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Church Consecration Church of the Holy Spirit—Fogo Island East

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Archdeacon Terry Caines

The consecration of a church, as our Primate reminded us in his dinner address to the congregation and guests of the Church of the Holy Spirit the weekend of May 5th, 2019, is only possible when the efforts, sacrifice and commitment of the People of God have already happened. The weekend celebration began with a parish banquet on Friday night with Archbishop Fred Hiltz. On Saturday morning the parish hosted a congregational breakfast, and Saturday evening there was a time of fellowship with a rousing Newfoundland kitchen party at the parish hall. On Sunday morning, the Church of the Holy Spirit was consecrated by the Rt. Rev'd John Watton, and the mortgage was burned at the end of the service.

Bishop John referred to how what has happened in this parish is a gift of inspiration to our Diocese. When mentioning the importance of our ongoing work as outlined in our Policy on "Sustainable and Intentionally Missional



Bishop Watton knocking on the door (in the background is Archdeacon Caines)

Ministry," the Bishop referred to the process as a prophetic example of what we can do when we are willing to seek God's will for the Church of our time.

In May of 2007, the church families of Stag Harbour, Seldom, Island Harbour, Shoal Bay, and Joe Batts Arm came together; 99% of registered parish members voted in favour of this amalgamation. The process moved forward when the Rev'd David Hewitt raised the first \$1.00 by

walking from Stag Harbour to the new location in the centre of the Fogo Island.

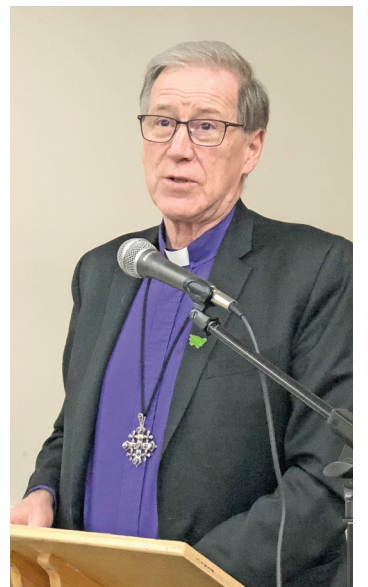
Many items such as the processional crosses, the font, the pulpit, the lectern, the vessels, and the vestments were brought from the five churches to their new location. One parishioner said, "We were bringing our history with us so we would be reminded of where we came from."

The three ACW (Anglican Church Women) groups began meeting and fellowshiping together in the one location as one larger group. A new parish hall was established and an addition added onto the church for youth ministry.

The parish has had three clergy through the process: the Rev'd David Hewitt from 2004 – 2009, the Rev'd Terry Caines from 2009 – 2012, the Rev'd Gail Thoms Williams from 2012 – 2018. The parish now has their new Deacon, The Rev'd Charlie Cox, who began in



Burning the mortgage



Archbishop Fred Hiltz

the Parish on July 1st, 2019. The first person buried from the new Church was Mr. George Collins Sr., the first of many supporters who have entered our Lord's greater presence since the foundation of this new parish. The parish treasurer, Mr. Gary Dawe, stated: "I would think that they would

be very pleased today of the consecration of church five years ahead of time."

It is a joy for us to share congratulations, love, and a huge heartfelt thank you to all who made this weekend such a huge success, and provide a vision of hope for the future in our diocese!



Beginning the service outside



The offerings are received at the altar

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Editorial—There's A Lot Of Talk About Mission

Emily F. Rowe
Editor

We like to talk about mission and outreach these days. We talk about being a church that welcomes people—all people—to share at the table of Jesus Christ. We come up with gimmicks or magic bullets like lively music, or contemporary language, or less structured liturgies. We try to “lure” people into our churches by using what we think are the attractions of the new generation, like social media. Are we saying that the world outside our church door is like the trout that I fooled into thinking that my lure was a real fly? I certainly hope not. Those magic bullets can't fix anything.

What does mission look like to you? What did Jesus do? Did he convert? Did he trick people into following him? Did Jesus want people to join him just so that he could keep doing what he enjoyed doing—what would be today's equivalent of getting “bums in pews” to keep the church open? It's none of the above.

What Jesus did was come close to people, especially those people that other people didn't want to get close to themselves. That's it. He didn't rant and threaten hellfire to people who refused to hear him. He didn't force his followers to renounce their Judaism, nor did he force his followers to convert to Judaism in order to be with him. He came close to people—that was his work.

We can easily fall into a trap of believing in a specific interpretation of the word of God as found in Scripture more than we believe in the Word of God made flesh in the person of Jesus, and he warns us against that: “You study Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” (John 5: 39-40) Reading the Bible and having faith are not

enough; we must strive to be like Jesus in our daily lives, reaching out to the wider community, not to convert or lure “them” in, but to love—to be with them because we are them.

What do people outside our congregations notice? The news stories about our General Synod, and the failure to change the



National Indigenous Archbishop, Mark MacDonald, with former Primate Fred Hiltz following the vote in favour of a self-determining Indigenous Church within the Anglican Church of Canada

marriage canon so that it includes all—they sure noticed that. That was a seriously negative moment for the Anglican Church of Canada in the wider community. We need to do better than that. The pain that that failed vote caused will be felt for years to come, both inside the Anglican Church of Canada and outside it too. The country was watching, and they saw our failure that night. But thanks be to God, that's not all that the world sees of us.

People also notice our work with food banks, with school lunch programs, with the furniture bank, and with helping local sex workers. They notice our work with PWRDF, and our concern for climate change, and our concerns about local housing costs for low-income families—they notice when we see needs both at home and abroad, and we work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in.

Something positive that came from General Synod that people outside the church noticed: our move towards reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples, and the historic vote on July 12th at which General Synod decided to approve changes to allow for a self-determining Indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada. This gave the title of Archbishop to National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald, so that he now ranks among the metropolitans. That was huge. That's my church making great strides and doing the right thing.

Go out and be with people. Break down segregation. Be generous, kind, and forgiving. Don't hide your faith, and work to make our Church something that nobody ever needs to feel ashamed to be a part of.

Events From Bonne Bay North

Submitted photographs by
Dale Decker



On April 8th, during Volunteer Appreciation Week, The Parish of Bonne Bay North Prayer Quilt Group received a Volunteer Appreciation Award for their dedication in completing and donating prayer quilts to the sick in the parish.



On Easter Sunday, St. Matthew's Rocky Harbour saw 50 people enjoy a hearty breakfast and wonderful fellowship following the 8am service.

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It's Never Too Late

Kevin Smith
Columnist



Earlier this summer, I had the pleasure of spending some time as a guest of the Health Science Complex in St. John's. I use the words "pleasure" and "guest" loosely because as most of you would agree, a hospital is hardly a place where you want to be.

The purpose of my stay was to have a pesky gall bladder removed—one that was inflamed and enlarged. The surgeon informed me afterwards that he had to chisel it away from the stomach lining. Thus the reason for my 14 day stay at the HSC. Needless to say, I was delighted to get home.

But I digress. First I want to say thank you to the doctors, nurses and chaplains who took care of me. They were awesome and often worked under difficult circumstances in crowded conditions. Thank you one and all.

Secondly, I want to talk about the fragility of life and the remarkable way some people meet the challenges that are presented to them. My first example was Richard who was knocked down by an SUV in St. John's. He suffered multiple broken bones and contusions in the accident and will probably be in hospital for months. What impressed me about Richard was his positive attitude. He was always polite and courteous to the staff and commented that they were doing their best to make him better and he was going to do all he could to help them. What a wonderful spirit!

Another patient, Watson, received some discouraging news while in hospital. He was diagnosed with a cancerous growth which was fast growing. Things did not look good. But he too had a wonderful attitude and was surrounded with love from his family and friends.

During the quiet hours, he and I chatted and shared our stories. At one point, we talked about the importance of having one's affairs in

order and he affirmed that he had. My only advice to him was to ensure that he had everything in writing. And we left it at that. He left the HSC saying he wanted to spend some quality time with his family. I shook his hand and wished him well. My heart was heavy at that point.

My point is that in the course of life, one meets some remarkable people who manage to face adversity in different ways. During my July stay in hospital, I had just met two heroes who exemplified all the fine qualities of human beings who were facing difficult circumstances. Both shared a marvellous sense of appreciation and determination to make the best of the situation. Bless them.

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Choir is Communal

Ashley Ruby
Columnist

Many advocates of choral music have brought forth time and again testimonials of choral singing as a great benefit due to the positive impact it has on the human body, mind, and soul. It encourages the bodily control of the respiratory system and promotes good posture. It keeps a mind sharp, as a singer juggles the tasks of watching the conductor, listening to the accompaniment, reading the text and notation, and producing a blended and well-intoned sound all at once. Choral singing nourishes the soul by conjuring a sense of togetherness as all must work as a unit to maintain correct timing and blend, in addition to the many laughs and post-rehearsal coffees that are shared as a group along the way. These are common benefits which are exemplified in any vocal group, from small a capella ensembles to large oratorio choirs. Specific to church choirs however, is the deeper sacredness associated with the communal nature of choral music. While coffee and chitchat are in themselves beautiful ways of experiencing God at work among us, the act of choral singing during worship is a unique and indispensable way of embodying the idea of the perfect community God desires for us.



tone that sounds like one great voice. Alone, each singer has their own unique sound, but together, each in their own role as soprano, alto, tenor or bass, create something much more full and intricate. Choral singing breaks down barriers, setting a place for any person of any class, gender, background, or age. The act of choral singing is the embodiment of the perfect community of the Holy Trinity, and symbolic of our shared origin as children of God.

The sound that a choir produces encircles the listener in a certain warmth that is unreplicable through any other means. It is soft yet penetrating, and it holds you in a particular way, a representation of the encapsulating presence of God. It is wholly natural, made of the combined voices of God's own creation. Made as we are in the image of God, our voices are akin

to the voice of God himself—sacred and holy. When we sing during worship, lift God's own song up to him as one voice. It requires no materials to make choral music. Though helpful, we do

not need organs or hymnals or gowns to produce choral music, only the words on our tongues and the breath in our lungs. Choral singing is the perfect use of an organic and God-given gift that will be ours as long as there is life in us. "Even at the grave we make our song; Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"



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In the context of choral singing specifically during worship, there are many unique theological elements which present themselves. Of these, perhaps the most prominent is the oneness choral singing generates. In a choir, many voices join together, blending different notes and timbres, to produce an airy harmonized



Donations To Hospital

Photograph and article
submitted by
Martha L. Beson

Donated to the gift shop at the Grand Falls Windsor Hospital were items such as toiletries, knitted goods, etc., collected by the

congregation of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Members of the parish shown here are: Patricia Hammond, Brea Hunter, Margaret Rose

Coffin, Margaret Howse, Nancy Jackson, Daphne Blackwood, Phyllis Woolfrey, Olive Patey, and Martha Brown.



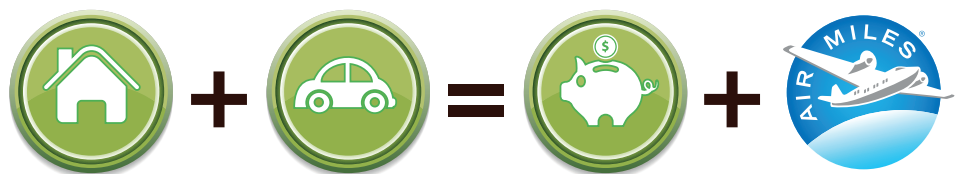
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Rev'd David placing the images in the Easter Garden

Church of the Ascension's Easter Garden

Article and photographs by
Jean Nash

The Easter Garden project has been one of the focal points for Holy Week at the Ascension for the past few years. It is created in order to give further meaning to Holy Week and Easter by using visual images.

On Palm Sunday, while Rev'd Alf Wareham read the Gospel of the Passion, the confirmation candidates brought forward the images which Rev'd David arranged in the Garden during specific parts of the Gospel. A symbolic boulder was placed at the entrance to the tomb—a boulder that



Rev'd Alf reading the Gospel

was rolled away for Easter Sunday and the colourful arrangement of flowers was added in celebration of the glorious resurrection.

A Beehive of Activity at St. Michael's in Corner Brook

Article and photographs by
The Rev'd Roberta Woodman

An Ecumenical evening of reflection, a concert, a World Day of Prayer Service, a St. Patrick's Day celebration for parish seniors age 65 and over, and a senior's fellowship event open to all seniors in the Corner Brook area were among some of the activities recently celebrated at St. Michael and All Angels, Corner Brook.

Approx. 180 people from all denominations attended the annual Lenten Evening of Reflection hosted by the Anglican Church Women on Tuesday, April 2nd. The evening began with worship and praise which included a presentation entitled "Glimpses - Then and Now," which depicted both biblical characters and current characters. Each presentation began with a scripture reading followed



a short reflection. St. Michael's "Uncommon Praise" provided music for our hymns of praise. Lunch and fellowship followed.

On March 16th, our Anglican Church Women hosted a St. Patrick's Day celebration to honour our parish seniors who are 65 and older. About 100 parishioners enjoyed a delicious hot turkey dinner,

along with a registration deadline in order to limit the number who could attend. 125 committed, and 100 attended. Community Seniors' Day is made possible free of charge through a grant from New Horizons for Seniors. This day included two guest speakers both of whom were from Western Health: a nutritionist (who explained the new Canada Food guide), and a seniors' abuse counsellor (who spoke about different types of abuse that a surprisingly large number of seniors suffer from, i.e, financial, physical, emotional, etc). The agenda started with registration at 10:30 a.m. followed by presentations by the speakers. A delicious cold plate was served for lunch followed by entertainment, once again provided by some of our musicians.

Special thanks goes to members of St. Michael's Men's Fellowship who assist at all our major events serving tea/coffee, washing dishes and regular clean up.



by dialogue between biblical representatives at the pulpit and current day representatives at the lectern. As cast members approached the pulpit and lectern, they placed pertinent items relating to their Bible verse on a display table (for example, a perfume jar, a small purse with a strap, a loaf of bread, a palm branch, and a wooden bowl; or in the case of current times, a modern day article such as an iPad, a cell phone or suitcase, etc.) Also on the table were seven lit candles, the middle one being a Christ candle, each of which were individually extinguished at the end of each presentation, after which Anne Keating proceeded to follow with



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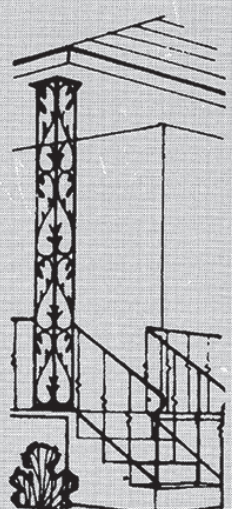
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Celebrating Earth Day

Boyd's Cove Beothuk Interpretation Centre

Article and photographs by
The Rev'd Gerald Giles

On Earth Day, April 22nd, members of the Anglican Parish of Gander Bay and its surrounding area participated in a prayer walk, entitled "As It Was in the Beginning... Stations of Creation," by the Environment Network Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, 2019. The participants found the walk to be very inspirational, and it was a time for the participants to reflect on their relationship with God's Creation. The walk was lead by the Rev'd Gerald Giles.



Organist Retires

Submitted with photograph by
Dale Decker



After 50 years of providing wonderful music at St. Matthew's in Rocky Harbour, organist Mona Major has retired! Mona could be counted on to provide music for all church services—weddings, funerals, regular morning and evening services, or special services.

Thank you Mona for your dedicated contribution to our weekly worship services. Mona's music and her presence at St. Matthew's is greatly missed!

Has God Retired?

Ronald Clarke
Columnist



Some of us "old-fashioned" people still believe in miracles. Yes, we actually believe in miracles!

A miracle, according to the dictionary, is "an event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws, and is hence thought to be due to supernatural causes, *especially to an act of God*. Ah, yes, an act of God!

Does God in this 21st century really intervene in human affairs to perform something dramatically good for individuals or groups?

Well, apparently he's done so before: countless times in previous ages.

Cases in point: God the Father, according to the Old Testament, performed many miracles: the flood, parting the Red Sea, water from solid rock, manna from heaven, stopping the sun (the earth actually) so Joshua could win a critical battle, etc., etc.

God the Son (Jesus) in the New Testament: changing water into wine, feeding 5000 with a few loaves and fishes, resurrecting *three* people from the dead (Jairus' daughter, the son of the widow from Nain, and Lazarus who had been dead for days).

If we don't believe in these, and the many other recorded miracles, then we don't really believe in, or accept, a huge chunk of scripture. And, in reality, we don't believe in an Almighty (able to do all things) God.

But, people today ask why the scriptural God—of miracles—doesn't perform some today. "Goodness knows we really need some." And surely we do.

The answer is that, truly, God *does* perform miracles today, and frequently. Today, we just fail to recognize God's miracles. God's miracles today don't necessarily come with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder, the way we mistakenly think they would, or should. God often uses human beings, or natural forces, to do his mighty deeds. Doctors, for example, save lives, resuscitate people (bring them back to life), with God's grace, using medicines and instruments he has inspired. Engineers, too, harness natural powers, rivers especially, all God-created, to light and warm our world. And

so it goes.

Yes, God still performs his miracles, but we fail to see his handiwork in them. Instead we look for "natural," "medical," or "scientific" principles to explain the dramatic occurrences we often experience.

Is it really possible for individuals like us to access God's all-powerful love in times of trauma? In other words, can you and I *really* expect miracles from God?

Of course we can! Jesus assures us that Almighty God is our Abba, our Father, who loves each one of us personally. So, if we really believe in him, *really* trust in him, and ask him in *real* faith, God will fill our needs, impossible as that may seem sometimes.

Of course God may not answer immediately. The time may not be right for us. Discouraged, we may think he's not going to answer. Or he may not give us the kind of miracle we asked for—maybe something better. Again we may feel unanswered. Or, he may say no, because we've asked for something bad for us. Again, we may be disappointed. We fail to fully trust. You and I, in a long lifetime, surely have experienced many miracles. I know I have, and I'm no special saint.

The same God, who performed so many miracles in the Old and New Testaments, has not "retired" in the 21st century. He remains "the same yesterday, today and forevermore." His miraculous powers remain the same, and are just as much available to us as to the ancients.

God's power is with us today—why don't we take advantage of it? Faith, love, prayer, worship—these are the only conduits we need!

Parish of Meadows

Submitted with photographs by
Willie Loder



Money for children in Uganda

St. Paul's ACW in Summerside, Parish of Meadows, presented Mr. Eddie Joyce with a cheque towards the project that he attends in Uganda, at an orphanage called "Shoes For Kids," for children with diseased feet. The money is paid to the local people there to make shoes, thereby creating employment for the local people. Eddie travels with a group of other people to help with this project. Eddie is here pictured with the ACW members.

Dinner theatre at Lion's Club, Summerside

On May 25th, 2019, the ACW held a dinner theatre at the Summerside Lions Club, where a delicious hot roast beef dinner was served, followed by music by six different groups from the North Shore, and skits by the ACW members. This made for an enjoyable evening for the 140 people who attended.



Ordination of Terry Loder to the diaconate

On May 15th, 2019, St. Paul's Church in Summerside, in the Parish of Meadows, held an ordination for our new Deacon, Terry Loder. It was a big event with many ministers attending from the area. Bishop John Organ ordained Rev'd Loder, and Archdeacon David Taylor also attended the service and assisted. A reception followed in the church hall. Congratulations to Terry; we are very proud of him.



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Introducing Our New Primate

News from PWRDF

Article by Mona Edwards
PWRDF Representative,
Western Newfoundland

The Primate encompasses many roles, one of which is to be the ambassador for, and the “P” in PWRDF. Our last Archbishop and Primate, Fred Hiltz, served an amazing 12 years in this position, and as sad as we all are to see him step down, we are so excited to share in the journey with our new Primate-Elect, Bishop Linda Nicholls.

One Primate in the Anglican Communion is quoted as saying, “A Primate is the first among equals, an apostle, a servant, carrying and embodying the mission of the church and the values that hold it together.”

In 2007, Fred, as he preferred to be called, became the 13th Primate, travelling extensively from coast to coast to coast, and is recognized throughout Canada for his work in reconciliation and self-determination by our Indigenous communities. He was the first Primate to be elected to PWRDF’s board of directors, a position he took seriously and with a dedication that’s contagious, to which volunteers and staff can attest.

Fred said he had always loved the church and was leaving the office of primate loving it even more. To a standing ovation from the members of General Synod, he closed his final primatial address with St. Paul’s words to the church in Philippi: “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, constantly praying with joy in any one of my prayers for all of you...” (Philippians 1:3-5).

As we sadly say goodbye to our beloved Fred, we open our arms wide to welcome Primate Linda, the first female Primate in the Anglican Church of Canada. Nicholls, who has described herself as a “cradle Anglican,” grew up in Calgary, Vancouver, and Toronto. She earned



Archbishop Fred Hiltz and our new Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls

Bachelor’s degrees in both music and education at the University of Toronto, where she was active in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada. She then taught music and math at the Woodstock International Christian School in northern India from 1977 to 1982—an experience she has said has deeply shaped her spirituality.

Ordained a priest in 1986, she served a number of parishes in southern Ontario, and completed a Doctor of Ministry degree at the University of Toronto’s Wycliffe College in 2002. Nicholls was elected suffragan (assistant) bishop in the diocese of Toronto in 2007, becoming the Anglican Church of Canada’s fourth female bishop. She was elected coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Huron in February 2016, succeeding diocesan bishop Robert Bennett when he retired in November of that year.

“You have bestowed on me an honour that I can hardly imagine, and it is terrifying. But it is also a gift, to be able to walk with the whole of the Anglican

Church of Canada from coast to coast to coast,” Nicholls said in a brief impromptu speech on her arrival, after the vote at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver, where the election was held.

Nicholls told the members of General Synod she believed the church was capable of the task that now faces it, of overcoming its divisions.

“We have reconciliation to do. And we have deep healing to work at. And I know that this church can do it,” she said. “I have seen this church rise to the challenge of its diversity; I’ve seen this church act in remarkable ways that the rest of the world does watch. And even though we at times can cause each other deep hurt and pain, I’ve also seen us rise to the challenge of that healing work of coming together around God’s table where our first calling is in Christ.”

As we embark on this new journey together, let’s never forget who we are, where we come from, and where God calls us to go.



Brantley Hunt, his mother Jessica, and lay reader Sheila Tucker

Mothering Sunday in Meadows

Article and photographs by
Sheila Tucker

On May 12th, 2019, a service for Mothering Sunday and a memorial hymn sing were held at Holy Trinity Church in Meadows, with approximately sixty people in attendance. The

service was opened with Brantley Hunt welcoming everyone to the service. The Christ candle was lit by Amelia Caines to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.



Amelia lighting the Christ candle

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Submitted with photograph by
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Story of Easter written by
Callum Mugford

Meet Callum Mugford, who is 7 years old and a member of Bay Roberts Company CLB. Callum took part in the Easter story on Palm Sunday sponsored by the Parish of Bay Roberts/ Coley's Point. Here is his

unedited version of the events that occurred leading up to Easter and on Easter Sunday.



The Story of Easter

Easter began a long time ago. It began back in Jesus time. It all started when Jesus was around, helping the sick and making the blind see. The ruler of the land did not like Jesus so much. He thought that Jesus was using the people against him. He wanted to get rid of him.

After he made his plan, he went to Judas, one of the disciples. He told him they would pay him 30 silver coins if he helped them get rid of Jesus. Judas said yes for the coins. Meanwhile Jesus was having supper with the disciples. He washed their feet to show them to be kind to others.

After they had supper, Jesus went to

pray in his garden. Then Judas came and gave Jesus a kiss. The kiss was a sign for the ruler of the land to arrest him. He said Jesus had broken the law even though he had not. They took Jesus to the court house.

The judge's name was Piolet. Piolet was a friend of Jesus. Piolet asked Jesus if he was the son of god. Jesus said he was even though nobody believed him. Piolet said they could take him away to be punished. Then the ruler of the land took Jesus and nailed him to a cross. Jesus said this before he died; father forgives them, they do not know what

they are doing. After he died, people put his body in a tomb.

After that they pushed a stone in front of the tomb. 3 days later some women went to see Jesus tomb. When they got there, they saw that the stone was moved away. They went into the tomb. In the tomb they saw an angel. The angel said Jesus had risen from the dead. And that is why we celebrate Easter every year.



60th Anniversary For the Rev'd Alf Wareham at The Ascension

Photograph by
The Rev'd John Courage
Article from the Ascension's
Facebook page

The Rev'd Alf Wareham celebrated with his parish family on the eve of the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination, May 30th, at the Parish of the Ascension in Mount Pearl. Following the 7pm Holy Eucharist, at which

he presided, there was a time of fellowship in the auditorium, hosted by the Anglican Church Women, to honour this wonderful priest, husband, father, and friend.

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In the days after this year's General Synod, held in Vancouver from July 10-16, Anglican Life reached out to the three bishops of Newfoundland and Labrador for their feelings on the decisions that were made, and to talk about what's next in their dioceses.

+John, Western Newfoundland

At our recent General Synod, the theme was "I have called YOU by name." (Isaiah 43:1)

Each of us is called by God and by name. God knows us, is concerned for us, and cares for us. In all the challenges of life, the many ups and downs we go through as individuals, families, the Church, our country and indeed the entire world, it is important to hold onto the words of Isaiah which remind us we are known and loved by God.

There are many positives coming out of General Synod: the affirmation of a self-determining Indigenous church, the election of our very first female primate, the passing of The Word to the Church with its affirmation of local option allowing dioceses to decide on offering same-sex marriage, and many other important resolutions dealing with matters from climate change to human trafficking. Each and all of these point to a church on the move, proclaiming the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ and doing great good in our world.

Every generation of Anglicans make their mark and further our

understanding of the enormity of God's love. William Wilberforce, an Anglican politician, was guided by Christ's teaching and example to conclude that human slavery was a sin and he was compelled to do all in his power to end it:

"So enormous, so dreadful, so irremediable did the (Slavery) Trade's wickedness appear that my own mind was completely made up for Abolition. Let the consequences be what they would, I from this time determined that I would never rest until I had effected its abolition."

Wilberforce was highly criticized for his stand. Today, he is heralded as one of our leading Christian advocates for human dignity and for justice.

It is not easy to go against the grain. It takes courage to confront systems and vested interests.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man called by God and given an acute sensitivity to the sufferings of his fellow Black Americans oppressed and beaten down in many parts of the United States of America. He knew that God's love is for all people, of every race and nation, and that God desires all people be treated fairly and



The Rt. Rev'd John Organ
Bishop
Western Newfoundland

justly:

"There comes a time when people get tired of being pushed out of the glittering sunlight of life's July and left standing amid the piercing chill of an alpine November."

One of the sad truths about human beings is our capacity to let some "in" and keep others "out." Some people are included and others are excluded.

Our fear of difference cause us to build walls.

A careful reading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ reveals that God is more concerned with inclusion

than exclusion and more prone to tear walls down than to build them up.

For forty years now our Anglican Church of Canada has been debating, and dividing, over the matter of same-sex marriage. At our recent General Synod, the failure to pass the amendment to the current marriage canon created tremendous pain and suffering. Though the resolution passed with high majorities in the House of Clergy and House of Laity, it failed by the slimmest margin

in the House of Bishops. The pain caused to the vast majority of the members of General Synod led to wailing and tears. In the morning of Friday July 12th, we worked hard to help heal decades of suffering caused by the terrible mistreatment of our Indigenous brothers and sisters; in the afternoon, The House of Bishops, through its failure to pass the amendment, continued to cause suffering and heartache to members of our church, the wider LGBTQ2S+ community, their families, and friends.

It took some time, but

eventually the House of Bishops was able to release a statement acknowledging the pain it had caused and expressing its sorrow for doing so. We were also able to make a way forward and affirm 'local option' so that those dioceses ready and willing to offer same-sex marriage could do so in good faith and conscience.

Excluding human beings from full membership in the Church on the basis of their sexual orientation is not unlike slavery and segregation. It is wrong.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaking about this matter several years ago said this:

"I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this." "I am as passionate about this campaign (for equality and inclusion of LGBTQ2S+) as I ever was about apartheid. For me, it is at the same level."

Exclusion is sinful and painful.

We know better and we ought to do better.

It is my hope and prayer that now with the passing of The Word to the Church and its Affirmations, we will be able to move forward, proclaiming that the Good News of God's Love in Jesus Christ is available to all people, without exception and without condition. Each person is called by name and is loved by God, regardless of the colour of their skin, their social status, or their sexual orientation.

Mindful of Dr. King's words that *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"*, we heed the words of the prophet Micah: *And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

+ John, Western
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Members of General Synod comforting each other the day after the vote to change the marriage canon failed to pass

+Geoffrey, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

From Vancouver, Bishop Peddle reached out to his diocese. Here are the two letters that he wrote at that time, and which are reproduced here with his permission.

12 July, 2019

My Dear People,

I write to you from the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in Vancouver, British Columbia. Minutes ago, the Synod failed to pass a motion on the Marriage Canon recognizing different understandings of Christian Marriage in the Anglican Church of Canada. That motion provided, I believe, a gracious way forward for all the members of our church on the matter of Marriage Equality, respecting the diversity of opinion that continues among us. I voted in favour of the motion and I am disappointed that it did not pass. The pain among our delegates here tonight is immense.

As you know, I have called a special Diocesan Synod for September 27th and 28th of this year to discuss Marriage Equality in our Diocese. The theme of that Synod is inspired by the words of St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians: "... and the Greatest of these is Love..." My intention last year in calling a special Synod was for the members of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador to reflect upon the decision of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada (whatever that decision would be) and respond in a way appropriate for us as Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. I have been firm since the last General Synod in 2016 that I would respect the authority of that Synod and not move ahead on this matter until General Synod met again in 2019. I have also been clear that I would not act outside of the authority of the Diocesan Synod of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. That is why we will meet in September.

A major development



The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Geoff Peddle
Bishop
Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador since 2018, when I called for our own special Synod this September, is that a growing number of parishes have written me asking permission to move forward with Marriage Equality. Since 2018, nine of our 38 parishes have asked for permission to offer Christian Marriage to all who request the blessing of God upon their relationship. While there may continue to be a debate over this matter in some parts of our church, the debate is now over for many. A number of dioceses across Canada have already granted requests for same-sex marriage "for compelling pastoral reasons" with the blessing of their bishop. At the conclusion of our forthcoming Synod in September, following that consultation with our Diocesan leadership, I will respond directly to the parishes that have asked me for a decision.

I ask your prayers for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador as it prepares to meet in September to take counsel for its future as a community of faith.

With my every blessing,
+Geoffrey

19 July, 2019

My Dear People...

At the recent General Synod, our national community of faith voted on the issue of marriage equality. While an affirmation was widely supported, procedural matters ultimately prevented it from passing. As a supporter of marriage equality, I join many of our brothers and sisters in faith to mourn this misstep in our shared journey.

As we reflect upon this outcome, we look forward to this September's Local Synod with an even greater sense of loving purpose and a renewed commitment to demonstrating independently that we are all equal in the eyes of our Lord.

Our Church is blessed to participate in many joyous, uplifting events in celebration of Pride Week. We acknowledge that marriage is defined differently by members of our community. We respect and value the morals, beliefs, and views of all our parishioners. We are committed to continuing to work with all our parishioners on matters of respect, tolerance, and love.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to reach out to all members of our diverse community to share news of our mission in Christ's loving Name.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

+Geoff



The sign in front of the Cathedral during Pride Week 2019



Two parishes from Mount Pearl at the Pride Parade



Parishioners and rector from The Parish of St. Michael's, St. John's



The Rev'd Derrick Bishop, delegate from the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador spoke, in favour of the motion to change the marriage canon

+John, Central Newfoundland

Brothers and Sisters,

It's an understatement to reiterate that my initial pastoral statements following General Synod contained quite a bit of information. Most Bishops found themselves with the same challenge of communicating what had happened at General Synod regarding the marriage canon.

The challenge was to connect the dots between General Synod, and what we have been doing in our own dioceses, and to share some of the other affirmations and movements of the Spirit in relation to global, local, multi-faith, and ecumenical experiences.

It was a powerful synod in many many ways. I believe that with a grace and trust, we are going to see a powerful move of God in relation to the marriage canon.

What happened really wasn't what was expected. To make a long story short, it seems that the overall will of General Synod, was to make changes. However, a small number of people blocked the process because of the way we vote.

The Church is *not* a democracy, we say, and the only reason we vote at all



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The Rt. Rev'd John Watton
Bishop
Central Newfoundland

is to determine the will of the Holy Spirit. To make this will obvious to everyone, we have required what is known as a super majority: a two thirds approval before a motion carries.

Further to that, to ensure even more clarity, we have divided the Holy Council into three "houses": lay, clergy, and bishops.

I encourage a deep reading of the marriage canon even as I provide a more concise statement around it. By now, we know that the General Synod did not vote to change the marriage canon. Some

assume that the matter has been resolved by the defeat of the motion, however this matter is not closed.

What has happened is an obvious breach in assumptions about synods and synodical processes. What has happened is an obvious breach in trust of the authority of the Spirit, as revealed in our Holy Councils. What has happened is that there are various interpretations of what the Spirit has been saying, and many who are vocal, and sometimes uncharitable in expressing that.

I believe that one of the main tasks of the bishop is to move among the peoples of the Church, listening discerning, and teaching. A bishop's task is to gather people in council, to share with them, and to guide the body to discernment.

For example, the House of Bishops, in a trusted role of discernment, fulfilled the mandate of providing nominees for the role of Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. They did not vote. Voting was left to the body of General Synod.

At diocesan synods, the bishop does not vote, but is

responsible to ensure all is done to clear the path for the Holy Spirit to move.

I believe:

- We are going to be humbled.
- We are going to learn.
- We are going to grow in love and respect, and as we do, we will once again see Jesus through this fog of self indulgence.

I will continue to do all in my power to maintain expectations in our diocese of a culture of gentleness and respect in conversation and practice in relation to the variety of life experiences, theologies, and understandings connected to marriage, and many other things with which the Spirit is calling us to engage.

Thank you to those who have had the grace of Christ to be gentle with those who have spoken with malice and judgement on either side of the issue. The mind and heart of Christ is revealed through you.

+John, Central
Newfoundland



Delegates to General Synod from the Diocese of Central Newfoundland



Photo by Brian Bukowski

New Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls being presented with a hand-knit rainbow prayer shawl from the youth delegates



Quilt Display Fundraiser in Norris Point

Article and photographs by
Maureen Blanchard

The Church of the Good Shepherd, in the community of Norris Point, held a quilt display on May 18th, 2019, as a fundraiser for the church. The quilt display and luncheon were open to the public. We held the display in our church building, and though no items in the church were for sale, we did have a donation box for a freewill donation if a person felt like donating. There were over 80 quilts on display, and we also included a section on heritage quilts, featuring quilts from our ancestors who had been members of this congregation.

Our church offered a chili and soup lunch, with



tea or coffee and a dessert. It was an incredible day of fun, laughter, and lots of chatting. Our congregation served over 160 people for lunch, and we estimate that we had 240 people come

through to view the quilts and our beautiful church. It took a lot of organization and teamwork to make this day an amazing one.



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Canon Frank Cluett Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Ordination

Article by Emily Rowe
Photograph from Canon Cluett

The Rev'd Canon Frank Cluett was honoured with a reception at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (St. John's) on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of his ordination. Many will know Canon Cluett as the former Provost of Queen's College, a position which he held for nearly twenty years.

Born in Belleoram,

Newfoundland and Labrador, he has served in the parishes of Topsail, Greenspond, Buchans, and Corner Brook, as well as The Ascension in Hamilton, Ontario. Currently, Canon Cluett is an honorary assistant at the Cathedral in St. John's. The photograph above is of Canon Cluett, his wife Matilda, and their son Donald.

Between the Lessons—Consequences

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe
Columnist

We have seen David at the high point of his reign, and we are about to see things take a catastrophic plunge. As we saw back in June, so much of David's downfall will come about because he has been neglecting the true business of being king. In the spring of the year, when kings should go out to battle, David stayed home in Jerusalem, and had an affair with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.

She is another man's wife—the wife, in fact, of one of his soldiers, who was in fact on the battle lines. One thing leads to another, and Bathsheba gets pregnant, and David plans to cover up his adultery. He calls Uriah back, trying to get him to go home and sleep with his wife, so the child can be passed off as Uriah's, but Uriah won't play, and even shames the king for not being out with the army where he ought to be. So David and Joab conspire to make sure that Uriah will be killed in battle. Then David can hastily marry his widow, and no one need be the wiser, right?

Except, we are told, 'the thing David had done displeased the Lord.' The Lord sends Nathan the prophet to be the conscience of the king. Nathan tells a parable about a rich man taking advantage of his station to steal from a poor man, and David's sense of justice is outraged. He cries out that the man who has done this should be put to death, not realizing that Nathan is telling him a parable about himself.

These are stories that we hear in church in the summer, and they seem like a safe enough story. David commits a reprehensible crime, thinks he's gotten away with it, and is held accountable by God. Tradition has it that after he was confronted by Nathan, David composed Psalm 51, whose words are those of a person grappling with great guilt, crying out in



repentance and asking God's forgiveness. That psalm is appointed for the Sunday when the story from 2 Samuel 12 is read as the first lesson. But something darker lurks under the surface. The lesson ends with David saying 'I have sinned against the Lord,' but the story goes on. Nathan tells David that he will not die for his sin, but that the child of his adultery will.

I understand why we don't read this part of the story in church. It's a clear case of our moral worldview being incredibly alien from that of the biblical writers. We are rightly horrified and appalled at the notion that an innocent baby would die because of his parents' actions, but the people reading the Book of Samuel when it was first on the bestseller list wouldn't have batted an eye at it. In their experience, children often suffered for the sins, even sometimes three and four generations on. The Second Commandment warns the Israelites not to make graven images because 'I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.'

This story should not be read as a lesson about why innocent people suffer. It certainly should not be read as about how the death of a child is a punishment to the parents. It is a story of sin and repentance. Even if the ultimate consequences of the sin are extreme and deplorable to us, they

help us to make sense of what happens next. When the child suddenly takes sick, David fasts and lies on the ground pleading with the Lord for his life. When the child finally dies, David's servants are afraid to tell him the news. If he made such a fuss when the child was sick, how much worse would he be when he died? But David takes the news well. He doesn't rail against the injustice of an innocent dying for someone else's crimes—in his worldview, this is a logical and reasonable thing to happen. While the child was still alive, he had hoped to change God's mind with his fasting and weeping, but when he hears that there is no more hope, he accepts this tragedy as the consequences of his own actions. In bitter, grief-stricken words, he says of the child 'I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.'

This is an ugly story, as stories of sin often are. It's made all the uglier by this understanding of crime and punishment that made sense to the ancient world but doesn't to us. But the author of the Book of Samuel is looking forward in the story, anticipating the question of who will be king after David. What would happen if this child of adultery had lived, and could make some claim to the throne? Perhaps, the author thinks, it's better that we don't have to wonder about that. He tells us that after the child's death, David and Bathsheba had another son, whom they named Solomon. And that's certainly another story for another time.

But before we get to that story, we'll have to see a few more consequences of David's actions. Through Nathan, the Lord has told him that he would raise up trouble against him from within his own house. And that's a story that we don't hear in church, but that we will hear over the next couple of months.

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Confirmation at St. Michael and All Angels, Deer Lake

Article by
the Rev'd Paulette Bugden
Submitted by Genny Andrews

On May 9th 2019, the Rt. Rev'd John Organ was at St. Michael and All Angels' church in Deer Lake to preside at worship where twelve young people re-affirmed their baptismal vows. The church building was alive for this service of confirmation. Bishop John was very personable with the young people, taking time to connect with each one. After the service of confirmation, those who had been confirmed and their families, along with Bishop John and his wife Irene, were served a wonderful meal and cake at the church hall in honour of their work and dedication.

During their preparation time throughout the last year, the candidates participated in a stewardship project which raised money for the African countries that were affected by Cyclone Idai. They also participated in various worship services throughout the year, including time with the senior citizens of the Deer Lake Manor for



The two photographs above are from the visit to Deer Lake Manor at Christmas

a Christmas Eucharist, a carol sing, and an amazing lunch. These young people were a joyful addition to the occasion. They helped with the singing, the food, and chatted with the seniors.

The candidates were treated to a lunch at Pizza Delight to finish up their year of preparation.

Congratulations Cameron Alexander, Melanie Ball, Chloe Campbell, Kenzie Caulk, Bridgette Gillard, Sarah Johnston, Jonah Lewis, Emma Joan Major, Cole Pearce, Brian Wells, Kaitlyn Wells, and Noah Young. God bless you all!



Holy Trinity Codroy's Donation

Submitted with photograph by
Maxine Hillard



As part of our outreach program at Holy Trinity Church in Codroy, we collected the pictured items to be sent to the Janeway in St. John's on behalf of the Leo's club in Port Aux Basques .

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St. John The Evangelist, Topsail—Having A New Vision

Article by Louise Smith
Photographs by Sharon Smith

Random House Dictionary defines the term “having a vision” as having the ability to anticipate and make provision for future events. But in the context of development and growth in the church community, I believe it symbolizes foresight and sagacity in planning for certain achievable goals.

This mission approach was revealed to us by the Rt. Rev’d Dr. Geoffrey Peddle, Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Subsequent to this revelation, the church has been working toward the initiation of a new vision that we hope will broaden the parameters of our present parish ministry. There are always new opportunities in our grasp—its just a matter of how they can be capitalized upon and integrated into a new and

developing influence.

Church attendance has declined drastically in the last few years despite the fact that the population has increased substantially, with mostly an elderly congregation remaining.

We have to realize that we are living in a new society which requires us to live differently. And as difficult as it seems, especially for senior members, we must change and move with the times—which translates into reform. That might take developing strategies in an effort to lure young people back to church.

At this juncture, social media might be the most effective tool.

In the meantime, here at St. John the Evangelist, as we wind down regular activities with the approach of summer, our teams have been initiating new avenues of approach beginning on



July 14th. On that date our choir members invited neighbouring parishes to join us for an evening of “Tea on the Terrace,” where a memorable evening of food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Then on July 18th, preparations for our annual “Fall Fair” commenced, in an effort to resurrect from the summer hiatus to be all that we can be, with the



hope that the new mission approach may become fully alive.

“And we know that all things work together For good to those who love God.”
Romans 8:28

Ordination in Gander

Article by
Archdeacon Terry Caines
Photographs by
Canon John Courage

On Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 at St. Martin’s Cathedral in Gander, The Rt. Rev’d John Watton ordained Mr. Charlie Cox and Mr. Eli Cross to the order of deacon. Rev’d Cox will serve in the Parish of Fogo Island East as Deacon in-charge, and Rev’d Cross will continue to complete his studies at Queen’s College. St. Martin’s Cathedral hosted a luncheon following the worship. The service was well supported by a large number of diocesan clergy, licensed lay ministers, eucharistic assistants, plus clergy from the Eastern Diocese, along with Queen’s College faculty and students.



Left to right: The Rev’d Eli Cross, Bishop John Watton, and the Rev’d Charlie Cox

Stewards of Creation

The Rev'd Mark Nichols
Columnist

"At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation." - Eucharistic Prayer 4, Book of Alternative Services



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Christians walk by faith in a God who created the world in which we live and entrusted it to our care. Yet at no point in history have Christians been more negligent in that stewardship than we are right now. If we could be the Church we profess to be in our liturgies, Anglicans would be at the fore of the struggle to save our planet from the recklessness of human environmental behaviour.

In the Nicene Creed, we declare our belief in "one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen." In our BAS baptismal liturgy, the gathered people of God renew our baptismal covenant, which includes a vow to "strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth." The preface to one of our eucharistic prayers proclaims that God created us, "blessed us with memory, reason and skill," and "made us stewards of creation." Clearly, our Church sees creation care as a defining mark of Christian life.

Anglicans, therefore, should be leaders in the environmental movement in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we do not do. The decisions we make as consumers of goods and services, and our lifestyle choices should reflect a profound sense of reverence for creation. There should be an easily discernible difference between the ecological behaviour of Anglicans and that of the broader population. Anglicans should be prominent in public activism to save our planet for future generations. Alas, if we're honest with ourselves, we know this is not the case. We do not exercise the God-given privilege we have within the created order in a manner that benefits creation and honours our Creator.

As Anglicans we acknowledge that we fall short in the sacred trust bestowed upon us. We begin the season of Lent by confessing "our waste and pollution of [God's] creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us." But it is not enough to acknowledge

our shortcomings. While I have no doubt countless Anglicans care about the environment and what we hand on to future generations, we need to care enough *to act*. We need to care enough *to change* our personal behaviour. We need to care enough *to join in the struggle* for the systemic change required to address the existential threat of the climate crisis and the destruction of our ocean ecosystems.

This fragile earth needs us to do better. The myriad species with whom we share this planet need us to do better. Our children and grandchildren need us to do better. But the clock is ticking. Time is running out for us to be the Church we profess to be and who God created us to be—*stewards of creation*.



Left to right: Mabel White, the Rev'd Bill Strong, John Metcalfe, and Judy Snook

St. Peter's Upper Gullies Sets Record Donations of Boomer Caps and Izzy Dolls

Article and photographs by
Mabel White

ICROSS (International Community for the Relief of Suffering and Starvation)—this International Organization is a not for profit charity, run solely by volunteers to assist the poorest of the poor in countries such as Afghanistan, Libya, Africa, and the Congo. The aim of ICROSS Canada is to gather and ship, by way of our Peace Keepers, life saving medical supplies as well as Izzy Dolls to orphanages, children suffering from HIV, or those living in deplorable conditions.



St. Peter's, with the leadership of Mabel White, became a member of this wonderful organization in 2010. Our church family and friends have been donating wool and knitting Boomer Caps and Izzy Dolls since that time. However, the knitting of Boomer Caps was discontinued last year because of soaring shipping

costs.

The Izzy Dolls were created by Master Corporal Mark (Izzy) Isfelet's mother who would send them over to her son (a Canadian Peace Keeper), and Mark would then hand out the dolls to children who had nothing. Mark was killed in 1994, but his one request was that the dolls would keep being made and given to the children.

The dolls are blessed after they are knitted, and picked up by John Metcalfe (a retired Peace Keeper) and Judy Snook from Clarenville. They box them up and send them to the Head Office of the Peace Keepers in British Columbia. The boxes are then boarded on the ships with the Peace Keepers going to third world countries. Finally they are distributed to the underprivileged children.

The ladies of St. Peter's, with help from ladies from outside the parish, have sent approximately 28,000 caps and dolls, which I might mention is the largest number received by any other individual church. These dolls have brought so many smiles to so many children. It has been a privilege and honour to be able to help in this worthwhile endeavour.



Long time friend, Hazel Randell, who Archbishop Payne met while in Harbour Deep, has her book signed.



Archbishop Payne signing a copy of his book for Maude (Ropson) Larkin and her husband Alf.

Archbishop Payne's New Book About Killdevil Released

Article and photographs by Genny Andrews

On April 9th, 2019, the crowd gathered at the church hall of the Anglican church in Deer Lake for a chance to listen to Archbishop Stewart Payne as he read excerpts from his newly released novel, "The Killdevil Lodge Experience in Gros Morne National Park." His book publication coincides

with the 60th Anniversary of Killdevil Camp and Conference Centre which is being celebrated this year. We were delighted to have him visit our church and to take part in his book launch. It was a wonderful gathering topped off in true Anglican church fashion with a cup of tea and a biscuit.



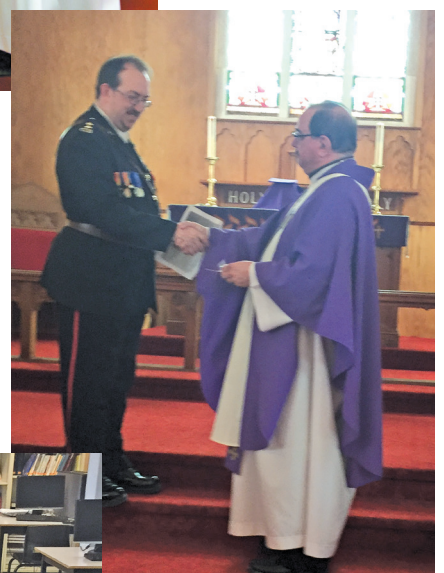
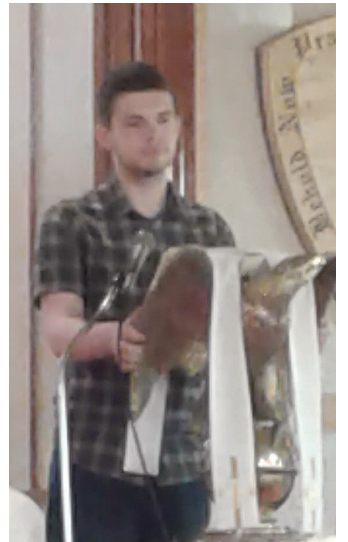
News From New Parish Of Trinity/Port Rexton

Submitted with photographs by Carolyn Fowlow

The ordination of the Rev'd John Sparkes took place in the new parish of Trinity/Port Rexton on March 22nd, 2019. The service was very well attended by family, friends, clergy, and Bishop John Watton.

On April 7th, Rev'd John received his commissioning as chaplain of the CLB company. On June 16th, the youth of the parish were invited to lead a worship service at Christchurch. This they did with great enthusiasm. Another well attended service.

Currently Rev'd John is preparing 15 young people for confirmation in the fall. There are some lively discussions around the table. It seems that there's been a very good start towards making our new parish successful. Seek ye first the kingdom of God. He will take care of the rest.



Parish By The Sea News

Article by The Rev'd Elsie Rose
photographs by Sarah Sibley

Altogether, Norman Kendall and Jim Bowles have given over 90 years of their time and their talents to St. Boniface Church in Ramea. To show their appreciation to these two gentlemen for their dedicated and committed service to the church as bell ringers, sides persons, counters, and general handy men, the congregation presented both of them with a certificate and a painting. Even though now "retired," both still lend a helping hand when it is needed.



Jim Bowles receives his certificate and painting for over 40 years of service



Norman Kendall receives his certificate and painting for over 50 years of service

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Confirmations In The Parishes Of Flower's Cove and Green Island

Submitted with photographs by
The Rev'd Omar Reyes

We were blessed to have confirmed 36 students and had a total of 350 people at both churches. Bishop John Organ presided over both service on June 9th, with the St. Matthew's service, for the Parish of Flower's Cove, taking place at 10am with lunch afterward, and the St. Andrew's service, for the parish of Green Island, taking place at 4pm with a dinner after.



The Rev'd Omar Reyes and confirmation class from the Parish of Green Island



The Rev'd Omar Reyes and confirmation class from the Parish of Flower's Cove

Fleeing From Danger

The Rev'd Michael Li
Columnist

We celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, but the Bible nowhere points to his being born in mid-winter. Although nobody knows in what month Jesus was born for sure, one theory is that Jesus was born sometime in September between 6 B.C. and 4 B.C.

The Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) went to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-18) shortly after the end of the Magi's visit with them. We do not know exactly when to date this historically. It was no more than two years after Jesus was born. Jesus' flight to Egypt was to escape King Herod's murder of baby boys. His journey to Egypt is like that of Jacob's family, who went to Egypt to escape famine or starvation.

Egypt was a natural place to which to flee. It was a well-ordered Roman province outside King Herod's jurisdiction. After Herod died, sometime between March 29th and



April 4th in 4 B.C., an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to go back to Israel (Matthew 2:19-20). So the length of their sojourn in Egypt was probably just a few months.

Was Jesus a refugee? Some people believe that he was a refugee, but others do not think so. Generally speaking, a refugee is a displaced person who has been forced to cross national boundaries and who cannot return home safely. But,



The Flight Into Egypt by Giotto de Bondone from www.wikipedia.com

Jesus was able to return home after the death of King Herod. Perhaps, Jesus was a short-term political exile.

Regardless of whether Jesus was a refugee or not, his experience was similar to many displaced people in our world today. We have witnessed a global refugee crisis caused by warfare, genocide, and oppression in many places around the world. The United Nations Refugee Agency says Canada resettled more refugees than any other country in

2018 (The Canadian Press, June 20, 2019). Canada is fortunate because of our geographical location. Our experiences are nothing compared to the waves of refugees flocking to other nations.

In 2018, the United Nations estimated the number of forcibly displaced people to be 68.5 million worldwide. Of those, 25.4 million are refugees while 40 million are internally displaced within a nation state. About 1.4 million refugees were in need of resettlement in 2018 but only 92,400 refugees were actually resettled in 25 countries. The rest are still waiting for resettlement.

For example, Fiona Sun wrote about a 37-year-old Iranian asylum seeker in Hong Kong (South China Morning Post, June 22, 2019). He fled his country after 2009 Green Movement. He was arrested twice and tortured for his

role in the uprising that was also known as the Persian Spring. As an asylum seeker, he is not allowed to work even though he has a degree in electrical engineering. He has spent the last seven years waiting for his claim to be processed by the immigration department so he can leave for a third country.

Some people do not want to accept refugees in order to protect their way of life. Some even think that poor refugees will take them down. In 2018, Canada accepted 28,100 refugees. The New Testament does not give any specific command concerning nations admitting refugees. Jesus said that we should love our neighbours. Christians should show compassion to the genuine needy. With the surge of refugees, the mission field is coming to us.



Spring Sale in Port Aux Basques

Article and photographs by
Lisa Brown

On May 6th, the ACW of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques held their Spring Sale. The ladies prepared and sold approximately 900 cold plates. There was a great selection of

homemade baked goods, crafts, and a white elephant table. A huge thank you to everyone who came out to our sale and anyone who helped in any way to make it a great success.



2019 Overnight DAMA Retreat

Article by Peter Stevenson
photographs by Joe O'Quinn

The Diocesan Anglican Men's Association held its annual retreat for 2019 during the weekend of May 3rd and 4th, 2019 at the Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre. While registration was scheduled to start at 4:00pm on Friday, the musicians arrived much earlier to set up their sound equipment. Following a before dinner refreshment, we sat down to a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including dessert, prepared by the Lavrock kitchen staff. For the nature lovers, there was plenty of time on Friday evening for a walk about the facility to take in the fresh air and observe the wildlife and listen to the birds. The early risers on Saturday usually have their nature walk in before the Eucharist.

Our Friday devotions were led by The Rev'd Dr. Rudolph Anthony, from St. Augustine's (St. John's). Accompanied by guitar music, the forty plus male voices, accompanied by Canon Amanda Taylor, filled the chapel during the singing of the hymns. This was the first service during which we used our new song books which were compiled and prepared by Elizabeth Crisby at Synod Office. The remainder of

Friday evening was a time of fellowship where cards were played, songs were sung, and recitations were told. It was a time for members to catch up since the last DAMA event.

Saturday began with the Eucharist, celebrated by Bishop Peddle. Once again our guitar music and singing filled the chapel. Following devotions, we sat down to a delicious breakfast of sausages, scrambled eggs, and toast with tea or coffee, juice, etc.

The first session of the morning was a presentation by Mr. Robert Pittman, Q.C., on wills and estate planning. He provided some



background and spoke of some real life experiences. He noted that the three main documents we should all have are:

1) Enduring power of attorney; 2) an advanced health care directive; and, 3) A will. He advised that if you don't have a will, don't leave it too long and use a professional to ensure that its contents are what you intended.

Mission Archdeacon of the Diocese, Greg Mercer, gave the second presentation of the morning. He told us of the creation of his position and his role and responsibilities. From the Diocesan Commission on Parish Renewal and Viability, it is recommended that mission be recognized throughout the diocese as a priority and as the

spiritual advisor, who was out of the country, and from Treasurer Harvey Hiscock who was also unable to attend. We remembered those members who are not well and remembered those members who had passed away during the past year. Bishop Peddle chaired the meeting for the election of officers. The executive for 2019-2020 is as follows: Gary King, president; Herb Dowden, vice-president; Joe O'Quinn, secretary; Harvey Hiscock, treasurer, and Peter Stevenson, public relations officer. The presidents of member clubs serve as directors on the DAMA Executive.

A delicious soup and sandwich lunch, with dessert of course, followed the AGM. After lunch we thanked the Lavrock staff for



foundation of life in every congregation. As Mission Archdeacon, it is his job to implement and facilitate the recommendations of the report. Bishop Peddle addressed the gathering following Archdeacon Greg's presentation. He thanked DAMA for being here and thanked Archdeacon Greg. He noted that we are at the beginning of an important journey together and it is our responsibility to maintain our missional journey together.

The annual general meeting began with the presentation and adoption of reports. Regrets were received from Canon Edward Keeping, our

their service during our stay and then we headed home to our respective parishes.

The retreat was enjoyed by all in attendance. The 2020 event is booked for May 1-2, 2020. The men of all parishes in the diocese and their clergy are welcome to attend this or any other DAMA event. The next DAMA event is tentatively scheduled for the fall at St. Thomas'. Men's groups, or parishes wishing to form a men's group, can contact DAMA through any members of the executive or Synod Office.

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50th Anniversary Celebrations in Lethbridge

Article submitted with
photographs by
Archdeacon Terry Caines

On Sunday June 30th, 2019, a parish service was held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Matthew's Church in Lethbridge, in the Parish of Brooklyn. Following the worship, a pot luck luncheon was held at the the Fire Hall in Lethbridge. Archdeacon Terry Caines officiated at the worship, along with current rector, the Rev'd Isaac Hutchings, and a past rector, the Rev'd Chuck Lockhart, who read the Gospel reading that was read when St. Matthew's church was opened with a divine service on June 15th, 1969. The Rev'd F.R. Oake, the rector of the Bonavista Parish and the Regional Dean was the special preacher. Rev'd N. Newbury, a United Church minister in the Musgravetown charge, was present and read the first lesson. Linda Leona

Harris, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris was baptized at the service by the incumbent, the Rev'd Clayton Menchions.



Archdeacon Caines with the congregation at St. Matthew's, Lethbridge, celebrating 50 years of worshipping in that building of the Church

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A Church For Everyone

Article and photographs by
Dennis Squires

On Saturday 13th July, 2019, about 35 people gathered in a little church in Pope's Harbour, Trinity Bay, for a formal service of Holy Communion. You may wonder what was so special or different about this service that an article was composed with the idea of sharing it with everyone. Well, I had best back up and give you the full story starting with when it was first suggested to hold such a service.

The Rector, the Rev'd Keith Denman of St. Mary's Anglican Parish in Clarenville, holds church services from time to time at St. Mary's Anglican church in Burgoyne's Cove. One such service was held during the past Christmas season, at which time a number of parishioners from Clarenville attended. It was a perfect opportunity to share time with each other, and it was suggested that we should consider a follow up service in the near future. Someone mentioned that it might be a good idea to meet again, and we could consider getting together in Pope's Harbour. Now that is not as easy as hopping in your car and driving down the road, because there is no road to Pope's Harbour. It is about an hour by boat from Burgoyne's Cove, and we would have to find suitable transportation for everyone. The planning began and the service was scheduled. There was not a flotilla of boats but there was enough to accommodate all. Some arrived in their own boats and for the others, Dennis Miller and Earl Anderson offered to convey them. Off we sailed, with sunny weather and fair winds. When we arrived in Pope's Harbour we were greeted warmly by cabin owners, some of whom provided a wharf for the boats, tea, coffee and treats for the sea going parishioners. In true Newfoundland fashion, everyone became instant friends and chatted until church time. While everyone socialized, Adam Vey entertained us with his



piano accordion. During the church service, he accompanied Rev'd Denman who provided music with his guitar during the singing of hymns. Although it was a formal service which was attended by local cabin owners along with parishioners from Clarenville and Burgoyne's Cove, the atmosphere was very friendly and respectful.

One of the cabin owners, Allan Fudge, gave a brief history on the construction of the church, which by the way was the first church ever constructed in Pope's Harbour. Don't get the idea that years ago the local residents were not church goers! Little Harbour is just across the way from Pope's Harbour, and a church, post office, and school had also been constructed there. Sadly, they have all since disappeared with the passing of time. Allan explained that the idea for building the church came from the local cabin owners who gave freely of their time for construction, and all materials and fixtures were donated. Construction began in 2004, and three years later in 2007 it was completed. In a true Christian spirit, the church, which can accommodate about forty-five people, is non-denominational, and all worshipers of faith are welcome to use it. Up until this point in time, services have been held for a wedding, a baptism, and Holy Communion. Should repairs become necessary donations from church services and visitors will be

utilized.

I would be remiss if I did not make mention of life in Pope's Harbour in years gone by. Some of the following information was gleaned through speaking with George Webster who had resided there in his younger days. It was interesting to watch and listen to him as he travelled with us by boat from Burgoyne's Cove to Pope's Harbour. He pointed out many small coves where people had lived years ago and one could see that he was reliving those days gone by as the stories unfolded. There were two main methods of supporting families: one was by cutting logs in the winter and selling them at springtime, which was when the men took the seas for cod fishing. There was no doctor nearby and anyone needing medical attention would have to travel, mostly by sea, to a community where medical assistance could be obtained. Also, there was a local midwife who provided the necessary assistance during childbirth. As was mentioned previously, there was a church in Little Harbour and a travelling minister would hold services there on a monthly basis. Since vegetables and meat were not readily available, residents grew their own and kept cows and sheep, which provided milk and wool respectively. In the autumn, a cow and sheep would be slaughtered, and this would be a source of meat for the winter. Although not mentioned by anyone, I suspect there was a quarter



of moose tucked away as well! As time went by the government initiated a resettlement program, and families were given \$600 each to relocate. George recalled how there was a degree of sadness over leaving their land, but some of them, including himself, took their homes with them as they left. As we know it was not uncommon in those days to see homes being floated, then towed to a new community with fishing boats.

I will conclude this article by getting back to the comments about Rev'd Denman visiting Burgoyne's

Harbour and discussing a trip to Pope's Harbour. He is a "come from away" although I have to say that since he arrived in NL in August 2018, he has become quite acclimatized. On the voyage back to Burgoyne's Cove, our boat captain, Earl, stopped the boat and handed Rev'd Denman a fishing rod. In short order he caught his first, and second codfish. While reading the Bible, we hear how years ago the religious leaders, at times, were called "Fishers of Men". This quote certainly applies to Rev'd Denman however he can now add the title of "Fisher of Codfish."



Spread Eagle Memorial

Article by Nora L. Cumby
Photographs submitted by Nora L. Cumby, Evelyn Cranford, Linda Hillier, and Hazel George

In the spring and summer of 2018, a dedicated group of volunteers cleaned up and made improvements to the Anglican cemetery in Spread Eagle, Trinity Bay. Hazel George initiated this project by fundraising in many ways, and even contacted others who had family members buried there. This was indeed a significant task, as it required lots of hard work. Her husband Ed can certainly work wonders with an excavator and backhoe.

Many long hours were spent by everyone who wanted to see this project completed. As the summer progressed, the word was out that there would be a memorial flower service on August 12th 2018. The

day arrived with glorious sunshine and many, many people came to reflect and remember all those who had come before us. The Rev'd Wayne Parsons conducted the service, and was thrilled to see so many dedicated people attend.

This coming summer there are plans to do further upgrades and another flower service is planned for September 1st, 2019.

Romans 8 verse 28 says, *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*



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