



A Heart For Community: Annual Easter Party in Deer Lake

Article by Canon J. Petten
Photos by Karen Lush

One of the things that I know for certain, as we celebrate our Lord's Passion and Resurrection every year, is that we are going to host the annual Easter Party for the clients and volunteers of Deer Lake's Vera Perlin Association for Community Living. As I have written about this group and this event in the past, I cannot help but feel pride and happiness when we do things for this group of loving people in our community. Such people, although deemed by some to be disabled, certainly are not disabled in the eyes of God. In fact, they are a gift from God: each and every single client of this association is a gift from God. They are given to us from God to show us love in the finest of forms that can be shown in the world in which we live.

Personally speaking, when I am with them, the cares of the world, parish ministry, and my life in general go out the window. In blessings, we often use these words: "May you see the face of the Lord Jesus in everyone you meet." I can say with certainty—whether looking at individuals or the group as a whole—one cannot help but notice the face of Christ. Not only can one notice the face of Christ, but the love of God as well.

This is one event where I must confess to the deadly sin of pride. I am proud of the willingness of the people of the parish to come together and provide a meal, dessert, Easter treats, decorations, and even an appearance by the Easter Bunny to deliver the treats. Everyone beams with

happiness to be part of this event. It is in moments like these that the Church opens wide not only its doors but also its arms, to receive the embrace of love from people who not only show love, but show us how to love, and how to see the image of God in each other. I look forward to being part of this event again next year.



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Bishop John Watton
Central Newfoundland

Formed By The Gospel

In recent weeks, following Lent, I have been preparing a series of leadership workshops to be held before the “summer break” we all need.

One of the persistent questions I receive from interactions with people on both secular and spiritual levels is: “What does it mean to be a person formed by the Gospel?”

It’s a question that bears answering. First, because people ask it out of a judgment of the Church and its members; second, many of us really want to deepen our relationship with the Creator, Son, and Spirit.

Here then is a summary of some thinking around what it means to be “formed by the Gospel.”

Being formed by the Gospel is a narrative about lives that have been personally changed—transformed, actually—by the power of the Gospel message of sacrifice, death, and life. This Gospel of grace, received through faith in Jesus, is central to transformation in the Christian life because it affirms that true righteousness and relationship with God are grounded in faith in Christ’s work of redemption, not in human works. It removes any justification for judging others by rules and doctrinal regulations, leaving room only for love.

This formation by the Gospel is a lifelong process that requires much



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humility, for that alone is the pathway to spiritual growth. It is that humility and faith that give Jesus permission to dwell in the believer’s life. (The Word became flesh and dwelt among us—as indeed he does—but we remember he only dwells within those who would receive him: those who are being formed by the Gospel.)

So we remember that the Gospel provides the means for personal change, guiding believers to become more like Christ in their thoughts, actions, and character.

So we remember, our witness to the world is evident in what we say and do.

If you wish to spend a little more time reflecting

on this, I offer these additional thoughts:

Think of three stories in relation to being formed by the Gospel:

God’s Story

The Gospel is the story of God’s work and sacrifice to dwell among us and to prove the power of love. We are invited to know and share this story, and to grow in our understanding and participation in it.

Your Story

You reflect on how your faith has been discovered and formed. In that process, you are glad to ask yourself regularly:

- Is my faith in Jesus transforming me, or am I merely a participant in a diminishing traditional Christian culture?
- Am I growing in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?
- Do my actions reflect trust in God, or am I insisting on walking in my own strength?

The Church’s Story

Listening to others’ journey stories and fellowship along the way are at the heart of the Church’s mission. Ours is a history—obscured and damaged as it is—of God walking with us and sharing our road. People formed by the Gospel stay together because love guides us through the ages.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



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The congregation after the final worship service on April 5th, 2026



St. Augustine's, St. John's

St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church Closes

Article Archdeacon Edward Keeping
 Photographs by Father Chikwudinma
 Ikechuckwu Akabuogu, Organist and
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On April 12th, 2026, the congregation of St. Augustine's Parish, 1 Westerland Road, St. John's, joined together to say their final farewell to their beloved church and parish in a Liturgy for the Closing and Secularizing of a Consecrated Building.

The decision to close the parish after sixty-three years in existence evolved from a process of discernment involving all parishioners over the past three years. In recent years, the parish had experienced a significant decline in membership to the point that it no longer had sufficient funds to support full-time clergy or to carry out its mission to promote outreach, fellowship, learning, and growing together as a parish. The decline in the number of worshippers and income also resulted in it becoming extremely challenging to make much-needed repairs on the aging building.

The parish had become a "senior congregation" of faithful worshippers, clearly realizing—as one lady expressed—"we are older, small in numbers, and we cannot

do the things we did in the past." The once-vibrant church community was simply no longer able to involve themselves in leading and managing the many ministries they had enjoyed participating in during years gone by. Over the past three years, the church lost its Men's Group, Craft Group, ACW, and other services and ministries.

In May 2023, the Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Samuel Rose, appointed Archdeacon Greg Mercer and Archdeacon Edward Keeping to the Parish of St. Augustine on a shared half-time basis. At that time, the parish entered into a period of discernment to consider the situation facing them: fewer worshippers, a significantly decreased level of income, and minimal community engagement and outreach. Archdeacon Greg Mercer completed his tenure at the church in September 2024. The Bishop then appointed Archdeacon Keeping to a half-time position as Priest-in-Charge, and the discernment process continued.

In the fall of 2025, parishioners were informed of the parish's situation, and following extensive discussion and feedback, the vestry made a motion to "write the Bishop and ask him to dissolve the parish." This motion was accepted by the vestry, and a letter was forwarded to the Bishop. A congregational meeting was called with the Bishop present on Sunday, February 1st, 2026. The Bishop listened to members of the congregation as they shared that they were ready to move forward with closing the parish. The congregation accepted the recommendation of the vestry that the church be deconsecrated and secularized.

Following this meeting with Bishop Sam, a letter was shared with the congregation indicating that the church would hold its last service on Sunday, April 5th, 2026. Having accepted this decision, the vestry decided to hold a Closing Banquet of Thanksgiving on Saturday, April 11th, 2026. This was a time to acknowledge the parish's journey from its humble beginnings, celebrating

in Brinton Memorial School in Churchill Park in 1963, to the first service celebrated in the then newly constructed St. Augustine's Church on March 4th, 1969, to the present time. The banquet was an opportunity for thanksgiving, praise, and celebration. All present acknowledged the church's history, the faithful clergy, and the dedicated ministry of the laity and all who called St. Augustine's their spiritual home for the past sixty-three years.

On Sunday, April 12th, 2026, the Parish of St. Augustine of Canterbury was officially closed and secularized. While this was a somber and sad occasion for many, parishioners are accepting of this decision, having participated in a prayerful and rational process of discernment. As parishioners move forward to find their new places of worship, they are assured—as stated in the Liturgy for the Closing and Secularization of a Consecrated Building—that they are "comforted by the knowledge that the presence of God is not tied to any place or building."



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FROM THE EDITOR:

I wish to apologize for an error in our May issue. The article regarding the Lenten Quiet Day in Cow Head was incorrectly attributed to Edwina Scott; it was, in fact, written by Karen Bennett, and the photograph was taken by Verna Legge. I am very sorry for any confusion it may have caused both the authors and our readers.

Sincerely,
 Emily F. Rowe, Editor, Anglican Life



The Rev'd Canon Jeffrey Petten
Columnist

The Church I Was Called To Serve

I think it goes without saying that we are currently living in some turbulent times. Then again, looking back over the past decade, I do not think that there has been a time in which we have not said such a statement. Yet, it is true, we are certainly living in some turbulent times. One of the things that I keep asking myself is where is the Church that I was called to serve? The Church of today is certainly not the Church that I was called into to be a priest. I often think that that the Church that I was called to serve in was the Church of some thirty years ago. I guess, the thing that I also find myself asking is: did such a Church really ever exist? Now there is a question: Did the Church that I was called to serve in ever exist?

"The institutional Church, as much as it is divine, is operated by humans, and is bound to make mistakes."

Over the past couple of years, I find myself questioning institutions that we have taken for granted, institutions who were "always in the right." I find myself questioning the usefulness of such institutional processes. I find myself explaining things to people when they question me on such things, and as much as I am pulling the "party line," as it were, I feel that as I am saying one thing, my heart and soul are feeling something else. Is this what

some call a "mid-life crisis," or is this just a reality check? I guess that is something for me to figure out.

Within the past season of Lent, the Gospel appointed for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is the account of Jesus and the man born blind. Looking at that account, and looking at the world around us, there are certainly those who may indeed have their physical sight but are certainly spiritually blind; equally, there are those who may not have their physical sight, but their spiritual sight is certainly 20/20 vision. Maybe what I am going through in my own personal journey at this point in time is the fact that the scales are falling off my spiritual eyes, and I am seeing things for what they really are, and I am questioning everything that

I am seeing.

The one thing I need to remember is this: the Church of Jesus Christ is certainly bigger and far more important and any human-made institution. The institutional Church which I work through, has certainly made, and will in the future make, mistakes. It is bound to make mistakes because humanity is involved in its operations. The institutional Church, as much as it is divine, is operated by humans, and is bound to make mistakes. Yet with the humanity of the institution, we must look beyond, and see what it is that we are and should be about. When humanity is involved, mistakes are bound to happen, and hopefully we have the wisdom to learn from such mistakes.

Hopefully some day, I will be able to look back and say that I did certainly serve the Church that I was called to serve.

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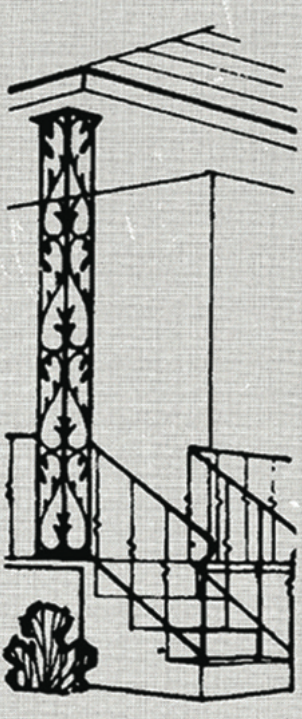
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Ann Marie Hagen’s Story of Forgiveness

Article and photographs by
The Rev’d William Strong

Nearly 100 people came to St. Peter’s Church in Upper Gullies on April 8th to hear a special talk by Ann Marie Hagen on the Topic: “The Healing Power of Forgiveness.”

Ann Marie was witness to the murder of her father in Kingman’s Cove on the Southern Shore, by a neighbour who was experiencing a Schizophrenic episode, in 1979. The neighbour was committed to the Waterford Hospital in St. John’s, received effective drug treatment, and was eventually released into community housing in 1996. At that time, she met and forgave him, and pledged to be an advocate for him. He passed away in 2016.

Ann Marie’s story was retold on an episode of CBC’s “Land and Sea.”

Her message is very profound, and it speaks loudly to the healing power of forgiveness: how she was able to turn hate into acceptance and forgiveness.



Above left are Ann Marie Hagen receiving flowers from Betty Howell, President of the St. Peter’s ACW. Above right is Gary Parsons, President of the Men’s Service Club, introducing Ann Marie Hagen.

Hudson and Rex at The Cathedral

Article by
Cindy Marshall

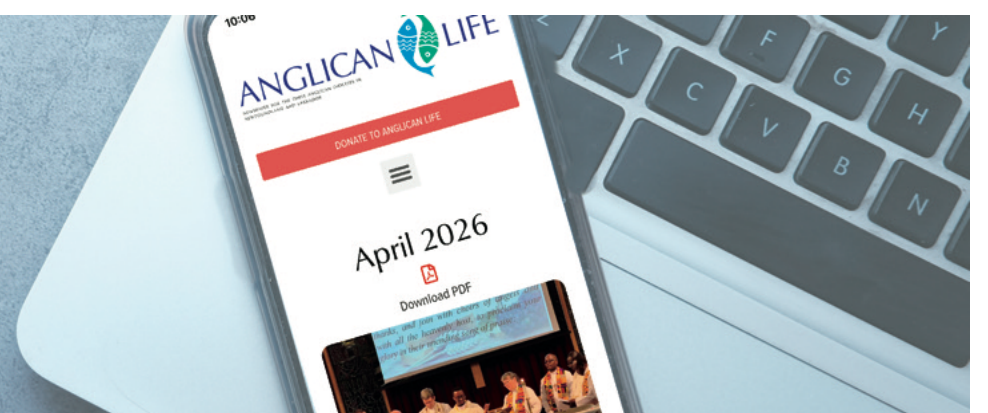
On November 30th, 2025, the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist was the location of the filming of Hudson and Rex. Episode 14 of season 8 is called *Heist for the Holidays*, and is part 2 of a continuation of episode 13. It can be seen in Bell on demand and on YouTube. It was an amazing experience to watch the behind scenes.



Above left to right: Dean of the Cathedral, Roger Whalen, with actor Justin Kelley; Cindy Marshall and Janet Hewson with “Rex” (Dillion); Cindy Marshall, actor Luke Roberts, and Janet Hewson. First photo by Cindy Marshall; second and third photograph by Rick Noel.

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Above: Brian O'Connell speaks to the group about his experience with prostate cancer

Above on the right: the gathering of the Diocesan Anglican Men's Association at St. Peter's, Upper Gullies

DAMA Meeting in Upper Gullies in April

Article and photographs by
The Rev'd William Strong

The Diocesan Anglican Men's Association (Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador) held a gathering at St. Peter's Church, Upper Gullies, on Saturday April 11th. It was hosted by the St. Peter's Men's Service Club, and was attended by 25 men from five parishes of the diocese. The Association's purpose is to promote fellowship, faith, and good will among the men of the diocese.

Reports were made on some groups who meet weekly for fellowship, a meal, and to take part in various service projects. The discussion was inspiring, and while the group hopes to attract younger men into their midst, they are pleased to report that some good things are happening. The Association's objective is to promote fellowship among men throughout all parishes, and they would be



pleased visit or discuss the idea in greater detail with anyone interested.

On this occasion, the men took part in a meeting followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. Brian O'Connell, the well known radio personality, came and gave a very informative talk on his experience with prostate

cancer, and the importance of early detection. The day ended with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Association is planning another event in October. For further information contact DAMA President Gerry Budden at 709-744-1991, or email: buddengerald431@gmail.com

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The Rev'd Andreas Thiel
Columnist

Called and Gathered

Maybe you've heard the following joke:

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you should go to church. One, you're 54 years old, and two, you're the priest!"

Yes, even clergy have those moments when it seems more appealing to pull the covers up and steal a few more precious moments of sleep than to "go to church."

"In the New Testament, Church is not primarily a place we go, but a people who are gathered."

And yet, that familiar phrase, "going to church," may point to part of a deeper problem.

For many, church has come to feel like one activity among many, one destination among others: we go to the bank, go to the store, go to a game... and, if it suits us, we go to church. But from the beginning of the Christian faith, "Church" has meant something far more.

In the New Testament, Church is not primarily a place we go, but a people who are gathered. More to the point, it is a people gathered by God. The initiative does not rest with us. God is the one who calls, who draws, who brings people together so that, together, they may become something in and for the world.

The apostle Paul gives this vision its most powerful expression in the image of the Church as the Body of Christ. Across the centuries, Christians have returned to that image again and again, along with others like it: a family, a community, a spiritual house built of

"living stones." (1 Peter 2:5) Each points to the same truth: the Church is not a static institution or a weekly appointment, but a living, breathing reality, an organic gathering that owes its existence to the One who gathers.

This is why the absence of gathering in our time matters more than we might think. When gathering becomes occasional or optional, something essential is diminished, not only in our own lives, but in the life we share with one another.

Some of these thoughts found their way into my annual message to the congregations in the Parish of Salvage, where I currently

serve. Here is a brief excerpt: "...gathering for worship has always been more than attending an event. It is an act of care for one another. The Letter to the Hebrews urges Christians to meet together so that they may 'encourage one another.' Often, we do not know who needed to see us that day – or whom we needed to see—until we arrive."

You may be reading this on a weekday. But even now, God is at work, drawing you and others together for that shared encounter with the risen Christ. And when Sunday comes, we do not simply go. We are gathered.

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Sacred Foundations: The Altar Stone in Howley

Article and photographs by Canon Jeffrey Petten

Depending on what branch of Anglicanism you may practise, you may come across an altar stone. The altar stone is set at the place where the consecration of the Eucharist takes place on the altar. It normally contains a relic or relics of saints. This is indicated at the heart of the stone. It is engraved with five crosses to represent the five wounds of Christ—the hands, the feet, and the side.

When inserted on the tabletop of the altar, known as the “mensa,”

it gives continuity from the Church of the past to the Church of the present and the future. Often, the relics used in these stones are that of a martyr, someone who died for their faith. This is done to hold true to the belief that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. This symbolized the martyr’s tomb, where the early Church celebrated the Eucharist. This was specially the case before Christianity became a publicly recognized religion by the emperor

Constantine in 381. Underneath the stone is normally held the documentation concerning the consecration of the altar itself.

The first Good Friday that I went to Howley was 2022. When I approached the altar, to my surprise, there was an altar stone! People would not normally know that it is there because every day, with the exception of during the Easter Triduum when the altar is stripped, the altar stone is not visible to the worshipping

community. This year (2026), going to Howley for the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, before the arrival of the worshipping community, I took this photo of the altar stone, so that I could share it with you.

If anyone knows any of the history behind the current altar in the Church of the Ascension in Howley, I would certainly love to find out the story behind this beautiful piece of our faith.

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Humber Deanery's Open Door: Twelve Years of Hospitality

Article and photographs by
The Very Rev'd Kay Short

On Monday, April 20th, the Humber Deanery in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland celebrated the 12th anniversary of its "Open Door." Every Monday since April 2014—with the exception of the occasional snow day—disciples have gathered to serve the community with a hot meal, a warm welcome, and companionship. As is done every year on the anniversary of this long-standing ministry, the occasion was celebrated with a turkey dinner and anniversary cake for dessert.

On average, 60 people are served weekly by 20 volunteers from across the city's churches. In the summer months, the congregations from the churches in Pasadena and the Bay of Islands provide respite as they serve a takeout meal of sandwiches or a BBQ.

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"we serve until all are fed".



"Uncommon Praise" provided entertainment



Every guest leaves with snacks and toiletries

Our Lenten Journey in Topsail

Article by Louise Smith
Photograph by Pauline Noel

In the Anglican community, Ash Wednesday is the starting point of worship for the season of Lent. Customarily, the day is marked by the ceremony of the anointing with ashes, a prerequisite for the commitments we endeavour to uphold leading up to the celebration of Easter. As St. Paul said, "Practice and cultivate and meditate upon these duties" (1 Timothy 4:15).

However, this year, all parishes in our community—and indeed most of Eastern Newfoundland—suffered an interruption to this special worship. Due to a severe winter snowstorm on February 18th, the ceremony had to be rescheduled. A similar weather event on Sunday, February 22nd, necessitated a second cancellation. Fortunately, thanks to modern technology, Canon Jotie was able to livestream the sermon from his home.

During the forty days of Lent, Canon Jotie delivered



an appropriate lesson each Wednesday and Sunday leading up to Easter Day on April 5th. Each delivery was focussed on the Light of the World, while at the same time recognizing the brokenness and God's grace and mercy in prayerful healing and restoration.

On Tuesday, March 31st, our ACW ladies assembled and held a 7:00 pm service, which was arranged by president Betty Hiscock in compliance with our regular Lenten celebrations.

The Good Friday service on April 3rd, was focused on the Stations of

the Cross. The line of parishioners, led by Canon Jodie, marched, then stopped to acknowledge each station, and read an applicable scriptural passage for each one. It was a special time for those who witnessed and participated in this rich tradition.

With snow in the air and flurries on the ground, we gathered at 7:00 am on Easter Sunday to welcome the morning with the Service of Light, New Fire, and Holy Eucharist, followed by the traditional Easter breakfast downstairs.

Then at 10:30 am, all the parishioners who were present, engaged in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Eucharist.

It was a rewarding finale to the forty days of Lent, and the birth of another Easter Day.

Then God said, Let there be Light. And there was Light. Genesis 1:3

ST. PETER'S, UPPER GULLIES, CELEBRATES THE RESURRECTION WITH BREAKFAST

- What an incredible Easter Sunday morning breakfast! The food was delicious, the fellowship was joyful, and it was the perfect way to celebrate the risen Saviour. To our incredible volunteers and everyone, especially the children, what a blessing this morning was. It was the perfect morning to remember the hope we have in the risen Christ. Thank you all!

-article and photographs by Gary Parsons



St. Columba: Who Was The Abbot of Iona?

Article by
Emily F. Rowe

On June 9th, the Church remembers St. Columba, Abbot of Iona. Many of us are familiar with worship from the Iona Community, an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and laypersons within the Church of Scotland. But what do we know of Columba, the man who felt that the spiritual and the material should be intertwined, and who first established the monastery that would later give us this community?

St. Columba (c. 521–597) is an Irish patron saint who also became a patron of Scotland. Alongside St. Patrick and St. Brigid, he is one of the most famous figures in the Irish Church. In addition to being the patron saint of the city of Derry and of bookbinders, he is the saint people pray to when there is a risk of a flood.

Born in County Donegal, Columba is believed to have been the son of noble parents, though much of his early life rests more in the realm of myth and holy tradition than in fact. We do know that his baptismal name, Colum, means “dove” in Latin.

Columba studied in Ireland and was ordained a priest around the year 551, subsequently founding several monastic communities and churches. Around 563, he and 12 followers traveled by small boat



The Abbey at Iona; photo by Ian Capper on commons.wikimedia.org

to the island of Iona in the Inner Hebrides, using that place as a base for the Christian conversion of Scotland. The religious community founded there was viewed as the “mother house” of his missionary expansion. He finished his days there, living a simple monastic life, and excavations have even found the cell in which he lived.

During his life, Columba played a significant role in religious politics, and met with Pictish King Bridei at Inverness (and won his respect, though he did not convert to Christianity). Columba also performed miracles, including banishing a water monster

from the River Ness, sometimes considered to be the first recorded mention of the Loch Ness monster. He also was a great writer, and worked to preserve literacy in the region.

Columba’s final resting place remains a subject of debate. Some accounts say he was buried on Iona, while others place his burial in Saul, Northern Ireland, beside Saints Patrick and Brigid. Because of this uncertainty, both sites have become popular places of pilgrimage. In addition to those places, several of his relics are preserved in the National Museum of Ireland. So if you want a connection to Columba, you have

a few places to choose from!

Today, the Iona Community carries on his legacy. The current community was established in 1938, and is made up of individuals from a wide variety of Christian backgrounds who seek to both reimagine and maintain the spirit of Columba’s mission. Through extensive preservation and restoration of the island’s monastic ruins, services are once again held in the rebuilt Iona Abbey, standing as a living example of “a community dedicated to prayer in action” (which is how they describe themselves on their website).

Over 1,400 years after his death, Columba’s vision of intertwined spiritual and material life lives on. His faith and witness remind us to go out into the world, to spread the Gospel, and put our prayers into action within our own communities.

A Prayer of Saint Columba, from the Church of Ireland:
Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love that never ceases, that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine for ever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our saviour and redeemer. Amen.

In The Good Old Summertime, Come Alongside Alongside Hope

Article by Canon Deborah Pantin
Alongside Hope, ENL

As we begin to make our plans for summer in Newfoundland and Labrador, our thoughts may turn to time on the water as we participate in the recreational food fishery, to our favourite pond angling for a feed of trout, or to otherwise enjoying some time away from our regular responsibilities with our families and friends.

Without wanting to spoil anyone's well-deserved downtime, it is worth remembering that food insecurity, wars, and other conflicts and natural disasters don't take vacations; long after the story has faded from the front sections of our news sources and our own minds, the needs of women, men, children, and the rest of creation continue unabated. And, of course, there will likely be new crises as the 2026 wildfire season ramps up.

One story that we haven't heard much about for several months is Hurricane Melissa and the massive damage it inflicted upon Jamaica last fall. From our partners in Jamaica we have learned that after hurricane made landfall, the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands immediately put its emergency response into action supporting urgent needs. Alongside Hope and other Anglican agencies met with the diocese to see what help and support would be useful as it recovered. Donations began pouring in.

The earliest needs identified across the affected western regions of the country were access to drinkable water, food, and temporary shelter materials such as tarpaulins. Many communities were difficult to reach due to damaged roads, unstable terrain, and blocked access routes. To address this, the Diocesan Task Force established satellite distribution points in the most affected regions, enabling teams to reach remote



Volunteers unload supplies in the north coast city of Falmouth. Photograph from Alongside Hope

and underserved communities that were otherwise inaccessible.

With communication infrastructure severely disrupted, church congregations became critical information hubs. Church members relayed updates, often through sporadic mobile signals or messages sent via community contacts, which were essential for guiding Task Force decisions. These timely field reports helped identify urgent hotspots, prioritize areas where support was most needed, and inform the deployment of supplies and personnel. Local congregations served as trusted access points for communities. Their established relationships made it easier to identify vulnerable households, verify needs, and ensure that assistance was delivered safely and respectfully. In many cases, congregations also provided temporary storage, meeting spaces, and staging areas for relief operations.

Church volunteers formed the backbone of the operational response. They sorted, packaged, and labeled care items; loaded vehicles; and supported deliveries to remote and hard-to-reach communities. Their willingness to work long hours under demanding conditions significantly reduced logistical costs and enabled the Diocese to expand the speed and geographical reach of distribution efforts. With additional supplies and support made available from the local and overseas partners, the immediate needs for food, water, and personal care items were largely met.

Now, attention has gradually shifted to the more long-term concern of shelter. The Diocese recognized that tarpaulins, while useful for emergency shelters, were insufficient in the face of continued rainfall and high winds. As a result, plans for the construction of permanent shelters have begun and this will take

significant human and financial resources to accomplish.

The Jamaica Emergency Appeal that Alongside Hope established back in the fall remains active and accepting donations, either online at: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E344492QE&id=113>, by telephone at 1-866-308-7973, or by mail to 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2. And, please, continue to pray for the resilient people of Jamaica as they attempt to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Your parish might like to organize a summer fundraiser specifically for Jamaica, or for Alongside Hope more generally. Summer is a great time to do something like this while many regular church activities are on a break. Personally, you may wish to consider becoming a member of *Partners in Hope*, the name given to our band of monthly donors. Let's try to grow this group into a strong partnership that will allow Alongside Hope to know where its next dollar is coming from and respond more quickly as needs arise.

May God bless you all with a time of rest and refreshment this summer.

Donate to Alongside Hope's Jamaica Emergency appeal. Give online or by phone at. Or you can mail a cheque to Alongside Hope, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate "Jamaica" in the memo field.



As it has been for the past decade, it has been a true privilege to serve as the editor of Anglican Life over these past ten months, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the people of our three dioceses across Newfoundland and Labrador. Your financial support may be the foundation that allows this publication to continue, but it is your shared stories of parish life that provide its heart. Reading about the vibrant ministry and community spirit in your local congregations is a constant source of encouragement, not just for me, but for our entire readership. It is a genuine pleasure to help amplify these voices, and I am deeply grateful for the support and inspiration you provide to this paper every month. I look forward to the next "year" of Anglican Life, starting with September's issue. Have a wonderful summer, keep sending in your stories, and may God bless you all!

- Emily F. Rowe, Editor, Anglican Life



News From Queen's College

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Queen's College Plans for Its Future with Hope and Excitement
April 29, 2026

ST. JOHN'S, NL — Queen's College, a Christ-centred Anglican theological college founded in 1841 in Newfoundland and Labrador, is an inclusive community dedicated to theological learning, ordination training, spiritual formation, and sending forth disciples to transform society through God's love. As the Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer retires as Provost in June 2026, the Corporation of Queen's College and the three Anglican dioceses of Newfoundland and Labrador will launch a comprehensive strategic planning process. This initiative will clarify the



College's vision, strategic directions, and pathway to long-term sustainability over the next five to ten years. The process will include broad consultation with students, faculty, staff, the three dioceses, partner denominations, other faith traditions, and Memorial University. To ensure strong continuity and stability during this important transition, the Corporation has decided: Appointment of Interim

Administrator: An Interim Administrator will be appointed upon Dr. Mercer's retirement. The Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Robert Cooke as Interim Administrator, effective 1 July 2026, for a two-year term. Dr. Cooke is a longtime member of the Queen's College community, currently serving as Lecturer and Dean of Theology. Strategic Planning

Leadership: A skilled resource person, supported by a small advisory group, will lead the strategic planning process. This will include a review of other theological colleges and wide stakeholder consultations, with recommendations delivered to the Corporation by late Spring 2027. Provost Recruitment: Subject to the findings of the strategic process, the recruitment for a new Provost will begin in early 2028, with an anticipated appointment by June 2028. Operational Continuity: All current academic programs, student services, admissions, and daily operations will continue without interruption throughout the transition period. Regular updates will be


provided to the Queen's College community as the process unfolds. Stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the consultation process; details on how to contribute will be shared in the near future. Rooted in its rich 185-year tradition and open to diverse expressions of faith, Queen's College looks forward with excitement to a renewed and sustainable vision committed to forming leaders and building a more just and peaceful world. For more information about Queen's College, please contact: Queen's College <https://queenscollegenl.ca/contact-us/> Phone: (709) 753-0116 www.queenscollegenl.ca

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