saskatoon to take up the appointment as dean of the Diocese of Saskatoon and rector of St. John the Evangelist, Saskatoon until 2000. He transferred back to the Diocese of Toronto and become chaplain of Bishop Strachan School, honorary assistant of St. George, Willowdale and priest-in-charge of St. Cyprian, Toronto. After his retirement in 2010, he served as associate priest of St. George on Yonge and St. Patrick, Willowdale and honorary assistant of St. Theodore of Canterbury, North York. His funeral was held at St. Theodore of Canterbury on Dec. 20.

LOOKING AHEAD

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the March issue is Feb. 1. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Music & Worship

JAN. 27 - Sing and Joyful Be!, a Eucharist featuring the music of the Sacred Harp (shape-note singing), 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.
FEB. 3 - Bach Vespers, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.
FEB. 17 - Rock Eucharist: The Music of Taylor Swift, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

Sales

FEB. 12 - Charcuterie Valentine luncheon and fashion show, 1 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Delicious lunch followed by an Alia/Tan Jay fashion show. Crafts available for purchase. Ticket sales begin in

January and are \$20 in advance (none available at the door). For tickets, contact the church office at 416-283-1844. Visa accepted.

FEB. 18 - Family Day Winter Fair, 1 p.m., crafts, face painting, food, games and more, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

Workshops & Gatherings

FEB. 1 - Candlemas Communion at 6 p.m. followed by light supper and a talk by Dr. Marion Taylor (Professor of Old Testament at Wycliffe College) on her recent research on the many brilliant women who interpreted the Bible. All at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

FEB. 10 - Choral Evensong for the Queen's Accession at 4 p.m., followed by Royal Festive Tea during which the choir's director, Clement Carelse, examines the life and music of George Frederick Handel. All at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

MARCH 5 - The choristers of St. Peter, Erindale present a pancake supper at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's church hall, 3041 Mississauga Rd., just north of Dundas Street, Mississauga.



Standing with clothing donations are men's group members, from left, Ken Armes, George Csihas, Neil Liedeman and Rob Semple. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALL SAINTS

Whitby men's group provides clothing to local shelters

FOR the fifth year in a row, the All Saints Church Men's Group in Whitby is supporting local shelters with clothing donations throughout the year.

When the group was first formed in November 2014, the men discussed what they wanted to accomplish together. Knowing another cold Canadian winter was just around the corner, they decided to collect warm winter clothing for men in need in the community. They christened the program "Staying Warm Together."

From this simple beginning, the program grew quickly and now collects clothing for all seasons for men, women, youth and chil-

dren. Donations are sorted and bagged monthly, then delivered to charities in the surrounding area, including Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre in Oshawa, Herizon House in Ajax, Joanne's House in Ajax, the Muslim Welfare Centre in Whitby and MacKay House in Whitby.

Since the group's inaugural meeting, the men have gathered each month for a communal breakfast and presentation on a topic of interest. This has fostered a spirit of friendship and togetherness among the men at All Saints, and they've been able to share that warmth with the greater community through their outreach program.



CITY SINGING

Members of St. Barnabas, Chester sing Christmas carols to passersby on Danforth Avenue in Toronto on Dec. 23. Many pedestrians stopped to listen and received hot apple cider and candy canes as well. PHOTO BY HELEN TAYLOR



Bishop Jenny Andison, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, blesses the Blessing Box on a visit to St. Martin in-the-Fields in December. PHOTO BY PETER CHAUVIN

Blessing Box helps those in need

To spread its spirit of giving to the neighbourhood, St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto has installed a Blessing Box and Little Library on its property, in a spot easily accessible to the community. The Blessing Box contains non-perishable food items, common household items

and, for the winter season, hats, mittens, gloves and warm socks for those in need. The Sunday School has decorated magnets that are affixed to the box and free for anyone to take, containing the church's contact information as well as the children's art. The installation has

been sponsored by the parish's Missional Team, but all parishioners are encouraged to bring donations. The Blessing Box was blessed by Bishop Jenny Andison on a visit to St. Martin's in December.



SPECIAL GUEST

Local Anglicans have their picture taken with Archbishop Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury (front centre), at the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship, held Nov. 11-13 at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto. Archbishop Williams was one of the keynote speakers at the gathering, which provided lectures and workshops on preaching and opportunities for networking and fellowship.

Play about churchwarden

A play about a former churchwarden of St. Clement, Eglinton, is being performed at Toronto's Campbell House Museum for three weeks, beginning on Jan. 30.

The play is about Esca Brooke-Daykin, a churchwarden at St. Clement's from 1916-17. A devoted member of the church until his death in 1953, Mr. Brooke-Daykin

was a successful businessman, avid gardener and family man. He was also the son of the Rajah of Sarawak (now part of Malaysia).

Mr. Brooke-Daykin's story is told in *Canadian Rajah* by Dave Carley, a playwright and a member of St. Paul, Bloor Street. For tickets and more information, visit www.canadianrajah.com.



Esca Brooke-Daykin