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The Rev'd John Organ Elected Bishop In Diocese of Western Newfoundland

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Upheld by a prayer vigil, both on site and in people's homes across the diocese, Synod delegates gathered on April 28th, 2018 to seek the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in electing a priest to be the next bishop of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. Archbishop

Ron Cutler, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, presided over the election, and addressed the gathering at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which began the day. The prayers for the day were those prescribed for Ember Days, which celebrate the whole

ministry of the Church. In his sermon, Archbishop Cutler noted that while the day had the patina of an election, it was in fact a discipline of discernment. It was not about who had the most spiritual gifts but about who could gather the Church. The role of a bishop is not to

do everything or to save the diocese — that's God's job — the role of a bishop is to gather the Church, to be an icon of unity.

There were four nominees:

the Rev'd Dr. Karen Egan, the Rev'd Steven Maki, the Rev'd John Organ, and the Rev'd Roberta Woodman. After four ballots, the Rev'd John Organ was elected. When he spoke to the gathering, he referred to his video (part of the "meet the nominees" information on the Diocesan website), and promised that as he said in his video, he planned to exercise servant leadership and care for the clergy and people of the Diocese. May God continue to guide bishop-elect John Organ and all those who will serve with him in the Diocese. "[Jesus] said to them 'I am

among you as one who serves.'" Luke 22: 25, 27



The Rev'd John Organ, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland



The Rev'd Dr. Karen Egan, the Rev'd John Organ, the Most Rev'd Ronald Cutler (in back), the Rev'd Roberta Woodman, and the Rev'd Steven Maki



The above picture shows Bishop Stewart Payne and Sarah White, who were the oldest and youngest Synod delegates



Three retired bishops of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland who attended the electoral synod: Archbishop Percy Coffin, Bishop Stewart Payne, and Bishop Leonard Whitten.

John Organ was ordained a deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, September 6th, 1987, for work in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland by Archbishop Stewart Payne. He was ordained a priest on November 25th, 1987, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Isle aux Morts, also by Archbishop Payne. He holds a Bachelor of Theology from Queen's College, and a Master of Arts in Clinical Pastoral Counselling from St. Paul University in Ottawa. He has also completed his first year of a Doctor of Ministry Program at St. Paul University.

Bishop-elect Organ served in four parishes in Newfoundland and Labrador before becoming a military chaplain in 1992. He served in many postings with the military, including time as the Chaplain to the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem. Most recently, he was been the rector of St. Martin's parish in the Diocese of Ottawa.

In his reflection, written in advance of the episcopal election, he wrote, "I am hopeful for the future of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. I am hopeful for the Anglican Church world-wide. I am hopeful for Christianity. I am hopeful because Christ is with us and we are inspired and empowered by him. I am hopeful because of the faith and generosity of God's people. Such hope gives me confidence that our Church will continue to have a vibrant and contributing presence in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador, throughout our country, and throughout our world."

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Everything Is About Love

Emily F. Rowe
Editor

I recently went to the funeral of one of our parishioners—a man who was known for asking the question, “Where is the love?” He said that love is the magic word, and since his funeral, I’ve been thinking about that quite a lot.

I’ve been going for walks almost every morning over the past school year with a friend of mine. After



we drop the kids at the bus stop, we take my dog for a walk, and in spite of winter weather, we have missed very few days. She isn’t a church-goer, and we don’t usually talk that much about religion—one of our kids is always up to something, so there is never a shortage of things to discuss. But the other week, she asked me what I think about divorce. Well, really it was a question about what we as Anglicans believe about divorce, and how much (or how little) that has an effect on what I believe myself. Are divorced people able to remarry in our church, or are they rejected by their congregations? Many fear that the Church will be hostile and judgemental. I find that upsetting.

And another thing on my mind these days is the decision in Springdale to vote down the proposed rainbow sidewalk. For anyone who doesn’t know, a group of students from Indian River High School’s Gender Sexuality Alliance put forward a proposal to have one of the community’s sidewalks painted in rainbow colours. Many communities do this in order to show support for acceptance and inclusion of everybody, especially

in relation to people who identify as LGBTQ+. The students see acceptance as still being a huge problem, and wanted to make it clear that they embrace people of all genders. The original vote on this took place on April 9th, and at the time that this paper is going to print, the decision to not allow a rainbow crosswalk stands.

For me, both of these issues about showing love. We are called as Christians to look at everything through love-coloured lenses.

To my friend, I said that we certainly do remarry divorced people in the Anglican Church. How can the feeling of being trapped in a bad relationship possibly be good for your soul, or for the souls of those around you? Unfortunately, some relationships are beyond saving. To reject someone from our community because of this seems harsh and cruel, and it does not show love and compassion.

When it comes to the rainbow crosswalk, it seems to me that Jesus told us that we include, and we show love. You don’t have to agree with someone to love them. Go to any family supper, and you’ll see lots of evidence of that. We love each other, but we don’t always agree. We don’t even have to understand each other to show love. In fact, I’m pretty sure that Jesus told us to love the people who we don’t agree with, and the people who we don’t understand. I have no desire to belong to a church that is not inclusive.

Do you really want more people involved in your parish? Show love. Love them where they are, and they are going to be coming to you from 2018, with opinions and ideas that you won’t understand and won’t necessarily agree with. Church isn’t

about gimmicks, and it’s not all about programs. We are called to reach out to people and let them see that we love them.

As for youth, yes, you absolutely need to invest in youth. Yes, you need to teach them about the church—about church history, liturgy, and music. But we need to make sure that we show that we are a community of love. Today’s youth are growing up in a world full of divorce and separations, and one where they or their friends have been part of the LGBTQ+ community for years. These things are “everyday normal” for people today. We have to be aware of what image the church shows the world—are we a place of acceptance and love, or one of rejection and judgement?

The older I get, the more that I have an appreciation for Fred Rogers (children’s tv show star and ordained Presbyterian minister). He once said, ‘Love isn’t a perfect state of caring. It is an active noun like “struggle.” To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.’ It isn’t easy to love, but we must. We must include all people, regardless of their marital status, their colour, their background, or their gender identification. And one other quote from Mister Rogers: ‘Love is the root of everything—all learning, all relationships—love or the lack of it.’ As the Church, are we called to love, or to show the lack of it?



LGBTQ+ rainbow crosswalk in New York

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A Month of Transitions

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

June is a month of transition for many people. In Newfoundland and Labrador, June marks the beginning of summer in important ways. Our winters are usually prolonged, and spring around here needs a long time to take hold. Those of us who garden will often not plant until well into June (or even July!) to



Photo Emily F. Rowe

avoid the last frost. June also marks the end of the school year and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 look forward to their summer holidays. Many who are working, and even those who are retired, plan vacations, trips, and visits with family, during the two and a half months between mid-June and late-August. Because we tend to have short summers (but fabulous autumns!), the season is all the more precious to us and we take full advantage of it.

June also marks a transition in church life for those who are actively involved in parish communities. There is a

noticeable slowdown in many ministries beginning in June, and our pews are markedly emptier as people take time away to travel or head off to their cabins. Many of us mark this change with events like Sunday School picnics or dinners for ACWs and Men's Groups. Our clergy also look forward to a slower pace of life in the summer and take well-deserved time with their families to relax and renew.

During my years in parish ministry, every June I encouraged everyone not to forget their faith and their church over the summer. I always asked everybody to continue supporting the important work of their parish through their prayers and contributions even when they were away. And I also encouraged everyone to go to church if they could wherever life took them in July and August. Some Septembers I received dozens of bulletins from churches across Canada, the United States, and from other parts of the world visited by parishioners. Some visitors brought greetings to the churches they visited, and also brought back greetings from those same churches.

As we move into June with all of the changes that month will bring, I urge everyone to remember God this summer wherever summer may take you. Don't forget your local church, but explore some new churches and faith communities this

year, blessing them with your participation, and being blessed in return by their faith. And don't worry about finding an Anglican church; there are wonderful things happening in all kinds of churches today and you can find a welcome almost anywhere. And do remember to travel safely, knowing that there are those who love you in your hometown and home church and who long to see you back when your travels are done. I end with this prayer for a good and blessed summer:

Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.



Pictured above are: Donovan House, Hailey Sinnicks, Logan House, Chloe Reid, Kyra White, Erica House, Drew Ryan

Newly Confirmed In The Parish Of Port Saunders

Submitted with photographs by
Denise White

Confirmation Day: October 12th, 2017, the Parish of Port Saunders welcomed Archbishop Percy Coffin once again for the service of Confirmation. Seven young people were presented by instructor Denise White and the Rev'd Clare Stewart to be confirmed in the presence of many parents, family, and friends. All candidates participated in the service by reading and helping with collection.

A happy group of youth has been confirmed, and we just pray they will continue on their faith journey and be active in their church life. Our prayer is they will continue on to "Grow in the Spirit" of Christ.

And of course, all gathered downstairs for refreshments and a confirmation cake after the service. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this service a memorable one.



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Eccumenical Fleet Blessing Held in Bonavista

Submitted with photographs by
The Rev'd Shaun O'Connor

During a Blessing of the Fleet service held at Christ Church Bonavista on April 8th, Reg Butler and Randy Fleming, fishermen and parishioners, explained to the congregation what it is like catching crab 100km offshore in a longliner. Both children and adults

appreciated the many types of fishing gear and boat models that were brought in to decorate the church.

Later that day, over fifty people and clergy from five Christian denominations, including fishermen, fish plant workers, our mayor,

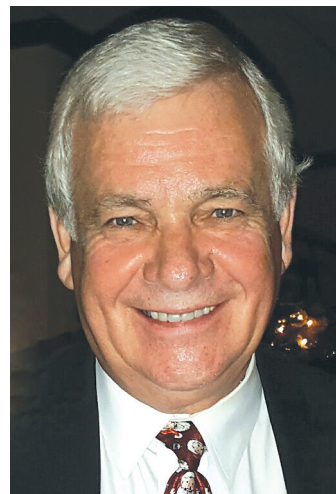
and our MHA, gathered on one of the harbour wharves for an ecumenical Blessing of the Fleet service. Despite the cold, prayers and hymns were warmly raised to God for all those who make their living from the sea.



Reflection Of A Sad Week

Kevin Smith
Columnist

At the time of writing, this writer has just gone through a tough week. Three funerals over the five days! One a 99-year-old relative, another a 71-year-old neighbour from my old Army side days in Gander, and finally a 48-year-old beautiful daughter of friends and neighbours from our time in Wedgewood Park. It seemed like the week would never end and the trail of grief was endless.



I was deeply shaken by the events of this past week and it caused me to reflect on my past 17 plus years writing for Anglican Life. I thought about things I had written about and issues that you, dear readers, had responded to with affection.

I recalled writing about the passing of my mother and my sister as well as the contributions of some great and supportive Anglicans in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The one article that sparked the greatest attention was the one about me being born as a "blue baby," and I certainly was not expected to live. The belief in those days was that if you were not baptized, then you couldn't be buried within the consecrated grounds of a cemetery. My mother, bless her, wasn't having any of that so she recruited the only official person in the community to baptize me. It was the local school teacher who came to the rescue, and to this day, her name is inscribed on my baptismal certificate. Anyway, I survived and lived to tell the tale, thank

goodness!

I had a number of comments about that article including one lady from Centreville, Bonavista Bay, who reported that she was in a similar position when she was born. The midwife had essentially given up on her and had placed her on a bed to die. However, her father appeared and was determined to make one last effort to help this child live. He took the baby in his arms, held it over the warm stove and massaged her chest. Eventually she revived, and she too lived to tell the tale.

Interestingly, I just read recently of two characters in literary and artistic history who suffered from the same beginnings. Artist Pablo Picasso nearly did not survive his birth in 1881 through the negligence of the midwife. She thought he was stillborn and left him on a table. Fortunately, an uncle happened by, breathed life into him by giving him a lungful of air, and he went on to produce some great paintings.

A similar fate awaited writer Thomas Hardy who was considered stillborn in 1840, and he too was put to one side. A nurse noticed a slight movement that showed that the baby was in fact alive. He lived to be a great novelist.

These are the things that I thought about this week as I tried to deal with the passing of some good people. May their friends and family find peace in the memories of their loved ones.

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Open Door Celebrates Four Years Of Ministry

Article and photographs by
The Rev'd Roberta Woodman

It was with much gratitude for all our volunteers and guests that we gathered at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook, on April 30th, 2018, to celebrate the 4th Anniversary of The Open Door. This is truly a ministry that continues to reach out beyond the doors

and walls of buildings to meet some of the needs in the community. Providing a nutritious meal, a goodie bag to go, listening ears, entertaining music, and other supports in response to human need are some of the reasons why The Open Door exists. We are grateful for all donations we

receive, and especially for the support of the Dominion store, which gives a weekly donation to help offset our costs. To date 5050 volunteers have served 11,155 meals! God bless you all as we continue on this journey of compassion and outreach.



The Way Of Jesus

The Rev'd Canon Gerald Westcott
Columnist

In early spring, we had the privilege of having Carmel Doyle (Professor at Queen's College) joining us in our parish on a Sunday. Some of the work that Carmel does at Queen's is around re-imagining the life and work of the ever emerging church. Every spiritual community is called at this time to do the work of reimagining what God is calling us to be in this age. The Church, just as with every society, is ever evolving. The church that many of us have known over the last two generations is not only dying, it is already dead. What most of mainline church leadership has been trying to do over the last 40 years is to "fix" a church in decline. That era of trying to repair what was dying has passed, for it is dead. The church that we have known historically in Newfoundland and Labrador is gone. There is a remnant left, yes. When something old is passing and something new is being called forth, God always leaves a remnant, a few to rebuild with, to revision with, to reimagine with, to recreate with. There is a remnant in every spiritual community in this province. So there is reason to hope. But this hope calls us to something new.

This hope calls us to listen more deeply with our spiritual hearts for what God is already doing all around us. This hope calls us to love ourselves into new and emerging forms of spiritual community. There are things that this remnant is doing that it must always do. The Scriptures and Sacraments will always be foundational to Christian Community. But God is not limited to or confined by our Scriptures or Sacraments—or our

buildings! God is Life, and therefore God is in all of Life—not only in us and in our current church communities, but in all of Life all around us. God is in our neighbourhoods, in various organizations



that gathers people for a common purpose that also helps others, and in creation itself. God is wild and free, and the church does not have a monopoly on God, nor does it control who has access to God. This is the church of the empire that we have inherited, and that church is long gone. But the Way of Jesus remains.

The Way of Jesus recognizes the Risen Christ in the stranger and in every human being. The Way of Jesus recognizes the Love that is our deepest identity as the Love that makes us one with every other person and with all of creation. The Way of Jesus calls us to find new ways, as a church, to be lovingly present in our neighbourhoods and society. Here is one of the questions that Carmel asked us to explore: What are the limits of our love towards the stranger, the outsider, whom we encounter (in our neighbourhoods)? What does God ask of us as individuals? As a church community? Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

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News From PWRDF

PWRDF gives lifesaving support to refugees

Article by Sheila Boutcher
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Photo: PWRDF

The United Nations has designated June 20th as World Refugee Day. It is for that reason I chose to share some information about refugees and some of what your church does in support of refugees.

While there are many sub-categories to describe a refugee's situation, we generally refer to refugees as those who have fled their home country and are living in exile. Another, larger group of people, are Internally Displaced Persons, people who have not crossed an international border but have moved to a different region than the one they call home, but still within their own country. Together they number over 60 million people.

Throughout its history, PWRDF has been a vehicle by which Canadian Anglicans have responded to the needs of refugees. As far back as 1959, PWRDF (as it was then known) was responding to the needs of refugees in India. PWRDF has been providing relief to Syrian refugees for years, as well as to refugees in many other countries including India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Egypt, and more.

In 2015, the Syrian refugee crisis made headlines with heart-rending images and stories that brought the attention of the world back to this conflict and its effect on the millions of Syrians and Iraqis who have been forced to flee their homes. Many of you participated with other organizations in sponsoring and supporting Syrian refugees to migrate to this province.

Most recently, in 2017, over half a million people fled persecution in Rohingya, Myanmar to Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries in the world. A local is reported to have said, "no one comes to Bangladesh for a better life, they have to be desperate." You may

recall the PWRDF special appeal for the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund from last fall.

Refugee camps are one area where PWRDF has had extensive involvement.

I used to think of refugee camps as places of temporary shelter in emergencies, or a safe place where people could gather to receive food, water, and medical attention during and following natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes,

homes to escape war, violence, or persecution. Most have fled with just what they could carry, and walked for days to get to a safe haven. Many have been traumatized by experiencing and witnessing violence; many have lost loved ones to that violence. In fact, every 20 minutes someone makes the decision to leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror.

What used to be

for 10 years or more.

While circumstances vary, most refugee camps are overcrowded, supporting many more people than they were built to accommodate. This presents huge challenges, not only in feeding so many extra people but in putting too much pressure on their sanitation systems, which often overflow during the rainy season, causing numerous health challenges. There is very little land for farming or other opportunities for people to live productive lives. Idleness and boredom lead to problems.

Over the years, in addition to contributing to lifesaving food, water, shelter, and medical supplies, PWRDF has assisted with education, both for children and adults. We have facilitated programs for literacy, life-skills, job-skills training, micro-business loans and training, and other programs designed to prepare refugees for life outside of the camp. There are also information and awareness programs regarding HIV and AIDS, health and hygiene.

PWRDF also participates with numerous other organizations, at home and abroad, that advocate for human rights on many

levels.

There is not enough room in this article to cover the numerous programs, places and ways PWRDF supports refugees but if you want to learn more, go to www.pwrdf.org, click on Stories, click on Stories by Theme, scroll down and click on Refugee and Migrants Stories. If you would like to contribute to PWRDF refugee programs you can go to www.pwrdf.org click on Donate, and click on How to Donate for information on the various ways to donate. You may also contact your PWRDF Diocesan Representative.

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Makeshift homes made of tarps and bamboo cover almost all the available land in the Kutupalong refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. (Photo: World Renew)

and during times of drought and famine. They are that and so much more!

Unfortunately, many people who reside in refugee camps are there because they have been forced to flee from their

temporary shelters and places of food, water, and emergency medical attention have unfortunately become homes for many. Today, more than 7 million people have lived in the confines of a refugee camp



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Our Church Community

Don't underestimate its value

Cynthia Haines-Turner
Columnist

Two seemingly unrelated incidents recently highlighted for me the value of Church community. The first was a Sunday morning when I found myself in Owen Sound and chose an Anglican church at random as the worship service was both at the right time and in the right place. There was a guest preacher that day—the PWRDF Diocesan Coordinator—a person I have known for many years. It's not unusual to encounter someone I know as I travel this larger Anglican Church, which in fact consists of



many various communities, particularly at the national level—churches, committees, working groups, churches, conferences, gatherings of all sorts. Each time I attend one of these, I appreciate the sense of camaraderie that exists among people whom I've come to know as friends and co-workers. We are connected to one another by a shared faith and the feeling of belonging to this Church that extends far beyond our own congregations and ourselves.

The second incident involved a snippet of an overheard conversation about people who are lonely. Loneliness, said the speaker, is the new epidemic. It was a sad commentary but one that makes sense given the many reasons people are alone—the loss of a partner, children who have moved away, apartment living, city living, illness or physical impairment that can keep

people from getting out of their home and socializing. This is where the Church has something to offer. We often speak of the church community to which we belong and use the words almost casually. However, it seems to me that it is not a casual thing at all but rather huge deal—a treasure we have that ought not to be underestimated. The Church can offer a sense of belonging, of being a part of something larger than ourselves, the knowledge that we matter to others, knowledge that can, and does, lead to a feeling of well-being, a feeling that we are beloved children of God and are valued as such. I have seen churches whose members contribute to a food bank, offer lunch programs, listen to people (and help by teaching cooking or budgeting), support homeless shelters, or operate a furniture bank. Every one of these actions says to people that they are important and valued participants in our shared ministry. Are these two manifestations of community really unrelated? I don't actually believe they are. We gather for worship and service, not only on Sunday morning or in our own local setting, but at many times and in many places and get to experience the love of God in community and to receive the gifts of community. We then share that love with those who may be missing the experience of community. It's what the early Church did following the death and resurrection of Jesus—they contributed to a community where love was evident and real where that love was shared with those around them. When at our best, that's the kind of community we can build as well.



Oureach Lenten Challenge in Foxtrap A Success

Article and photograph
by Sandra Taylor

The ACW women of All Saints' Parish, Foxtrap, hosted a Lenten challenge. A shower for outreach was held on Wednesday, April 11th at the Parish Hall.

Items for male and female adults and children were donated. This shower was well attended and all items were distributed to Iris Kirby House, Marguerite Place,

The Gathering Place, The Single Parents Association, and Naomi House. Thank you to those who supported this outreach and God Bless you all.



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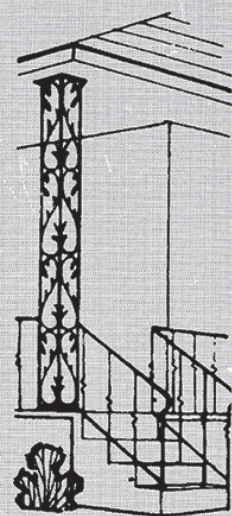
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Queen's College Convocation Held At The Church Of St. Mary The Virgin

Article and photographs by
Emily F. Rowe

Queen's College Convocation was held this year on Thursday, May 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in St. John's. Twenty new graduates were awarded the following degrees and certificates: Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Bachelor of Theology, Associate in Theology, and Diploma in Theology and Ministry.

Dr. Hans Rollmann received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters (Honoris Causa).



Dr. Hans Rollmann receiving his degree

Dr. Rick Singleton, Provost of Queen's College, presented his Report to Convocation, and focused on several major themes. He began with an examination of the current academic program and the Curriculum Review that was completed in 2017. He said that, "This past year we put substantial effort into development of

courses and programs to be available off-campus. This past year we launched our Diploma in Theology and Ministry Program in Gander, Corner Brook, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, as well as in St. John's."

Dr. Singleton also highlighted the new relationship between Queen's College and the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, where Queen's now has an average of 30 students per semester registered in their Bachelor of Theology in Discipleship and Ministry program. In addition to this, Queen's has continued to offer Continuing Education opportunities for the clergy of Newfoundland and Labrador, and has also focused on pastoral training and practice.

Dr. Singleton also took this change to explain many of the collaborations that Queen's College has within the University and beyond. They maintain a relationship with the Pentecostal Assemblies of NL, and have renewed their contract with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese. In

addition to this, it was announced that the renewal of the agreement between



Dr. Rick Singleton, Provost

Queen's College and Memorial University has been extended for another 25 years, assuring the place of Queen's on the campus of the larger University.

There are currently 162 registered students, so enrolment at Queen's is strong. Dr. Singleton thanked the three Dioceses of NL for their continued support.

Dr. Singleton announced that Fr. Neil Kellett will not return as the Queen's Chaplain next year, and that Fr. John Courage has agreed to take on that role. He also thanked Mrs. Dana Bishop for her support as Administrative Assistant,

and thanked Mrs. Susan Foley, who retired from that position at the end of 2017, for her many years of dedicated work for Queen's College.

The Convocation Address was given by Sister Elizabeth Davis, Congregational Leader, Sisters of Mercy Generalate. She spoke to the graduates using the illustration of five signposts that will guide the new graduates, "as you prepare to live out of and to live into the fruits of your Queen's College study." The signposts are: a rich understanding of cosmology; integral ecology; the globalization of mercy; inclusion; and contemplation. She asked the graduates, "As you prepare to walk across the threshold, what causes your heart to burn within you?... If your study at Queen's College means anything, in following the signpost which first beckons, you will be led to all five signposts as your journey unfolds."

Bishop Geoffrey Peddle, of the Diocese of

Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, presided over Convocation as the Chancellor, while Bishop John Watton, of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland offered the opening prayer, and Archbishop Percy Coffin, of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, offered the closing prayer.

Following Convocation, a reception was held in the parish hall. Congratulations to all who received degrees and certificates.



Sister Elizabeth Davis



Faculty, students, and graduates of Queen's College, spring 2018

*"Place In The Choir"*

Easter Celebrations In Marystown

Article and photographs
by Ruby Wiffen-Tilley

Here are a few pictures from the Easter weekend in the Anglican Parish of Marystown.

On Good Friday The Rev'd Wayne Short sang "Scarlet Purple Robe," accompanied by Ross Tilley on the guitar. On Easter Saturday we celebrated "The Great Vigil of Easter." In the photograph, you can see Rev'd Wayne lighting the new fire.

On Easter Sunday, Rev'd Wayne gave a special children's talk. Also on Easter Sunday, the group "Place in The Choir" graced us with some Easter songs.

Our Easter services were well attended as St. Mary's and St. Michael and

All Angels congregations worshiped together. Everyone was blessed as we

spent the Easter weekend reliving the Easter story.

*New fire of Easter**Singling
"Scarlet
Purple
Robe"*

On the right: Rev'd Wayne and the children of the parish on Easter Sunday



All Things New

Ronald Clarke
Columnist

I first saw the old house a few years ago, when with several friends, I visited a small outport village. Out migration had left the houses in the community empty, but many of those, though in need of repair, were still reasonably sound. This old house, however, seemed to be a "total wreck," beyond repair.

Bone naked clapboard hung down all sides. Shingles, stripped from the roof lay scattered around. Only one window still had glass.

The original site must have been marvellous. Set back from the road, the house was surrounded by tall weedy grass and scattered bushes. Behind were low, gently rolling hills. In front, about half a kilometre away, surf smashed along the waterfront. The whole scene suggested lively, happy, healthy living.

Sadly we shook our heads. "Too bad; the old house is beyond repair; gone forever!" That was then. Last summer we revisited the site. Amazing! The whole place was transformed. All things were made new.

A former resident, having spent a long time in Ontario, and having "done well" for himself, had returned to his birthplace to spend his retirement. The old house, reconstructed in its original form, was shining and beautiful. The grounds, cleared and reseeded, were lush green lawns. The small stream flowing through the property, freed of weeds and garbage, babbled briskly to the sea. Through the years the hills behind had thickly reforested with tall evergreens.

"It's a miracle! We exclaimed in unison.

Recently my friends and I were lamenting the horrible state of our world today. "Devastating" we all agreed. Our environment—land, sea and air—seems fatally polluted. Global plagues and diseases threaten our very lives. Widespread violence and terrorism have totally shattered our peace and security.

"What can be done about it all?" we asked. "Nothing!" we eventually concluded. "The whole thing seems entirely out of control!" "Nobody—not the superpower U.S.A., not the United Nations", we agreed, "can save our planet now." Then I reminded myself and friends of the old battered house in the village. We believed that it was finished, beyond restoration but a man with money and resources, a man who loved the house, had performed a "miracle". So, who's going to save our planet?



"I will make all things new", God replies. "I will make a new heaven and a new earth." God's promises never fail. "The former things"—pollution, crime, wars, terrorism, sin, suffering, etc., "will pass away and be remembered no more". Love, peace, joy, righteousness will reign forevermore.

When will all this happen? Only God knows for sure. Many people believe that time is near. In the meantime, we must all live as God's children, doing his will, loving each other—full of hope and faith, excitedly anticipating our miraculous new world. And let the sincere prayer, "Come soon, Lord Jesus," be constantly on the lips of all of us.

What Is It About Sunday School?

Allison Billard
Columnist

I don't like Sunday School. There. I said it. I don't like it. Not at all. And the best part? I don't really know why.

Now don't get me wrong: I attended Sunday School nearly every Sunday of my childhood. I taught Sunday School and Confirmation class in many different ways, using all sorts of programs, and using none at all. I don't like any of it, and neither did the kids I was working with. Sunday School curriculum is notoriously awful. Either there's not enough to go on unless you have a degree in theology, or it's so chock-full of stuff, there's no hope of getting through much of it, and it goes to waste.

I don't like that kids don't really get to be a part of the service. Growing up, we went out after the children's story and came back for communion. At St. Mark's now, that's more or less what we do. I get that the Bible readings and the sermon aren't exactly easy to grasp for little ones with short attention spans, but I would argue many adults have the same experience of zoning out during the sermon once in a while.

I don't like the assumption that Sunday School has to be led by moms (and some dads, but mostly moms). Why don't other people feel that they can participate in this ministry? Maybe the moms would like a break from constantly entertaining and teaching the little ones in their lives.



Similarly, I don't like that I have to miss out on the service to take my kids to Sunday School.

Goodness knows I can't even bribe them to go (or stay there) without me. I don't know how my mother convinced me to go as a child, but nothing that I do is working, I clearly don't have her magical powers.



I know what you're going to say. You don't have to send them to Sunday School if you don't want to: keep them in church. I do often do that, but then the mom guilt is very strong, telling me they're missing out on key childhood experiences. But you know what? The truth is they don't like Sunday School either. And pageants? Forget it. They start crying at the mere mention of putting on a costume for the nativity.

Maybe I've done something wrong. Despite my best, optimistic, "hey this is going to be so fun" mom enthusiasm, they have inherited my scepticism of Sunday school, new social situations, and wearing costumes. Or maybe I'm just so awesome they can't stand to be away from me for 20 minutes. Yes, ok, probably not that last one.

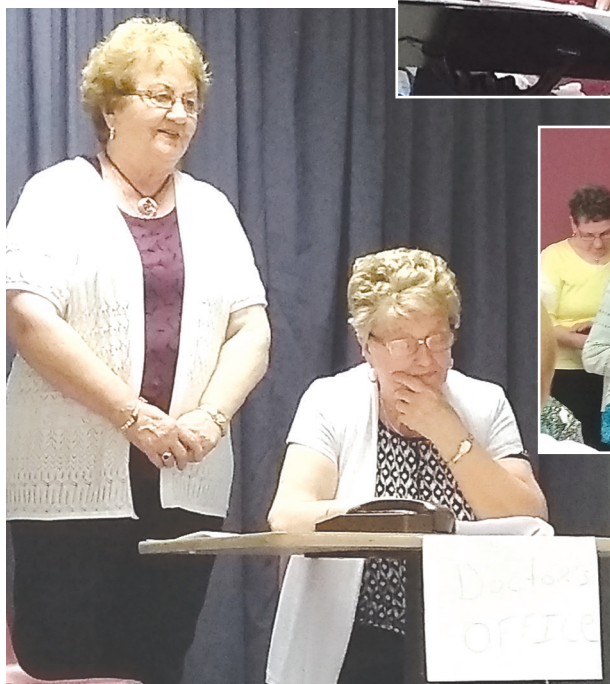
To be totally fair, at St. Mark's, and other parishes I am sure, we really do make an effort for families and kids to be involved as greeters, servers, AV technicians, readers, and the whole gamut. And for that I am eternally grateful. Maybe I just need to find other things that the kids enjoy, and forget about doing something because it's "the thing to do." What do you think?



Eccumential Fellowship Held In Port Aux Basques

Article and photographs by
Lisa Brown

The ACW of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques held an Ecumenical Fellowship Meeting on April 24th; 134 women attended this meeting. The theme was "I am the vine; you are the branches." The evening started with beautiful worship, followed by skits, and ended with a great lunch. Thank you to all the ladies who attended.



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Between The Lesssons—David Won't Be Fooled Again

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe
Columnist

The other month, we saw David spare Saul's life when the king was at his most vulnerable—alone in the dark, using the bathroom in a cave. David pointed out that it would be sacrilege to harm the Lord's anointed, and used his mercy to prove to Saul that he had nothing to fear from him. But Saul is nothing if not unpredictable. In 1 Samuel 26, he is back to his old tricks, heading out with his army to hunt down David and kill him.



A second time, David finds Saul completely undefended. He is asleep in his camp with no guards, and all of the soldiers have fallen asleep as well! Again, David's men urge him to kill Saul in his sleep and end the conflict, but again, David refuses to attack the king. Again, he presents Saul with proof that he could have killed him as proof of his honourable intentions, and again, Saul assures David that he will not try to do him any more harm.

It's odd to see two stories so similar coming right after each other. Some scholars think that this is a case of two different

versions of the same story that were told in different parts of Israel being pasted together, leaving the task to future generations to puzzle out which was 'the real one'. Others say that there really were two separate occasions when David faced and resisted the temptation to kill Saul. Either way, after this second episode, David realizes he can no longer trust Saul's promises. 'Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.'

He comes to think that there will be no peace for him in Israel as long as Saul is alive, and that the only course of action left open to him is to leave Israel and go live among the Philistines. Remember that we have already seen him do that once before, when he pretended to be mad so that the Philistines would treat him as a harmless refugee, rather than a dangerous enemy warrior in their midst. But this time, David crosses the border with all 600 of his men, and all their families, essentially moving a small town's worth of people into Philistine territory.

Their move to safety works. Saul realizes that he can no longer pursue David without risking war with the Philistines. However, this safety comes at a cost. In order to live among the Philistines, David will need to act like a traitor to Israel. He must kowtow to the Philistine king, and refer to himself as 'your servant'. He secures a place to live for himself and his followers in one of the country towns, so that he will not be directly

under the king's scrutiny in the capital.

For a while (a year and four months, to be precise) he seems to have 'gone native'. Like the Philistines, he raids the neighbouring tribes, carrying away their riches. He doesn't attack his fellow Israelites, though, but only their enemies. Nevertheless, when he reports back to the Philistine king, he claims to have been raiding Israelite settlements, which helps secure his status as a valued ally of the Philistines.

It's hard to tell if David has given up on God's promises. After all, he has left the Promised Land, and taken refuge with a foreign king. Every time that the people of Israel have done similar things in the past, it has turned out to be a Very Bad Idea. Things look pretty bleak. David, the promised



"David Spares Saul's Life": Bible drawings by Otto Semler (public domain) www.flickr.com

enough, the Philistines will prepare for war against Israel, and David's ultimate loyalties will finally be put to the test. Living in the midst of Philistines, and relying on them for his security, will he be able to refuse to fight against Israel? But if he doesn't refuse, could

Good King who will be so much better than Saul the Disappointment has left Israel and seems to have made common cause with their enemies. But things are about to get worse. Soon

he really take up arms against his own people? Those, however, are questions for another story, for another time.

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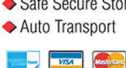
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A Recapitulation Of Spring Activities

St. John The Evangelist, Topsail

Article by
Louise Smith

It's Tuesday morning, and my eyes are dazzled by the dancing sunbeams frolicking on the wall opposite my bed, which is unusual for the third week in April, causing me to be alert before 7am.

The early rise, however, was welcomed, because today at the ACW meeting, our group gathered at the church hall in fellowship and prayer in an effort to meet our many commitments before the season stealthily comes to a close as summer approaches.

Before these plans were brought to the table however, a discussion was initiated to evaluate the fruits of our last public function—a hot roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, on April 5th.

Apart from a needed fund raiser, this activity affords us the pleasure of interaction with other faiths outside our own church; we likewise reciprocate and acknowledge our neighbouring churches.

We look forward this year to the annual spring

fellowship hosted by our counterparts in the ACW from the Goulds. This function will occur on May 5th. It will be followed on May 15th by our ACW and Altar Guild annual closing dinner at Swiss Chalet in Mount Pearl.

It is customary each year during Lent for our ACW ladies to donate 25 cents for each coffee we consume during the 40 days. This year was no exception and we were happy to forward a substantial sum to our charity of choice—the ministry for the Deaf.

And most importantly, I'm sure, we have a group of our young boys and girls currently taking instruction to prepare them for the sacrament of Confirmation on June 3rd.

When all of these various proposed activities coming to fruition, our ACW ladies will not be in hibernation during the months of July and August. That's when preparation gets underway for the 43rd annual Deanery Conference at the Lavrock

Center from September 7th-9th.

We continue to embrace and hope that more younger women will join us to participate in church activities. But in today's world, many are often too involved with work and family commitments. But we are sure that since the seed is sown in baptism, and with the encouragement of Rev'd Jolene, our young and vibrant leader, that seed will germinate, and eventually evolve into the spiritual commitment of more young families back at church.

And now to conclude, I hope you'll agree,
We're an eager bunch for all to see.
We do what we can with whatever we got,
Because our job is not work, when we love it a lot.
I know your work, faith and endurance.
Rev: 9-19

Outreach Committee Visit

Article and photograph
submitted by Shirley Balsom

The Outreach Committee of All Saints' Church in Corner Brook visited Mr. Eric Bailey on the occasion of his 93rd birthday. Mr. Bailey resides at Mountainview Estates. He continues to be a very faithful and active member of our congregation. He was one of several that volunteered time, treasures and talents when All Saints' Church was constructed over 50 years ago.

The Outreach Committee also visited Mrs. Phillis Holmans at Mountainview House in Meadows on the occasion of her 92nd birthday. Mrs. Holmans was a member of All Saints' Choir, ACW, and played an active role for many years in the life of our church.



Pictured with Mr. Bailey: Kneeling Ann Marie Turpin (left) Libby Reid (right). Standing (left to right) Marie Gillingham, Shirley Noseworthy, Shirley Balsom, and Sandra Piercy.



ACW Women Of Central Newfoundland Help Women In South Sudan, Africa

Article and photograph by
The Rev'd Shaun O'Connor

Photographed at the ACW District Branch Meeting in Bonavista, Diocesan President Rev'd Daphne Parsons, holds up some of the sanitary napkins made by ACW groups from around the Diocese of Central Newfoundland for young women in their Companion Diocese of Rokon, in South Sudan, Africa. They will be taken over in October by Sandra Durdle from

Christ Church, Bonavista, when she ministers with the Watoto community in Uganda. The sanitary napkins project is the brain-child of Hannah Loyo, the daughter of Bishop Francis of the Diocese of Rokon, and is intended to help improve the health and education of girls and women, so that they in turn can help grow their country, the newest in the world.

Night Of Good Music And Fellowship

“Uncommon Praise” sings and donations are raised for a good cause

Submitted with photograph by
Woody King

Sunday, April 22nd, St David's church in Pasadena was alive with the sound of music, gospel music in particular. An invitation that was extended to a group of talented musicians from St Michael and All Angels' church in Corner Brook was accepted. The obliging contingent of musicians came and gave all in attendance an evening to remember.

The group has adopted the name “Uncommon Praise,” and have been playing in the local area for the last number of years. The title of the group is derived from the fact they don't play any hymns in our “Common Praise” book that sits in our pews. The group is lead by Archdeacon Ed King and Canon Roberta Woodman.

The reasoning behind

the concert was that a group of ladies from St David's felt a need to amalgamate

all denominations in the community for a night of fellowship and

refreshments. The ladies also had an ingenious idea to have a free will offering

with the proceeds being shared between the “Open Door” and the church.



In the photo above: Alvina Morris presents proceeds to Canon Roberta Woodman; Liz Payne and Carol Parsons present proceeds to the Rev'd Steven Maki

Spring Sale In Port Aux Basques

Submitted with photographs by
Lisa Brown

On Monday, April 30th, the ACW of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques held their annual Spring Sale. The ladies prepared 920 cold plates for sale. There were also tables of baked goods, knitted items and a white elephant table. A wonderful day of fellowship. Thank you to all the ladies who helped in any way and a special thank you to the public who came out support us.





Pictured above, left to right: Ryan Thorne; Lt. Col. Gail Dick, Bishop's chaplain; McKenzie Organ; Bishop Geoff Peddle; April Parsons; Father Anthony; Regan Matchem; Dylan Sommerton.

Confirmation Held At St. Augustine's , St. John's

A day for making beautiful and lasting memories

Article by Karen Mitchel
Photograph by Rick Noel

On Sunday April 29, 2018, St. Augustine's Anglican Church, St. John's held a confirmation ceremony for five young people from the parish: Regan Matchem, McKenzie Organ, April Parsons, Dylan Sommerton and Ryan Thorne. The Confirmation with Holy Communion service was presided over by the Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. He was assisted by the Reverend Dr. Rudolph Anthony, Rector of the Parish of St. Augustine's.

The service was simple and lovely. The candidates wore traditional white clothing, with the young ladies in white dresses with white veils and the young men in white shirts. Each candidate wore a beautiful red sash embroidered with the sign of the cross and bearing a dove, the symbol for Christianity and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The service was further enhanced by the attendance of St. Augustine's CLB Company. The service began with the marching on of Company

colours and concluded with the marching off of the colours followed by the Royal Anthem and our National Anthem. Lt. Col Gail Dick served as chaplain to the Bishop and two members of the CLB served on the altar while others took up the offering.

In his address to the 120 persons present, the bishop spoke of change and growth in the Anglican Church. He said that while numbers are down in terms of attendance, ministries continue to grow. Community partnerships are on the rise and many good things are happening. He was very optimistic about the future and the continued growth of the Anglican Church as it rises to the challenge of redefining itself in an ever changing world.

Bishop Peddle also addressed a number of his remarks directly to the confirmation candidates. He said that from talks with Father Anthony, he knew that they had been more than adequately versed in the teachings of the Anglican Church and joked that he could probably be awarding degrees to them all. He also

emphasized that this was a beautiful day in their lives and one in which the church was recognizing their ability to take responsibility for their own journey of faith. He also said that it was a day filled with a great deal of love as evidenced by the presence of so many of their family and friends. It was, he said, a day for the making of beautiful and lasting memories.

Following the service, there was a happy time of fellowship and hospitality held in the parish hall. The people of the church put on a lovely spread and a good time was had by all! The reception included the cutting of the confirmation cake by the confirmands. It was a great day at St. Augustine's and the entire congregation sends best wishes and congratulations to the five successful candidates as they begin their spiritual journey in Christ's church.



Emil Frei stained glass window of the Holy Spirit as a dove, at Pius V Church, St. Louis, MO. Photograph taken by hickory hardscrabble, www.flickr.com

The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove is something that is mentioned in all four of the Gospels (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32). Though we may often associate this with the sacrament of baptism, because we believe that the inward and spiritual grace of the sacrament of confirmation comes with a strengthening of our faith through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, the symbol of the dove is also used at this service. There are many sacraments for which the dove, deceding to give us strength and comfort, is very appropriate.



Easter Morning Welcoming New Rector

Photographs submitted by Audrey Park

On Easter morning, the congregation at St. James' church in Gillams, in the parish of Meadows, welcomed their new priest-in-charge, The Rev'd MaryRose Colbourne. Shown here are some of the Easter decorations with which she was welcomed.



Spring Sale At St. Michael's, St. John's

Submitted with photographs by Emily F. Rowe

On Saturday, April 28th, the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels in St. John's held its annual Spring Sale. Patrons enjoyed the bake stall, the craft stall, and many oportunaites to enjoy good food at either the morning coffee, the lunch, or the turkey dinner.

Everyone who participated had a wonderful day. Thank you to all who helped in any way at all.



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