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Anglicans turn out for climate

BY ELIN GOULDEN

ANGLICANS took part in a week of global climate action that was held Sept. 20-27 to correspond with the UN Climate Action Summit in New York. The actions were taken in solidarity with the youth movement “Fridays for Future,” associated with Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg, one of several young people who addressed the UN on Sept. 23 and joined a march in Montreal on Sept. 27. The aim of the actions was to call attention to the urgency of the climate crisis and demand bold steps from world leaders to address the problem.

On Sept. 22, Anglicans and other people of faith gathered for a vigil starting at Friends House, the home of the Toronto Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Archbishop Colin Johnson was one of the Anglicans who participated in the Quaker-led prayer. After an hour,

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Participants of an inter-faith vigil for the environment at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square on Sept. 22 paint in letters on a banner that later hung outside the church. Anglicans also took part in a ‘climate strike’ at Queen’s Park and other locations on Sept. 27. For more photos, see Page 7. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

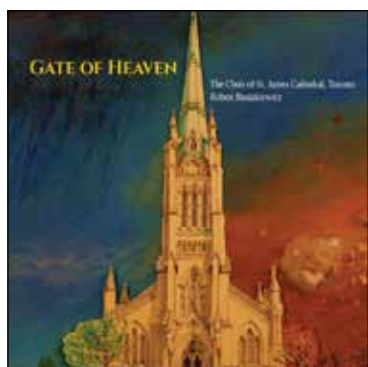
Cathedral releases new CD

Album takes listeners through church year

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

“LORD, I cry to thee, give ear to my voice when I pray thee.” So begins – in Finnish – *Gate of Heaven*, the recently released CD from the choir of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, its first recording in more than two decades.

Featuring 19 choristers, all of whom sing at the 11 a.m. Eucharist and 4:30 p.m. Choral Evensong every Sunday, the album takes listeners on a journey through the church year. It begins with Advent and touches on Christmas,



The cover of *Gate of Heaven*, by artist Marra Saltmarche.

Epiphany, the Transfiguration, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Remembrance Day, with choral pieces ranging from 16th-century Belgium through to 21st-century Canada. It also includes the premiere recordings of several works.

Recording a CD has been one of Robert Busiakiewicz’s goals since starting as the cathedral’s director of music in 2015. “It was quite

clear that the amount of talent in Toronto is enormous. It rivals any of the great cities in the world in terms of musical talent, not least in church music,” he says. “I thought we should not only say that Toronto is filled with brilliant music, but we should prove it.”

With the financial support of a generous parishioner, the cathedral’s music department started putting the pieces in place to make it happen, a process that took several years. The nature of the singers’ contracts was changed to create a stable group that would be available for four consecutive weeks to make the recording, and Mr. Busiakiewicz found a technician and a producer.

Choosing a venue proved to be particularly challenging. “Although there’s lots of brilliant churches in Toronto, most of the greatest churches are on main roads,” he says. The noise from honking horns, a passing streetcar or a subway running beneath the building can

easily ruin a recording. “You’re looking for a quiet church with a good acoustic with a decent organ, which is actually a pretty tall order.” Eventually, he and Ian Sadler, the cathedral’s organist at the time, settled on the chapel at Royal St. George’s College in Toronto.

With the logistics taken care of, Mr. Busiakiewicz turned his attention to choosing pieces that would represent the breadth of music heard at the cathedral every Sunday, a diverse repertoire from across centuries, continents and traditions. “I hope that when people come to St. James, they get quite a lot of things that they recognize, but they’re also challenged musically and challenged in terms of their aesthetic, challenged to think about the gospel in a different way,” he says. “What does Pentecost really sound like, the rushing wind and the fire? What does ‘Holy, holy, holy’ really sound like when the cherubim and seraphim sing that?”

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Diocese mulls changes to governance structure

BY STUART MANN

THE diocese is considering changes to its governance structure so that it better serves the diocese’s mission.

The recommended changes are contained in a report by the diocese’s Governance and Decision-Making Working Group, which was appointed in 2016. The group was tasked with the following: to review and update the diocese’s canons, policies and procedures in collaboration with stakeholders; and to update the diocese’s governance structure to better align it with the diocese’s mission, which is to “build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

The diocese’s governance struc-

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Deanery's race is a winner

TEN teams took part in the first Scarborough Steeplechase on Sept. 21. The Amazing Race-type event brought 28 Anglicans together in Scarborough Deanery to meet each other, learn about each other's churches and raise money for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). The race began at Holy Trinity, Guildwood and ended at Grace Church, Scarborough. Along the way, teams visited eight churches and five

non-profits. The race ended with a party and prizes. The team from St. Timothy, Agincourt won first prize, followed by St. Jude, Wexford and Grace Church. The other churches taking part were Nativity, Malvern, St. Peter, Scarborough, St. Margaret in-the-Pines, Holy Trinity, Guildwood and Christ Church, Scarborough. More than \$500 was raised for PWRDF. Organizers planned to make a video of the event.



Bishop Kevin Robertson and race organizers Alice Stewart (far left) and Denise Byrd (third from left) stand with the winning team from St. Timothy, Agincourt. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Participants listen to Bishop Kevin Robertson before the prizes are given out.



Shirley Dennis (left) and Dawn Melhado from Nativity, Malvern hold their signed participation form after the race.



Alice Stewart interviews members of Holy Trinity, Guildwood for a video.

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Choir director passionate about sharing music

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It's perhaps not the most sweet sound; it might be something a bit more in your face."

Both with *Gate of Heaven* and Sunday by Sunday, Mr. Busiakiewicz is passionate about sharing church music with a broad audience. "There's a perception about church music that it's boring and dusty," he says. "I think church music can do everything to all people. It doesn't matter what you need, if it's mystery or bombast or lament or feeling joyful - whatever it is you need to feel or represent, I believe that choral music can do it better than many other forms."

He also believes choral music can provide a way for people of no faith or different faiths to start exploring Christianity. "I think Evensong is the perfect way to start the conversation, to say, look, there's something about life that is

beautiful, that is challenging, that is deeper than my nine-to-five job or my time at the gym."

Mr. Busiakiewicz encourages listeners to approach *Gate of Heaven* with a curious mind, following along with the text and reading the liner notes that provide background about the composers and their works. "Listening is a weird thing in today's society. We have music that's played in elevators, that's in the background. It's very rare that we listen to music intentionally," he says. "With this music, I think it does require something of you as a listener."

Copies of *Gate of Heaven* are available for purchase at the Cathedral Centre or online, while digital copies are available through the iTunes store, YouTube or Spotify. For more details, visit www.stjamescathedral.ca/gate-of-heaven.

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Workshop teaches hymn writing

New songs needed for new times: musician

BY STUART MANN

FOR centuries, Christians have been encouraged to “sing to the Lord a new song” (Psalm 96:1). Now a new workshop allows them to do just that.

Dr. Lydia Pedersen, a United Church member and a church musician for more than 50 years, is offering a workshop on hymn writing. Anyone can attend and no experience is necessary.

“Most people think that writing a hymn is a terribly esoteric thing to do and only clergy ever think of doing it, but I want to debunk that myth by showing that regular people can do it, too,” she says.

Ms. Pedersen, who teaches hymn writing to seminary students at Emmanuel College in Toronto, says people want to write hymns for all sorts of different reasons. Some simply want to express their love of God, while others want to mark special occasions or use language and imagery that are more relevant to their context.

“Things are changing in society,” she explains. “We need hymns for the LGBTQ community. We need hymns about the ecological crisis. Things that we didn’t worry about thirty years ago have become crucial issues, and people need to sing about them in church.”

She says hymns are an important way of forming a person’s theology, often more so than the Sunday sermon. “Ministers don’t like to hear that, but it happens to be true. People will go home still humming the hymn, but they’ve already forgotten what they heard in the sermon. So hymns are terribly important in the liturgy.”

Her workshops have attracted people from across the spectrum, from clergy and church musicians to lay people who just wanted to put their thoughts on paper. A workshop held at St. Paul, Uxbridge last February resulted in new hymns about caring for Creation, reconciling with Indigenous people, celebrating a church’s anniversary and being on a faith journey.

The workshop, called “Write a New Song: A workshop for amateur hymn writers like you!” is usually one day long but can be divided into evenings or a weekend. To the metre of a familiar tune, participants are guided in writing the lyrics of a congregational song on a topic of their own choosing. In the process, they learn the mechanics of hymn poetry: metre, accents, tune matching, rhyme, the use of inclusive language and working with the hymnal index.

She says participants explore their personal beliefs, fears, longings and hopes as they share their work with their fellow writers, learning from each other as they go.



Workshop leader Dr. Lydia Pedersen with the Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, president of the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Hymn Society and incumbent of Holy Trinity, Trinity Square. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

“You may find yourself discussing with your neighbour the naming and nature of God in a multi-faith society. You may want to write a hymn for a friend’s same-sex marriage, or a grandchild’s baptism. Your hymn may be a cry for justice for refugees, or a lament for our natural world in crisis.”

At the end of the workshop, participants have a complete hymn text to take home with them; if time allows, the group has a hymn-sing of their work. “Participants have

said they’ve gained a whole new appreciation for hymns as liturgy, art and profound expressions of faith,” she says.

The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, incumbent of Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, has taken part in the workshop and says it was an “eye-opening” experience. Mr. Hesselgrave is the president of the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Hymn Society and a hymn writer in his own right, having composed about a dozen hymns, one of which will

be sung at the diocese’s upcoming Synod in November.

He says hymn writing is as important today as it ever was, and he encourages people to try their hands at it. “It’s something that might not have occurred to a lot of

people: that the hymns that are in the books that get published have to start out somewhere, and they’re not all written by famous people from the 17th century.”

He cites a project that Holy Trinity undertook about 30 years ago that produced three hymns that are in *Common Praise*, the hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada. One of the hymns, “Living Justice,” is also in the Lutheran hymnal and has been sung in many other denominations. “That happened out of an effort by a local congregation and now it’s sung all over the world,” he says.

As society changes, so should hymns, he says. “Human beings are never in the same place forever. Our relationship with God evolves, so I think it’s natural to have ongoing, new expressions of how we feel about what God is doing in our lives and in the world.”

The Southern Ontario Chapter of the Hymn Society is offering a workshop on singing new texts to old tunes, new texts with new tunes, and worship songs from other countries. The workshop will be held on Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at Islington United Church, 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Toronto. All are invited. Visit the chapter’s website, www.sochs.org.


For more information about Ms. Pedersen’s workshop or to host it at your church, contact her at Lydia. pedersen@sympatico.ca.

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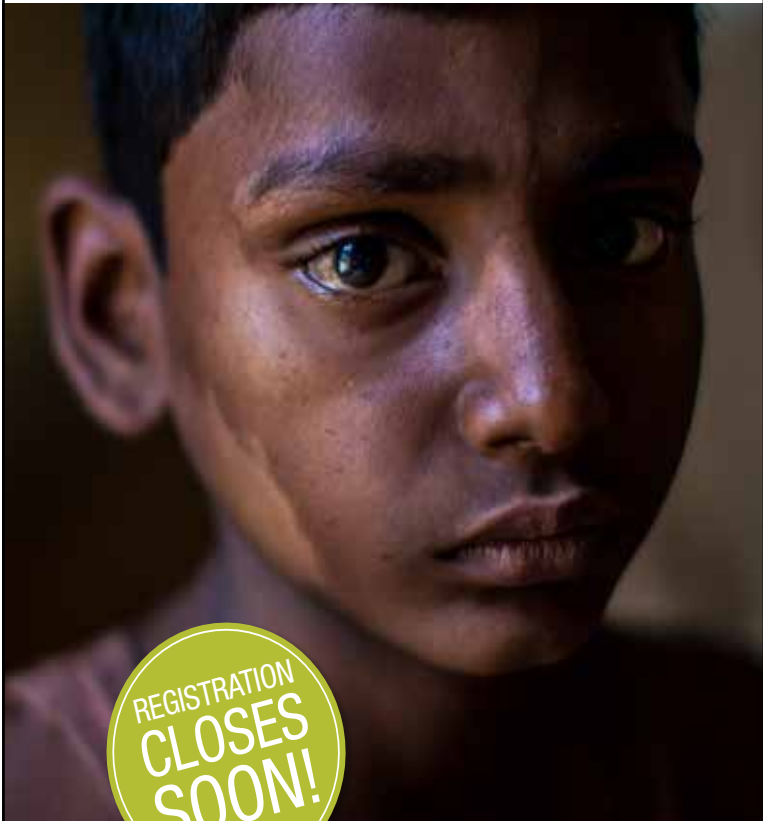
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"I don't think we'll understand Advent correctly until we see it as a preparation for a revolution." The Rt. Rev. Robert Barron

Advent and Christmas can become obscene. You know what I mean. People spending money they don't have, on things they don't need, to impress people they often don't like. And while there certainly will be moments of peace and holiness for us all over the coming weeks, there can also be incredible pressure to have the "perfect Christmas" – beautifully decorated house, fabulous food, luxurious gifts – all of which boils down to a message of "consume, consume, consume."

Christians have been setting aside the season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, for at least 1,500 years, with the first recorded mention of Advent being at the Council of Tours in 567 A.D. It has traditionally been a season of spiritual preparation both for the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and for his Second Coming. The first and second coming of Christ are the pivotal points of human history, the culmination of the revolution that God wishes to bring about in this

BISHOP'S OPINION

By BISHOP JENNY ANDISON

world. The revolution that Jesus brings sees the first being last and the last being first, sinners being offered forgiveness, creation being stewarded rather than exploited, kings thrown down from their thrones, the lowly being lifted, and the hungry filled with good things. So, if Advent is an opportunity to prepare for the coming revolution that Jesus inaugurates, how can we join the revolution and rebel against the siren call of consumerism this year?

As Anglicans united across our diverse diocese, let us search out ways to replace consumption with compassion this Advent and Christmas season. A wonderful resource that many churches are using is called "Advent Conspiracy" (www.adventconspiracy.org). Advent Conspiracy invites us to adopt these four habits (or four virtues):

- **Worship fully.** Advent begins and ends with Jesus. If you are not doing so already, take on the habit of daily scripture reading and prayer, create an Advent wreath as a family, and use an Advent calendar with your children and grandchildren.

- **Spend less.** Free up your resources to support things that truly matter. Calculate what you normally spend on gifts and entertaining during the Advent/Christmas season and resolve to spend 10 per cent less this year.
- **Give more.** Give more intentionally and relationally. You could do some of your Christmas shopping through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, www.pwrdf.org.
- **Love all.** Radically love others as Jesus did. Is there a broken relationship in your life that you could be intentionally praying about through Advent? Invite a work colleague or friend to join you for one of the Advent or Christmas services at your church.

Advent is a season of waiting – waiting in the darkness for God's hopes and dreams for the world to unfurl. While God's reign will not fully be realized until the New Heaven and the New Earth have begun, we are invited to co-operate with the Holy Spirit and shine as lights in the darkness of our present age. Let us be known as people of compassion rather than consumption, preparing ourselves, our families and the communities we are part of, for the coming revolution of Jesus. Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus!

CANADA BRIEFS

Cathedral's dean retires 1

VANCOUVER - Peter Elliott, who served as dean and rector of Vancouver's Christ Church Cathedral for 25 years, retired on Sept. 30. Dean Elliott, 65, began his role at Christ Church in 1994. He had served as curate of Christ Church Cathedral in Hamilton from 1981 to 1985 before working for the head offices of the Diocese of Toronto and then the Anglican Church of Canada.

A self-described "church nerd" as a teenager, Dean Elliott served the national church in a number of capacities. He attended eight General Synods, either as staff or delegate, including stints as deputy prolocutor and prolocutor. He was chair of the Residential School Settlement Task Force, tasked with negotiating a settlement for compensating former Indian Residential School students. He also served for a time on the worldwide Anglican Communion's Anglican Consultative Council.

As dean of Christ Church, he led a lengthy \$25-million process of renovating the cathedral. Its attendance also grew during his tenure, from an average Sunday attendance of 395 in 1994 to 492 in 2018. According to one estimate, his lengthy spell at Christ Church meant that some 85 per cent of its current congregation has never known another dean at the cathedral.

Dean Elliott said he saw his role as to be a kind of artistic director for the cathedral in shaping its worship. "The liturgy expresses the deepest realities of life in ways we miss most of the time," he said. "For me, it's like entering the eternal now, the timeless moment."

Topic

Diocese plans affordable housing 2

OTTAWA - A new project in the Diocese of Ottawa is set to provide between 70 and 200 affordable housing units in the Nepean area. The parish of Julian of Norwich and the diocese have signed a memorandum of understanding with two equity partners, Cahdco – an Ottawa-



area non-profit real estate developer – and Multifamily Housing Initiative. By the end of 2019, a plan will be created for a development that will likely include up to five new buildings, outdoor community space, a community kitchen and multi-use spaces.

The Rev. Monique Stone, incumbent of Julian of Norwich, says the plan is part of a larger challenge to re-examine the ministry of the diocese and parish. "We are looking at new ways of being church," she says.

The diocese and parish are committed to creating sacred space and shared community space on the property, and L'Arche Ottawa – the local arm of the international organization that brings people with and without disabilities into shared living spaces – will continue to partner with the parish in the new space.

The diocese has committed to creating 125 units of affordable housing by 2021. The new project will not be completed by 2021, with timeline estimates ranging from three to five years. *CrossTalk*

Innovative outreach brings people back 3

FREDERICTON – A rural New Brunswick par-

ish is thriving after several years of reaching out to the community with a new playground, dances for children and more.

Seven years ago, when the parish's current incumbent, the Rev. Chris Hayes, arrived, three of the four churches in the parish of Salisbury and Havelock were no longer being used. One of those three, St. Andrew's, was up for sale. Mr. Hayes asked the vestry to consider re-opening St. Andrew's, and a year later the congregation had nearly doubled in size. Now about 60 people regularly attend the parish's two functioning churches, and its members are less worried about its survival, he says.

Mr. Hayes says the parish has had success reaching out to the community in various ways. It built a playground in front of St. Andrew's, and it has become something of a local meeting place. "It's amazing the number of casual conversations at the playground," he says. "It's doing what we hoped and it's gathering traction."

The parish's other forms of outreach include dances for elementary school students, a Vacation Bible School, a breakfast program for students, yoga, soap-making classes and community craft sales.

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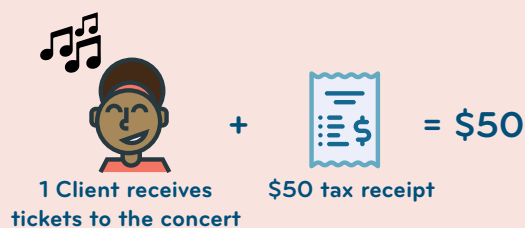
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Canada is facing a reckoning



BY THE REV. LEIGH KERN

I have heard many Elders say, “Children are the centre of our bundle.”

In Anishnawbe culture, the bundle holds ceremonial items and is greatly revered. When the wise ones say that children are the centre of our bundle, they speak to the profound sanctity and spiritual gifts of little ones. This worldview prioritizes children as leaders who remind older folks to play, to be our true selves, to speak in kindness, and the importance of safety. Children are sacred and should be at the centre of our collective life. Yet we are living in a world that is often not friendly to children: too many Indigenous children are stolen from their web of community, too many do not have clean water to drink, and too many choose to end their own lives rather than grow up in a world they feel estranged from.

As colonialism swept across Indigenous territories, one of the major pathways of violence against Indigenous nationhood was to lay systematic assault on Indigenous families to undermine clan systems of governance. The Church-run Indian Residential Schools stole generations of children from their loving bonds, and countless loved ones never returned home, some still lying in unmarked graves. On Sept. 30 at the National

Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, a ceremony was held to honour those who died at the residential schools and recite *some* of their names, for the first time ever in public. There are not yet accurate numbers of how many children died in the residential schools. In 2015, the Unmarked Burials Working Group of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission began its investigation. It accounted for 4,200 deceased children – yet this work is far from over, as some experts estimate the number to be at least 8,000 children. I invite you in this moment to take a breath to honour those thousands of little ones who never made it home from residential school.

Canada is facing a reckoning, as the names come forward and unmarked graves are unearthed. The Canadian state was established by undermining and systemically assaulting Indigenous governance and sovereignty over this land. Concurrent with the taking of children from families is the practice of the forced sterilization of Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people. Sterilization was a punishment used to discipline girls in several residential schools. In some communities, such as Naujaat, Nunavut, 50 per cent of Inuit women of age were forcibly sterilized in the 1970s. From the 1930s to the 1970s in Alberta and British Columbia, the forced sterilization of Indigenous women was policy and practice.

Tragically, forced sterilization and child apprehension are not bygone realities of the past for many Indigenous families – they are ongoing experiences. The destabilization, sterilization and forced breaking up of Indigenous families is willful policy, deliberate acts of genocide in continuum with the initial colonization of these lands and spiritual ecosystems.

The term genocide was created by Raphael Lemkin, who wrote that “colonization was in itself intrinsically genocidal.” He saw genocide as the tactics of disfiguring and destroying a community’s ability to continue and perpetuate its identity. The UN adopted his definition in 1948 and states that genocide is: “Any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, as such: (a) killing members of the group; (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.”

Canada has certainly fulfilled this definition of genocide, and still survivors continue to rise up and courageously reveal a path towards healing, justice and

truth. As Christians, we are called to proclaim the truth and pray for the mercy of God, as we have often been complicit and active in acts of terror on Indigenous bodies and bonds of love.

I honour all who grieve the loss of their children to child apprehension, the residential schools, and those who were forcibly sterilized in a genocidal act to stop the babbling voices of Indigenous babies on this land. In an era of great forces of destruction, may we rise in prayerful solidarity with all families separated by borders, prisons, detention centres, wars, ecological disasters, and all forces that attack love. Our young ones have inherited a landscape violated by colonial greed and pollution, yet their prophetic voices resound from every continent that the time to repent has come. We must awaken and change our path of exploitation, desecration, and ongoing colonialism. When Indigenous children are not held in their rightful place as sacred beings, our society spirals into deeper sickness, and requires our commitment to healing and repentance. May we all commit ourselves, our souls and bodies, to the prophet Isaiah’s dream, that all beings of creation shall be at peace with each other and a little child shall lead. Amen, so be it.

The Rev. Leigh Kern is the diocese’s Coordinator of Indigenous Ministries and Reconciliation Animator.

Legacy giving can be transformative

BY DIANNE IZZARD

Here’s the amazing story of how one man’s generosity and another’s insight and perseverance resulted in a gift to my parish, the Church of St. Mary and St. Martha in Toronto.

The Rev. Canon Donald

Landon was a remarkable man. He served for 37 years as an Anglican priest at four parishes in the Diocese of Algoma. Upon his retirement, he returned to his childhood home in Toronto and set about to find a parish. He attended different churches each week and finally found what he was looking for at the Church of

the Advent. He served there as honorary assistant and later as an interim priest-in-charge.

When Canon Landon died in 2012, we learned that not only had he cared for and supported his five parishes during his lifetime, but he also left them a legacy that would continue to support them after his death. Each congregation received a significant financial bequest with the condition that endowments be established so that the money would be invested and only the interest used by the parish. He also left specific items to the Church of the Advent, including his grandfather’s 100-year-old coin collection, with the instructions that after valuation they be “sold at the highest possible market price”

with the proceeds added to the Landon Endowment, to be established as a memorial to his parents.

The coins were evaluated at \$260,400 and an offer was received to purchase them for that amount. While the other executors may have accepted the offer, our beloved Norman Baker, ODT (also one of the executors) held fast to Canon Landon’s wish to have the coins sold at the highest possible market price. That required cataloguing the massive collection. Mr. Baker and his daughter Karen spent a year cataloguing the coins, readying them for auction. What a gift of time and talent!

In 2015, the Landon Estate collection was sold at public auction, the net proceeds of

which were more than \$1.2 million. This was added to the amount of the original bequest and invested with the Diocese of Toronto’s Consolidated Trust Fund. With the amalgamation of four parishes that included the Church of the Advent, the Landon Endowment came to St. Mary and St. Martha.

The parish receives an annual distribution of about \$60,000 from the Landon Endowment, allowing us to invest in ministry, personnel or innovative programming. Legacy giving can be transformative, as it helps secure the promise of ministry for years to come. It is a testament to one’s values and one’s beliefs.

The following words from a sermon delivered by Canon Landon in 2003 and shared at St. Mary and St. Martha’s first vestry meeting ring true for us today: “The Advent’s story calls us to play our part today in maintaining and enhancing what we’ve inherited. It calls us to give generous financial support so that what Christ has for us to do can be adequately funded. It calls for a clear vision and dedicated endeavours so that the service and outreach of this congregation will be carried forward for Christ’s glory and the sharing of His amazing love.”

Dianne Izzard is a member of St. Mary and St. Martha in Toronto.

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From left, the Rev. Roshni Jayawardena, the Rev. Canon Cheryl Palmer and Lyds Keesmaat-Walsh stop for a selfie.



People rest and listen to speeches on the lawn on St. Mary, Richmond Hill.



Bishop Andrew Asbil (centre) with bishops, clergy and lay people at Queen's Park.



Elin Goulden, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant, with Tania Natale and Paul Pynkoski.



Participants in a vigil walk from Friends House to Holy Trinity, Trinity Square at night.



A concerned mother.



The Rev. Leigh Kern (left) and Sandra Campbell drum during the vigil at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square.

Scores walk, pray for climate action

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participants processed by candlelight to Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, where they were welcomed with drumming by the Rev. Leigh Kern, the diocese's Coordinator of Indigenous Ministries and Reconciliation Animator, and Sandra Campbell of the Toronto Urban Native Ministry. Different religious traditions – Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, traditional Indigenous, and more – were invited to offer songs, prayers, readings and reflections. Participants painted a banner reading "Restore and Respect: Climate Justice Now" that hung outside Holy Trinity for the week. Even at midnight, some 30 people remained to walk the labyrinth next to the church in prayer.

"There was a wonderful energy in the room," said parishioner Jennifer Henry, who is also the Executive Director of KAIROS, the ecumenical social justice agency. "There was a sense of spirit, of grounded hope, of doing what we can with each other's help and that of the Divine, however understood."

Scores of Anglican clergy and

laypeople, young and old, were among the more than 20,000 people who joined the Global Climate Strike rally and march in Toronto on Sept. 27. Several dozen, including Bishop Andrew Asbil, Bishop Jenny Andison and Bishop Kevin Robertson, gathered at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., before moving to Queen's Park, where we were joined by still more Anglicans from across the diocese, including some General Synod staff. Still more Anglicans marched with parish groups, with PWRDF, with KAIROS, and with Toronto Urban Native Ministry. The vast number was impressive given that there were no charter buses bringing in participants from outside the city, as often happens with rallies for other causes. Many of those present were schoolchildren, calling attention to the fact that they are the generation that will have to bear the greatest impact of climate change resulting from the actions – and inactions – of their elders. Some marched with their classmates, others with their par-

ents and grandparents.

While the march in Toronto was the largest such action in the diocese, other centres, including Brampton, Orillia, Barrie, Lindsay, Cobourg and Port Hope, saw climate strikes as well. In Richmond Hill, some 250 protesters, including youth from Holy Trinity School and Bayview High School, marched from Bayview Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive to St. Mary's Anglican Church, where they were welcomed by the Rev. Matthew McMillan and about 50 people from the parish and community. The church provided refreshments and opened facilities for the climate strikers, and rang its bell to call for climate action. Climate scientist Dr. Kaz Higuchi, adjunct professor at York University, and several students

addressed the gathering. Monica Woodley of St. Mary's Green Team described the students as "eloquent and passionate about the need for climate action and concern for their future." Local organizers appreciated the "special space" and the warm welcome provided by the parish.

Overall, some 800,000 people in Canada, and millions worldwide, participated in the Global Climate Strike. The actions were timely, given new reports showing that

average temperatures are rising more quickly than predicted, with sea level increases, devastating coastal floods, disrupted freshwater supplies and increased diseases expected by mid-century unless emissions are immediately and drastically reduced. Our youth know that now is the time for action. Are we ready to commit?

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



Bishop Andrew Asbil installs new members of the Toronto chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. PHOTO BY SAN LORENZO RUIZ ANGLICAN CHURCH

Members admitted to brotherhood

BY THE REV. CHRISTOPHER DANGPILEN

SEPT. 15 was a day of celebration for San Lorenzo Ruiz Anglican Church in Toronto. In addition to celebrating the church's 28th anniversary, a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BSA) was formally installed, and members were admitted to this international fellowship.

The installation of the chapter and the admission of new members took place during the celebration of the Eucharist, where Bishop Andrew Asbil served as the inductor and Timmy Pascual, a BSA member from the Philippines, was the presenter.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a fellowship of men and boys brought together to testify to the lordship of Jesus. It started in an Anglican parish in Chicago as a prayer and Bible study group for laymen in 1883. The brotherhood became the oldest missionary arm of the Episcopal Church, spreading throughout the other provinces

of the Anglican Communion. The chapter at San Lorenzo Ruiz is the first in Toronto and the second in Canada. All of the members who were admitted on Sept. 15 are immigrants from the Philippines.

At San Lorenzo Ruiz, BSA members serve in many capacities, some as leaders in ministries, some as altar servers, some in the church's music ministry, and others who just lend a helping hand. The brotherhood also helps parishioners when they move from one place of residence to another; they are in charge of moving the person's belongings.

Members of the brotherhood at San Lorenzo Ruiz gather once a month. Not only do they discuss ways they can respond to their baptismal covenant, but they share their stories about life here in Canada. The brotherhood also serves as a support system for new immigrants to Toronto who are looking for a place where they can belong.



Volunteers work on St. Luke's Community Gardens in Peterborough. PHOTO BY THE REV. GLENN EMPEY

Community garden takes root

BY THE REV. GLENN EMPEY

THIS summer and fall saw the first harvest of vegetables from St. Luke's Community Gardens in Peterborough. The crop included tomatoes, cabbages, peppers, potatoes, carrots, zucchini and squash.

The gardens are a collaboration, begun in 2017, between Peterborough GreenUp and St. Luke, Peterborough. As discussions progressed, the idea of vegetable gardens for local residents emerged. Peterborough GreenUp, through its Sustainable Urban Neighbourhoods program, was developing links with people in the Curtis Creek area of East City Peterborough.

At the same time, St. Luke's was forging connections with the local neighbourhood. "We were searching for ways to connect with the local community at a grassroots level, to connect with individuals not currently involved with the parish," says Lorraine Brown, a churchwarden.

Through the winter of 2018, the co-coordinators of the garden project met at the church with interested neighbours to determine scheduling, garden design, responsibilities of the gardeners, and the role the parish would play. In the spring of 2019, staff from Johnston's Greenhouses removed the sod on the church lawn to create

a series of individual garden plots. A few days later, the neighbourhood gardeners prepared the gardens for planting. As the gardens took shape, Anica James, the neighbourhood coordinator, added a few fruit trees and wildflowers.

Jill McCullough summed it all up. "It has been wonderful being involved from the ground up, from lawn to happy gardeners and now harvest time. Many people walking by comment on what a wonderful thing the church has done with this use of space."

The Rev. Glenn Empey is the priest-in-charge of St. Luke, Peterborough.

Governance structure 'unwieldy,' group finds

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ture comprises many components, including Synod, Diocesan Council, the College of Bishops, Bishop's Committees, Area Councils, Executive Board, Trusts Committee and various sub-committees.

The working group undertook extensive consultations with stakeholders, including bishops, the chancellor and Diocesan Council, and heard that the structure was "unwieldy, lacked coherence and had a decision-making structure that was opaque and unclear."

In its report, the group said, "We also heard that the structures and related processes were inefficient, resulted in inconsistent decisions and allocation of resources, and were complex and difficult for parish leaders to navigate. Finally, stakeholders told us that approval criteria and processes were inconsistent from one approving body to another."

The group heard that Diocesan Council was not fully exercising its canonical responsibilities to act as the "Synod between Synods," focusing on strategic matters such as policy development, priority setting and oversight. There was a

consensus that Diocesan Council, which has about 38 members, was too big to undertake that role.

In addition to the feedback, the group was "strongly encouraged" to go beyond the diocese's existing canons to create what it felt was the best governance and decision-making structure for the diocese — one that is "more nimble, flexible and takes better advantage of the time and talents of the individual members of the diocese."

After considering the input, the group recommended that:

- Diocesan Council and the Executive Board be amalgamated into one body that is called Synod Council.
- The size of Synod Council be reduced so that there will be a maximum of 25 members: the Bishop of Toronto, the four suffragan bishops, one clerical and one lay member from each episcopal area, the chairs of the five newly established committees (excluding the Audit Committee), two members at large elected at Synod, and up to five members appointed by the diocesan

bishop. The appointments by the bishop may be used to ensure that specific skill sets are available to Synod Council or to ensure appropriate representation. The diocese's Executive Director would serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

- Six committees be established: Audit, Finance, Property, Human Resources, Programs, and Risk and Governance. In most cases, these committees would be composed of members with expertise in the area under the committee's jurisdiction. The Program Committee would be representative but would have certain members with expertise who would not necessarily represent an episcopal area or a constituency. The chairs of all committees, except Audit, would be members of Synod Council.
- Existing committees be amalgamated so that their work falls under one or more of the proposed new committees.
- Members of the committees

would not necessarily be members of Synod; rather, some would be appointed solely because of their expertise in the work of the committee.

- The committees will have decision-making authority delegated to them to make decisions within parameters established by Synod and Synod Council and will report back to Synod Council through their chairs and to Synod through Synod Council. The diocese's Governance and Decision-Making Working Group will work with Synod Council and the committees to develop appropriate delegations of authority and reporting mechanisms both to Synod Council and Synod. The Synod Council will be accountable to Synod to monitor the development and implementation of each committee's work plan. Synod Council will also be accountable to Synod to watch for gaps and overlaps, ensure cross-committee collaboration

where appropriate, and will have oversight responsibility for the ongoing and effective implementation of the diocese's strategy.

The working group said that canonical changes would be required to implement the recommendations. It proposed that the requisite canons be suspended or amended on an interim basis so that the recommendations can be implemented on a two-year pilot basis, with a full report on the successes and failures of the plan and a recommendation to make the changes permanent or not to go to Synod in 2021.

Diocesan Council received the group's report in June and referred it to the Constitution and Canons Committee. At its meeting on Sept. 26, Diocesan Council received the Constitution and Canon Committee's proposed revisions to the canons that would allow the recommendations to be enacted on a pilot basis. Diocesan Council received the revisions and is sending them to Synod in November for approval. If approved, the pilot phase would begin in January 2020.

Youth recharge at retreat

BY JILLIAN RUCH

ON the weekend of Sept. 13-15, 111 people gathered at Muskoka Woods campground to enjoy worship, talks, fellowship and friendly competition. We were grateful to the Church of the Incarnation for once again being our drop-off and pick-up area for those taking the buses up north. Once we began our journey from Toronto, the singing of songs and the camaraderie began as we drove through rain and lightning storms. Another bus came from Trinity, Aurora, while other participants made their own way to the camp.

We started the retreat with a snack and “ice-breaker” competitions led by Cormac Culkeen of St. John, West Toronto, who was also our emcee for the weekend. In the evening was worship, and Andrew Coleman of Christ Church, Deer Park talked about the different ways that people pray and what prayer meant to him.

The next day we awoke to drier weather, which we were grateful for as there was a large game of Capture the Flag to start the morning. We then gathered for worship. A huge thank-you goes out to the St. Paul, Bloor Street youth band, produced by Ian Koiter, which led the worship music for the weekend. The juniors and seniors then split, with the juniors going to “The Underground” to dig deeper into prayer while the seniors stayed in “The Hanger” to explore how personalities can be brought into prayer. The day continued with afternoon activities, including high ropes, wall climbing, skateboarding and playing in the gym. The evening featured an epic game of “Head, Shoulders, Knee and Cups!” We then participated in our last session. The juniors walked the



Bishop Jenny Andison, youth and leaders gather for a photo at the annual ReCharge youth retreat in Muskoka, Ont. PHOTO BY CINDY DIXON

labyrinth (graciously provided by St. Thomas, Brooklin) and prayed together through words, movement and silence, while the seniors discussed how their personalities influenced how they prayed and how to make prayer a meaningful activity in their lives. We rounded off a very busy day with a game of “Flame Battlers” – always a crowd favourite!

On our final day, we worshipped and celebrated the Eucharist together. We were very happy to have Bishop Jenny Andison, our link bishop from the College of Bishops, come to the retreat and celebrate with us. In her homily, she reinforced that “God wants to hear from you,” that we need to be bold and that God loves us. We ended our event with a group photo and an amazing lunch. We look forward to another retreat next September.

Jillian Ruch is a York-Scarborough Area Youth Coordinator and a member of the Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee.

BRIEFLY

Parish launches centre for spiritual growth

St. John the Baptist, Dixie in Mississauga has opened The Centre for Spiritual Growth, a place to explore and experience spiritual growth through spiritual direction, experiential workshops, day retreats and space for quiet. Whether a churchgoer or one who seeks a spiritual path, all are welcome to participate in the programs offered. To learn more about the centre and its events, email the church at church@stjohnsdixie.com.

Young adults invited to learn about Taizé

Anglicans who are 18-29 years

old and interested in visiting Taizé for a week in May are invited to an information session at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. on Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. Taizé is an ecumenical community in France that welcomes young adults to live the rhythms of monastic life. For more information, contact hilary@theredeemer.ca.

Conference explores children's ministry

Registration is open for the Toronto Children's Ministry Conference, a gathering of people dedicated to the spiritual growth of children – parents, church volunteers, ministry leaders and anyone who has a passion for ministering to children. This year's conference will take place on Nov. 2 at Tyndale University College and Seminary. For updates and to register, visit www.wycliffecollege.ca/tmc.

Church brings third refugee family to Canada

BY STUART MANN

SHORTLY after arriving in Toronto, a refugee family from Iraq had a picnic on Toronto Islands. As they were waiting to take the ferry back to the mainland, the father gazed at the city skyline and said, “This is my town. This is our new home.”

The father was a human rights lawyer in Baghdad and a member of the country's Sunni minority. One day he received a letter with a bullet in it, along with a note that he and his family would be killed. The family left Baghdad and eventually crossed over into Jordan, becoming refugees. With the help of Grace Church on-the-Hill in Toronto, they arrived here in September.

Over the past five years, Grace Church on-the-Hill has helped three refugee families – two from Syria and one from Iraq – come to Canada. It's a remarkable achievement, considering how much work and money is involved.

“It's probably the most worthwhile thing I've done in my life,” says Phil Arthur, co-chair of the church's refugee committee.

The church's recent refugee efforts began in 2014 after a visit by the Rev. Nadim Nassar, a Syrian-born, London-based Anglican priest who is the head of a charity that provides programs for peace and reconciliation among young people in the Middle East. Following an impassioned address by Mr. Nassar about the humanitarian crisis in Syria, the church formed a refugee sponsorship committee and began taking the necessary steps to bring a family to Canada.

Working with AURA (the Anglican United Refugee Alliance), the church sponsored Mr. Nassar's nephew and his wife, George and Maria Nasra, who had fled Syria for Lebanon. The couple arrived in Toronto in 2016

and, with the help of parishioners, eventually found jobs in their fields and an apartment. They now have a baby and are members of the church.

The second family had also fled from Syria to Lebanon, but their situation was more challenging. “They were holed up in an apartment in Beirut, not doing very well, and said they would like to send their daughter to school,” explains Mr. Arthur. With some of the funds it had raised for the sponsorship, the church was able to pay for her to go to school. “She was incredibly happy, as were her parents,” he says.

The family, Gergi and Nadin Hoosh and their daughter Carla, arrived in Toronto in 2018 and parishioners once again undertook a multitude of tasks to get them settled, including providing accommodations, finding English classes, helping the parents find jobs in their fields and enrolling the daughter in school. The family have since become members of the church.

Mr. Arthur learned about the third family's plight from a friend. Shortly after the human rights lawyer and his family – his wife and three sons – left Baghdad for Jordan, a death squad showed up at their house. The family had made it to

Amman, Jordan's capital.

Working with AURA, the church once again stepped up to the plate, raising the necessary funds to bring the family to Canada. With the help of parishioners, Sabah and Asmaa Alwan and their sons have found an apartment, the three boys are enrolled in school, and the parents are taking English lessons and exploring job options.

Bringing the three families to Canada has taken a lot of work and money – at least \$35,000 per family – but Mr. Arthur says it has been worth it. “It's been very rewarding for the congregation as a whole,” he says. “We do a lot of outreach, but this has touched parishioners more than anything we've done. One thing that has delighted me has been the enthusiasm of the volunteers. The talent we have here is just amazing.”

Reflecting on the power of outreach work like refugee sponsorship, the Rev. Canon Peter Walker, incumbent of Grace Church on-the-Hill, says, “The more we give away to others, the more we are given, and the more we receive. The more energy and effort we do on behalf of others, the more we truly become who we, as a community, are called to be.”



The Alwan family (centre) with friends on Toronto Islands. Photo by Grace Church on-the-Hill.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Music & Worship

NOV. 6 – DEC. 18 - Organix Kingsway Organ Recital Series, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Etobicoke. Recitals Nov. 6 & 20; Dec. 4 & 18. Admission is free but a free-will offering will be accepted.

NOV. 3 - All Souls requiem, 7 p.m. Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

NOV. 3 - All Souls requiem, 4:30 p.m., St Peter, Erindale, 3041 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga.

NOV. 6 - Messy Church for all ages, 6 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

NOV. 8 - Remembrance concert and reception featuring the New Horizons Band, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto. Donations accepted for The Tony Stacey Centre for Veterans' Care.

NOV. 10 - Rock Eucharist featuring the music of Alanis Morissette, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

NOV. 17 - Joyous child-friendly service with hymns that will take us back to our Sunday School days, 10:30 a.m., St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, 2182 Kipling Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 24 - Jazz Vespers with singer Genevieve Marentette, 4 p.m., pay what you can, St. Philip, Etobicoke, 31 St. Phillips Rd., Toronto.

NOV. 24 - Service celebrating 65th anniversary of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, 10:30 a.m. at the church, 2182 Kipling Ave., Toronto. All welcome.

DEC. 1 - Advent carol service, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

DEC. 8 - Sing and ring in the Christmas season with a family concert featuring handbell ringers, band and choir, 3-4 p.m., St. John, York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., Toronto.

DEC. 8 - Advent carol service, 7:30 p.m., St. Martin in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto.

DEC. 22 - Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:30 a.m., St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, 2182 Kipling Ave., Toronto.

Sales

OCT. 26 - Warm clothing sale, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill. Large selection of warm clothing for men, women and children. Other items will include linens, shoes, boots and accessories.

NOV. 2 - Christmas bazaar, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, 2182 Kipling Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 2 - Christmas bazaar and bake sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ



TOURNEY A HIT

Eight church teams play in the 58th annual SAYM (Scarborough Anglican Youth Movement) baseball season finals in Ajax on Sept. 7. Clockwise from top: the St. Andrew, Scarborough Anglers hoist The Rev. Peter C. Trant Memorial Trophy after beating the Holy Trinity, Guildwood Angels 11-9 in the final game; members of the Christ Church/St. Bede Battitudes celebrate; a player races to first base. Also taking part in the tourney were teams from St. Paul, L'Amoreaux, Wesley Chapel Baptist, Agincourt Baptist, Scarborough Baptist and a multi-church team. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Church, Scarborough Village, 155 Markham Rd., Toronto.

NOV. 2 - Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with bake table, gift baskets and more, Church of St. Mary and St. Martha, 1149 Weston Rd., Toronto.

NOV. 2 - The Market, with 25 vendors including jam table, baking table, art and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 2 - Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole, 80 George Henry Blvd., Toronto. Tables include jewelry, baking, giftware, preserves, bottles, raffle, games and more.

NOV. 2 - St. Nicholas' Christmas Bazaar, 12-3 p.m. at 1512 Kingston Rd., Toronto. Crafts, baked goods, meat pies, candies, preserves, books, attic treasures, jewelry, lunch and more.

NOV. 2 - Poinsettia Bazaar, knitting, baking, attic treasures and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Matthew, 135 Wilson Rd. S., Oshawa.

NOV. 2 - Craft Club Christmas Sale featuring knitting, sewn and handcrafted one-of-a-kind items, plus luncheon and bake sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Timothy, Agincourt, 4125 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto.

NOV. 2 - Christmas bazaar with bake table, silent auction and more, plus

a visit from Santa Claus, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

NOV. 7 - "Nummies in the Narthex" bake sale after the 10 a.m. service, St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough.

NOV. 9 - Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring bake table, cafe, gift gallery, knitting, collectibles, jewellery, books and more, St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Balmoral Dr., Brampton.

NOV. 9 - Christmas bazaar featuring antiques, baking, knitting, sewing, lunch and more, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Grace Church, 19 Parkway Ave., Markham.

NOV. 16 - Sugar Plum Christmas Bazaar, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Margaret in-the-Pines, 4130 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough. Baked goods, crafts, collectibles, lunch and more.

NOV. 16 - Christmas Craft Show and Coffee House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Olave, Swansea, 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 16 - Christmas bazaar, with crafts, bake table and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Family, Heart Lake, Kennedy Road N., Brampton.

NOV. 16 - Holly Bazaar with crafts, baked good, café and more, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Martin, Bay Ridges, 1203 St. Martin's Dr., Pickering.

NOV. 23 - Festival of Christmas, 10:30

a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill. Begin your Christmas shopping early. A luncheon will be followed by a raffle draw.

NOV. 23 - Nutcracker Fair with silent auction, home-baked goods and preserves, vintage costume jewelry and clothing, crafts, breakfast BBQ and lunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Martin in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 23 - Annual Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James the Apostle, 3 Cathedral Rd., Brampton, featuring a lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches and dessert, a silent auction, an art sale, handmade jewelry, vendors with many different items for Christmas, and bake table.

NOV. 23 - Holly Berry Bazaar with handcrafted items, jewelry, home baked goods and more, plus Santa Claus with his helper, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough.

NOV. 23 - Christmas bazaar featuring home baking, shortbread and fudge booths, gourmet jams and jellies, Christmas decorations, booths of artwork and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Andrew, 2333 Victoria Park Ave., Scarborough.

NOV. 23 - 13th annual winter holi-

day craft sale, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Norway, 470 Woodbine Ave., Toronto. Crafts, gifts, food and more.

NOV. 30 - Christmas Market, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Peter and St. Simon, 525 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Crafts, baking, café, children's area, music.

NOV. 30 - Christmas bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. David, 49 Donlands Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 30 - Christmas bazaar with stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, baked goods, lunch room and more, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 266 North St., Port Perry.

DEC. 7 - Holly Berry Fair, with tea room, crafts, knitted goods, Santa Claus and more, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. Luke, 94 Coxwell Ave., Toronto.

Workshops & Gatherings

SEPT. 25 – NOV. 20 - Explore faith with Bishop Jenny Andison in the Alpha program, dinner included, on Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m., at St. Matthew, Islington, 3962 Bloor St. W., Etobicoke. RSVP to 416-231-4014 or email seth.enriquez@saintmatts.ca.

OCT. 27 - Choral Evensong for St. Simon and St. Jude at 4:30 p.m., followed by Pumpkin High Tea, during which St. James Cathedral's music director, Robert Busiakiewicz, will discuss his life in music as composer, conductor and tenor, including his early years in Vienna, Stratford, London and at King's College, Cambridge, at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

OCT. 27 - Swing Shift Big Band Concert - Memories of Yester' Year, 3-5 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 33 Overland Dr., Toronto. Tickets \$35, with proceeds going to the roof replacement fund. Call 416-444-8881.

NOV. 2 - "Spiritual Practice through the Arts," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Michael and All Angels, 611 St. Clair W., Toronto. Through artistic expression including clay, paints, writing and music, this workshop is for anyone seeking a day of peace, thoughtfulness and rejuvenation.

Lunch provided. For details, contact smachurchoffice@rogers.com.

NOV. 20 - Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., followed by a light supper and a talk by the Very Rev. Douglas Stoute, a former rector of St. James Cathedral and Dean of Toronto, as he looks forward at a time of uncertainty for the Christian church, at St. Olave, 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto.

DEC. 1 - 7th Annual Celtic Family Christmas featuring Sandy MacIntyre at the Port Credit Legion, 35 Front St. N., 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. The event also has a silent auction, shortbread and more. Tickets can be purchased by calling Trinity-St. Paul Port Credit at 905-278-1992.

DEC. 6-22 - The Christmas Story, a Toronto tradition since 1938, featuring professional musicians and a volunteer cast presenting an hour-long nativity pageant, Holy Trinity, 19 Trinity Square, Toronto (on the west side of the Eaton Centre). Dates are Dec. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22. Suggested donation: \$25 adults; \$5 children. Visit www.thechristmasstory.ca to reserve or call 416-598-4521, ext. 301.



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Keynote speaker Ed Broadbent and Joy Kogawa at the event on Oct. 5. In 1988, Mr. Broadbent read a passage from Ms. Kogawa's novel in the House of Commons during the Canadian government's apology for the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Those who helped Japanese Canadians thanked at event

BY SONYA DYKSTRA
AND ENZO VERRILLI

A group gathered at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square on Oct. 5 to celebrate and give thanks to a community for its incredible support for seeking redress for the Canadian government's role in the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War.

The group consisted of about 145 individuals, including Japanese Canadians who endured the internment nearly 80 years ago, their families, members of Holy Trinity and the wider Anglican family, and people affiliated with various groups.

The night consisted of an abundant potluck dinner hosted by Holy Trinity and the group Japanese Canadians for Social Justice. The evening featured musical performances by Bruce Tatemichi and Mauro Bellotto as well as a sing-along led by Alan Gasser and Emma Whitla.

Holy Trinity member Joy Kogawa, who lived through the internment but also experienced the remorse of the Canadian government when it delivered an apology in 1988, gave a heartfelt word of thanks to those who stood with Japanese Canadians during their times of trial.

John Brewin, former MP and the

son of Andrew Brewin, who took up the cause to fight for the rights of Japanese Canadians, reminded the audience of how fear that was encouraged by the Canadian government was the catalyst for this injustice to unfold. He emphasized how his father's Christian faith was a faith in action, a banner to be worn on one's heart, not on one's sleeve.

Featured speaker Ed Broadbent, a former leader of the federal NDP party, re-acknowledged the injustice and encouraged people to be on alert for similar situations fed by fear in today's political climate. Mr. Broadbent was also a witness to the Canadian government's apology 31 years ago, when he stood up in the House of Commons to read from Ms. Kogawa's book *Obasan*, a novel of a young child's life during internment. He was representative of those who empathized with the wronged and shone light on the ability of our hearts to hold goodness and carry others.

The event of gratitude towards these buoyant hearts created an uplifting evening with a message that hope can overshadow despair, trust can outweigh doubt, and good hearts, individually and collectively, can find the friends hidden within the enemy of fear.

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27. St. Monica, Toronto
28. St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff
29. Resurrection, Toronto
30. St. Andrew, Japanese, Toronto

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Nelson Charles (Church of Pakistan), Honorary Assistant, St. James the Apostle, Brampton, Sept. 4.
- The Rev. Heather Gwynne-Timothy, Honorary Assistant, St. Cuthbert, Leaside, Sept. 8.
- The Rev. Janet Sidey, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit, Sept. 16 while the Incumbent is on leave.
- The Rt. Rev. George Elliott, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Lloydtown, Sept. 20 while the Incumbent is on leave.
- The Rt. Rev. Patrick White, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth, Sept. 20.
- The Rev. James Halmerson, Honorary Assistant, St. George, Grafton, Sept. 22.
- The Rev. Daniel Cranley, Incumbent, Church of the

Transfiguration, Toronto, Oct. 1.

- The Rev. Gloria Master, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. John the Baptist, Lakefield, Oct. 1.
- The Rev. Susan Tate, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Fenelon Falls, Nov. 1.

Area Bishop's Direct Appointment Process

- St. Hilda, Fairbank
- St. Elizabeth, Mississauga
- Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth
- St. Paul, Newmarket
- St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto
- Our Saviour, Toronto

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):

- Incarnation, Toronto
- St. Margaret in-the-Pines, Toronto
- Parish of Fenelon Falls
- Parish of Lakefield
- All Saints, Whitby
- Trinity, Streetsville

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

- Christ Church, Stouffville
- St. Christopher, Richmond Hill (Associate Priest)
- St. Martin, Bay Ridges

Retirements

- The Rev. Frances Kovar's last Sunday at the Parish of Fenelon Falls was Oct. 13.
- The Rev. Susanne McKim's last Sunday at Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit will be June 30, 2020.

BRIEFLY

Dinner raises funds for West Indies

Bishop Andrew Asbil will be the guest speaker at this year's Bishops Basil Tonks and Arthur Brown Fundraising Dinner, held Nov. 2 at St. Andrew, Scarborough. The evening will begin with a Eucharist at 5 p.m. followed by the dinner at 6:30

p.m. The annual event, hosted by the Canadian Friends to West Indian Christians, raises funds for ministry in the Caribbean. Tickets are \$60 each. For tickets, call 416-445-8664 or 416-654-7875.

Diocese's Archives closed for November

The diocese's Archives, located at 135 Adelaide St., Toronto, will be closed beginning on Nov. 1 and will re-open on Dec. 2. The Archives are closing so that

staff can undertake inventory work and other much-needed archival projects. Urgent inquiries, including requests for certified copies and requests from Diocesan Centre staff, will still be processed during the closure, but all others will have to wait until the Archives re-opens on Dec. 2. The staff regrets any inconvenience this may cause. For further information, contact Claire Wilton, Archivist and Privacy Officer, at cwilton@toronto.anglican.ca or 416-363-6021.

Grafton church wraps up anniversary year

BY BOB DEANE

ST. George, Grafton ended its year-long 175th anniversary celebrations with a service attended by Bishop Riscylla Shaw, the area bishop of Trent-Durham. It has been an extraordinary year; the congregation has celebrated and achieved so much, from outreach projects to modernizing the church's facilities.

Following the service, Bishop Shaw unveiled and blessed a mosaic that depicts the current church building, the earlier church that burnt down in 1908 and two local churches – long closed – that were

once joint parishes with St. George's.

Lunch was enjoyed in the recently renovated parish hall, followed by presentations to the bishop, one of which was the presentation of the Anniversary Book. The stories in the book are about the congregation – parishioners who care for each other and the community at large. The book was written over six months at the beginning of 2019 and is available for all on the church's renewed website, www.stgeorgesgrafton.org.

Bob Deane is a member of St. George, Grafton.

Walking humbly through life with God.

(Micah 6:8)

Through a generous legacy gift, the church that Jean and William Balfour cared so deeply about will continue to touch many lives in the years to come.

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William Francis Albert Balfour, 1921-2019
Jean Eleanor Balfour, 1921-2008

As lifelong Anglicans Bill and Jean cared deeply for their church, community and children. As an inside postal worker for over 40 years and a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for six years, Bill knew a thing or two about service. So too did Jean, his wife of 60 years, raising two boys on Belsize Drive in Toronto. Walking with God was more than a weekly stroll down the street to church - it meant taking your spiritual life seriously.

Like many of us, Bill and Jean, supported the ministry of the church faithfully. It was more than duty, it was an honour to give back to God, the community and to those in need. Their "living legacy" of over \$500,000 to the church is a testament to their faith, their love of family and their hope that the church will continue to transform lives through ministry. We are very grateful for the generosity of Bill and Jean.

Bill and Jean's legacy gift will have a lasting impact on:

- St. John the Evangelist Church, Peterborough, Ontario
- St. John the Divine Church, Maple Ridge, BC
- FaithWorks
- The Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation
- The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto

