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Confirmations Across the Province

St. James's Port Aux Basques

Article by Lisa Brown

Photograph by Andrea Strickland

A confirmation service was held at St. James's Church in Port aux Basques on November 19th, 2017. Sixteen candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Archbishop Percy Coffin. After the

church service a Potluck lunch was served in the Memorial Hall. A big thank you to Andrea Strickland and Gail Northcott for preparing the Candidates for Confirmation.



Front Row left to right: Andrea Strickland (teacher), Andrew Walters, William Dominie, Daniel Butt, William Osmond, Kyle Musseau, Kolby Musseau, Gail Northcott (teacher) Middle Row l. to r: Jenna Dominie, Christa Keeping, Marissa Savory, Kailey Strickland, MaKayla Allen, Chloe Tapp Back Row l to r: Adria Skinner, Anna Keeping, Archbishop Coffin, Brady Hynes, MacKenzie Hardy

Isle aux Morts

Submitted by
Dorothy Rector

Holy Spirit Church in Isle aux Morts was the scene of a very uplifting, faith inspiring Confirmation on Sunday, November 19th, 2017. Twelve of our youth were

confirmed, supported by a packed church, and a beautiful service by Archbishop Coffin, and an amazing meal after the service.



Front Row left to right: the Rev'd Maryrose Colbourne, N. Bragg, M. LeFrense, A. Coley, Middle row l to r: K. Bond, M. organ, C. Frampton, M. Keeping, M. Lawrence, Back row l to r: K. Scott, L. Francis, Archbishop Percy Coffin, C. Keeping, A. Snook

Margaree-Fox Roost

Article and photograph
by Karen Simon

On November 19th, at St. Augustine's in Margaree-Fox Roost, the congregation was treated to a beautiful confirmation by Archbishop Percy for Emma, Noah and Ashley. Thank you to Sharon Billard and Shirley Osmond for a job well done with the candidates.



Back Row left - right: Rev MaryRose Colbourne, Shirley Osmond, Sharon Billard, Archishop Percy Coffin Front row l-r Emma, Noah and Ashley

Upper Island Cove

Article by The Rev'd Christine Lynch
Photograph by Barbara Ann Mahon

We were blessed on Nov 19th, 2017 to support twenty-four young people from the Parish as they renewed their baptismal vows in the presence of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Dr. Geoffrey Peddle. As they prepared for this day, the candidates assisted with worship as sides persons and greeters. They received instruction on the Christian

faith from Mrs. Linda Barrett. They also worked on various projects and raised \$1105.75 which they donated to the CNIB, the Janeway, and the Canadian Red Cross. We pray that these young people will continue to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they continue on in their Christian journey.



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The Venerable John David Meade

Bishop-elect, Diocese of Western Newfoundland

September 4, 1972 - November 29, 2017

Article by
Emily F. Rowe

The Venerable John David Meade was raised in Channel-Port aux Basques as a member of the Parish of Grand Bay. He said that as a "cradle Anglican, I cannot recall a time when the Church was not a significant part of my life." He was the youngest of four, and served as a member of the junior choir, as a server, and later as a licensed lay minister. He said that he began his work as a lay minister before



Archdeacon John Meade
Bishop-Elect
Western Newfoundland

he could even drive, and knew from an early age that God was calling him to ordained ministry in the Church.

After he finished high school, Archdeacon Meade went to Memorial University where he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree. During the time of his undergraduate degree, he served as a catechist in the Parish of White Bay, and following his graduation from MUN, he enrolled in the Master of Divinity Programme at Queen's College. He graduated with his MDiv. in 1998.

On the feast of St. Barnabas, he was ordained a deacon. He served in the Parish of Cow Head until 2001, and while there he met the woman he would marry, Kelly, in Sally's Cove. Archdeacon Meade's

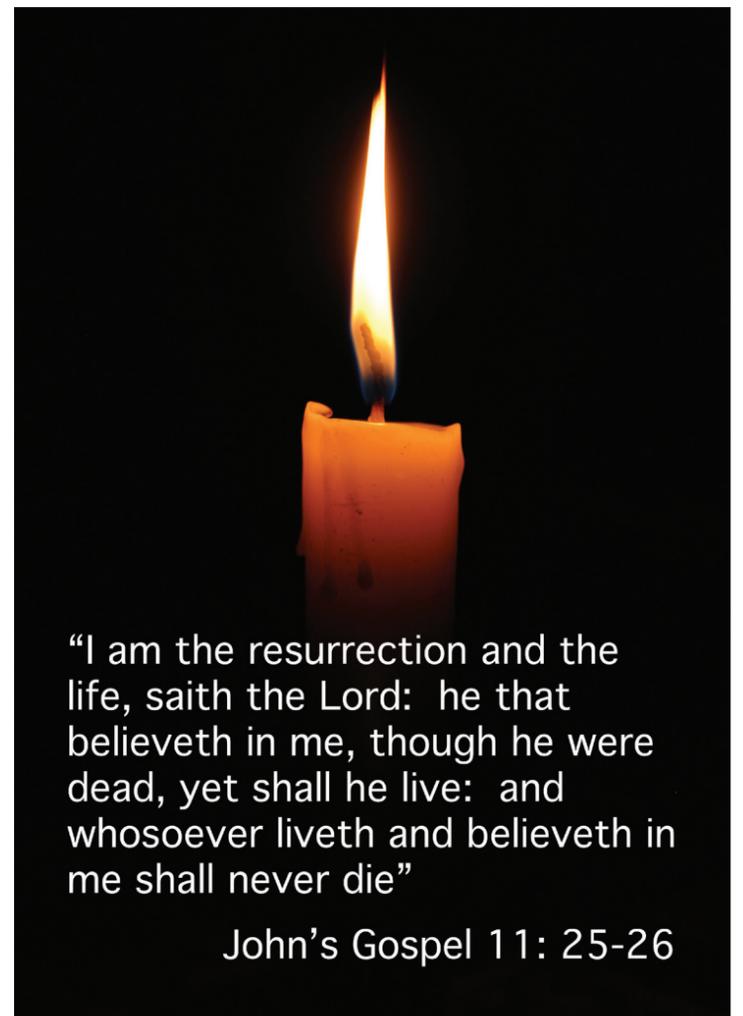
next move was the Central Diocese, where he served at the Cathedral in Gander until early 2005. His next parish was Deer Lake, and he was there until 2012. After a brief time at the parish of St. Mary the Virgin in Corner Brook, Archdeacon Meade made the move to Western Diocese's Synod Office, and became the Executive Archdeacon and Assistant to the Bishop in June of 2013. He was elected to be the next Bishop of Western Newfoundland at the diocese's electoral Synod last June.

Archdeacon John Meade passed away on November 29th, 2019. He was 45 years old. His funeral took place on Friday December 1st, followed by his interment at the Anglican Cemetery in Sally's Cove on December 2nd.

Shortly after his election last summer, I asked Bishop-elect Meade to write an

article for Anglican Life, and to share with us all who he was. I have used that article to write this memorial to him, and will give him the last words:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing ministry with Archbishop Percy, our ordained Diocesan Ministry Team, and the countless dedicated and faithful disciples that comprise our Diocese. The 21st century Anglican Church in Western Newfoundland truly is all encompassing. We have our challenges, such as out-migration, an aging demographic, and dwindling financial resources. However, the openness of our faithful to new models of Shared Ministry, the institution of the College of Deacons, and locally-raised and trained priests are all signs that God's hand is at work in Western Newfoundland."



"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"

John's Gospel 11: 25-26

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Ordained To The Sacred Priesthood

“Let your priests, Lord God, be clothed with salvation” 2 Chronicles 6:41

Article and photographs by
Gord Abbott

The Anglican Diocese of Central Newfoundland, and the Parish of Burin, congratulate the Rev'd James D. Spencer who was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by the Rt. Rev'd John E. Watton, Bishop of Central Newfoundland, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Burin on the 18th of October, where he celebrated his first Eucharist among family and friends. Rev'd James is now licensed as Priest-in-Charge in the Parish of Burin where he has been serving as a Deacon since the spring. Our prayers go with James as he continues to minister, now as Rector of the Parish of Burin, and for his wife Stellar, and for their children Isabelle and Simon, in this new stage of their family's ministry.

Rev'd James is the youngest son of The Rev'd George and Maisie Spencer of Gander. Rev'd George, who is now retired at the age of 86, offered the sermon/reflection at his son's ordination, stating both his pleasure at James' answering God's call to ministry and his pride in having James follow in his footsteps. James graduated with honours from Queen's College Seminary in St. John's in April, and was ordained as a Deacon on April 29th during the annual Diocesan Synod, held this year on the Burin Peninsula.



Pictured above on the left is the ordination of The Rev'd James Spencer. Above on the left is The Rev'd George Spencer, The Rev'd James Spencer, Masie Spencer, and Bishop John Watton

Corner Brook Outreach Committee Visits Irishtown

Article and photograph by
The Rev'd Tanya White



The Outreach Committee and senior choir members from All Saints Church in Corner Brook went to Bay Shore Estates in Irishtown on the 23rd of October for a singalong with the residents. It was well enjoyed by all.



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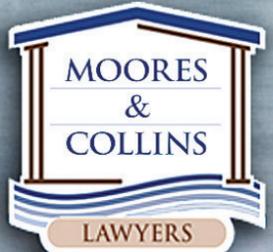
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Emmaus House Food Bank Holds Open House

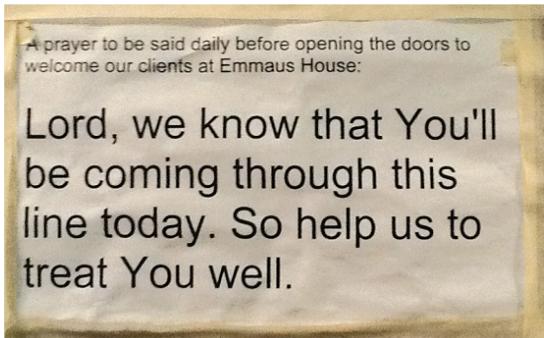
Province's largest food bank has demands increasing

Article by
Emily F. Rowe
Photographs by
Jean Ellis

In late November, I had the opportunity to visit the Emmaus House food bank, here in St. John's. They had an open house on a Saturday morning, and many volunteers were on hand to give tours of the facility to curious members of the public.

register the clients who come the food bank, and to provide them with their goods.

Emmaus House is one of 50 food banks that are served by the Community Food Sharing Association, who assist with much of the food donations. Parishes



The Emmaus House food bank is located behind the Basilica of St John the Baptist, just next door to St. Bonaventure's Roman Catholic School. It's the largest food bank in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and is run by a committee made up of five churches within the city: The Basilica (Roman Catholic), The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. Thomas's, St. Patrick's (Roman Catholic), and St. Michael and All Angels'. Each parish is responsible for staffing a different day of the week at Emmaus House, and provides a group of volunteers to organize the donations, receive and

make monthly contributions of money, and also collect food for distribution. Food is also collected through various other food drives, such as at the Santa Claus Parade. Food drives can often mean that there is a good supply of food at certain times of the year—Christmas and Thanksgiving, for example—but maybe not so much at other times, so it is important to remember to make donations to the food banks at the leaner times of the year when they might be struggling to meet demand.

In addition to non-perishable food items, it is also a great idea to donate personal hygiene items to Emmaus House, such as

toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, and disposable diapers. Donations of pet food are also gratefully received as there are many requests for that as well.

In the last week of November, the five churches that are involved with Emmaus House take registration for Christmas hampers. These are assembled, often with toys for children as well as food, and are distributed in the last week before Christmas.

A volunteer at the open house told me that they serve well over 7000 people at the Emmaus House food bank in the run of a year, and that number includes many children. Tough economic times in our province have forced more and more families to avail of the food bank's services. By contrast, two years ago



Pictured above and below are some of the many Emmaus House volunteers at the Open House



they served closer to 6000 people, so the increase in demand is great, and the need for more help is always a concern as many volunteers are getting older.

Emmaus House operates from Monday to Friday, from 1:00 - 3:00 (for clients). If you would like more information about how you can help them, they can be contacted at (709) 753-6380.

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Between the Lessons—The Madness of David

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe
Columnist

As chapter 21 of 1 Samuel begins, David arrives at Nob, where Ahimelech the high priest, the tabernacle, and the Ark of the Covenant are residing. David is a fugitive on the run from the king, but he's hoping that he can gather some food and supplies before anyone finds out that he's there, or at least before the high priest realizes that he is out of favour with King Saul! David pretends to be on a secret mission from the king, and that no one else is supposed to know about it. (That gives him a convenient cover if Ahimelech starts to check his story.)



He says that he and his companions had to leave in such a hurry that they didn't even have time to pack any food or weapons, and asks if the priests have anything to eat. After making sure that David and his men are ceremonially clean, Ahimelech gives them the Bread of the Presence from the tabernacle. This is a Very Big Deal—so much so that a thousand years later, Jesus will cite this example when the Pharisees complain that his disciples are breaking the Sabbath.

The Bread of the Presence was a batch of twelve loaves of bread that were arranged on a table in front of the Lord (presumably in front of the Ark) and replaced each week with new ones when they started to go stale. When they were replaced, they were still considered to be holy, so they were given to the priests to eat, as long as they ate them within the sacred

precinct. Now Ahimelech bends the rules to feed David and his companions, either not knowing or not caring that he is on the run from the king.

After he has eaten, David asks Ahimelech if there are any weapons on hand, 'because,' he says, 'I left in such a hurry that I didn't have time to take a sword or spear.' As it turns out, there is a weapon that he can have. The priests have been holding onto the sword that formerly belonged to Goliath the Philistine—the very one that David had used to kill him after stunning him with a stone from his sling.

Fed and refreshed, David now takes up this auspicious weapon and goes to the one place Saul would never expect him to go. He goes to the Philistines, apparently turning traitor and running off to the enemies of Israel! Perhaps he thinks that 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend,' but his arrival stirs up old memories for the Philistines. They remember that he is the one about whom the women of Israel sang 'Saul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands,' and the Philistine king is reluctant to take him in.

But David has a trick to play on him as well. He pretends to have gone mad, which gives him an excuse for not being with Saul's army, and hopefully will convince the Philistines that he's not a threat. For now, at least, the ruse seems to work, and he is sheltered by the Philistines. But he hasn't gotten away scot free: while he was at Nob, one of Saul's servants saw him, and has no doubt returned to tell his master what's happened to David. If Saul was worried about David before, he must be doubly so now—he has run off to the enemy camp, wielding Goliath's own sword. Saul will continue his pursuit of David, even if it means facing the Philistines to do so. But that's another story, for another time.



Altar Servers of St. David's Pasadena recognizes important contribution of their youth servers

Article and photographs by
Allison Roberts

On October 28th, 2017 thirteen youth were recognized for their commit to the ministry of altar servers in the Parish of St. David's located in Pasadena. The Rev'd Steven Maki presented each server with a certificate, a card, and a small token of appreciation for their dedication to this ministry. Four of these youth have been servers for more than 8 years, five have been serving for more than 4 years, and four youth have newly joined the ministry in the spring of 2017. Having these young people contribute to the service each week is something that is appreciated by all parishioners of St. David's. Their duties include preparing the hymn boards, lighting the candles in preparation for the service, partaking in the processional and recessional, accepting the collection at the altar, helping the priest to prepare the altar for Holy Communion, and extinguishing the altar candles at the end of the service. Many youth servers also volunteer to read during the service. Their participation keeps our church youthful, inspiring and hopeful in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. These youth are ready to share a welcoming smile and help in whatever way possible. Their parents

need to be commended as well for encouraging their children to become involved in the life of our church. As a parent of a youth server and the person

who organizes the schedule each month I am very proud of these young people and I will continue to support their spiritual journey.



The servers enjoying pizza

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Which Book of The Bible Should New Believers Read First?

The Rev'd Michael Li
Columnist

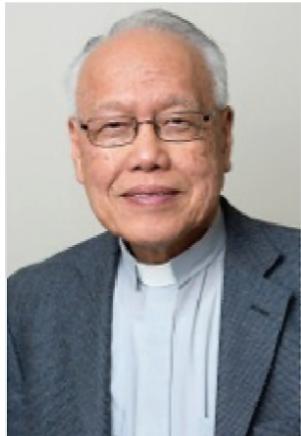
The Bible is a collection of books written by forty authors in several languages over 1,500 years. The earliest manuscripts of the Bible were scrolls, written on papyrus, later on parchment and finally on paper. Bibles were written in capital letters. Upper and lower cases were introduced in the ninth century and spacing two centuries later. There were no chapter and verse divisions until Stephen Langton divided the Bible into chapters in 1226, and Robert Estienne divided the chapters into verses in 1551.

The Old Testament contains the covenant between God and the people of Israel at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:5). The New Testament contains the covenant between God and all humans, which was foretold by the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31). The Bible begins with the creation of the universe and ends with the re-creation of the universe.

The central message of the Bible is the story of salvation. The foundation of everything that we believe as believers is Jesus Christ, so naturally He would be a good place to start. We can read the words and deeds of Jesus Christ recorded in the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Where does a new believer or a unbeliever begin when he or she starts to read the Bible? My personal preference is with the Gospel of John. John emphasized the love of God

as found in Jesus Christ. He wrote the book for a very specific purpose: that his



readers would see Jesus Christ's signs and believe in Him. This makes John's Gospel the perfect book for new believers to read to start growing in their walk with Jesus Christ.

Here is a preferred order: John, Mark, I John, II John, III John, Genesis, Ephesians, Galatians, Matthew, Luke, Acts, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Romans, Psalms, and Proverbs. Then, read the rest of the New Testament before you read the rest of the Old Testament. As we grow in the faith, we will find that every time we read the Bible we will learn more and more, and we will grow closer and closer to Jesus Christ.

Do not read the Bible in a hurry. Stop and meditate on the words. And pray for the Holy Spirit to open up the meanings and understanding of the Bible.

Music Notes From Lake Melville

Article and photographs by
Derek Thomas

For many years the dedicated praise band at St. Andrew's in Happy Valley-Goose Bay was led by Aden Clarke, an accomplished accordionist and vocalist. Two years ago, just a month after retiring from his job at the Crown Lands Office in Goose Bay, Aden passed away and our loss was keenly felt, not just by the choir and praise band, but by the entire parish. A challenging couple of years followed with lots of extra work for the Rector, the Rev'd Nellie Thomas, who often found herself moving from the altar, to the organ console, to the accordion,

organ is the gift of the late John's native, is a retired music teacher and a number of her former students are part of the Community Choir. Proceeds from the service of Carols and Lessons were also directed to the Primate's Fund.

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Any survey of the music ministry in Lake Melville would not be complete without mentioning our small but faithful congregation in North West River. Anglican services there take place in the United Church where Eileen Baikie, a member of that church, kindly provides piano and organ music for us as well. From time to time another United Church

parishioner, Wilma Dyson, will fill in for Eileen. Truth to tell, United Church members constitute the majority at Anglican services in North West River. They tell Rev'd Nellie not to worry about that because we are all going to be United in heaven



to the guitar, all in the same service. We are pleased to be able to report that our music leadership problem has been resolved with the hiring of Shawn Adams, a native Labradorian, as St. Andrew's organist, pianist and choir director. Shawn brings youthful energy and amazing musical ability to the parish. Shawn, members of our praise band and choir members come together each Sunday for worship and Monday night for choir practice. Shawn is giving gentle and well-appreciated leadership to the choir and praise band. Together they worked on a mini-cantata, Sing a Song of Christmas, which was performed on Sunday, December 17th, with the proceeds going to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

The music ministry here has been enhanced by the addition of two new instruments. A magnificent custom-built electronic

in the fall practicing at St. Andrew's for the December 4th service of Carols and Lessons. Heather, a St.

where "with one mind and one voice" we will praise our God.



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Thank God!

Ronald Clarke
Columnist

Ok, you've just spent a lot of time and money helping someone. You've just done somebody a tremendous favour. You feel great because of what you've done—but, then the recipient of your generosity just walks away with not even a sign of real gratitude. How would you feel?

Perhaps I'm a bit childish in my old age, but I'd be very disappointed—hurt even! I've experienced ingratitude far too many times, and I don't like it.



A sincere "thank you," a warm smile, or a grateful hug, costs absolutely nothing. Heartfelt gratitude is one of the most precious gifts one can give. Isn't it entirely reasonable to expect gratitude from others?

Does God expect sincere gratitude from all of us? When Jesus healed the ten lepers he certainly gave us a definite answer: "yes"!

We all remember the story? Ten men, suffering from a horrible, incurable disease, asked Jesus for the "impossible"—a miraculous cure. Jesus healed them all!

Off they ran, leaping, laughing, bursting with joy.

Only one, and the man a foreigner, came back to thank Jesus. Was Jesus disappointed?

"Weren't ten cleansed," he asked, "but where are the nine?"

Obviously, Jesus really wanted the gratitude of the nine. His feelings were hurt by their ingratitude. How often do we give our God sincere, heartfelt gratitude?

You know, a fellow said to me recently, "What have I got to thank God for?"

Not much, eh?

Only life itself—every breathe we take!

Only our bodies, minds, and souls.

Only the capacity to create, to work, and to earn a living.

Only our families, friends, fellow Christians.

Only a wonderful environment, a prosperous, peaceful country.

Only a Father—God who loves each one of us personally.

Only a loving Saviour who is present with us every day of our lives.

Only a divine Holy Spirit who guides us (if we let him) in every aspect of our living.

Nothing to be thankful for, eh?

October was our month for Thanksgiving but so is November, December, January—so is every month.

Don't let Jesus have to ask of us, "But where are the (ungrateful) nine?"

I'm asking myself—too often—where am I? Am I also not thankful enough? I should be!

Thank you God for everything!



A New Start for Sunday School at St. David's

Submitted with photographs by Tim Spicer

Sunday School. Something that a lot of us went to in our childhood. Sometimes it was just colouring a piece of paper and having a snack and a drink before we went upstairs to be blessed by our priest during Communion.

Times have changed. Congregations have shrunk

help of pictures, as well the congregation seeing the Sunday School for themselves, our "students" grew to six for the second month. Rev'd Maki has committed himself to the program for one year. Lay Minister Tim Spicer and his daughter Rachel, as well as newly-confirmed Shianne

before discussing what they saw. The "Holy Moly" series has no speaking in it so it appeals to all ages, all denominations, all languages. Next, the children make a craft about the day's theme. Snacks and beverages are served before the children go upstairs to church with their parents, just before 10:30 a.m.

The theme of Sunday School is then repeated during Children's Story during which Rev'd Maki and the children who attended Sunday school get to share what they learned with the congregation.

In support of our Sunday School and making Church welcome for families with young children, the back of the church has an area that is family-friendly. If Rev'd Maki's Service gets "boring" for the children, there is an abundance of children's books (both religious and non religious), a few toys, and even a comfortable rocking chair for parents with infants.



everywhere in Canada, so innovation has come to the forefront of churches to bring families with young children back to church. It is difficult!

After Sunday School being on hiatus for two years at St. David of Wales Anglican Church in Pasadena NL, innovation has started to grow their Sunday School. The first Sunday of each month, the Rev'd Steven Maki is taking himself away from the 9 a.m. service to be with the children of the Church. Being new, we had three children at our first Sunday School. With the

Trimm have also helped get this program "off the floor".

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m on the first Sunday of each month so that the children can join their parents in worship during the 10:30 a.m service. The children first light the candles (battery operated) on the altar and then, on a comfortable quilt on the floor, they watch one story from the popular "Holy Moly" video series



Thank you
God, for
everything!

image by E. F. Rowe

A Journey Through Grief— Part Three

The Rev'd Jeff Blackwood
Columnist

The adage, "Time heals all wounds," is something that all of us who are dealing with grief hear all the time. For us personally, it is very often followed by typical phrases of trying again for another child, or that another child in the future will help. And while these sentiments come from the best of intentions, sometimes they aren't always true.

Yes, time does help; but some of the wounds of grief never heal all the way. They can linger for what seems like eternity. One can tell someone that after a major surgery that taking time off will help heal the wound. What if there is residual scar tissue that causes pain for the remainder of one's life? Time, medically speaking, cannot heal that kind of wound.

Time is a relative factor, and it is different for all of us. To paraphrase one of my favourite actors, David Tennant, time is not just a linear transition of cause-and-effect, but rather a big jumbly ball that overlaps and confuses. (Refer to the *Doctor Who* episode "Blink" for this reference, if you desire)

We are human—we all grieve differently. What may be a shorter process for some may take longer for others. In our own process, I feel I have healed at a faster rate than Victoria has, yet her healing is at her own pace. Will either of us be, for lack of better terminology, "fully healed"?

Only time will tell.
How much time?

Well that isn't up to us unfortunately. We would like to be able to control how much time healing can take, but ultimately, we can't. We forget that as complex as the idea of time is, it is a mere blink in the eyes of God. God was able to create everything around us in a mere six days, based on our meagre human understanding. Six days to God could have been thousands of millennia to humans—we don't know! God's time is infinite, and human time is full of impatience and questioning.



As we all walk through the grieving process—whether it is a miscarriage, the death of a spouse due to age, illness, or accident, or even the loss of the family dynamic – my number one encouragement is to literally take all the time one needs. There is no timeframe to the healing process that can be defined. Some of us may need a few weeks to grieve appropriately, others may only need days, while others could need years.

And God has all the time in the world to hear our prayers and concerns.



Shirley Osmond, Lorena Kendall, Judy Seymour, and Jeanette Billard

Dinner Theatre Success

Article and photographs
by Karen Simon

On Nov 11th, the Stewardship committee of St. Augustine's Church in Margaree-Fox Roost held their annual Dinner Theatre. A great evening with food, music and local entertainment. Thank you to everyone in both communities that helped in any way: donating food

and helping to prepare, serve and clean up after the performance.

Thank you also to Gerard Doyle, John Billard, Chad Skinner, and Frank Roche for their help creating the stage and set.



Gerald Doyle and Marie Farrell



Back Row left to right: Maggie Seymour, Jeanette Billard, Lorena Kendall, Millie Park, Rev MaryRose, Jessie Meade, Mary Carter, Mary Carroll, Marie Farrell, Bernice Sweet
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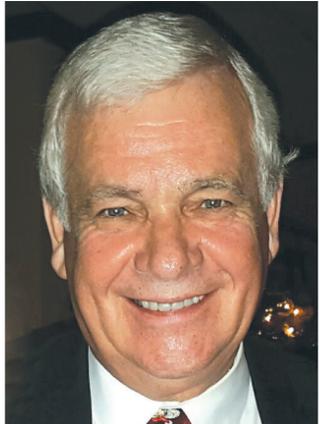
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Parish of the Ascension Receives Retirement Funds

Kevin Smith
Columnist

The Parish of the Ascension in Mount Pearl was recently the recipient of a gift of retirement funds. The donation came from the estate of long time parishioners Ruby and Roland Clarke, who passed away in 2015 and 2009 respectively. The gift was undesignated which means the parish can use the funds for any ministry.



Ruby and Roland Clarke

Donating your RRSP or RRIF funds to the Anglican Church, one of the Dioceses, or one of the parishes is a tax-smart and effective solution. When you name the Church as a beneficiary of registered plans, you make a gift which benefits our church as well as other beneficiaries in your estate, as the tax receipt will reduce taxes owed on the estate. In addition, you retain ownership and use of the funds. You can choose to donate all or a portion of your retirement funds, and still provide for your family by naming more than one beneficiary.

The gift is simple to make. Just request a Change In Beneficiary form from your plan provider and name your Church as beneficiary of all or a portion of the RRSP or RRIF and return the document to your provider.

This type of gift upon death is not all that common but is becoming more popular as the current population cohort is moving into its 70's and 80's. Accountants tell me that when it comes to transferring your wealth to the next generation, retirement funds are among your most heavily taxed assets. Registered assets can only be rolled over to a

surviving spouse, but are taxed if they're transferred to children or next of kin, unless a child has a disability. It is an appropriate planning vehicle for any individual with RRSP/RRIF assets. In other words, when you die, it is as if you cashed in your asset all at once and it is added to your taxable income. A significant charitable gift can be made while reducing the tax burden on the withdrawal through your charitable tax receipt for the gift amount.

Members of the Clarke family, daughters Ann (Bruce) and Lynn (Daniel), were delighted that their parents had decided to support the Church in this manner. "Our parents were faithful members of this parish for many years and they were pleased to make

a planned gift to the ministry of Ascension."

The Rector, the Rev'd Canon David Burrows, was very grateful to the Clarke family for this generous gift. He said the Clarks were a faithful and loving couple, always striving to realize the love of God in the parish and in their lives. The parish is hoping to use the funds for the purpose of continuing their mission of reaching out to others.

Finally, from my family to yours, may you have a holy and blessed New Year.

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Supporting Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

PWRDF News How PWRDF responds to emergency situations

Article by The Ven. Charlene Taylor
PWRDF Representative, Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was naked and you clothed me.

These familiar words from St. Matthew's gospel speak of basic things needed for human life. In 2017, we witnessed through global media how natural disasters like earthquakes, hurricanes and famine can take away basic human needs in the blink of an eye. Primate's World Relief and Development Fund responds to emergencies and humanitarian relief in Canada and internationally.

PWRDF works in partnership with ACT Alliance of which we are a member. ACT Alliance is an organization of 140 international Christian organizations working in areas of high need. When disaster happens, ACT is able to contact one of its members already in place and quickly get them funds for immediate necessities

of life, such as water, sanitation, food and shelter. (PWRDF website).

So when disaster hits PWRDF sends funds to partners on the ground to fulfill the immediate need—because they know the need. PWRDF do not send loaded planes with volunteers to disaster zones. That would only put more pressure on limited resources. Our financial gifts enable those in the midst of an emergency to respond quickly. It's important to note that 100% of funds given in response to emergencies and humanitarian relief goes to the immediate crisis.

From earthquakes in Nepal and Mexico to famine in East Africa and hurricanes in the USA, Caribbean and Central America—PWRDF was there in 2017—making sure as Jesus says; *when you did it for one of the least of mine you did for me.*

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Coats For Kids

Mount Pearl parish teams up with VOCCM Cares to help get warm winter coats to those who needs them

Article by
Emily F. Rowe
Photographs by
Jean Nash

In the fall of 2017, the Parish of the Ascension in Mount Pearl decided to partner with the programme “VOCCM Cares Coats for Kids” campaign. People from the parish, from the Parish of The Good Shepherd, and from the surrounding community were asked to drop off gently used winter clothing—jackets, snow pants, coats—at the church. People were very generous, and a great deal of gently used clothing was collected. Some people also donated knit goods, which are also appreciated.

I spoke with Ruth MacDonald, who works for Vibrant Communities—a community based initiative that has a goal to reduce poverty by working together with many volunteer-based and non-profit organizations. The VOCCM coats campaign used to just operate from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1, and that served as both storage and “shop” for the coats. Ms. MacDonald brought in a partnership

with Metrobus, and now the Legion location is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and a bus is available at different locations on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Ms. MacDonald helps to select 16 locations around the metro area for the bus to park and set up a mobile shop for the coats. Her primary roles are then in the orientation of students who volunteer with the buses (there is a partnership with Memorial University for students who require community volunteer hours), and to decide where and when the bus of coats will go. Notice is given within the community as to where the bus will be so that people can know when to come and get the much needed winter clothing.

People from 8 weeks old to 80 years old make use of these free warm winter clothes, and one of the groups who makes use of this source of winter clothing is the Association for New Canadians. They

often have a great need for warm clothes for new arrivals to our province. There are 3 to 4 volunteers on each bus, and they help people to select the winter clothes that they need for themselves and for their families. As Ms. MacDonald said, kids outgrow their winter clothes long before they wear them out, so this is a way to pass along the things that you don’t need to someone who does. This is the first time that “VOCCM Cares Coats for Kids” has partnered with the Anglican Parishes in Mount Pearl, and it has hopefully sown the seeds to great future success in that community.



One of the VOCCM Cares bus from the outside



Inside one of the “mobile shop” buses

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News From Topsail

In loving memory of Millicent Morey

Article by Louise Smith
Photograph by Sharon Smith

On November 9th, 2017, our parish family was shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of one of our most prominent parishioners, Millicent Morey.

Millicent had been an active member of St. John the Evangelist church for over forty years. During that time, she served in many capacities to the Glory of God and with humble and unbiased approach.

In her role as Eucharistic assistant, we have precious memories of her gliding up

the aisle gowning in a flowing white robe and in step with the peal of the organ.

She served as Altar Guild president and was mentor to her many teams over the years. As an active ACW member, she worked tirelessly in outreach. Her prowess with the sewing machine helped to turn out the many projects taken on by the Anglican Church Women.

Besides her home church, Millicent was still involved with the Avalon West deanery, where she often played a leading role.

She discharged her many spiritual gifts in a very diligent

and devotional manner.

Millicent had an active and interesting life outside the church as well. She enjoyed taking a trip. Whether it was on a plane to Florida or just a bus tour across Newfoundland, she loved and appreciated the many wonders of God's creation along the way.



The late Millicent Morey

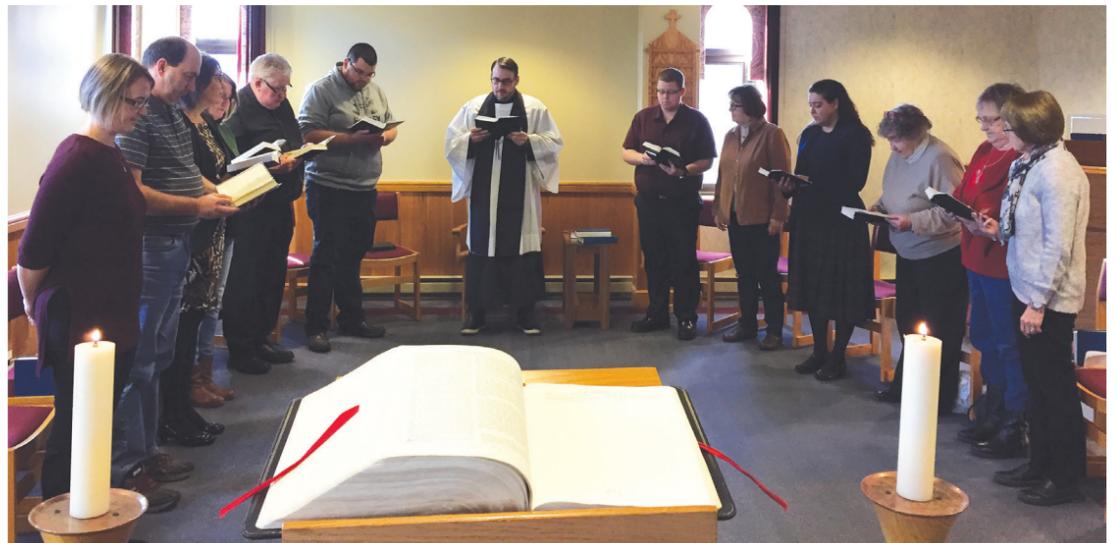
She enjoyed socializing, laughing and telling stories with her peers, even if it was just on a Sunday afternoon at McDonalds after church.

If you found a friend in Millicent, you found a friend for life.

At her funeral, the multitude of people who filled every pew in the church, who occupied every seat in the balcony, who stood in the porch, who waited outside, and who stayed for the reception to celebrate her life, were a testimony to the respect and regard that everyone had for Millicent.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to her four devoted sons whom she loved dearly.

Rest in peace, Dear Friend.



Highlights of the Fall Semester at Queen's College

Article and photographs by
Dr. R. Singleton, Provost

The fall 2017 Semester has been exciting with some interesting initiatives.

Our enrolment this fall was the highest ever for Queen's College. We had 151 students registered. This is substantial growth is the result of some developments in our programs and curriculum to provide educational opportunities beyond our campus. We have courses and programs available for full-time and part-time students. We have students attending classes on campus in St. John's and at other sites. We have students preparing for ordained and non-ordained ministries, and we have students from several denominations.

In the fall we launched several ventures that reflect the commitment of Queen's College to provide good theological education, pastoral training and practice, spiritual development and a faith-based learning community. We now offer our Diploma program, not only in St. John's, but also in Gander, Corner Brook, and Labrador. We have also launched a Certificate in Supervision for Ministry to help clergy build the competencies to supervise students' pastoral and spiritual development while pursuing studies for ordained and non-ordained ministries. The expansion of the Diploma Program and the Certificate in Supervision for Ministry are possible because of a grant from the Anglican Church of Canada. We appreciate this support.

We also finalized

a collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf to offer our Discipleship and Ministry program. The Corporation of Queen's College and our Faculty members are very proud of this initiative. It is wonderful that we can facilitate the opportunity for Christians in the Middle East to have access to the theological education needed to maintain and nurture the growing Christian communities in that part of the world. I hope everyone connected to Queen's College feels some of the joy from this outreach initiative.

While we maintain all the core activities of our College community life – such as

worship and chapel activities, courses and evaluation, community outreach – we also look to the future. At our faculty meetings we have begun discussions

on the future of theological education. We see the major change in the Church and in the world. We have introduced two new courses this year: Evangelization, and our Parish Leadership and Administration course will focus on Change Management and Conflict Management. Over the next while we will examine how we as theological college can best be a resource to the

Church in preparing people for ministry and support those in ministry. We will be asking for your input.

A significant change for Queen's College will come about over the Christmas Break. Ms. Susan Foley, our Administrative Assistant will retire. We wish her well in her retirement. The Corporation, Faculty members, students and the Alumni Association have expressed appreciation to Susan for her support over the years. We wish her all the best. Our new Administrative Assistant, Ms. Dana Bishop, has worked with Susan since October. She is well prepared to take on the role.

We appreciate the support for Queen's College



Susan Foley with representatives from the Alumni Association

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Special Service Held For Remembrance Sunday

Submitted photographs
by Karen Simon



On November 12th, 2017, the Rev'd MaryRose held a Remembrance Service at St. Augustine's Church, Margaree-Fox Roost. It was a lovely service with a heartfelt sermon. We will remember them.

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