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From our Canadian Book of Common Prayer:

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; and we most humbly beseech thee that at the day of the general resurrection, we, and all they who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



Bishop John Organ
Western Newfoundland

Exciting Discipleship Campaign Launched and Diocesan Synod Held in Corner Brook

The Diocese of Western Newfoundland Labrador Straits is in the midst of an exciting discipleship campaign. Following a two year diocesan commission, studying every congregation and community in our diocese, we found that we have lots of Anglicans, but too few who are fully involved, we developed a strategic plan of discipleship. The aim is to reach every Anglican of our diocese, and to encourage active belonging to the Body of Christ, the Church, and a deepening of our following of Jesus.

The Discipleship Campaign is being conducted from 2022 to 2026. A peak highlight of our campaign has been the recent visit of The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York,

who led a weekend of discipleship training for our diocese. This was followed immediately by our diocesan synod, and nearly a whole day of discipleship training led by The Right Rev'd Mariann Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington D.C.

The spiritual energy and excitement brought by these two enthusiastic disciples have been enormously uplifting and encouraging to all who gathered at the Civic Centre and our Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook.

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus made it perfectly clear that his followers are to Be Disciples and to Make Disciples.

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The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook, full for their diocesan synod, 2024; photo from Bishop Organ's Facebook page

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All's Well That Ends Well

St. John the Evangelist, Topsail

Article by Louise Smith
Photograph by Sharon Smith

When I was a young girl, growing up in the warmth and security of our family home, I often heard my mother use the axiom "All's well that ends well." I believe that it was her favourite saying.

Random House dictionary describes it as a self evident truth, but it takes many life experiences to fully comprehend the significant message that this proverb conveys; not least among them is the exciting extension of our music endeavours (as a pleasant aftermath of the COVID-19 upheaval).

During this combative pandemic period, we suffered the same depression as so many other faith communities with limited personal contact, and with makeshift online devotion. This was also a time in our church ministry when we were awaiting a permanent rector. In the meantime, there were several who served intermittently,

most of whom were retired ministers. Each had their own special gifts of conveying the Gospel message.

During this period around January of 2021, we were graced with the presence of Archdeacon Greg Mercer. He guided us through this unprecedented crisis in the life of the Church—the pandemic lockdowns. He conducted Sunday services until the permanency of our current rector, Canon Jotie Noel, in the fall of the same year.

I have vivid memories of my first recollection of Archdeacon Greg in our midst. As I hurried up the nave on Sunday mornings, often late, he was already ushering parishioners to their pews, rattling out some joyous melody on the guitar while singing a favourite hymn. It certainly was a catalyst to boost everyone's morale, while momentarily evading an anxious thought.

After the virus has

somewhat subsided, Archdeacon Greg offered to introduce and teach a family ukulele program for parishioners here at St. John the Evangelist. The idea was appreciated, and things soon got under way.

Today, we have a very enthusiastic ukulele group of ten. They are representative of our whole church family, ranging in age from five years right up the spectrum to the very mature. Organized practice periods are conveniently structured to coincide with the conclusion of Sunday worship.

We are especially proud of our ukulele band. They are very visible in all church activities, and they entertain at special functions. We owe much gratitude to Archdeacon Greg, who is a significant part of our church family and has helped us prove that.

All's well that ends well.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

During my downtime this morning I read with keen interest Bishop John Watton's column. So true the life we seem to be living, that social media is taking over: how often we see it; no good constructive conversation at the dinner table; out for a relaxing meal; meeting people on our walk; sitting around a nice

relaxing camp fire; I could go on. Social media has taken over, and people are not discussing love, faith, the dire situation of attendance in our churches, etc. Thanks to Bishop John for that wonderful column. Regards,
Harley Anderson
All Saints' Anglican Church
Corner Brook

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John Organ

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We are called to be students of Jesus, helping others to be students of Jesus, and learning how to be like him at home, at work, in the Church, in the community, and in the world. Why? Because in the person of Jesus are the highest and best qualities of being human. Moreover, in Jesus we find God and discover how deeply and wonderfully God loves each one of us. Shaped and transformed by God's love we also grow in love—for God, for self, for others, and for creation. Imagine more love at home, at work, in the Church, in the community, and in the world! Imagine more love between Russians and Ukrainians, and more love between Israelis and Palestinians!

The aim of Jesus is to bring compassion to our world and to give each person abundant life. He does not want us to be religious fanatics or joyless people. Jesus wants our best, which means we are to be loving human beings, joyfully alive, making the world a better place. Jesus also wants us to know that in him life does not time out. He has restored life in all its fullness and that includes life beyond this life.

When we truly catch hold of who Jesus is and what Jesus is about, we realize in him there is everything we seek and need.



Above: the assembled people for the Synod of Western Newfoundland Labrador Straits and Discipleship Training Weekend

Below Left: Bishop Mariann Buddle (Diocese of Washington, D. C.) leading discipleship training

Below Right (left to right): Archbishop David Edwards (Metropolitan of The Province of Canada, and Archbishop of Fredericton), Archbishop Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York), Bishop John Organ (Western NL), and Bishop John Watton (Central NL).

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St. Lawrence GA Celebrates 60 Years

A Mother-Daughter Banquet and decades of memories

Article and photographs by
Jocelyn Miller

On June 8th, 2024, the St. Lawrence GA held their 60th anniversary celebration in conjunction with their annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. Among the invited guests were Elaine and Marilyn, daughters, of the group's founder, Mrs. Enid Smith. The rector of the parish at the time was The Rev'd T. E. Smith. Carol McDonald, Mayor of Portugal Cove-St. Philips, was also in attendance. Mayor McDonald was one of the leaders of the original group.

The meal was a cold plate prepared by our ACW ladies. After the meal, leader Ruth Bugden conducted the presentations and awards. The GA Executive made presentations to all the leaders: Ruth Bugden, Heather Greeley, Sylvia Greeley, Christina Hall, Natasha Thorne, and Danylia Codner. Ruth was honoured as being a GA leader for 60 years. As a thank you to all mothers and grandmothers over the years for all their support, flowers were presented to Barb Mitchell, Marg Churchill (posthumously), and Loretta Collins. Loretta was one of the original GA girls in 1964.

A Tree of Memories was decorated with personalized handmade souvenirs for all Honour Ring Girls attending the banquet. The entertainment took us through the years, and souvenirs were presented to each girl throughout the evening in accordance with the year she received her Honour Ring. Loretta Churchill Dicks and Elaine Churchill Hann were the first girls to receive a ring in the 1960's. Loretta attended the banquet and carried the banner at our Anniversary Service on Sunday morning.

Two special awards were given to the present GA girls. The Krista Lynn Mitchell Award for Most Improved GA girl was presented to Morgan Ploughman, and the Chesley Moss Memorial Award was presented to Laura Peckham. These awards were given in memory of GA members who have passed from this life, and presented by members of the respective families. A donation to the Guatemala Mission Team was made in memory of Donna Murphy. This was a very emotional time for the recipients and the presenters, as well as for the majority of those of attendance. Congratulations



from the parish were given by The Rev'd Wayne Parsons, and from the St. Lawrence ACW, given by President Pam King.

Then we had an hour of entertainment in the form of dancing, singing, and skits, all performed by the current and former GA members, all of which brought tears of laughter from the antics of the jokes, skits, and performances. The entertainers did a fantastic job as they took us through the decades, it was certainly a night to remember.

For the past year, this group has held numerous events giving all previous and current members an opportunity to socialize and reminisce. They held a family brunch, a craft night, a Hallowe'en party, a high tea, a reunion night, and an anniversary church service. This group, consisting of grandmothers/mothers/daughters/aunts/nieces and lifelong friends, is a very big part of the St. Lawrence parish. Our prayer is that this will continue for many years.





Baby blankets and caps for newborns in the North made in Grand Falls Windsor

During the winter months, the ladies of Holy Trinity Church, Grand Falls Windsor, accepted the challenge towards healthy body, mind and spirit by knitting, crocheting, and quilting baby blankets for newborns in the North. We were able to focus on a healthier body—by doing; a healthier mind—by concentration; a healthier Spirit—in using our talents to help those in need. Blankets were blessed by The Rev'd Cindy Graham at a Thursday morning communion service. Thirty blankets were shipped in Nunavut.

Also included with this gift to the North were many caps for newborns which were knitted by Mrs. Douglass Frampton, a woman from the same congregation who is 92.

On the left is a photograph of the blankets and caps before they were shipped off to those in need.
-article and photograph by Dolly Hart

Gloria and Lloyd Russell: honoured with certificates for their service to their Church

Certificates from Bishop John Watton, Central Diocese, were presented to Gloria and Lloyd for their years of faithfulness—a dedicated couple at Saint Mary the Virgin Church in Winter Brook, which is in the Parish of Brooklyn. Gloria took a break from the important ministry as warden in which she served for 17 years. Lloyd served as sexton for 54 years. Retired priest, The Rev'd Isaac Hutchings, presented the certificates at a Eucharist service on September 15th, 2024.

Here, on the right, we see a photograph from the presentation.
-article and photograph by The Rev'd Isaac Hutchings



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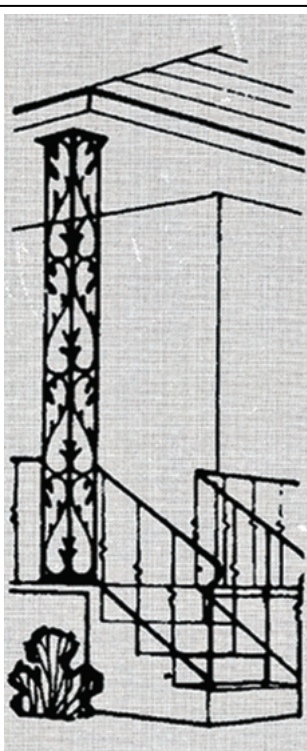
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Praying With PWRDF

Article by Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen
PWRDF Representative
Diocese of Western Newfoundland

PWRDF, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, has numerous ways of informing us about its work and inviting us to participate in alleviating human need in Canada and around the world. These include: inserts in Anglican Life, articles by Diocesan Reps, video highlights on the PWRDF website, PWRDF educational webinars, the "World of Gifts" brochure, and online worship sessions called "Praying with PWRDF."

"Praying with PWRDF" is a one-hour monthly opportunity to gather online with others to become better informed and pray for the work of PWRDF. Each Zoom gathering features a land acknowledgement, prayers, scripture readings, music, reflections from PWRDF partners, volunteers, or clergy, with opportunity for discussion. These sessions are particularly valuable for learning about the issues we need to consider "as we journey towards a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world."

Recent presentations include one in December 2023 by Dr. Rachel Mash of Cape Town, South Africa, the environmental

coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, a movement known as Green Anglicans. One of Rachel's concerns is about access to clean water, as its absence leads to high infant mortality rates and a higher incidence of water-borne diseases.

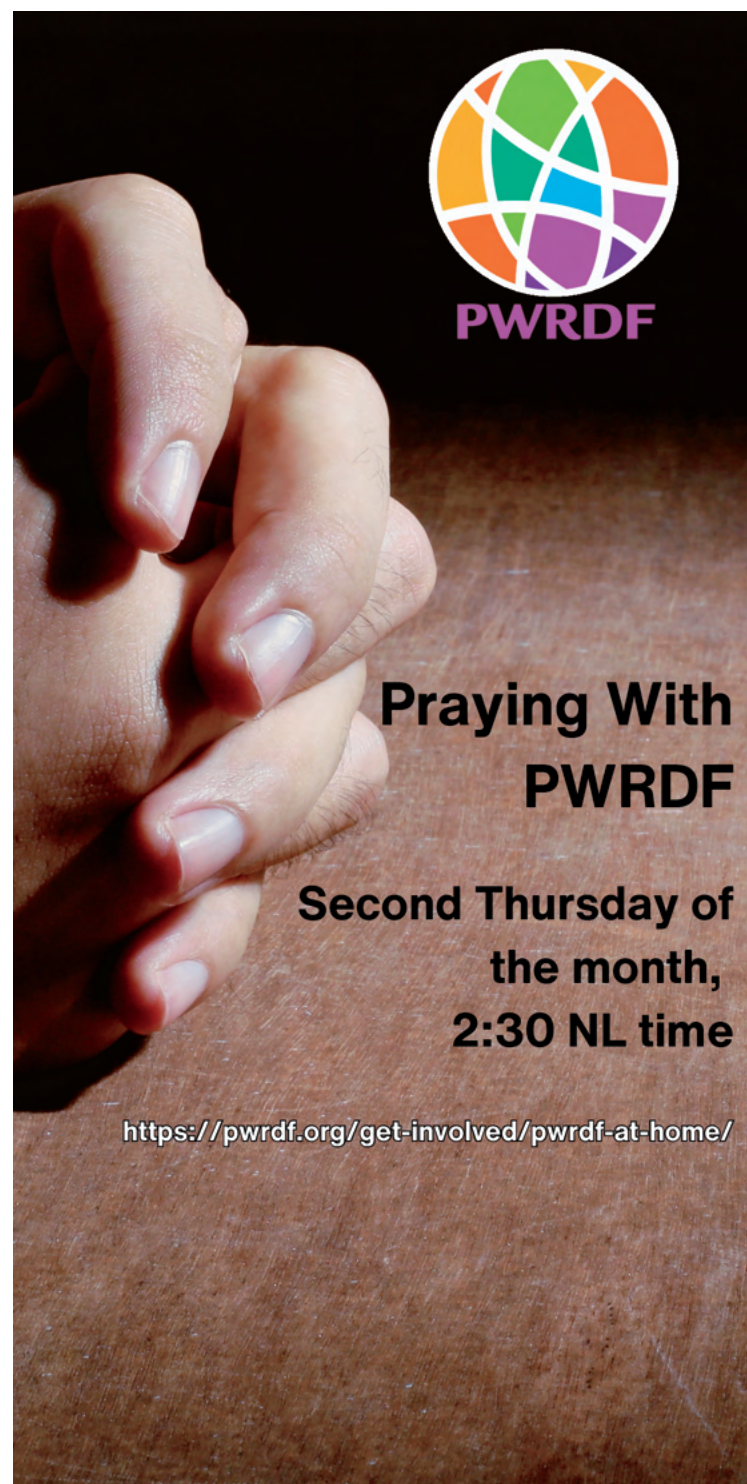
In her presentation, Rachel asks if high rates of child mortality will ever be a thing of the past; if inequality in life expectancy will always be based on income; if people everywhere will ever be able to build their own houses, plant their own gardens, and live in peace. She sees hope in events like Cop 28 as indigenous voices, people of faith, young climate activists, and principled business people gather to work for environmental and climate justice.

Another presenter, Robyn Sulkko, a member of the PWRDF Youth Council and People's Warden in her parish in Ottawa, served as the reflector in September 2024. In May 2023, during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, she and her fellow pilgrims renewed their baptismal covenant at the Jordan River in Palestine. Although it was a place of renewal for her, seeing young armed

Israeli soldiers beside the river, led her to greater awareness of the strife and violence occurring there. She returned home with a greater resolve to facilitate discussion between indigenous and settler youth and their mentors.

A third recent reflector was Canon Tom Mugford, a licensed lay minister in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, and a beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit claims agreement, who works with the Department of Education as Program Development Specialist for Indigenous Education. His presentation focused on what he had learned in several workshops on the importance of effective communication.

You can hear more about how people like Rachel, Robyn, and Tom are working for a just, healthy, and peaceful world on "Praying with PWRDF" Zoom sessions at 1 p.m. ET (2:30 pm NT) on the second Thursday of every month. The next two "Praying with PWRDF" worship sessions will be held November 7 and December 12. You can join these meetings by registering in advance at: <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/pwrdf-at-home/>



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The congregation gathered at All Saints' on September 29th

New Beginnings in The Parishes of Grand Bank and Fortune-Lamaline

Article and photographs by Carl Rose

The Parish of Grand Bank and the Parish of Fortune-Lamaline began a shared ministry on July 1st, 2024, with the Rev'd Charlie Cox as rector.

Already, members of the three congregation have come together in a number of positive and meaningful endeavours.

In the spirit of shared ministry, the St. Alban's ACW hosted a prayer brunch for the ladies of the three congregations on September 21st. The theme of the discussions for the day was "One Thing, Jesus." Members of the group were challenged to declutter such things as their purses, closets, and ultimately their lives, and focus on the most important "One Thing," Jesus.

The Worship, Education, and Mission committee, under the direction of chairperson Velma Stewart, prepared the devotions for the day.

ACW President Shirley Rose commented



Centerpiece for the ACW gathering created by Velma Stewart

on the importance of coming together as we continue our new path of shared ministry. "It was a day to focus on celebrating together as we delivered a great message, wonderful fellowship, and of course delicious food," she said.

In much the same vein, a shared worship service took place at All Saints', Fortune, on September 29th. The Rev'd Charlie Cox reported nearly 130 people gathered together to worship and share in the sacred mysteries of our

faith, the Holy Eucharist. A time of food and fellowship followed the service.

Comments from worshipers like, "So nice to see the three churches worship God in unity," "Great fellowship together," "Fantastic to have that many people in attendance," and "Such wonderful fellowship," were made after the service.

"We look forward to more shared events in the future," noted the rector.



The rector greeting the congregation



Parishioners coming forward for Holy Communion



A time for food and fellowship following the service



TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE
CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE.



Confirmation at St. Cyprian and St. Mary's

Article and photographs by
Ann Kannangara

September 8th, 2024, was a special Sunday at St. Cyprian's and St. Mary's, Bell Island, as Bishop Sam Rose confirmed 13 candidates. This event was particularly special as it marked the bishop's first confirmation service in his home parish.

The ceremony was a gathering of family, friends, and church members, all eager to witness this momentous occasion. The atmosphere was filled with joy and anticipation as the candidates prepared to take this important step in their spiritual journey.

During the sermon, Bishop Sam shared his deep emotional connection to the parish, reminiscing about his own journey of faith that began in this very community. He

encouraged the candidates to embrace their roles as active members of the church and to live out their faith in their daily lives.

Following the confirmation, a reception was held in the church hall, where attendees celebrated the candidates' achievements with refreshments and fellowship. The event highlighted the strong sense of community within the church, as members came together to support and uplift one another.

The church will continue to have a youth program every month to encourage the young people to be an active part of the church community, while they build great relationships and lifelong friendships.



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The Rev'd Cynthia Haines-Turner
Columnist

Reflecting on a Lifelong Call To Serve

This month, I will celebrate the fifth anniversary of my ordination. It has been a full and rich five years and I am grateful for the privilege of serving in this role. But I was also grateful for the many years that came before as well. While it is true that I came late to ordained ministry, I did not come late to ministry itself. From the time when, as a young mother, I began to take seriously my participation in the life of the Church, I served on various groups and councils: ACW, vestry, parish council, diocesan synod, General Synod, synod executive, Council of General Synod, and many committees at all those levels. But ministry is about more than that. I taught confirmation classes, conducted baptismal

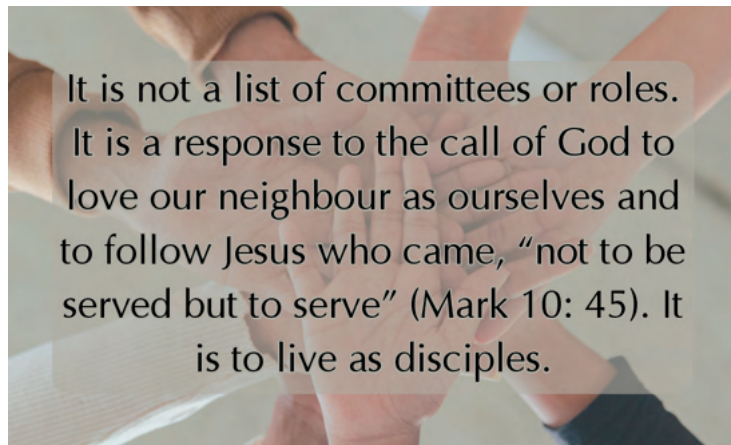


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preparation, led a Bible study group, and did pastoral visiting. But again, ministry is about more than that. I also served as a licensed lay minister, leading worship. But ministry is about more than that as well.

It is not a list of committees or roles. It is a response to the call of God to love our neighbour as ourselves and to follow

Jesus who came, "not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). It is to live as disciples.

In those years in ministry, I have known people who have lived out that call—caring for someone who is sick; looking out for a neighbour who needs help; making that visit or phone call to someone who is lonely. They often do so quietly, not looking

for credit or thanks or even affirmation, but as a response to that call to faithful discipleship, a call which is for everyone. In living out that call, there is no hierarchy.

Sadly, it seems at times, the reality is that in our churches, those of us who have chosen to live out that call through ordination are somehow more engaged in "real" ministry. Which is a perspective that comes from the society around us rather than from what is modelled by scripture and by Jesus himself. It is also not helpful in developing community. Jesus surrounded himself with ordinary people: people from various cultural groups and with different backgrounds. He didn't seek out only those who were from an elite class.

He created a community of faithful witnesses to share the good news he proclaimed and gave us a model to follow, a model of a community where each person is valued.

In our communities, we live out our baptismal covenant as we strive to continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, resist evil, proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ, seek and serve Christ in all person, strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being and safeguard the integrity of God's creation. We do that together, both lay and ordained, no one more important than the other. "For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9.

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The Rev'd James Spencer
Columnist

War Should Not Be A Game: The Cruelty of Conflict and the Pursuit of Peace

Do you ever watch Family Feud? Or Jeopardy? Or any other game show where people stand with their hands on buzzers, ready to chime in and take their chance on answering the question correctly? It's exciting. Which one will buzz in first? Will they answer correctly? What will it mean to the overall game?

Who takes home the big prize? And who just goes home?

I watched a TV show once where game shows were presented as a scale model of war. You slam your hand down on the button, hoping you get there before the other guy... but neither side can ever be certain what the outcome will be. I quote:

"Every war ever fought right there in front of you. Because it's always the same. When you fire that first shot, no matter how right you feel, you have no idea who's going to die. You don't know whose children are going to scream and burn. How many hearts will be broken! How many lives shattered! How much blood will spill until



"But the wars continue. And people are still dying."

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everybody does what they're always going to have to do from the very beginning—sit down and talk!" – Doctor Who
And he was right.
I watch or read the news every day, and every day it's the same. War and conflict throughout

the world. Real people deciding that the lives of other real people are worth risking, or outright sacrificing, for some political goal. And people die. And no one can be certain who, or how many, or when it will stop.
It's just cruelty.

Cruelty borne of fear—of cowardice.
So often we rate a nation's strength by how much military might it possesses. The country with the most bombs and the most guns is always the strongest. They pride themselves on it. But I

just feel pity for that kind of thinking. Because, to me, weapons do not show strength. They show weakness. They say to the world, "I am not strong enough to fix real problems with real solutions. I am not strong enough to lift myself out of a history of violence. I am not strong enough to live in love and peace with those around me. I am weak. And I will attack, so that I never have to learn strength."

I have a deep respect for all who have served and do serve in our military. It is they who sacrifice and are sacrificed. And I pray that they are directed wisely by those in power, in defence and justice. I have never served, but I believe that the personal hope of any soldier, in any place, is that none are needed after them: that peace is final and complete.

But the wars continue. And people are still dying. It's not a game. The only prize is peace. And so very many never get to go home.

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Gillams holds Cemetery Service in August

On August 18th, a lovely service of remembrance was held by the congregation of St. James' (Parish of Meadows), at the cemetery in Gillams. Though the cemetery has been closed for many years, it was nice to gather and share prayers and praise, and remember our loved ones. The service was led by The Rev'd George Critchell.
-submitted with photographs by Audrey Park



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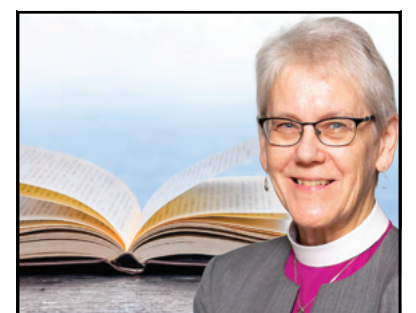
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Old Church Photographs

I'm excited to share a few old photographs featuring churches from across Newfoundland and Labrador, originally taken by a former editor of Anglican Life. I'm not sure when they were taken or if the churches are still active parts of their dioceses, but these images offer a nostalgic glimpse into the province's religious history. From time to time, as space allows, I'll be publishing more of these historic photos in the coming months and invite anyone with information about these churches to share their insights. Maybe it will bring something to mind that you think would make a good story for Anglican Life. If so, just reach out to me, and I'd be happy to help you through the process. My email address is: anglicanlifenl@gmail.com.

-Emily F. Rowe
Editor, Anglican Life



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Flower Service in Rocky Harbour draws big crowd

It was a beautiful, warm, sunny Sunday on August 4th, and a large crowd attended the annual Flower Service at St. Matthew's Anglican Cemetery in Rocky Harbour. It's estimated that approximately 100 people were in attendance. It has been determined to be the largest number that we've had for many years!

-Submitted with photographs by Dale Decker



St. John's Cathedral dedicates labyrinth

On September 28th, 2024, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, held a special dedication for its Ocean Health Labyrinth as part of the Legacy Labyrinth Project. The congregation was pleased to have their friends, Chris Katzenmeyer

(director of the Legacy Labyrinth Project) and Sue Cummings (lay minister), join them for the service and dedication. The theme of this labyrinth, "Ocean Health," inspired local artist Dominique Hurley to create a piece titled *Into the Sea of Infinity*, which now hangs near the

labyrinth in the cathedral's south transept. The painting honours God's creation, and beautifully reflects the "Ocean Health" theme.

-article and photographs by Emily Rowe



A Willingness To Serve

Article and photographs by
Nancy Lieff

One mid-September morning, Rev'd Shirley Noseworthy quoted the Gospel of Mark, which inspired the most fitting theme for this article, tying together the past several weeks in the Parish of Upper Island Cove. Referring to the act of responding to the call to serve in the community of faith she read from the Gospel of Mark: "Anyone wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35) Life in the parish has been full and vibrant with many receptive to hearing the call to serve and finding ways to serve the community, together.

Beginning with early August, the ministry team of Vacation Bible School (VBS) invited the children of the parish to explore beaches and coves of Upper Island Cove and Bryant's Cove to first search for Jesus, move to develop an understanding of God's love and appreciation for their uniqueness, and to finally, be invited to rest in the safety of God's protection throughout the stillness and storms of life. Each lesson was brought to life through art, story and song, and in the context of the fellowship of children. One inspiring feature of this VBS program was a centring prayer the children learned throughout the duration of the program, which is now used during Sunday School to empower them to be in stillness and connect to God's presence and love within themselves.

September brought much vitality to the parish and the relationships it shares within its communities. Firstly, on September 15th, St. Peter's Church in Upper Island Cove was filled with people in attendance to support The Rev'd Aubrey Young in his ordination to the sacred priesthood. Bishop Sam Rose, clergy from all over St. John's/Metro/Conception Bay North, vestry members across the parish, many parishioners from St. Andrews, St. John the Evangelist, St. Peter's were in attendance. Representatives from The C.L.B. on Regimental, Battalion and Company levels were present to support Rev'd Aubrey, who grew up through the ranks of The C.L.B., starting off as a youth member, and going on to become the Commanding Officer of #4547 Upper Island Cove Co. He currently "Fights the Good Fight" as the Chaplain of Trinity Conception Battalion. Additional ministry of music was provided by St. Peter's Church choir and the



Vacation Bible School



Ordination of The Rev'd Aubrey Young



Clergy gathered at the ordination of The Rev'd Aubrey Young

A.C.A.A. Band. It was a joyous and moving evening with a sermon from Canon John Courage, former minister at and friend of St. Peter's Church. The service was followed by a reception and fellowship, supported by the vestry team of St. Peter's Church and many helpful parishioners, called to serve by offering their helping hands of support.

On September 22nd, the very evening Rev'd Noseworthy held her inspiring Sunday morning church service with her message of the transformative power of Living Faith through a willingness to serve, she herself was served in-kind by virtue of her induction service to St. Peter's Church. Once again, Bishop Sam was in attendance, delivering a powerful message in his sermon about the unity of Christ in the context of inclusivity and diversity, and by committing to be of service for all. St. Peter's Church was filled again with vestry members across the parish, and representatives from the C.L.B. on a personal, company level were there to proudly support Rev'd Shirley who gives her unwavering support to this youth organization. Music ministry was once more provided in part by St. Peter's Church Choir and the A.C.A.A. Band. Standing out as a most special part of this service, however, was music ministry provided by Rev'd Shirley herself, accompanied by her family.

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Clergy and congregation remained deeply moved by this moving performance, making meaningful, this celebration of the many gifts Rev'd Shirley willingly gives in service to the parish of Upper Island Cove. Following this service a reception followed, supported by vestry members and many supportive parishioners to celebrate this new ministry—and Rev'd Shirley's birthday, what a blessing!

Just one week later, the aptly named "Annual Goods Services and Talents" (GST) parish fundraiser came to an exciting, and successful, end. In its second year, the fundraiser, facilitated by a special committee in the parish, raises money for the church via an online auction of goods and services donated to the parish by local individuals and businesses. The other piece of the fundraiser includes a dinner theatre, and is held at the Upper Island Cove Community Centre. This year's dinner theatre was a hot turkey supper and variety show performed by a large crew of community volunteers who willingly served goods, services, and as was most evident on this evening, incredible talents. A comedic play—rife with unique idioms and dialects from Upper Island Cove and area—written,

directed and performed by community volunteers was delivered in several acts; each act was followed by a musical intermission from a second large crew of talented community musicians. One remarkable feature of the evening, besides the evident countless hours of hard work that went into this event, was the large-scale teamwork behind it. Dozens of people volunteered from youth to elderly and all ages inbetween, to set up, act, sing, play an instrument, make or serve a supper. A large audience of 250 people was heard laughing and cheering throughout the evening together. A parish and its communities celebrated such a herculean effort together. At the end of the evening, people from the audience got up and cleaned up together. A willingness to serve, support each other and grow in relationship together through fellowship is what scripture translated into daily life looks like. Many people that night were people who you might see in St. Peter's or St. Andrew's on a Sunday morning, and yet, some you would not. But from a spiritual point of view, some might say we were all there in church that evening as a community, all in service together, all held together in the unity and love of Christ.



Above and below: Two photographs from the visit of the CLB



Bishop Rose presents The Rev'd Aubrey Young with his license



Musical ministry in Upper Island Cove



Bishop Rose presents The Rev'd Shirley Noseworthy with her license



This year's dinner theatre

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