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It's A Season Full of Hope

Emily F. Rowe
Editor

Everywhere that I turn lately, I see hope. In a recent National Geographic magazine, there was a whole article on hope. When I turned on the radio last week, there was a person talking about how hopeful she is feeling. To top it all off, we get to enjoy the beautiful season of Advent—a time of the year that is brimming with hope.

I'm going to take a quick minute to say that I am not always a hopeful person as a general rule. I try to be the kind of person who says that "it's all going to be okay in the end, and that if it isn't okay, then it's not the end." We have all heard that saying of John Lennon's, and I do try to think that way, but it's sometimes an effort for me. Looking things up online doesn't help—the internet is full of things that can be wrong, or can go wrong so easily. It's enough



hope. That said, it doesn't excuse us from working towards a better, brighter future. We cannot say, "I hope that someone else solves the problem of plastic pollution," and then continue to use single-use bags or to buy over-packaged goods. Having hope doesn't mean passing the buck, hoping that someone else will solve the world's problems. But there is hope. Children today don't see the world that I did when I was a

in the younger generation of today—they know that we must waste less, stop using disposable plastics, and maybe even increase access to public transportation so that we can cut down on oil consumption and pollution. So there is hope from the youth.

The other hope that we always have as Christians is a spiritual hope, and Advent and Christmas are all about that. I always break out my records of Handel's Messiah sometime mid-Advent, and my favourite part has for some years now been:

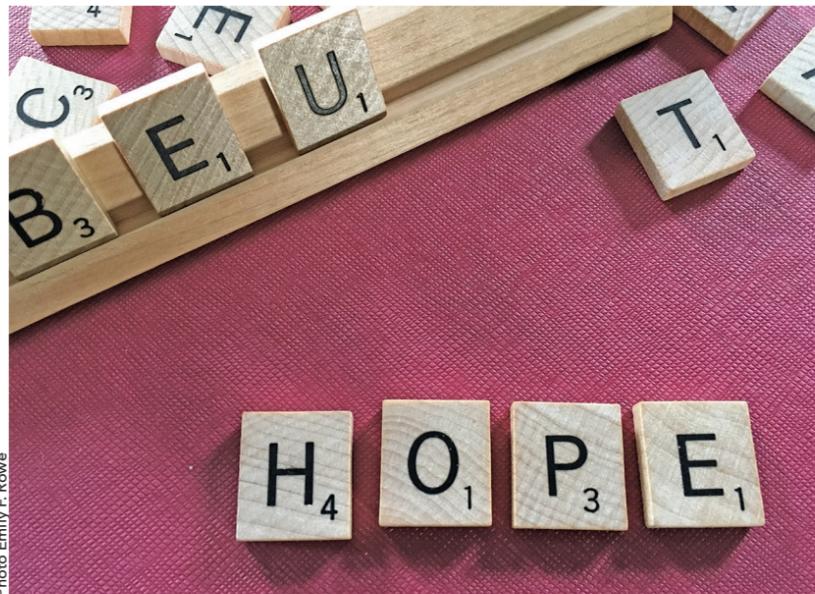
"Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness will cover the earth
And deep darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will rise upon you
And His glory will appear upon you."

That passage comes from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 60, verses 1-3. I think that that particular part has such amazing hope in it. There is hope from God, even when things are at their darkest—things are going to get better.

And of course, there is the hope of Christmas day, which is the hope that all people feel with the birth of a new child.

We have an advantage in that we already know that this child will offer forgiveness to all, so how can we not be filled with hope at the news of his birth?

Be full of hope this Advent and Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you all!



to make a person lose sleep if you're foolish enough to keep reading things online when you should be going to bed. So when I say that I see hope everywhere these days, that's something a little out of the ordinary.

We need to be hopeful—we are called to be full of

kid—they have grown up with an awareness of the problems that we face. They see the wasted paper that we throw into the recycling bin every week, and they know that recycling alone is not the answer. We must use less to begin with. That's where the hope is though—

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Christmas Greetings From The Bishop of Western Newfoundland

The Rt. Rev'd John Organ
Bishop
Western Newfoundland

For four years on Christmas Eve, 2011–2015, I was given the unique opportunity to be in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. As in the first century, Bethlehem at Christmas is overrun with people and there is barely a place to stay. On each of these four Christmas Eve visits, I was with our fellow Anglicans from the Diocese of Jerusalem. Bethlehem is home to many of them and all throughout the year this special place daily reminds them of God becoming human and dwelling among us.



Bethlehem can seem to many of us as a fictional place in a story from long ago and far away. But, Bethlehem is a real place with real people. This is one of the transformative aspects of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land: it lets us encounter the Biblical setting and “makes real” its story, characters, and message.

For many Christians living on the other side of

the world from the Holy Land, Advent and Christmas will bring Bethlehem once again into view for us. We will journey with Mary and Joseph to a “town in Judea” and hear once again the story of Jesus’ birth in a humble setting because “there was no place for them in the inn.” What we will not be told but can come to know especially through pilgrimage, is that very near Bethlehem in ancient times, there was a huge and beautiful fortress that belonged to Herod, the King of the very People of God. Surely, if God had wanted Jesus to be born



Pilgrims crowd at the entrance to the crypt in the Nativity Church in Bethlehem in Palestinian Autonomy © dominika zarzycka www.shutterstock.com

in a more “appropriate” place, it would have been possible. Herod’s luxurious palace would have had plenty of room to birth the Son of God had God insisted on it. But, God did not insist on having Mary and Joseph accommodated at Herod’s palace, and may well have preferred “a lowly stable” among “lowly people” so that everyone, no matter their station in life, would have full and clear access to the God who is creator and sovereign of it all, and who loves each and every human being.

Sometimes Christian people lament the commercialization of

Christmas. We will see signs that say, “Keep Christ in Christmas.” I am not bothered too much by Christmas having a commercial aspect to it. As a child, I was as eager as anyone to look through the Christmas catalogue. The depths and profoundness of Christmas will not be lost by shopping for gifts. Actually, the preoccupation with gift-giving touches on the greatest gift of all—God’s gift of God-self for the well-being and indeed salvation of the whole world. What is more important is that we really and truly look into this event of two young people some twenty centuries ago,

scurrying from Nazareth to Bethlehem to fulfill state-imposed obligations. They are vulnerable human beings given the enormous responsibility of birthing into the world the One who is Maker and Redeemer of it all.

Christmas is about you. It is you that God has become flesh to meet, to embrace, to love. You are of infinite worth and value to the sovereign of the universe. You matter!

Merry Christmas!

+ John, Western Newfoundland

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Between The Lessons—The End of Saul

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe
Columnist

In the final chapter of the First Book of Samuel, the Philistines have attacked Israel, and there is no question but that Saul will not survive the battle. Not long before, the ghost of Samuel had appeared to him and told him 'This day, you and your sons will be with me'—that is to say, in the grave. The fighting is fierce, and three of Saul's sons have already been killed in battle. He has been mortally wounded by Philistine archers, but has escaped from the heat of the battle.

In desperation, he turns to his armour-bearer, asking to be put out of his misery. Now, we have already seen a couple of episodes where David had Saul at his mercy, where could have taken his life, but held back. Bad king or not, Saul is still the Lord's anointed, and to take his life would be a great crime. Saul's servant is afraid to kill him, even when ordered to do so, so Saul takes his own life, falling on his own sword.

There are many things that could be said about suicide and the actions of those who help another person to end their own life, which a short column like this doesn't have nearly enough space to address. But it's interesting to see that the Bible doesn't make a great moral statement about Saul's suicide. His motivation takes him down one final tragic path, though. In his weakened



condition, Saul knows that he cannot defend himself from any further attack by the Philistines. His greatest fear at this point is that he will be found, killed, and his body will be desecrated by the enemies of Israel. By taking his own life, or even by asking his armour-bearer to do it, he hopes to deny them that pleasure.

Sadly, though, the death of Saul spreads despair throughout the Israelite army. His armour-bearer falls on his own sword, and all the rest of the army scatters and each man runs for safety. The Philistines find Saul's body unguarded, and they strip it and desecrate it anyway. They cut off his head, presumably to show the Israelites that their king was truly dead. They put his armour in the temple of Astarte as a trophy, much like they had put the Ark of the Covenant in Dagon's temple when they had captured it. They hang his body and those of his sons on the city wall for everyone to mock. Despite his attempts not to

be shamed in death, Saul is still exposed to all the scorn of the Philistines.

But he is not forgotten. Remember that one of his first exploits as king—his first great victory—had been to raise up an army to defend the town of Jabesh-gilead from the Ammonites. When the men of that town hear how his body has been defiled, they set out on a raiding party. Travelling at night, under cover of darkness, they recover Saul's body and the bodies of his sons. They bring them back to Jabesh, where they give them the proper burial and mourn for their lost king and saviour.

Meanwhile, a messenger has come to David, bringing news of Saul's death. He is a foreigner—a hated Amalekite, no less—who hopes to gain favour from David by telling him that his enemy is no more. In fact, the messenger tries to claim personal responsibility for killing Saul himself! This does not endear him to David, though, who orders the man to be killed for daring to strike the Lord's anointed. David mourns over Saul and Jonathan, and prepares to take the throne of Israel himself, now that his rival is gone. However, the last remnants of Saul's army need to be dealt with before David can be king uncontested. But that's another story, for another time.



Image "The Death of Saul" from www.lavistachurchofchrist.org by Julius Schnorr Von Karolsfeld



Burnt Islands Confirmation. Front row: Linda Keeping, Sara George; Back row: The Rev'd Jeffrey Petten, Mackenzie Thorne, Matthew Keeping, Abigail Baggs, The Rt. Rev'd John Organ

Confirmation in The Parish of Rose Blanche

Article and photographs by
The Rev'd Jeffrey Petten

On Sunday, October 14th 2018, The Rt. Rev'd John Organ made his first episcopal visit to the parish of Rose Blanche. At the Church of St. George in Burnt Islands, Bishop Organ presided over the sacrament of confirmation, confirming five young people, and then at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, one person was confirmed. After both liturgies, there were receptions in the church basements with lots to eat and lots to talk about. For days after, people were talking about the sense of joy in the atmosphere of both the worship and the

receptions.

In his sermons, Bishop Organ thanked the faithful of the respective congregations for their faithfulness in maintaining and keeping very strongly the faith which they have

practised over the years. He also gave words of encouragement to those who were confirmed and thanked those who were involved in their preparation.



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Rose Blanche Confirmation. The Rev'd Jeffrey Petten, Madison Herritt, The Rt. Rev'd John Organ

Christmas Greetings From The Bishop of Central Newfoundland

The Rt. Rev'd John Watton
Bishop
Central Newfoundland

A consistent personal journey that I take every Christmastide is one which I suspect that others know from having had a similar experience. There have been times when my family was left behind because of the priestly workload, so I have always approached Christmas Eve with a mixture of regret, loneliness, and joy.

As a priest of the Church, I have annually invested in Advent preparation, Bible studies, and devoting much time in encouraging others to find the "true meaning" of Christmas. I have visited the sick and shut-ins, and made sure that no one had missed getting their home communion. I have joined our parish groups in visiting, singing, and special service. When the liturgies were done in multipoint parishes, I was always exhausted... but fulfilled and thankful. These things have always been a great blessing to me. I love Christmas, but I always experience a loneliness through it that is very hard to describe.

Yet among many things, I am a husband, a father, an uncle, and now that my parents have died, an orphan, who has long Christmas shopping lists,

and a longing in my heart to see my loved ones content, secure and happy.

Christmas can be very uncomfortable...it can be even painful for many. The capitalist Christmas message is one that elevates a season to celebrate the blessings of plenty. That message will tell us that "things" don't matter, but will always proceed to tell us what does matter, and then offer the solution at a good price.

I think that what many of us share is a discomfort resulting from the way that Cultural Christmas speaks of a "filling up" of love, good will, cheer, charity, and hope with so much force that we feel that we have been missing the boat all year long, and must now somehow have to make up for it.

So, we fill the space under a tree, spend more money than we should, contact folks who haven't heard from us for far too long, give a little to charity, and briefly spend time thinking about a "bigger picture."

Theologically, we get the picture of God "filling the World" with love through the person of Jesus. Isn't it wonderful to fill our lives



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with good things?

Jesus consistently reminds us of a deeper journey. Throughout the year I often reflect on the Christological hymn from the second chapter of Philippians:

Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Lord, help us to see

the holiness and beauty of choosing to empty ourselves.

I try every year to let go of all the baggage that I carry, and try to stay true to my resolve to simply help others carry theirs. I ask God to help me be thankful for what I have, and for those who love me. I try to do what I can, and leave the rest to the working of the Holy Spirit. Then, on Christmas Eve, when I feel that something is still missing, it is so much easier to give and receive the love we sing about, and wish to one another.

Sisters and Brothers, I pray and beseech you to daily ask our Creator to make you aware of the loving presence of God, and journey with Jesus whose Spirit leads us all through our changing stages and experiences of life. May your Christmastide be Blessed, Deep and True.

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St. Alban the Martyr Church, Great Heart's Ease, Celebrates 90th Anniversary

Article and photographs by Sarah Sharpe

Sunday, September 16th 2018, as we drove along the Main Road toward Southport, we heard an old but familiar sound. The church bell was ringing, calling the people to come! Come to St. Alban's Church for a special service! The Parish of the Holy Spirit was celebrating the 90th Anniversary of our beloved St. Alban the Martyr Church's laying of the Corner Stone.

The closer you came, the more you noticed that grand old jewel sitting atop the hill on the way to Southport, overlooking the community of Great Heart's Ease, in fine style. She was wearing a new coat of paint, and was delighted to receive visitors like she did many many years before. The weather cooperated and we were ready for a wonderful celebration in our church.

Select Vestry members had worked hard in rounding up volunteers to assist with all things necessary. There had to be painting, cleaning, invitations sent and phone calls made, estimates obtained for printing of banners, and bookmarks and magnets to be bought. All was done with so much precision, and care. Our priest-in-charge, the Rev'd Khaliah Kindead-Dawkins, thanked all who had contributed their time and energy into making this day possible.



In addition to the upgrades on the church, Rev'd Khaliah thanked those who contributed financially, and those who worked on giving the cemetery a whole new look. The old wooden fence was replaced with a new chain-link fence, and

the cemetery was back-filled and adorned with crushed stone—a very nice job indeed. We thank all families who contributed to the cemetery fund, and especially Ron and Fred Smith for their leadership in this very worthwhile labour of love in remembrance of their parents Roy and Doris, and Ron's wife Cindy Smith.

Once inside St. Alban's Church, what a glorious site we saw! The building



was filled to capacity with approximately 200 people who had come from all around. There was one lady, Mrs. Marshall (née Smith), who was 92 years old, and the youngest person was Miss Audrey Smith at just four months of age. There were five generations in attendance from that family.

As Rev'd Khaliah addressed the congregation, you could see the joy in her face as she told every one there they were welcome back each and every Sunday thereafter. Then

she introduced Archdeacon Samuel Rose of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, who brought greetings and congratulations on behalf of Bishop Geoffrey Peddle and our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the

Diocese. He also thanked Rev'd Hannon and the United Church Choir for their attendance, the Salvation Army, Rev'd James and Mrs. Pollard, Rev'd Bob and Mrs. Ollford, and other clergy in attendance. Archdeacon Rose was quick to point out the strong history of St. Alban's Church in this area. The first church was constructed in 1880 and served the community of Great Heart's Ease until

1928 when the corner stone was laid. This current St. Alban's is celebrating 90 years here in this area. It was built using free labor most

ly, however, its architect was hired from England. Community people raised funds for the construction by selling berries, hoops, fish, and wood. When the building was begun, it was constructed of wood right where it was built—a mill was set up on site, and so the work began. It took several years to construct the church, but one can only imagine the pride and satisfaction that the men and woman must have felt when it was finished.

Archdeacon Rose talked about a Jesus Movement which Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States, is involved in. Archdeacon Rose relayed this message from Bishop Curry, 'God came among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to show us the Way. He came to show us the Way to Life, the Way to Love. He came to show us the Way beyond what often can be the nightmare of your own devising and into the dreams of God's intending. That's why when Jesus called his first followers He did it with the simple words, "Follow Me".'

This sermon brought



me back to the nineteen sixties and when the Jesus movement was hot all over Canada and the United States. My bother had joined the movement and moved to the United States. When he returned, he was dressed in sandals and a white frock. He preached the word of God up until his death in 2001. What a beautiful memory I recalled that instant. Yes, Jesus is alive and with each and every Christian who believes in him. The word of God is such a powerful thing. His calling upon ones' life is truly amazing.

Archdeacon Sam Rose delivered a powerful message, and his blessing to St. Alban the Martyr, Gooseberry Cove, in celebration of its 90th anniversary came from Psalm 122:

7. "May there be Peace within your Walls and security within your towers";

8. For the sake of my family and friends I will say, "Peace with you"

8. For the sake of thee



*house of the Larder
God, I will seek you
prosperity. Amen.*

At the end of the service, all in attendance were invited to a potluck supper at the local Recreation Centre. There was meal fit for a king, and the food and fellowship were amazing. Supper concluded with the cutting of the anniversary cake which was cut by the two oldest and the youngest males in the community.

The day was a joyous and very spiritual day indeed. We saw many old faces and some new ones. We thought about the ones who had worked so hard back in 1928 to leave us with this wonderful legacy of belief in God, love of family and friends, and yes pride in what we have accomplished to date. We look forward to serving God for the rest of our lives, and look forward to the 100th Anniversary in 2028. Thank you dear Lord for what you have given us today. Amen.

Christmas Greetings From the Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

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

In the Godly Play Story of Advent, we are reminded that we are all on our way to Bethlehem. During Advent we journey, and at Christmas we arrive. Mary, Joseph, the donkey, shepherds, you and me. It is a bit like a homecoming, arriving again at that familiar place where we encounter joy and love and fulfilled expectation. But there is more. Thomas Merton once wrote that "Christ is born in us today in order that he may appear to the whole world through us." This birthday of Christ in us happens not just at Christmas but whenever we show acts of love and charity, kindness, and grace.



Ordinary gestures perhaps, but opportunities to be the love that we are called to be, opportunities to let the love of Christ shine through us and from us into our world. God's love

in human vessels. I share with you *A Christmas Prayer* by Joyce Rupp:

Source of divine light, Emmanuel, God-with-us, your radiant love illuminated our waiting world with the surprise of your Bethlehem birth.

Each year since then we celebrate this astonishing event,

rejoicing in your coming anew, not as a newborn Babe,

but as the hidden presence of divinity contained within each of us.

To our great astonishment, we have become your dwelling place.

We are now your Bethlehem.

Now you are Treasure birthed in the secret place of our soul.

Now you are Light gleaming through our gestures of generosity.

Now you are Hope radiating inside the core of our courage.

Now you are Joy shining into the dark caves of our gloom.

Now you are Peace glowing quietly in the crevice of our anxiety.

Now you are Love brilliantly reflected within our kindness.

O Christ, Light of all lights, Star of all stars, dweller within these human homes of ours, open our wandering minds and hesitant hearts so your endless goodness radiates more completely in us.

We welcome you again and again, with gratitude and trust, not only in this Christmas season of remembrance and celebration but all through the new year that awaits us.

+ Geoffrey, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

JA Going Strong in Spaniard's Bay

Article and photograph by
Laura Parsons

With dwindling enrolment and families having busy schedules, it has been a struggle for the Junior Auxiliary to remain in Canada. To our knowledge, there are only two troops remaining active in Newfoundland: Spaniard's Bay and Island Cove.

We are proud to introduce you to our Holy Redeemer Spaniard's Bay Junior Auxiliary.

With a jam packed schedule the Spaniard's Bay JA is well into its year of learning, fun and fellowship. With 30 girls age 3-9 registered, they have quite the time every Monday night.

So far this year the girls have attended bowling, completed badge work, painted rocks to hide on a nature walk, and had a Newfie Kitchen Party, complete with entertainment from the local Irish band "The Islanders," and the year has just begun.

A typical meeting night consists of Bible story time,



Holy Redeemer Spaniard's Bay JA girls and leaders pictured at Newfie Night with The Islanders (Blake, Colin, and Daniel)

followed by a craft/badge work, and we end the night with songs and closing prayers. Grandmother's tea and other events are planned for next month as well as a full schedule for 2019. The girls attend church services together every month and enjoy performing songs for the congregation. Part of our JA

is learning ways you can have a good impact to your community, share joy and be a good friend to all you meet.



JA members at their first church service this year.

JA Prayer:
O God, you have made us so we may live happy lives. We thank you for friends, and for things to do. Help us to

enjoy and serve others, for Jesus Christ sake. Amen.

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Pitching God's Tent In Our Neighbourhood

The 45th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Central Newfoundland

Article by
Archdeacon Terry Caines

On the weekend of September 28th-30th, the Parish of Holy Trinity, Grand Falls, in fellowship with other deanery parishes hosted the 45th session of the Diocesan Synod of Central Newfoundland. The theme for the weekend was "Pitching God's Tent in Our Neighbourhood." The 29 Parishes were well represented by clergy and laity.

At Friday night's opening service, Bishop

John ordained Mr. Donald Brett and Mrs. Beverly Buffett to the order of Deacon. The Rev'd Don Brett will serve in the Parish of Botwood and the Rev'd Beverly Buffett will complete her internship in the Bonavista Deanery.

The Bishop's charge contained several items that brought the work of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland into focus. To start with, a common denominator in our diocese



Group photograph from the opening Eucharist and Ordination

Photo submitted by Bishop Watton



Ordination of Donald Brett and Beverly Buffett to the diaconate

Photo submitted by Bishop Watton

is a sense of pondering about what we must do, and can do to build healthy, locally serving, loving, and strong congregations.

That has led us to some tough, realistic conversations. Bishop John stated that the diocese is making great progress, because more and more people are discovering hope in our present realities. Our bishop is not alone in his confidence that our diocese will allow God's word to flow and speak unhindered by us because of our growing shared respect, our courage, and our love. Bishop John referenced Isaiah 55:11

My word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire



Photo submitted by Bishop Watton

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The Bishop reminded synod that we are an episcopally led church, governed by synod. While we understand that our bishop has ultimate responsibility for the mission and ministry of the diocese, our bishop does not work alone. As a church with a synod, authority is shared amongst the clergy, laity, and bishops as we work together to support the

mission of our diocese, with each one of us using the gifts and voices of personal and corporate experience in relationship with God to extend the Kingdom.

Bishop John reminded us that the work which was begun in last year's Bishop's Charge did not emerge out of a new bishop's "theological hobby horse". It came from years of experience and fellowship with the people of God in Central Newfoundland. He also reminded us that the work that has begun on our Policy on Sustainable Parishes, and Strategically Missional Ministry did not come from some desire to provide a

“ Suddenly nothing made sense anymore... ”

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consistent: A Church that courageously upholds unity of purpose in seeking the Kingdom of God first of all, and then commits to walking in patient love, will fulfill and see God's power

young and old. To ignore those things denies the revelation of God and the ability of Jesus to make disciples in the present age. If we insist on judging the voices of our

world solely from a first century understanding, as "just relative," "just atheistic," "just humanist", or "just immoral," we have decided not to follow Jesus into today's vineyard, where he calls us to serve.

refusing to let go of each other.

The 45th Session of Synod in 2018 was well attended, and the host parish of Holy Trinity, with some assistance from the Parish of Windsor-Bishop Falls, are to be commended for their hospitality and fellowship. Many thanks to all.

Bishop John thanked every parish, association, vestry, group, and individual in our diocese. Through all of the challenges we have felt supported as we stood side by side with our leaders, and lovingly argued our way through concerns and perceptions, refusing to walk away and



in Central Newfoundland when they open their hearts and commit to love, gentleness, patience, and respect. In the future the word "Strategic" will be changed to "Intentional" for that reason.

among us.

The Bishop asked synod to consider what it means to pitch God's tent in our neighbourhoods. We must understand and love our local cultures, and in addition must engage a broader view that our theology, if it is to be missional, has an obligation to engage truths of science, unfolded generations of cultural stories and philosophy, and deeply consider the questions that are actually being asked by

Over the past year, your Diocesan Executive, Synod Office staff, and Executive Archdeacon have worked tirelessly. We have engaged challenges that we did not expect that have demanded much from us. Through it all, our message has been



Photographs on this page show various scenes from the proceedings at the 45th Synod of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland. They were taken by the Rev'd Hannah Dicks.

Afternoon Tea For The Rev'd Everett Hobbs

Article and photograph by Sandra Taylor

On October 3rd 2018, at 2pm, All Saints' Parish ACW of Foxtrap held an appreciation afternoon tea for the Rev'd Everett Hobbs. It was held upstairs in the Parish Hall with approximately 60 people in attendance. Over the past twelve months, Rev'd Hobbs has helped out in the parish with administrative duties, Sunday services, weddings, funerals, and much more. He has been very supportive in giving his time to help out when needed. An invitation was extended to anyone who could possibly attend this event, and it was an afternoon of food, appreciation, and fellowship for all who came along.



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Strange Creatures?

Ronald Clarke
Columnist

We human beings are strange critters, aren't we? Ask the great majority of Newfoundlanders if they believe in God, for example, and most of them will say yes. But, believing in God involves far more than giving a positive statement. True, real belief demands a lifetime of faithful, loving service—not only to God but also to our fellow humans; service that requires great, costly self-sacrifice!



How many of the majority "yes" people live that kind of sacrificial life?

Then, there's our attitude towards worship.

Far too many "yes" people neglect church worship all together. "I never go to church, but I'm just as good as you," they claim.

Perhaps so, but, don't you think that God our father would enjoy seeing his family meeting together—worshipping him, and enjoying our fellowship in him—on a regular basis? Sounds reasonable.

And how often should we worship together?

As a father myself, I love to see my family enjoying my home and hospitality. For me, they can't come too often. Don't you think that our heavenly father would love to see us at every opportunity we get?

How pleased would God be to see his churches jammed full at Christmas time, and nearly full again (maybe) at Easter! How disappointed he must be to see only a handful for most of the rest of the year!

Frequent and regular worship is essential for all of us. Coming together with fellow Christians "recharges

our spiritual batteries," as Uncle John would say. And, I'm sure, our batteries run down very quickly and very often as we try to cope with all the horrible stresses of modern living.

Some of us self-professed good people may proudly boast that we attend church every, or nearly every Sunday. Good! But should we boast that an hour, or an hour and a half of worship a week is enough for God, if there are still other services that we choose not to attend? Can we possibly meet with our Christian family, to worship God, too often?

How truly wonderful it would be to be in a crowded church on Christmas Eve. The hymns and inspirational music! The happy throngs at God's sacramental table! The warm handshakes and the hugs as the Christian family departs! For that one special occasion we truly experience Christian living as it ought to be.

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Former Rector Rows Again

A unique parish fundraiser

Article and photograph submitted by The Rev'd Bill Strong

The Rev'd Bill Strong is the former rector of the Anglican Parish of Port-de-Grave. On October 6th, he made his second annual row from Bursey's Road in North River to Port-de-Grave Harbour, making the 11 kilometre trip in 2 hours 28 minutes. Conditions were perfect this year. Most importantly, the tide was going out at the trussell and bridge at the foot of North River. Last year Rev'd Strong

had to be pulled through against the incoming tide. The flat bottomed boat is called "The Chattie," and is named after the boat's original owner's wife Chattie Snow; both she and her husband passed away a few years ago.

The event was a fundraiser for the parish. For further information, or to make a donation, contact the Rev'd Bill Strong.



Sitting: Fay Cousins, Mabel Savory
Standing left to right: Ethel Savory, Diane Hewitt, Nora Green, Bessie Blackmore, Marguerite White, Margaret Osmond, the Rev'd Kay Osmond, Judy Osmond, and Phoebe Payne (missing from picture Lisa Brown).

Port Aux Basques Celebrates Thanksgiving Beautifully

Article and photographs by Lisa Brown

The ACW Altar Guild of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques decorated their church for Thanksgiving Sunday Service. Some of the ladies went to the country to cut boughs, dogwood berries, and other foliage to add to our beautiful arrangements.



Mabel Savory, watering an arrangement



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Women's Wellness Day Held

Article and photograph by Jim Rockwood

St. Alban's ACW, Burnside, in the Parish of Salvage, hosted a "Women's Wellness Day—Growing Women's Health (Mind, Body and Spirit)" on October 10th 2018, as part of its Outreach Program. The event was well attended, with ladies from the parish as well as the United Church Women from Happy Adventure. The day was made possible by a grant from Central Health Wellness, and saw four presenters from Central Health deliver the programme. Everyone enjoyed and day and felt very comfortable with the discussions. Snacks and a healthy food lunch were provided. Lots of positive energy and great information was shared.



Contemplative Conversations

The Rev'd Canon Gerald Westcott Columnist

I have recently been in Washington DC attending a Shalem (Institute for Spiritual Formation) gathering with a theme focus of "Contemplative Conversations." In the United States (and in a growing number of places around the world) there is not only a deepening and polarizing political divide, but there is a dangerous emergence of social permission for racism and hatred. To be clear, there is a tendency to socially and publicly demonize those who are different or who hold different views and opinions. There is a diminishing willingness to deeply listen and to hold and live in the tension of diversity. We are living in a time like no other when our future together as a human family depends on our desire and willingness to listen deeply to those who differ from you. The contemplative path, which is the self emptying Way of Jesus, is the only hope for our world. In a word, contemplative prayer moves us from "head" space to "heart" space. The dualistic mind, or "head space," is where most of our culture lives life from. Most social conversations are from head space to head space, which is always separate, never unitive. The dualistic mind is



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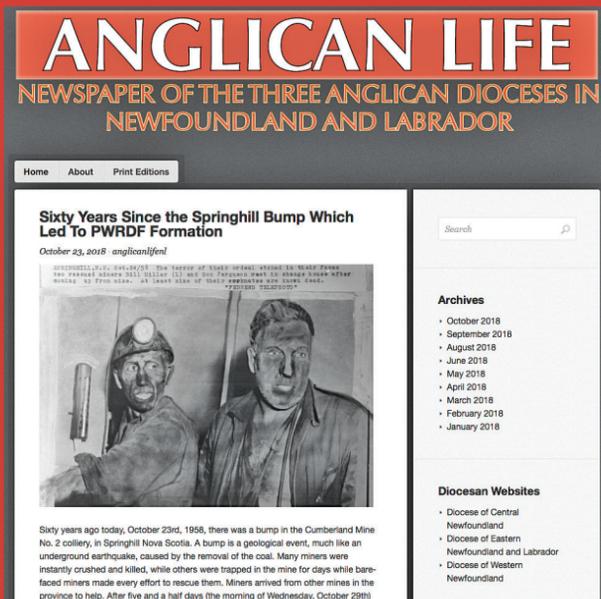


a binary organ that can only operate in terms of "either/or, right/wrong, us/them." If this "head space" is the only place where divisive political and moral conversations are happening, then there will be no reconciliation, there will be no depth or openness to diversity and inclusion. On the other hand, a contemplative conversation is a communicating and communing from the "heart

space." When we listen from our heart space, we are listening from a place that is not interested in being correct, but from a place whose deepest desire is to connect with the other. A contemplative conversation is not an either/or conversation. A contemplative conversation is a both/and conversation. A heart space conversation is an ever new and emerging relating that can live in unity with ambiguity, uncertainty and mystery. A contemplative conversation is the Way of Jesus. To learn this deep Way of listening is what our polarized and fearful world of politics needs. To learn this deep way of listening is what our uncertain church needs.

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This wonderful Nativity Scene is erected every year at Christmas time at St. James' Church, Pool Island. It was built of plywood, and beautifully painted, by hand, by Sam Kelloway. Thank you, Sam, for sending in this photograph to Anglican Life.

Pride of Place on My Christmas Tree

An ornament that gives pause

Cynthia Haines-Turner
Columnist

I'm not particularly fond of Christmas. Let me rephrase that. I'm not particularly fond of the work and preparations that seem to be expected when getting ready for Christmas—cleaning, baking, shopping, decorating, wrapping. But what does give me pleasure is putting the ornaments on the tree—ornaments that have been collected over the years—from places I have visited, from the children in school or Scouts or Brownies, often including pictures of them. There are first Christmas ornaments, ornaments made by a friend of mine that are personalized and which mark the years, and exquisite ornaments lovingly crocheted by a woman in our congregation. Amongst those ornaments, taking pride of place, is this rather ordinary one pictured here. It's an ornament made by the October 10th Cooperative consisting of 11 young women assisted by ADES (Association for Economic and Social Development). ADES



is a partner of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and the medallion was made as a thank you from the community of Santa Marta to help celebrate PWRDF's 40th anniversary.

Here's the story of the community: In 1981, at the height of the civil war, the El Salvadoran community of Santa Marta was razed to the ground. Soldiers came into the village and lined up the men and boys and shot most of them. The entire community had to flee across the Lempa river that marks the border with Honduras, making a human chain and passing the children along. Many



died trying to cross the river, either by drowning or being shot at by soldiers on the ground and helicopter gun ships overhead. After 7 years in exile and a long process, the people of Santa Marta were able to return to their community and to rebuild it, literally from the ground up.

So this ornament, when

I place it on my Christmas tree each year, gives me pause. It gives me pause as I am reminded of the resiliency and the indomitable spirit of our partners throughout the world. It reminds me of all the reasons for which this ministry of PWRDF is so important. It speaks of the power of hope and

it reminds me of the privilege of being able to accompany people in their struggles and in their accomplishments. Even if the Christ-child, whose birth we celebrate, was not a refugee fleeing persecution with his parents, as were the people and children of Santa Marta, the ornament would still remind me what it is about Christmas that truly does matter—that we are celebrating not just the birth of the Christ-child but the birth of a new understanding of the reign of God, where each of God's children has worth and value. It would still remind me that the ministry of PWRDF helps us serve Christ by serving us and helps us live out our baptismal covenant, of respecting the dignity of every human being.

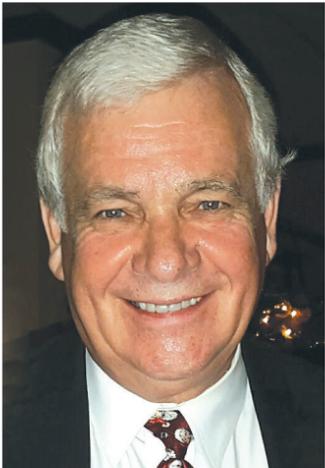
So each year, this ordinary ornament gives me pause and yes, has pride of place on my Christmas tree.

No One Fights Like A Family

Kevin Smith
Columnist

A long time ago, I read a book by Karen Foster entitled, "You Can't Take It With You: The Common Sense Guide to Estate Planning for Canadians." In her very informative book, Ms Foster facetiously gave top five reasons for **not** preparing an Estate Plan.

- They were:
1. You like to pay taxes
 2. Your family always gets along
 3. The government will look after it for you.
 4. You are not old enough
 5. You will live forever.



Although this is not a very seasonally appropriate topic, I want to concentrate on the number two point: "Your family always gets along" because according to many lawyers, this is far from the truth. And, it is not just applicable to us here in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Authors Barry Fish and Les Kotzer, in their book, "Where There's an Inheritance" commented on this issue after years in the practice of law:

We have consistently found that death and inheritance unleash a vast range of emotions which embrace bitter mean-spiritedness on one end of the spectrum, and the deepest imaginable wellspring of good will and love on the other.

Telegram columnist Russell Wangersky in an article on October 24th discussed similar situations regarding family divisiveness as it relates to wills and estate in Atlantic Canada. In his article, Wangersky began:

A parent, no matter how old, needs no more than a familiar raise of the chin and turn of the head to communicate a deep disappointment that instantly dates back to your childhood. So it's no wonder that family matters of all kinds sometimes end up in court.

What is Mr. Wangersky talking about? Well, he suggests, "It's what happens when parents die, a family member's is named executor of the will, and things go off the rails. In Atlantic Canada alone in the last three months, several such cases have emerged."

He goes on to cite the case of two brothers in PEI Supreme Court over the handling of their deceased father's property holdings. Another example he uses is in Nova Scotia where a brother fought with his sister over whether the sibling had taken advantage of their mother when the mother was "incapacitated by illness, incompetent and subject to undue influence."

Another case he cites is that of Newfoundland children "challenging the survivorship rights of their father's common-law spouse to the couple's joint accounts; the children felt the money should go into the estate instead."

I repeat these points because it is important for all of us to have a will, but also to ensure that the will is a legally drafted document—one that is, as Mr. Wangersky says, is clear, professional and forthright.

It is important for all of us to ensure that we have our estates in order—no matter how big or small. We need to talk with our family about our wills and there should be no surprises. If everything is distributed fairly, there should be no disappointments.

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The Sunday School parents and children with the Rev'd Gail Thoms-Williams

Cartwright Sunday School

Some photographs from our active group

Photographs submitted by
Barbie Mesher



Sunday School with Miss Wanda Cabot

Rocky Harbour Holds Harvest Festival

Submitted with photographs by Dale Decker

St. Matthews Church, Rocky Harbour, held its annual Harvest Festival supper on Monday October 8th with a Jiggs Dinner. There was also a bake sale, and sale of knitted goods, crafts, preserves, vegetables, and other items.



A Festive Season of Generosity

Enjoy the season through kindness and giving to others

Allison Billard
Columnist

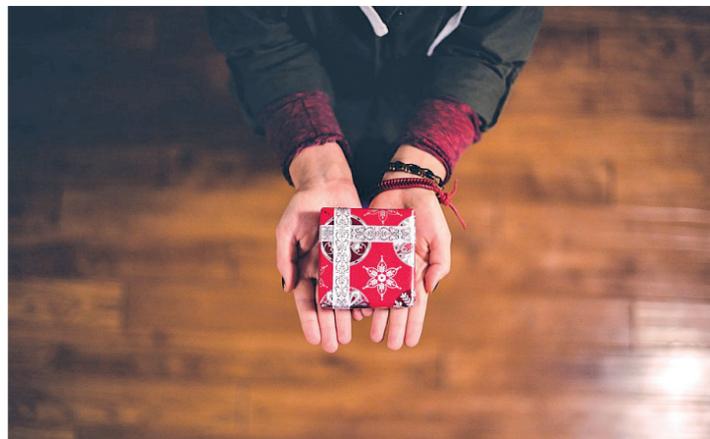
As I look forward in anticipation of my favourite time of year I find myself reflecting on some of the festive season activities we have done over the years. Many of them, as you might suspect, involve supporting charities; others we came upon through different means. All of them have a lesson to teach us.

Most years we have participated in the Santa Shuffle, which is a run/walk event to raise funds for the work of the Salvation Army. Some years we fundraise, some years we just pay the regular fee, but no matter, every dollar helps. I remember one year in particular, the walk route was not well marked and many of us ended up on quite the trek through the woods. I was pushing a stroller with my 1 year old in it (and just about 3 months pregnant with baby #2), and I was struggling



with the terrain even in the smoothest parts. One gentleman decided to hang back with me and help get us through it, helping me to lift the stroller over obstacles and carry it up any stairs that we encountered. He was such a champ. I must have thanked him a thousand times that day. He didn't have to stay with me for the whole hike, but I was so glad that he did.

Last year we participated in an Advent workshop at a local church



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and we did a project based on the book *The Sparkle Box* (it's by Jill Hardie—if you haven't read it you should). We made cards and treat cups to give to our neighbours and a Sparkle Box. The idea being that we write down all the things we do for others during the Christmas season and put them in the Sparkle Box, and on Christmas morning, those gifts become our gift to Jesus. Well, my kids LOVED that idea. We made cookies and delivered

cards and treats to all of our immediate neighbours, and what a thrill we all got from the looks of surprise and the words of thanks from each of them. The boys have asked many times if we can make things to take to our neighbours again.

I am not sure if there is any more generous creature on this earth than a small child. Sure they can be a bit selfish and self-centred, and they may not want to share ALL the

time, but kids just get it, you know? I have seen it in my own children. They would give away their last toy if it made their friend happy. I find myself trying not to talk them out of it (but please not all the toys, there isn't an endless supply, and what are you going to play with?) when they want to take this or that to school for so and so. What a wonderful thing to have to worry about: too much generosity!

I guess my point is that we don't have to look far to see the spirit of the season around us all the time, and all year long. We should encourage it in each other. Feed and clothe and protect our neighbours all the time. And remember that this time of year isn't joyous for all, so be aware of the struggles around you, and try to make the loads lighter.

The Anglican Response to Social Injustice

Article by
Dr. David Morgan

Welcome!

Anglican Life and the Society & Justice Committee of Anglican East NL are pleased to launch a new column on social justice. Through this column, we hope to expose issues of social injustice, tell you about the Anglican response, and let you know what you can do to help.

So what is Social Justice?

Social justice can be defined many ways. In basic terms, it's about the fairness, justness, and equality afforded to people in their engagement with broader society. Each person interprets social justice in their own way, but in many cases, it includes ecological justice – you can't examine society without examining the place in which society exists.

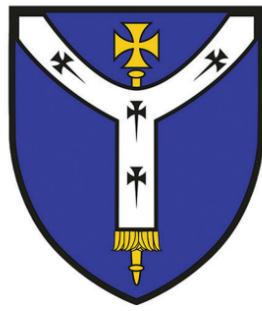
Sometimes matters of social justice are obvious: in Canada, we are collectively exposing the truth of centuries of injustice towards indigenous people and working towards reconciliation. In contrast, some matters are less obvious: climate change impacts everyone, but people in poverty are disproportionately affected because they don't have the means to deal with it.

How are we called to the work of Social Justice?

Jesus' life and teachings were full of examples of social justice and equality. Jesus engaged with those on the margins of society: a person with leprosy; a person who was blind; the Samaritan woman at the well.

The social justice of biblical times still has a place in our time. We can provide food to the hungry and ensure equal access for people with disabilities. But our modern times also demand modern solutions to modern challenges, like providing access to the internet so that people in poverty can take advantage of education and employment opportunities.

From Micah 6:8 *He has*



Society and Justice Anglican East NL

Anglican Life welcomes a new bi-monthly column from the Society and Justice Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador. As Christians, we are all called to social justice both locally and on a global scale.



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shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (NIV)

What is the Anglican Communion doing about social injustice?

National churches across the Communion are tackling social injustice on many fronts. Pick any national church and you can find examples of major social justice initiatives. The Church of Bangladesh works towards consistent education of rural children. The Anglican Church of Australia engages in the political process to tackle modern slavery.

Work is happening at the Anglican Communion Office too. Many people don't realize, but the Communion has a representative to the United Nations. Social justice issues being tackled at the UN include statelessness and women's rights.

What is the Anglican Church of Canada doing about social injustice?

At the national church level, the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Committee (PWSEJ) is bringing matters of social justice to the foreground. For example, the Anglican Church of Canada has organized provincial workshops to showcase issues of human trafficking and modern slavery, and has partnered with organizations like KAIROS Canada to address this issue on a global scale. As well, Canadian Anglicans and Lutherans are working together to address homelessness in our country.

And, anyone who reads the Anglican Journal will know that work has been ongoing for many years towards Indigenous Reconciliation.

What is the Anglican East NL doing about social injustice?

It is at the diocesan, parish, and community levels where the "rubber hits the road" on matters of social justice. Within Anglican East NL, the Home

Again Furniture Bank and Emmaus House Food Bank support people living in poverty, including refugees and migrants. Individual parishes have reduced their environmental impact by curbing the use of disposable dishes, reducing heat loss, and switching to energy-efficient lighting. And, non-judgmental support for the Safe Harbour Outreach Program helps women and youth involved in the sex trade.

You can expect to see more awareness, advocacy, and action from Anglican East NL on matters of social justice. These efforts are supported by the Society and Justice Committee, whose members are presently Canon David Burrows (Chair, Canon for Society and Justice), The Rev'd Kenute Francis, The Rev'd Fred Marshall, Dave Morgan, The Rev'd Mark Nichols, Keith Noel, Ros Pratt, Archdeacon Charlene Taylor, and Wendy Taylor.

What can you do about social injustice?

Over the course of this column we hope to suggest ways that you can advance social justice causes. One great way to advance social justice is to pray.

As we prepare for Christmas, the Society and Justice Committee has developed a prayer cycle for Advent 2018 focussed on society and justice prayers for the Archdeaconry of Labrador. Future society and justice prayer cycles will be prepared for other seasons (Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost) to reflect specific parishes, geographic locations, and current topics.

For more information and resources on social justice, check out www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/ And for more on local social justice efforts, check out: www.parishoftheascension.ca/society.php, or on Facebook, www.facebook.com/Anglican-East-NL-Society-Justice-Committee-500337617113660.

Gift Giving That Brings Joy To The World

News From PWRDF

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

These days gift giving comes in many forms. There's the traditional shopping in a department store, boutique, or craft shop. There's the endless varieties of gift cards and gift certificates. Then we have the endless availability of shopping online. Online shopping has become very popular, easy, and convenient. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund also offers online shopping through World of Gifts. This online guide allows you to support the work of PWRDF and its partners by purchasing items of need for their programs. There are gifts of agriculture and live stock, and also the chance to support displaced people, to provide health and emergency response, and to give to other ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada. These include gifts for supporting women's livelihood, and supporting better mental health, and these wonderful things can be purchased as gifts for friends and family.

Here are a couple of examples of the things that PWRDF is offering this Christmas season:

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giving this Christmas? These gifts will truly bring joy to the world!

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New Representative For Anglican Fellowship of Prayer in Upper Island Cove

Article and photograph by The Rev'd Christine Lynch

Congratulations to Linda Barrett who was appointed as the Parish of Upper Island Cove's representative for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer at a commissioning service at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, October 7th, 2018. Linda was involved in organizing a prayer vigil around the Thy Kingdom Come movement in St. Peter's Church in May of 2017, and in St. John the Evangelist Church in May of 2018. She also assisted the Diocesan Committee for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer as we



The Rev'd Christine Lynch with Linda Barrett

planned the Prayer Matters conference in Conception Bay North in September of 2017. Please keep Linda in your prayers as she carries out this important work in our parish.

Prayer is an essential part of our Christian Journey. How can we do God's will if we do not seek his guidance? How can we be strengthened by the Spirit if we do not spend time with God? I encourage all parishes to seek representatives who will promote prayer in your area.

"Make prayer a first priority, instead of a last resort."

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer invites churches from across Canada to join together to learn about writing and sharing prayers. For more information, or for further resources, please check out their website at: www.anglicanprayer.org



Preparing the ham take-out suppers

The Embodiment Of Our Church News from St. John The Evangelist, Topsail

Article by Lousise Smith
Photograph by Sharon Smith

Professing Christianity is not just about attending church on Sunday morning, albeit that is a very important first step. It is about everything that embodies the qualities associated with church family—parishioners and clergy coming together and uniting in fellowship, work and prayer—and not just for Sunday, that one day of the week.

Here at St. John the Evangelist, Topsail, our flock is encouraged by celebrating each red letter day of the church calendar, as we participate in an event to compliment that particular church service or function. Sometimes it's just a cup of tea in the basement after a service. Other times, it's joining in fellowship for a three course meal.

As an introduction to our fall routine, after the summer recess and to get back into the groove, we sponsored a ham, vegetable, and baked beans take-out supper on September 20th, which was unanimously well received, and which will help with our outreach commitments.

As is customary each fall, in recognition and thanksgiving of the harvest season, our church altar

was tastefully adorned with local vegetables, grown and provided by members of our church family. Then on Saturday October 13th, these delicacies were transformed into a delicious dinner, as together we assembled both in celebration and to thank God for our many blessings.

The old adage that one man's refuse is another man's treasure was proven by the multitude of people who came out in large numbers to browse through our Flea Market display on Saturday, October 26th.

In the meantime, we are diligently working in preparation for the major event of the year—our annual Fall Fair, scheduled for November 3rd, which is followed by a stuffed chicken breast dinner on November 17th.

"Let nothing be done in selfish ambition But in lowliness of mind."
Philippians 2:3

120th Anniversary of ACW

Article and photographs by
Lisa Brown

On November 1st, the ACW of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques celebrated their 120th Anniversary. The evening began with a church service of the Holy Eucharist, which also recognized All Saints' Day. A potluck dinner was held in the Memorial Centre following the service with 50 people in attendance.

Diane Hewitt, our ACW President, took us all down memory lane by reading the story of our oldest active member, Mrs. Martha Hann, who will be 92 years old next month. Mrs. Hann joined the ACW when she was 28 years old and has volunteered her time with the ACW for over 64 years and continues to do so even today.

The evening ended with a game of cards. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship.



Above is Mrs. Martha Hann receiving flowers from current ACW President, Diane Hewitt.

On the left are Mrs. Mabel Lemoine and Mrs. Martha Hann, oldest ACW members, cutting the anniversary cake.

Special Thanks to Rev'd Effie For All She Has Done

Article and photograph by
Ernest Dowding

During the Sunday morning service on October 28th, at St. Paul's Church in Grand Bay, the congregation expressed thanks to the Rev'd Effie Organ for her dedication to St. Paul's since she came to our Church in 2000. Effie was our Lay

Reader for many years. Also, she was president and vice-president of our ACW, as well as leader of the New Wine Gospel Choir. We were without a minister for almost two years, and Effie took on the leadership role here in the parish of Grand

Bay. Rev'd Effie was back home on vacation, so it gave us the opportunity to express our thanks to her with gifts, and a pot luck luncheon which was held in the Church Hall following the service.



The Rev'd Effie Organ is presented with gifts as thanks for her service to the parish of Grand Bay

Halloween Party For Youth A Great Success

Cathedral in St. John's welcomes all for costume party

Submitted with photographs by Emily F. Rowe

On the night of October 27th, the Anglican Cathedral in St. John's opened its door to ghosts and witches for another exciting evening of spooky fun. There were lots of games, pumpkin carvings, and a scavenger hunt in the main worship space of the cathedral, which was accompanied by lots of wonderful music

from the pipe organ. Of course, there was also a lot of Halloween-themed food which everyone enjoyed.

Approximately 28 kids from around the city parishes (and also quite a few parents) had a fabulous time, and very much appreciated being welcomed into our Diocesan Cathedral for the evening.



The pumpkins being carved The Ven. Roger Whalen, rector of the Cathedral, can be seen at the back right.



The kids in front of the high altar



Kids participating in the scavenger hunt



Joseph Ayris, one of the organizers of the evening, explains the scavenger hunt to the kids

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These two photos are of our Halloween Party held Sunday, Oct. 28th. This event was organized by our ACW. Both children and adults were encouraged to dress in costume. Everyone had a great time.



These church photos are of our newest and youngest cross bearer. This Sunday was the first time Owen Yetman carried the cross. We are so pleased to have him join our servers.



In the top photograph is our new half-time priest, the Rev'd Linda Budden. What a joy it is to have her with us. Our Deacon is The Rev'd John Sparks.

The two Eucharistic Assistants (bottom photograph) are (left to right) Karen Dawe and Florence Morgan-Thom, pictured here with Owen.



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