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May 29th is Ascension Day

Then rise, all Christian folk, with me
And carol forth the One in Three
That was, and is, and is to be,
By faith, the shield of heart and mind,
Through love, which suffers and is kind,
In hope, that rides upon the wind.

-from "Now Glad of Heart," a 16th century German
Ascensiontide hymn found in The Oxford Book of Carols

image from the Rabbula Gospels depicting the Ascension of Jesus Christ, from commons.wikimedia.org

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Ruth Tucker, the Rev'd Deacon Brenda Strickland, and Maxine Dicks

Two New Lay Ministers in Burgeo

Article by Maxine Dicks
Photographs by Brian Benoit

On March 2nd, 2025, St. John the Evangelist Church in Burgeo commissioned two lay ministers under the leadership of the Rev'd Deacon Brenda Strickland: Ruth Tucker and Maxine Dicks. Maxine was also commissioned as a Eucharistic assistant. Deacon Brenda presented them with their licences during the worship service.



Maxine Dicks and Deacon Brenda Strickland



Deacon Brenda Strickland and Ruth Tucker

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A Joyful Celebration In Carbonear

Article by the Rev'd Maxine Drover
Photographs by Archdeacon
Christine Lynch

On Friday, March 7th, an ecumenical World Day of Prayer service was hosted by women from St. James Church, Carbonear, with participation from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, and Bethany United Church. It was well attended by people from near and far. The service highlighted the life and concerns of the people of the Cook Islands while promoting prayerful action for all genders and ages to help raise awareness of others throughout the world. The theme, "I Made You Wonderful," was celebrated throughout the service through

scripture, prayer, and music from Don Crane and Gloria Mercer. Our guest speaker, Pam Norman, gave a touching witness of her amazing life and how God made her wonderful! Gloria and Lester Mercer, along with members of St. James congregation, did a fantastic job with the colourful decorations and the floral headdresses worn by participants. A time of food and fellowship following the service even included Cook Islands cookies! A wonderful time was had by all!



St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Rocky Harbour


On Monday, March 17th, St. Matthew's in Rocky Harbour hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day supper of stews, pot luck dishes, and delicious desserts. It was a fantastic meal and great fellowship with over 70 people in attendance. - submitted with photographs by Dale Decker



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Bishop John Watton
Central Newfoundland

Reflections From The Sky

Recently, while returning home on a flight from Toronto, I re-read my copy of *Daybreak in Gaza*. It is a collection of writings, reflections, laments, art, and culture from people who live there—some of them died within days of sharing.

The following is a brief, heartfelt reflection I wrote on the plane.

Sara Roy is a senior research scholar on the Middle East at Harvard University. In an article shared in the collection of narratives in *Daybreak in Gaza*, she reflects on a fundamental need to see parallels between the suffering of Jewish people and the present situation in Gaza.

Her perspective is that of one who has parents and family members who survived Auschwitz. Her parents made sure that the sharing of their narrative came with life lessons, the most important being: “The Holocaust is not a shield beyond which you cannot look, my mother and father



photograph by Emad El Byed on www.unsplash.com

taught me; rather, it is a mirror with which to reflect and examine your actions, a mirror you must always carry with you.”

That truth and wisdom have enabled many people, Jewish and Palestinian alike, to grieve in spirit, if not together, over the destruction of beautiful, vibrant Gaza and the West Bank, and the disablement of culture and

any hope of secure, hopeful, and fruitful lives for the people who long for a home.

Sara teaches that while there can be no assumptions that there are equivalents between the Holocaust and the present occupation, there are indeed parallels that must be acknowledged for the sake of understanding and peace—and for any hope for the future.

What might these parallels even look like?

Palestinians struggle to see any hope for the future. They cry for compassion and help. Many Jewish people have felt this from the past.

Palestinians cry out for human dignity: “Will not someone see that we, too, are mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, artists and poets, professors and lawyers, fishermen, builders, and workers?” Jewish people also have a narrative of such suffering. The narrative is important—essential, is

it not? Palestinians too “are human beings with individual histories and stories that must be recounted by the living, not only buried with the dead.”

Sara speaks of her Palestinian friends and their children, who have always welcomed her as a Jew into their homes in Gaza, as being among those who are now being bombed.

It should break our hearts.

We pray God to help all people consider these words from Sara, who writes from a Jewish legacy and heart: “How can I not think of the innocents murdered in Gaza, alongside my relatives? Refusing any such association or bond, as I have been told I must do, is not only the end of Holocaust consciousness, it is the end of Jewish ethical history—shattering the mirror I promised my parents always to use.”

Plant this in our hearts, Creator. Amen.

Successful wake-a-thon raises over \$4,200

On March 14th, the ACW ladies of St. James Church in Port aux Basques held their annual Wake-a-thon. The evening began with a cold plate potluck, followed by games, lots of laughter, and concluded with a card game. The ladies raised a little over \$4,200. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us and continues to support us! -article and photos by Lisa Brown



ACW Executive Installed at St. Swithin's, Seal Cove, White Bay

Left to right: The Rev'd Nancy Hulan; President, Madeline Osbourne; Vice President, Sheila Pinksen; Treasurer, Patricia Rice; Secretary, Viola Pinksen
-submitted with photograph by Madeline Osbourne



Pictured above are Sheila House (left) and Daphne Bonnell (right), LLM and warden

Thank You Sheila House

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting held at St. Hilda’s Church, Bay L’Argent, St. Hilda’s vestry and parish acknowledged Sheila House for her many years of volunteerism to St. Hilda’s and the Bay L’Argent Parish.

Sheila started volunteering at St. Hilda’s when she was just 13 years old as a member of the AYP (Anglican Youth People’s Association), and has been involved in the church on and off ever since, whether it was with

the ACW, on the vestry, or with the parish. She was the first female to be elected to the Bay L’Argent vestry.

There have been many challenging years in the parish, but Sheila has persevered, and with her hard work and dedication, St. Hilda’s is still going.

A big thank you to Sheila for all that she has done, and continues to do, for both her church and the parish. - article and photograph by Diane Reid

Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Peter’s

In 2016, it was suggested by one of our younger members (Kim Lawlor) that we should start a prayer shawl ministry. She had done some research on this and thought it would be a good fit for St. Peter’s. The Rev’d Jean Smith thought it was an excellent idea and got the ball rolling. We asked for volunteers to knit or crochet shawls, and very quickly we had 25 volunteers. The shawls along with an enclosed card are given, not only to St. Peter’s family members, but to anyone in need of comfort. To

date, 200 shawls have been distributed.

A lot of them have been delivered personally by our members. Some have been sent far and wide. Each shawl combines the power of prayer with the healing power of human touch. Some of our faithful knitters are no longer with us. We dearly miss them. The Rev’d Bill Strong blesses each of the shawls at a Sunday morning church service.

- article and photographs by William Lee



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Alongside Hope Launches “Resilience Fund” to Counter USAID Cuts

Article by Dr Doreen Helen Klassen
Alongside Hope (PWRDF) Representative
Diocese of Western Newfoundland

Many of us remember the excitement of providing solar suitcases with medical-quality lights and fetal Doppler monitors for maternity wards without electricity in rural Mozambique. The 50 solar suitcases we shipped to Mozambique provided resources for more adequate prenatal and postnatal infant care, significantly lowered maternal and newborn mortality rates, and greatly improved medical staff morale.

However, massive cuts to international aid by USAID (United States Agency for International Development) and several European governments are having devastating impacts on aid organizations worldwide, including Alongside



Congolese refugees at the Nyarugushu refugee camp, where Alongside Hope has been partnering with Church World Service. Photograph by Alongside Hope/PWRDF

Hope's collaboration with local partners such as EHALE, a community health organization in Mozambique.

The sudden cuts from USAID are disproportionately affecting people who are already at risk: children and youth living with HIV/AIDS, refugees who no longer see a durable

solution, and those experiencing extreme hunger who depend on food and other humanitarian aid.

To maintain as many vital programmes as possible, Alongside Hope is launching an urgent appeal to donors. Your support of the Resilience Fund will allow Alongside Hope to provide partners

with additional support for refugees, HIV-related needs, and women recovering from gender-based violence.

These include:

Tanzania

- Families supported by Church World Service who were preparing for a new life in the United States and had already left the Nyarugushu Refugee camp and given away their possessions were forced to return to the camp with nothing, their dreams of resettlement shattered with the suspension of the US Refugee Resettlement Program.

Kenya

- Anglican Development Services in Kenya was forced to quickly scale back school food programs, anti-retrovirals and other wraparound care for children and youth living with HIV/AIDS. The futures of more than 160 case workers are now uncertain
- many children are no longer able to attend school.
- 42 staff at National Council of Churches Kenya who were providing youth mentorship programming and support for school fees have been laid off, affecting 8,000 youth and 8,000 orphans and vulnerable children.

Mozambique

A five-year program with

partner EHALE that was improving maternal health services and access to health care for young mothers was forced to shut down.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Plans for a program with the Panzi Foundation that would have brought dignity to women recovering from gender-based violence have been shelved.

Haiti

- Medical services and referrals for community members working with Rayjon Share Care are not being provided due to cuts to hospitals that had been receiving USAID supplies.

How you can help:

- Please pray for our neighbours all over the world whose livelihoods and futures have been made uncertain.
- Contact your Member of Parliament and advocate for increased aid funding.
- Give to Alongside Hope as we respond to increased hunger and needs around the world. You can donate online at alongsidehope.org/give-today or call 1-866-308-7973, or mail your cheque to: Alongside Hope, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ont., M4Y 3G2 For more information: <https://alongsidehope.org/news/cuts-to-international-aid-highlight-the-need-to-keep-up-our-support/>



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Growth and Community: Upper Island Cove

Article and photographs by
Nancy Lief

By the time this article is read, spring will be flourishing with new life, and the great hope that is the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus Christ will have been celebrated throughout our diocese and by Christians worldwide. At the time of this writing, however, it is Lent. During this season, we are invited as Christians to contemplatively walk with our Master, Jesus Christ, along his journey of personal sacrifice for our salvation. Right now, we are in the afterglow of such a miracle, and it is from this place of Lent that I share the good news from the Parish of Upper Island Cove and from all the people who “walk the lowly paths of service free” along this journey.

Currently, several people are on a journey of deepening their relationship with Christ through formal theological studies, thereby actualizing a commitment to providing pastoral services in the Parish of Upper Island Cove. Robert Clarke—Sunday School coordinator, lay reader, and Ministry Team member—is currently a student at Queen’s College in the Associate of Theology programme. Mrs. Linda Barrett, also a Eucharistic Assistant, joins him at Queen’s College as a student in the Diploma of Theology programme. Mr. Armin Hackelsperger, a Eucharistic Assistant, is now officially certified as a lay reader, and Mr. Jacob Clarke recently received newly blessed vestments



as a Eucharistic server.

To be clear and truthful, these are only some of the faces of embodied Christian duty in the Parish of Upper Island Cove. There are many cherished people in our parish who give the gift of their loving service in St. Andrew’s, St. Peter’s, and the newly consecrated St. John the Evangelist Chapel. Several new faces are joining our music ministry, church vestry, and supporting committees—people putting their faith into motion to create unity, prosperity, and growth in our parish and its communities.

Speaking of music ministry, the growth in this area is certainly noteworthy. St. Peter’s

Church choir continues to grow, as seen on most Sunday mornings and especially on the evening of March 2nd at the “Memorial Hymns and Songs Service.” That evening, the choir was at full strength, the chancel was filled to the brim with choir members, and the large building of St. Peter’s Church itself resounded with their heavenly voices.

What is truly remarkable about the Parish of Upper Island Cove is the experience of hearing these choir voices perform a hymn like “It Is Well with My Soul,” followed by the magnificent voices of the congregation singing “How Great Thou Art.” One might be left in awe, their entire body tingling at the power and beauty of the singing from the chancel to the pews and back. I should know, as I was the organist for that service—awestruck by such stunning musical worship. Having grown up in this parish as a child, hearing all the powerful singing around me brought back many wonderful memories of this church building, filled with beloved and talented

singers, now passed on and greatly missed. I am sure I was not alone that evening, thinking of them and connecting with them in spirit—quite a fitting experience for the “Memorial Hymns and Songs Service.”

To make the evening even more moving, Rev’d. Shirley and Rev’d. Aubrey shared their own solo musical gifts, as did our parish flagship band, the Anglican Church Assistance Association (ACAA) Brass Band.

The 2nd of March was indeed a busy Sunday for our parish. With a promise to learn and grow “to be of true Christian character,” #4547 Upper Island Cove CLB Company held its CLB Enrolment and Awards Service. Five new members were officially enrolled and joined the company and the Brigade, supported by their families, friends, and CLB family. Other members received the activity badges they have earned so far this training year.

In the spirit of pre-Lent, a Shrove Tuesday eat-in and take-out pancake supper was held at St. Peter’s Reverend Pierce Hall, supported by St.

Peter’s Ways and Means Fundraising and Fellowship committees. The event was a great success, with the parish gathering in faith as a community.

Finally, the Parish of Upper Island Cove’s 2nd Annual Pasta Sunday was held on March 16th at the hall, supported by the families and friends of the Sunday School programme. They donated uncooked pasta ingredients and prepared pasta and desserts in many forms, sharing a beautiful meal as a church family. All donations were given to the local Helping Hand Food Bank.

In the afterglow of the miracle of Jesus’ resurrection, I hope that sharing the good news of growth in pastoral leadership, music ministry, and children learning how to Fight the Good Fight, as well as acts of God’s love through sharing and breaking bread together, brings joy and inspiration this spring season. Let us always remember the hope God’s love gives us all and the miracles to be found in each day of this life we are gifted.

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The Rev'd James Spencer
Columnist

Taking the Church to The “Young People”

A fellow member of the clergy asked me the other day about my views, as a parent of teenage and pre-teenage children, on the struggle to get youth and young families into the church. Much of my ministry efforts over the years have been directly concerned with that demographic, so I do feel I have a few things to say on the matter.

To start with, I'd like to discard a common preconception about the relationship young people have with the church. The way it is most often put to me is: “Young people don't want to come to the church anymore.” This is incorrect.

Young people NEVER wanted to come to the church.

The history that many older parishioners and clergy remember is a time when churches were filled with people of all ages. We long to have that again, and we grumble about the state of the world and today's young people, wishing that the importance of church would once again arise in their hearts.

But the truth is, that perception is based on

“I remember the people from the church coming and helping with this or that. They used to do nice things around town. They were nice to me.”



a very different societal situation. It comes from a time when the people living in a community went to church every Sunday. It was expected, and you would be looked down upon if you did not. Church was part of life, like going to work or school.

Later, this began to change. The expectation of participating in a church began to diminish for a variety of reasons. Still, many young people went—not out of obligation to their community, but out of obligation to their parents, for whom church life

remained important.

After a while, even that began to change. As businesses opened and activities took place on Sundays, and as the world generally moved faith away from being one of the centre points of our lives, young people no longer felt the need to regularly attend worship or be involved in the life of the church.

We are mistaken to think these changes robbed young people of the need for church in their lives. In reality, these changes simply cut the leashes that had kept young people tethered to a church they would have long abandoned if those leashes had never been there.

It's not a pretty truth, but there it is.

Church was what you were supposed to do on Sunday. Young people went, and quite often enjoyed doing so—but perhaps that was because there were few more appealing alternatives on a Sunday.

Now, none of this is universally the case. There are always exceptions—youth who joyously come

to our churches—and we treasure them as precious.

The Anglican Church, in our context, has now found that the solid base we once depended on has started to wash away like sand. Our active parishioners are mostly those who come from a time when you always went to church. Their children and grandchildren, by and large, do not. Our numbers and resources dwindle as a result.

So it comes to us now to start playing the long game. We've tried to play it short, doing things more or less as we've always done them, trying to cling to what we have. And we're losing ground.

It is no good asking, “How do I get young people into the church?” That's the wrong question, and you probably wouldn't like the answer.

The better question is: “How do I get my church out among the young people?” That is where you might actually make a difference.

Not in the short term. You're not going to volunteer at a handful of school breakfasts and suddenly find young

families sitting up front on a Sunday morning. This is not going to save your building or keep your clergy's stipend paid.

But what it might do is show the young people in our communities that the people of the church are kind and loving. It might give them a different perspective so that, in their lives, when they read news stories about mistakes a church has made somewhere, or when they hear negative stereotypes about church people and church life, they can think for themselves: “I remember the people from the church coming and helping with this or that. They used to do nice things around town. They were nice to me.”

The church cannot simply be worshipping on Sundays and wishing there were young people there to hear. It needs to be seen getting involved in every good work, no matter who is doing it or where.

Because it's not about saving the building or paying the bills. It's about living the Gospel. Anything else is inauthentic—and the youth can see that.

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Christian Values

Article by Louise Smith
Photograph by Sharon Smith

Professing Christianity is not just about attending church on Sunday morning—albeit it's a very important first step. It is about everything that embodies the qualities associated with Christ's teachings. It is about parishioners coming together and uniting in fellowship continually, not just on Sunday—the one day of the week.

Here at St. John the Evangelist, Topsail, fellowship is not confined to Sunday morning worship. Canon Jotie has offered a Bible study programme that is open to the whole congregation. Sessions are held every Thursday morning, starting at 10:30 a.m. and lasting for 1 to 1½ hours. They include group discussions.

As I write this, Lent is stealthily creeping upon us. As in other parishes, Ash Wednesday is the starting point of worship during this holy season. It was marked by the ceremony of anointing with ashes.

We are now entering the

second Wednesday of Lent. Parishioners will have an opportunity to join in fellowship as a prerequisite for the many commitments we endeavour to uphold during the forty days leading up to the celebration of Easter. As St. Paul said, "Practice and cultivate and meditate upon these duties." (1 Timothy 4:15)

It is also a time to remember that charity is not just about giving to the food bank or providing physical help to the poor. Charity is about kindness, benevolence, generosity, empathy, and, above all, tolerance in judging others. As we embark on this holy journey, let us be ever mindful of Christ's sacrificial death and illustrious rising from the dead.

"...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death"

- Philippians 3:10

Pancakes in Port aux Basques!

On Tuesday, March 4th the ACW Ladies of St. James Church in Port aux Basques enjoyed a pancake supper before their meeting. Thank you to the gentlemen who prepared the meal. It was delicious and greatly appreciated! -article by Lisa Brown; photographs by Barbara Hardy



“Suddenly nothing made sense anymore...”



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Many people in the Parish of Bay Roberts/Coley's Point know somebody who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia. Our parish's Busy Hands Crafters group was wondering what we could do to help, so we decided to make fidget mats. At a youth group night, the young people cut out letters that could be sewn onto the mats. Some ladies assembled base mats and constructed 'fidget' attachments at home, and many participants donated fabrics and items that would enable us to assemble a larger quantity than we had originally thought was possible.

On our March workday, some people brought along their sewing machines. We opened with prayer, and then the assembling of the mats began. We all enjoyed time together, sharing ideas, and making these mats. We hope that they will be enjoyed by those who receive them. We are so grateful for the time, resources, and talent that were so freely given to make this project possible. Thank you to all involved. May God bless you for your generosity.



Elizabeth Crisby Celebrates 40 Years!

Submitted with photograph by
The Rev'd Fred Marshall

In June 1984, Elizabeth Crisby graduated from Keyin Tech College with her Secretarial Studies (Hons). In October 1984, Archdeacon Fred Oake was looking for someone to work part-time to help with the typing of the Newfoundland Churchman and to assist with various other tasks around the office. Elizabeth says she was laid off from the part-time position on 30 January 1985 and was home for just one day before being asked to return full-time on 1 February.

At that time, the Diocesan Synod office was located at 19 King's Bridge Road, having moved from 68 Queen's Road a year or two earlier. In those days, 19 King's Bridge Road



housed the Archdeacon's residence, the Synod Office, and the Diocesan Resource Centre. Elizabeth

recalls, "There was a much bigger staff back in those days. If those walls could only talk."

On Elizabeth's first day of work, she sat on a small leather steno chair with a little metal table and an Olivetti typewriter in front of the radiator in the main office. When her position became full-time on 1 February 1985, she graduated to a desk in the main office space, still with her Olivetti typewriter. In 1990, the first computers were introduced to the office. There were two computers with 5 1/4-inch floppy disks, a shared hard drive in one of the computers, and an inkjet printer that was later upgraded to a laser printer. Over time, technology improved, and more

advanced programs were introduced. In later years, the office even acquired a colour photocopier.

Over the past forty years, Elizabeth has worked with five of the last six Bishops of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Bishop Martin Mate
- Bishop Donald Harvey
- Bishop Cyrus Pitman
- Bishop Geoffrey Peddle
- Bishop Samuel Rose

The first, Bishop Archbishop Seaborn, confirmed her.

Elizabeth has also worked under eight Executive Officers/Archdeacons

- The Ven. Fred Oake
- The Ven. Owen Coffin

- The Ven. Tom Moulton
- The Ven. Neil Kellett
- The Ven. Geoff Peddle
- The Ven. Sandra Tilley
- The Ven. Sam Rose
- Currently, The Ven. Charlene Taylor

She has also had the privilege of working alongside many great colleagues and friends over the years.

The current Executive Officer, Archdeacon Charlene Taylor, remarked, "Elizabeth is the first point of contact for all who call or visit Church House. Her patience and kindness are gifts she offers to everyone in every situation. We are blessed to have Elizabeth in our midst."

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Supporting a Good Cause

Worshipping and enjoying a rice supper

Article by Carl Rose

Photographs by Roxanne May

After the weekly Lenten service at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Grand Bank, a delicious rice supper was served to all those in attendance.

This meal is an annual occurrence at St. Alban's, and is planned by the Worship, Education, and Mission Committee of the church's ACW. The event raised \$570 (\$285 from goodwill offerings with matching funds from the ACW).

The money raised is given to Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF), which is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. This fund makes financial and human resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security, and livelihoods for vulnerable people.

Chairperson of the committee, Velma Stewart, reported that it has become a successful event, and has grown over the years. "It started out as just plain rice but has evolved into a variety of different dishes including fried rice, baked rice, rice salads and rice desserts. Everyone seems to enjoy it."



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Throughout her forty-year career, Elizabeth has attended approximately 20 diocesan synods. She has shared office space with the diocesan archives, Family Life Counselling Service, Safe Harbour Outreach Project, Home Again Furniture Bank, Coalition of Fisheries, Joint Committee, and Roots of Empathy.

Reflecting on her journey, Elizabeth says, "My work has never been boring, and I have met so many people over the years—whether through serving in the Diocesan Resource Centre, handling registrations for Diocesan Synods, or organizing registrations for Lavrock and Mint Brook Summer Camps for over 30 years.

I have witnessed many changes, such as the building and closing of the Lavrock Centre, the transition from 19 King's Bridge Road to 22 Church Hill (which, incidentally, was the only move I have ever experienced, as I still live in my childhood home), the construction and closure of churches, and the installation of columbaria.

Over the years, my

duties have gone far beyond answering phones and typing. I have worked with rotary telephones, electronic typewriters, Gestetner machines, and collating paper machines. I have made sandwiches, cleaned the office, shovelled snow, fixed toilets, shopped for summer camps—whatever needed to be done. They call me the 'Institutional Memory.'"

Elizabeth's role has been diverse. She has conducted research, photocopied and maintained the Newfoundland Churchman/Anglican Life database and mailing labels, and, in the early years, even typed articles for the publication. She has organized files, created databases, listened to people, assisted parishes and staff, and supervised numerous summer students—many of whom have gone on to successful careers.

Elizabeth concludes, "I have had a great 40 years and am not really planning on going anywhere in the near future. Sorry—you're stuck with me! I've learned so much in my time here."

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