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WHEN THEY HAD HEARD THE KING,
THEY SET OUT; AND THERE, AHEAD
OF THEM, WENT THE STAR THAT
THEY HAD SEEN AT ITS RISING,
UNTIL IT STOPPED OVER THE PLACE
WHERE THE CHILD WAS.

Matthew 2: 9

Eastern NL Elects The Venerable Samuel Vincent Rose To Be Sixth Bishop of Diocese

Article by
Emily F. Rowe

The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador has elected The Venerable Samuel Rose to be the sixth bishop of their diocese. Upheld by prayers from across the diocese and beyond, the four nominees gathered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. John's on November 28th as the members of Synod connected via the internet. Due to the public health restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a synod like no other before in Newfoundland and Labrador—most delegates stayed in their homes and connected via Zoom with each other; they were also able to attend the opening Eucharist on the night before Synod via the Cathedral's YouTube channel.

The votes themselves were cast using the company Data on the Spot, so all of the delegates, no matter where they were in the province, were able to vote quickly and efficiently. The votes were counted

by the independent company, and results were very quick once voting for each ballot closed. Rose was elected on the fourth ballot.

Synod was overseen by Bishop John Watton of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, and he also celebrated the Eucharist at the cathedral on the night before the election. Bishop Watton, as the most senior bishop in Newfoundland and Labrador, was asked to be in charge of the electoral synod. Further pandemic restrictions cancelled the Atlantic bubble earlier that week, making it impossible for the Metropolitan, Archbishop David Edwards of Fredericton Diocese, to attend Eastern NL's synod in person.

Rose was born and baptized on Bell Island, and has spent his whole life in the Anglican Church of Canada. He has served in parishes in Eastern



The Ven. Samuel Rose
Bishop Elect
Anglican East NL

Newfoundland, Central Newfoundland, and in Labrador. For several years, he was the editor of Anglican Life, and most recently has held the position of Episcopal Commissary in his home diocese.

The date has been set for the consecration of the bishop-elect, and will take place on December 15th. Again, Bishop Watton will be called in due to



Photo by F. Dinham



Photo from Anglican East NL's Facebook page

Above: Bishop John Watton, Bradford Wicks (Chancellor of the diocese) and The Rev'd Christopher Fowler

On the left: Bishop Watton celebrating the Eucharist on Friday, November 27

the forced absence of Archbishop Edwards, and will be the ordaining bishop.

The day after his election, Bishop-elect Rose reached out via his YouTube page with a message for the diocese. He said, "Our God is always renewing

the Church, in order to shape us more into the image of Jesus." Rose acknowledged the fear that comes with the uncertainty of change, but assured the diocese that we move into this new beginning together with God and with each other.

Where There Is Vision, The People Flourish

The Rt. Rev'd John Organ
Bishop
Western Newfoundland

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming in 2020 and some happily saying goodbye, if not good riddance, to 2019.

There will no doubt be a universal shout of 'good riddance' to 2020, and a deep and longing hope that 2021 will indeed be a good year—better in all respects, and especially the year when an effective vaccine is available to put COVID-19 behind us.

As we stand at the gate of a new year, we are realistic enough to know it will have its share of ups and downs. Nonetheless, what will be is not all dependent on fate. In a world of challenges and opportunities, we can also decide what will be. We can seize the day, dream big, and accomplish great things.

As Anglican Christians, we are committed to God and to the common good. We have "one foot in temple and one foot in the public square." With our spirituality rooted in Christ, who taught us to "love God and neighbour," we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to step boldly

into a new year and into every situation, capable of achieving all we can hope for and imagine.

As followers of Jesus Christ, as Newfoundlanders & Labradorians, and as Canadians, we have a calling and a responsibility. We are to make each day count and to contribute to the building up of our faith community, our province, our country, and even our world. We have a role, a mission, and a purpose. We are citizens of the Kingdom of God and citizens of Canada, and indeed of the World. We are called to be much and to do much. We are made in the image and likeness of God; we are more than flesh and blood, we are also spirit, and we are on a transformative and transforming journey, co-partnering with God to make all things new.

It is imperative that we have a vision. Without a vision a people perish, Scripture says. As Anglicans here in Newfoundland and Labrador, we can set a vision for our church and share with the wider



Photo by J. Rowe

community in setting a vision for our province. One of the things we have in common as a church and a province is the need to "grow our numbers." The population of NL is decreasing year after year. The population of Japan is 126.5 million people (as of 2018). All these millions of people fit into a land smaller than NL. Ireland has a population of 4.904 million people (as of 2019). NL is 4 times the size of Ireland and yet Ireland has almost 10 times the population of NL.

How can we grow our population? Is it through an intentional increase of the birthrate? Is it through increased immigration? Is it through incentives to



encourage local people to stay home and fellow Canadians to move to NL? Is it a combination of all these? One thing is certain, unless we have a vision for population growth, each year there will be fewer and fewer of us and eventually we will be in a major crisis with too few people to provide even basic services.

We can dream big. We can have vision that includes doubling our population by a certain

date in the future and can encourage annual growth with appropriate incentives along with measurements to determine their effectiveness.

On May 25th, 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced the goal of landing a man on the moon by the end of the decade. His goal

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Cathedral On The Wall

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Jane Reagh, a member of The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Corner Brook, NL, took part in the LAWN (League of Artists of Western Newfoundland) Barrow Project, which received City of Corner Brook funding for public artwork this year. Her depiction of Corner Brook dogs and people can be seen on walls at the base of Broadway Avenue in Corner Brook, opposite the Sobey's parking lot.

Those who look closely will see Mikey, a small Russell Terrier/Chihuahua belonging to Katie and Dr. Chris Healey. They might also recognize the Cathedral's recently appointed Parish Vicar, The Rev'd P. Lynn Braye, and the Cathedral's organist/choirmaster, Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen. Thanks to Jane for inviting fellow parishioners to be part of Corner Brook's public art scene.



Primeval History

The Rev'd Michael Li
Columnist

All sixty-six books of the Bible are God's Word. Some people believe that Exodus, Isaiah, Matthew, John, and Romans are the five most important books of the Bible. But I believe that the Book of Genesis, and the Book of Matthew are the two important key books of the entire Bible.

Genesis means "origin". The Book of Genesis traces the origins of all human history. Most of the major doctrines in the Bible are introduced in "seed" form in Genesis. There is nothing in Genesis to indicate its author. I believe it is safe to claim Moses as the editor and compiler of the Book. The creation story



may have been received as a direct revelation from God. If Moses wrote the book, he would have completed the task at least before 1240 B.C., the latest possible date for Israel's crossing the Jordan after his death.

Many of the great questions of life are answered in the Book of Genesis. Where did I come

from? Why am I here? Where am I going? The key Bible verses include Genesis 1:1, and 3:15.

It seems to me that the primeval history (Genesis 1-11) is a very important part of the Bible. It deals with four stories: creation (Genesis 1-2); the fall of humans (Genesis 3-5); the flood (Genesis 6-9); and the dispersion (Genesis 10-11). In the beginning, God created the entire universe. He created humanity to have a personal relationship with them. Adam and Eve sinned and thereby brought evil and death into the world. God sent the great flood to wipe out evil. The story of the flood

speaks of sin, judgment, redemption, and new life. After the flood, humanity began again to multiply and spread throughout the world. All peoples are accountable to the creator.

Please note that God is always at work to redeem his creation from the effects of the fall. Ultimately, the creation will be completely restored. But this story is not told in the Book of

Genesis. Genesis is only the introduction to the drama of redemption. Genesis 1-11 may be regarded as the prologue to the drama, whose first act begins at Genesis 12 with the introduction of Abraham. God would call out a special people, from whom in due course would come the Redeemer. At the other end of the drama, the Book of Revelation is the epilogue.



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White Wolf Drumming and Youth Group

Submitted with photograph by
A. W. Loder

St. Paul's Church, in Summerside NL, held a morning prayer with the White Wolf Drumming and youth group on Sunday, November 15th, 2020. This is the second

time that such a service has taken place in our church building. It was enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to all.

St. Peter's, CBS, Engages Youth Worker to Assist Seniors During Pandemic

Article by Jack Morgan
Photo by Ruth Crews

Everyone has suffered in one form or another during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the days since. However, no one has felt the ill effects more than seniors and other vulnerable persons. Many had, and some continue to be, the victims of obligatory and extended home isolation and have not dared to venture outside even for the bare necessities of life.

St. Peter's recognized this unease early on as the pandemic began to emerge. They immediately formed a small committee to assist seniors and other vulnerable people gain access to necessities by running errands to the drug store, food marts, or any other amenity required for their security. All support was offered, given, and accepted in accordance with COVID-19 protocols, where no one served was subject to any risk to their health.

In late spring, The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced a program called "Students Supporting Communities.", whereby they offered a grant for 8 weeks, to qualifying organizations, to hire a student to aid seniors in a variety of ways during

these trying times. The government recognized that physical distancing and isolating can take a toll on mental health, especially for seniors and vulnerable members of our community who are already at heightened risk of loneliness and feelings of depression. Government Cabinet Minister Christopher Mitchelmore stated: "The Students Supporting Communities Program will facilitate those connections by mobilizing students to help individuals connect with and access vital supports and services."

Enter 17-year-old Darcy Scott, a grade 12 student at Queen Elizabeth Regional High, and an accomplished musician. Darcy was hired in late June, and became St. Peter's "Student Supporting our Community." He began by forging a plan to reach as many seniors and vulnerable persons as possible, by letter, by telephone, by email, and through social media. He offered several services, including running errands, grass cutting, technology training, his gift of music, and simple safe distance visits. A more than anticipated number took advantage of his services and were delighted

with their success.

One of Darcy's main duties was to bring his newfound friends up to date on computer literacy, helping them to navigate through the nuisances of the iPad, personal computer, and smart phone. Most yearned for the ability

to view St. Peter's weekly Sunday service and Rev'd Bill's Wednesday evening Bible study on their electronic devices. And some also learned or built on their skills of email and even face timing. Darcy and his benefactors surprised each other with the significant amount of progress achieved. Said Darcy, "I had a great summer; I met great people, mostly seniors, many of whom have become friends."

St. Peter's Rector, the Rev'd Bill Strong, says Darcy's work with seniors has been amazing. "We are happy and incredibly pleased that he joined St. Peter's this past summer,



Darcy Scott visits Cec and Edna Warford of Upper Gullies for a safe outside visit this past summer. Left-right are: Edna, Darcy, Cynthia Dawe (family friend) and Cec.

spreading his knowledge and personality around the community—especially with our seniors during this difficult time. He truly made a difference," said Strong.

And the good deeds of this program will continue throughout the winter. Darcy

has agreed to continue with St. Peter's in his work with seniors on a part time basis for the next few months. St. Peter's is grateful for his service, and so are the seniors of our community.

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Remembrance Day in The Parish of Rose Blanche

Article by
The Rev'd Jeffrey Petten

Due to COVID-19, The Royal Canadian Legion asked that people not gather in person this year for the annual act of remembrance. In the Parish of Rose Blanche, although we do not have a branch of the Legion in our communities, we do have cenotaphs. To be in solidarity with the request from the Legion, the decision was made that this year the Act of Remembrance would take place on Facebook Live from the Rectory. Canon Petten officiated, using the same liturgy used in the parish since 2014.

With the aid of a smart tv, a tablet, and the internet, the only difference between this year and any other year was that we did not gather in person, and no official list of those laying wreaths was read aloud. To replace this, Canon Petten did suggest that if people wanted to place their poppies at the cenotaph they were encourage to do so, or if they felt inclined to, to paint a rock with a poppy on it. This was well received and we thank those who did paint rocks and placed them at the cenotaph.

Although we could not gather in person, we



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remembered our glorious dead and with thankful hearts, and offered thanks for their sacrifices and for

the sacrifices of those who returned home. We will remember them.

Vision: Bishop Organ's Column

was achieved on July 20th, 1969, when Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong stepped off the lunar module's ladder and onto the moon's surface.

Landing a man on the moon all began with a dream, a vision, a challenge, and a goal.

Where there is vision, the people flourish!

Let us dream, vision, set goals, and plan. Let us make 2021 the start of a new and brighter future for our church, our province, our country, and our world.

We are inspired by the very creative and creating nature of God. "In the beginning God looked over the earth that was formless, empty, and dark. *God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light!*" (Genesis 1:3)

We are made in the image and likeness of God. We are called to be co-creators with God.

We are given all we need to dream, to vision, to plan, to act, and to achieve.

Let us grow and build and make all things new.

In our looking forward, we also look back and honour those who left us in 2020. With our Diocese of Western Newfoundland, I remember especially Bishop Geoff Peddle, entrusting him to God's eternal love and light, and upholding in prayer his beloved Kathy, his sons Adam and Ben, his brother Gerry, former Chaplain General, and all family members.

Amidst the challenges and sorrows of life, we turn to God, seeking solace and consolation.

In Christmas we see a child in a manger who is our Prince of Peace. Following His example, we re-commit to upholding one another in love and prayer, and, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, continuing the journey of faithful co-creating with God.

Placing our hand into God's, we pass through the gate of a new year with faith, hope, peace, and love.

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So Much Duplication

Dr. David Morgan
Columnist

“This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.” Ezekiel 16:49 NRSV

In the lead-up to the recent Electoral Synod of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, each of the candidates was asked to prepare a video speaking to the question *“In light of these times, and the emergent challenges facing our Diocese, what would be your priorities and vision as Bishop?”*

As part of their videos, several of the episcopal candidates spoke to the need for reprioritization and change, with a call to ministry and mission. I couldn't agree more.

It's no secret that many of the parishes in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (along with the Diocese itself) are in

financial difficulty. And the same is true of other dioceses right across the country. The balance sheets have been showing poor health for a while, and the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the decline.

It seems to me that a lot of this poor financial health comes down to duplication. The duplication within the church around us is staggering. Duplication of buildings. Duplication of worship. Duplication of planning. Duplication of programming. Duplication of administration. All that duplication means a lot of waste—not just wasted treasure, but time and talent too.

We all play a part in this duplication, myself included—I live directly across the street from a church that I have never set foot in for worship or prayer. It's Roman Catholic... but surely I can

nip across the street for prayer without turning my back on the Anglican church.



It isn't the duplication itself that bothers me—it's the waste (remember, this column is about social justice). Take a quick look around, and you see injustice and hurt everywhere. Seniors in the cold, looking for change on street corners. Parishioners not able to enter churches because of poor accessibility. Immigrants unable to find work because of systemic racism. Not enough free

mental health services to go around. And these are just local issues.

Now don't get me wrong, the Anglican Church in Newfoundland and Labrador is doing some great things with programming and partnerships at both the parish and Diocesan levels. But just think of how much more we might be able to do if we freed up time, talent, and treasure by reducing duplication.

I don't want to perpetuate the myth that combining parishes and closing buildings is the only way to reduce the duplication (goodness knows there are enough people who think this already), but it certainly is one of the most obvious ways. I suspect that most of us can't go for a Sunday drive without seeing two or three congregations in a 30-kilometre radius, each with its own building but offering essentially the same worship and sense of community (and likely not collaborating much with the congregations around them).

We all have to compromise and sacrifice to reduce this duplication, whether it be deciding to close our building to join another congregation or deciding to not open a parish clothing bank because someone else is

already doing that really well (maybe even *secular* group—gasp!). This compromise and sacrifice must be made at every level and in every parish and congregation.

Personally, I don't mind worshipping in a cold warehouse with all the rest of you if that's what it takes to make better use of our time, talent, and treasure. With the money we'll save, we can hire a bus to pick up people for in-person services and activities. And, we can still have programming to serve our neighbourhoods and communities based upon their unique needs (certainly, we'll have a lot more time, talent, and treasure to dedicate to that when we aren't constantly fundraising to pay the heat bills). If we bring us all together, then perhaps it might be an acceptable luxury to spend a bit of money to heat our warehouse, especially if we could find a way to open the space up to the under-heated and under-housed at the same time.

Anyways, let's not be afraid to compromise and sacrifice to reduce the duplication—we can achieve more by working together.

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St. Paul's Church, Parish of Cow Head

Article and photographs by
The Rev'd Terry Rose

On October 25th, which is the anniversary of the dedication of our church, the congregation of St. Paul's welcomed and celebrated the renewal with the installation of our new vestry. Also celebrated was the renewal of the lay leadership licence of Mrs. Beverly Pittman.



St. Paul's congregation and vestry extends a thank you to the Parish of Cow Head for

its support and prayers in the renewal and the reopening of our church.

The Right Thing To Do

Kevin Smith
Columnist

Over the years, I have heard the angst and agony of a loved one's passing leaving the partner in the dark about state of their finances and the details of the net worth of the estate. It has caused untold stress on the surviving spouse and probably ended up costing the estate. I was reminded about this recently when I came across a video by David Chilton, the financial guru of the Wealthy Barber fame, who now does promotional work for RBC. The subject of his video revolved around two estate planning mistakes that he suggests are quite common and I thought I would share his thoughts with you.

His first suggestion was that you should keep a detailed net worth statement and keep it with your will. He says, "Update it often; this is not that much work but what a difference it make to your executor and to your beneficiaries. Over and over again I heard stories about assets being discovered years after an estate was settled...or at least thought to be settled."

"He didn't know that mom had a safety deposit box at a bank branch she left years

ago. I was shocked to find out that Dad had shares in two private companies...he never mentioned them. Our family didn't know that our parents had lent money to their neighbours until Clare stumbled across a document in an old photo album two years after Dad died."



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Chilton claims these stories are quite common, and goes on to say, "Help your executor out. List all your assets and important associated details. Where can they be found? What passwords are needed? What does your executor need to know from a tax perspective. For example, what did you pay for the private company shares? Where are the safety deposit box keys?"

The Wealthy Barber's second suggestion involved

checking your will at least once every two years to see if it needs updating.

He says, "I asked 12 people if their will was perfectly representative of their current wishes and ten said no." Some of the reasons he found were details like, "I want to change my charity designation, my sister and I have made up now or Charlie was in an accident and needs extra help. Oh heck, one of my beneficiaries has passed away."

Chilton's final appeal was:



"Life changes quickly. Make it a habit to review your will regularly. It won't take more than an hour in most cases. Call your lawyer with the desired changes, if any. It's not going to be a big deal. It's not going to be a big expense. ... But it can make a big difference so keep a detailed net worth statement and an updated will."

Sensible advice.

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Anglican Life welcomes the Rev'd Fred Marshall, Officer of the Anglican Joint Committee, as a guest columnist for the next few months. Rev'd Fred will be contributing a six-part series over the next six months. The series is entitled "What the Spirit is Saying to The Church," and were originally written for a course at Queen's College called Growing Into Faith.

What the Spirit is Saying to The Church

Cultivating Christian Spirituality, Part 1

The Rev'd Fred Marshall
Guest Columnist

"Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation." Joel 1.3

Cultivating Christian spirituality in young people is something that parents, lay leaders, and the clergy have been trying to do, with varying degrees of success, for generations. In his article, "A noble quest: cultivating Christian spirituality in Catholic adolescents and the usefulness of 12 pastoral practices," author David Canales offers 12 spiritual virtues, traits, practices and disciplines for cultivating spirituality in young people.

Bible time: "From strength to strength" - a saying from Psalm 84:7

"The Bible is the most treasured book within Christianity and there is no reservation about its positive impact on spirituality." Walter Brueggemann wrote, "The Bible provides (youth) with an alternative identity, and alternative way of understanding (themselves), and

alternative way of relating to the world. The sacred Scriptures offer a radical and uncompromising challenge to the ordinary ways of self-understanding. The Word of God invites youth to join in and to participate in the ongoing pilgrimage of those who in the shattering of history, caring in ways which matter, secured by the covenanting God who is likewise on pilgrimage with you in history."



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Contemplation: "Our lives are lived forward and understood backwards" from the writings of Søren Kierkegaard, a Danish philosopher and theologian in the mid 1800s.

God works in the stillness and quietness of the human heart and contemplation is an experience of "being present" to God or

"being caught up" with God. Spending time in thoughtful or reflective prayer with young people is an invitation for them to enter into a more meaningful relationship with God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Honesty: Jesus said "the truth will set you free." - John 8:32

Honesty is important to one's self-identity and self discovery. Fostering honesty in young people builds character and helps them discern integrity and gain wisdom.

Introspection: "To know thyself is divine" - a 17th century English expression.

"The practice of personal introspection in its simplest form is merely assessing one's life: sitting or walking, thinking, pondering, and reflecting upon ways to continuously change one's life for the good, with the assistance of God." Helping young adults engage in reflection, self-examination or soul-searching helps them in trying to find God in all things and helps them to gain freedom to cooperate

with God's will.

Journaling: "The pen is mightier than the sword" - medieval proverb.

"Writing down thoughts is an excellent pastoral evaluative tool that will allow a person to grow spiritually." Journaling is a method for teenagers to enrich or expand their spirituality as it assists them in self-understanding and self-awareness. Journaling intensifies one's awareness about their innermost feelings about themselves; assists young people in reflecting about their day in terms of connecting spiritually through everyday tasks and choices; affords a relatively objective account of spiritual changes within their life; provides a spiritual log as an avenue to explore and examine their spiritual trouble spots that may be hassling their spirituality and should empower them to discern spiritual behaviour patterns that discover and rediscover God's unconditional love and mercy, says Canales.

Meditation: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee" - St. Augustine of

Hippo.

The practice of meditation is crucial for achieving or advancing in spirituality. Meditation will be challenging with young people because it is more intense, distinct, spontaneous, and it involves reflection and self-awareness. Meditation with adolescents involves listening, deepening one's awareness of God, and attending to one's experience of God. Meditation with adolescents aims, in particular at emphasizing the nearness of God, our relatedness to Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit empowering us for acts of mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

In the next article will be the next six practices: Music, Prayer, Retreats, Rosary, Spiritual Direction, and Time Usage. Do you know there are Anglican Rosary Beads?

What do Scriptures say? "to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3.21

Queen's College Convocation Held Digitally

Article by Dr. Rick Singleton
Photographs from the Queen's College Facebook page

The academic community of Queen's College Faculty of Theology annual convocation was originally scheduled for May 14, but due to the Public Health Alert level in the spring, it was postponed. Through the fall it was rescheduled to take place in person on Wednesday November 25th. Then, due to an increase in the spread of COVID-19, the decision was made on November 23rd to convert from in person to online for Convocation 2020. This meant that only a very few people attended in person at the college itself. While this was a very different kind of celebration for all those who were involved, it was a very special event, and the college's ability to pivot and adapt to the ever changing times was wonderful. Provost, Dr. Rick Singleton, noted the online option does take from some of the formality and pomp of graduation, it does allow for many more to see and hear the ceremony and messages. There have been approximately 7000 views of the Convocation the first week. He said, "We are thrilled by the large number of people who have viewed at least part of the Convocation recording, ... the feedback through notes, comments, and likes has been very positive and encouraging". Dr. Singleton commended the flexibility and support of the faculty, staff and students in adjusting to the changes for convocation and all the changes we have embraced in 2020.

Convocation opened with a gathering prayer, offered by Bishop John Organ of Western Newfoundland. Warm and friendly greetings were brought to Convocation by her Honour, Lieutenant Governor, Judy Foote; the Minister of Education, Honourable Tom Osbourne, and Memorial University President, Dr. Vianne Timmons.

Dr. Singleton, in his report, highlighted

many of the events and activities of the 2019–20 academic year. He noted that Queen's College was able to make the switch to fully online course delivery in March, and didn't miss one single class from March onwards. He commended the leadership from our province and from Memorial University as we navigate COVID-19.

For the academic year 2019–20, Queen's College had 333 students enrolled, and that showed an incredible increase in interest for theological education and the desire and interest of many to develop the competencies for effective ministry. At this convocation, 51 students graduated from their respective programs, including lay people, deacons, priests, a bishop, Pentecostal pastors, and a Salvation Army officer. Six denominations are represented amongst those who graduated. This year, there are 76 students enrolled in degree programs; 30 in the associate program; 48 in the diploma program; 16 in other continuing studies; 163 in volunteer training.

The provost explained that all programs at Queen's College are built on four pillars; Good theological education, pastoral training and practice, spiritual development, and faith-based learning community. He said, "...our prime role is to equip lay and ordained people for leadership roles in the Church and in the world. And it is a special type of leadership. Leadership that has four features: Being led by Christ; Leading like Christ; Leading to Christ; and Leading with Christ." He commented on each feature.

The Provost expressed thanks to all who support the college in numerous ways. He closed by noting to those assembled that the Dean of Theology, Dr. David Bell, came to our province 50 years ago in August. He said, "...

hired by our dear friend Rev'd Dr. Morley Hodder to teach Religious Studies at MUN, David Bell came and stayed...He has made his mark in many circles in Newfoundland and Labrador: 42 years professor at MUN, black belt and instructor in karate, wine taster and sommelier, theologian, author...over 40 books and hundreds of articles, deacon, chauffeur, academic and spiritual advisor, Canon of the Cathedral, Dean of Theology, servant of God, and friend to many. David, from all of us, thank you for coming, thank you for staying, thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do for Queen's College, the Church, and the broader community. David, we are giving you a virtual standing ovation, and from all of us, blessings for the years ahead."

The Rev'd Dr. Canon Frank Cluett addressed those assembled as guest speaker, placing Queen's College in an historical setting, explaining how Bishop Aubrey Spencer saw the necessity for training people locally for ministry in Newfoundland if the Church were to grow and flourish. Spencer's Theological Institute was built upon by Bishop Edward Feild, and he went on to establish the first Queen's College here in the province. Canon Cluett also spoke on the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verse 17. He said that dreams come when we are asleep, and visions come when we are awake. Christian ministry is associated with being called, and answering a call involves owning a vision of God's future. He then quoted St. Paul who said that we are all one in Christ—not that the distinctions between us disappear, but that they are not impediments to membership in the Church, and that inclusiveness is a central theme in the teachings of Jesus. He



Back row, left to right: The Rev'd Canon John Courage, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Boyd Morgan, Dr. Rick Singleton, The Rev'd Canon Frank Cluett. Front row, left to right: The Rev'd Dr. David Bell, Dr. Susan Foley, Dr. Carmel Doyle

asked the graduates to keep that fresh in their minds and souls as they continue in their lives in ministry.

This year's two honorary degrees were conferred upon Sister Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. Susan Foley.

Retired Provost, The Rev'd Dr. Boyd Morgan, presented Ms Susan Foley for the degree of Doctor of Canon Law (*honoris causa*), and reflected on Susan's 32 years at Queen's College, many of which were as Administrative Assistant under seven provosts and pro tem administrators, in years when Queen's mandate, theological education, and technology were evolving. Susan was the steady and reliable one. In the context of COVID-19, when physical distancing is required, the doctoral hood was placed on Dr. Foley by her husband, retired RNC Sergeant Kevin Foley.

The Rev'd Dr. David Bell presented Sister Elizabeth Davis, RSM, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*), in recognition of her many contributions locally, nationally, and internationally in the service of God, and of course for her contributions to Queen's College. Dr. Bell spoke of things for which Sr. Elizabeth is well known for, but he also noted her commitment to social justice and her steadfast personal commitment and influence as a leader to disrupt structural and systemic injustices



Sister Elizabeth Davis, who joined digitally

and inequalities. Sr. Elizabeth, due to COVID-19 restrictions, attended virtually from her convent with fellow Sisters of Mercy, and her hood was placed by her colleague and friend, Sr. Madonna Gatherall.

Dr. Carmel Doyle, Director of Student Programs, and Fr. John Courage, Chaplain, announced the candidates for the Diploma in Theology and Ministry, Associate in Theology, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, and Master of Theological Studies. As each graduates' name was called, their program, community, awards and scholarships were displayed with their photograph on the screen.

Bishop John Watton of Central Newfoundland, who received the Master of Theology Degree at Convocation 2020, closed the ceremony with a prayer.

A recording is available on the Queen's College Facebook page.

Confirmation at St. James' Gillams

Article and photographs by Audrey Park

A very beautiful service of confirmation was held at St. James' on November 1, 2020. There were four candidates: Ava, Brygette, Dylan, and Kiersten

A banner was also dedicated at the same time, to hang in the church, marking this very special occasion. The banner was made by Kathy and

Audrey, who were the class instructors.

In preparation for confirmation, and as a lesson in stewardship, the four candidates raised \$228 for PWRDF by using their talents of baking and jewelry making, and then selling their products to family and friends.



St. Paul's, Summerside

Confirmation in the Parish of Meadows

Submitted with photographs by The Rev'd Kay Osmond

Bishop John Organ of Western Newfoundland also visited Holy Trinity Church in Meadows and St. Paul's Church in Summerside on November 1st for the sacrament of confirmation. Pictured here on the left is Bishop Organ with those who were confirmed in both of those churches.



Holy Trinity, Meadows



Prayer Quilts in Rocky Harbour

Submitted with photograph by Dale Decker

During the morning service at St. Matthew's in Rocky Harbour on Sunday, November 22nd, Rev'd Wilhelmena Green blessed 27 prayer quilts for the Parish of Bonne Bay North Prayer Quilt Group. In the photo on the right, from left to right, are: Shirley Dominie; Sandra Cullihall; Edith Critch; Rev. Green; Dale Decker; Linda Parsons and Donna Genge.

These prayer quilts will be given to the sick, as needed, in the communities of Norris Point, Rocky Harbour, and Sally's Cove.



The Price of a Pandemic

A moment in time

By the Rev'd Irving Letto
Honorary Archivist,
Anglican East NL

As a newly ordained priest in the north of England, Henry Gordon read *What Life Means to Me* by Wilfred Grenfell, and he wrote, "Ever since the Gospel of its author has been my inspiration and joy." (recorded in, and here quoted from, the journal "Among the Deep-Sea Fishers," April, 1921). On August 17, 1915 he arrived at Cartwright on the *SS Sagona* to be the incumbent of the Mission of Sandwich Bay for the next ten years. He very quickly got to know the



lay of the land and proved to be a capable navigator of the Mission's new boat called *St. Helen* after his old parish in Lancashire. His journals provide a window into the life of one dedicated frontline worker during a pandemic over a hundred years ago.

From a report in *The Evening Telegram* on 2 September 1918, we know that he was in St. John's in 1918 drumming up support for an ambitious ministry project that is memorialized in the school that bears his name today—Henry Gordon Academy, Cartwright. Encouraged by the support he had received from "several of St. John's keenest laymen," most likely parishioners of St. Thomas' Church, he returned to his Mission of Sandwich Bay.

His journal records that the *SS Sagona* arrived in Cartwright on October the 20th bringing besides the supplies for the winter, a pile of newspapers and personal letters that was always a delight. On this occasion the news was not good. "Our newspapers relate of a serious epidemic which is raging in Newfoundland and other parts of the world. One hopes that it will

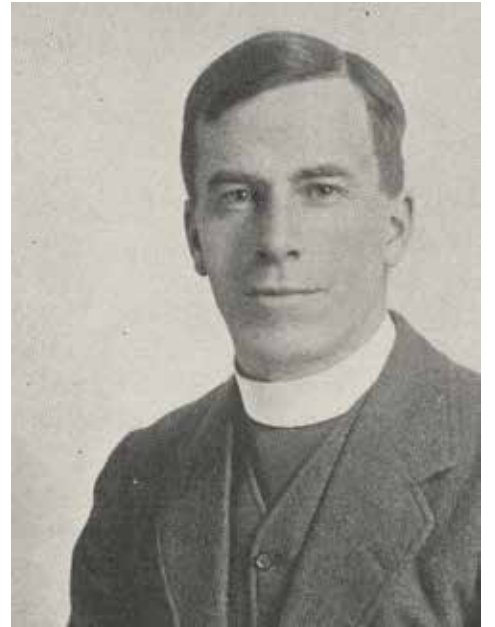
not reach down here, but the fact that some of the steamer's crew are down with it looks ominous."

Nevertheless, he set out to visit several communities, and when the *St. Helen* arrived back in Cartwright on October 30th, he wrote, "Not a soul to be seen anywhere, and a strange, unusual silence. Going along the path to the Parsonage we met one of the Company's (Hudson Bay Company) men staggering like a drunken man, and from him learned that the whole settlement was prostrated with sickness. It had struck the community like a cyclone two days after the Mail-boat had arrived. ... Whole households lay inanimate all over their kitchen floors, unable to even feed themselves or look after the fire. ... One seemed utterly incapable of dealing with the situation, the only thing one could do was to see that no one perished for want of food and firing."

On November 2nd he reported that he himself was "feeling rotten, head like a bladder full of wind," but the next day he "got up, took a dose of brandy, and buried Howard Fequet at 1:30, then when back to bed again."

On the 4th he wrote, "Can't remember very clearly what happened on these two days. Felt very

sick. I knew Mr. Parsons came up to ask me about burying somebody or other. I thought it was myself at the time." His journal continues describing visiting the sick, chopping wood for their fires, making coffins and burying the dead. His letter to Bishop White on February 18th, three months later, paints a grave picture of the price of a pandemic:




"I expect that you will have heard already of the terrible times which we have experienced down here since last fall. I almost hate to write any more about the subject as the memory is almost too powerful. Suffice it to say that I had to live amid dead and dying for over a month, digging graves, tying up bodies and looking after little orphans. Out of a total population of 320 in Sandwich Bay we lost 69. One could relate many stories that would astonish the outside world

but thank God all is now over and it is best to forget it.

I am afraid that I suffered rather more than I was aware of especially in my nervous system which seems all out of shape. I have been able to get through my visitation and am physically fairly fit, but I simply dread the thought of another winter down here without a change and a rest."

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As The Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe
Columnist

There is a lot of vague talk about Mission these days, and a lot of it can sound pretty intimidating. Sometimes we talk about the Great Commission and we get worried that we won't know how to make disciples of all nations. Or we think about Jesus sending 70 disciples out without purse, without bag, without sandals, like lambs in the midst of wolves—understaffed and underprepared. If you're like me, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed by this kind of talk, even when you realize that mission *is* what the church is supposed to be doing.

But there is another way to talk about mission that is much more helpful and encouraging. In John's Gospel, when Jesus appears to the disciples after the resurrection, he

says, 'Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you.' And that's what mission means. It's so simple that children can understand, but it's also so profound that the church could spend another two thousand years unpacking what that means.

We are being sent into the world as the Father sent Jesus. That means that we are being sent to carry on the work that Jesus began—to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is already making itself known in this world. If you want another simple but profound way to talk about mission, listen to the way we talk about Jesus' work in Godly Play. 'His work was to come close to people, especially the people no one else wanted to come close to.' That's the Good News



right there. The kingdom of God is in the midst of us, because in Jesus, God was coming close to the least, the lost, and the left out. And if we are being sent as he was sent, we also need to be able to say that God is coming close to people through the Church and through us as individuals.

So when we help to feed the hungry through the food bank, we need to remember that this is about coming close to people. When we make

disciples—passing on our faith to others—it is really about continuing Christ's work, not our own. When I march in the Pride parade, when I helped the Occupy NL camp find a safe home for their General Assemblies, or when I built homes in Guatemala, these are not just stories about what *I* have done, but about the *church* being God's presence in the midst of the world.

But it can be easy to get too comfortable with that kind of thinking. We can start to use the Five Marks of Mission as a checklist to justify the projects we are already involved in, and to congratulate ourselves for all the good mission we are doing. That's why it's important that we learn to ask what God is doing in the world, with us or

without us. We have to learn not to be so arrogant as to assume that we have a monopoly on the Kingdom of God. We have to learn to watch for what God is doing through other parishes, other churches, and especially through the groups and individuals who seem to have no official religious affiliation. When we recognize what God is doing there, our first response should not be to try to copy their work, or to try to take it over, but to ask how we can join in with what God is doing. In that sense, one of the most important things we can do to prepare ourselves for mission is to learn to discern what God is doing in the world and to hurry to join in.

A Fall 2020 ACW Fundraiser

Article and photographs by
Dr. Doreen Klassen

Although they had to forgo their customary fall tea and bake sale given COVID restrictions, the ACW of The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Corner Brook, NL undertook a different food-related fundraising project: making 450 trays of apple crisp and selling them at the cathedral entrance.

Apple-themed fundraising projects at the Cathedral began a number of years ago as a commitment to the Anglican Church of Canada's fifth Mark of Mission: "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." The project was the brainchild of the late Eileen Churchill, who felt that church members could make good use of apples that would otherwise just spoil on the tree or ground each autumn.

Overseen by parishioner Stelman



Peeling apples: Sybil Piercey, Lloyd Piercey, and Foster Lamswood

Flynn, a trained chef and entrepreneur, the first apple pie fundraiser was held mere months after Churchill's unexpected passing in 2015. Because Flynn's sisters from Labrador were unable to assist with making pie crusts in fall 2020, the Apple Pie Project became the Apple Crisp Project, which used 1500 pounds

of otherwise waste apples. (Flynn also assisted with making 450 apple crisps for St. David's Anglican in Pasadena, NL.)

Over the years, the apple project has served as a fundraiser for various causes: the cathedral generally, the Primate's World Relief Development Fund (PWRDF), and this year, for the ACW's



Assembling apple crisps: Stelman Flynn, Elaine Watton, Valerie Pretty, and Connie Lamswood

ministries. Funds raised will allow the ACW to contribute to causes that exemplify another mark

of mission: "to respond to human need by loving service."

Happy New Year—Another Year of Sharing PWRDF Stories

Article by The Ven. Charlene Taylor
 PWRDF Representative, Diocese of AnglicanEast NL
 Photo by PWRDF

On behalf of the PWRDF Diocesan Representatives of Central Newfoundland, Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, and Western Newfoundland, I would like to thank Emily Rowe our editor of Anglican Life, for providing us with space to write each month. The PWRDF Diocesan Representatives are so pleased to provide stories of how you are changing the world by supporting PWRDF.

Story telling is not an uncommon practice for Newfoundlanders & Labradorians. It is through story we learn about past traditions, local customs, and our culture.

For 20 years, PWRDF has worked with

Indigenous communities in Canada as development partners. PWRDF is committed to nurturing and building relationships with indigenous communities, supporting the preservation of language and culture, and defending the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination.

In British Columbia, the Nuuchahnulth (NCN) Language & Culture Program (NLCP) supports community initiatives that contribute to the preservation of the NCN language and culture. A total of 94 resource items have been developed as a direct result of NLCP funding. The “I want to learn the Nuuchahnulth Language” Facebook

page has 1,300 members. There are 600 active adult learners of the Nuuchahnulth language and more than 12,500 indirect learners. The resources developed through the project have been celebrated and showcased by the 14 communities. (Source: pwrdf.org).

Puppets have long been used on television to engage young children while teaching them. The Kanien’kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitihkwa Language and Cultural Center (KORLCC), a PWRDF partner in Kahnawake, Quebec, uses puppets to teach children as well, but instead of teaching their ABCs and 1-2-3’s, they are teaching



Marion Delaronde with a puppet used to teach and preserve first nations language and culture

the Mohawk language and culture. The episodes also teach culture and history, using mnemonics to help the children learn about the 50 chiefs of the Iroquois confederacy, or teaching one word in each of the 5 languages of the confederacy. Other episodes use traditional

legends like that of the Corn Husk Doll to teach values, including thankfulness and peacefulness. (Source: pwrdf.org).

Thank you for enabling storytelling to continue in the local languages of Indigenous communities. Your support is part of the story of PWRDF in Canada!

A New Approach to Our 160th Anniversary St. John the Evangelist, Topsail

Article by
 Louise Smith

When I was a young girl growing up within the warmth and security of our family home, I often heard my mother use the idiom, “It’s an ill wind that blows no good.” MacMillan dictionary describes it as a self evident truth. But it takes many life experiences to fully comprehend the significant message that this proverb conveys; not least among them is our fellowship at the church service Sunday morning November 22nd.

Here at St. John the Evangelist, it has always been customary to celebrate each red letter day on the church calendar—sometimes it was just sharing a cup of tea in the basement after service, and sometimes it was joining in fellowship for a three course meal.

Now, we’ve all been cognizant these last eight months of the need to

compromise. But since this year marks the 160th anniversary of the church’s origin, we have been dodging the development of the coronavirus all year long, with the hope of a respite.

But as we have journeyed through the uncertainty these past months, which have ultimately lead us closer toward the end of 2020, it has become a realization that social distancing still prevails. And as a consequence of the current restrictions, Rev’d Jolene chose an alternative approach to the celebration of this milestone by making it an integral part of the Sunday worship.

She guided us on a trip depicting its progression through the decades; encompassing its roots, growth, and history, while tabulating the



Photo from the parish's Facebook page

measurement in weeks, months, and years.

We were honoured to have Archdeacon Sam Rose, our Diocesan Administrator, as a guest priest. Archdeacon Sam delivered a message of congratulations on our perseverance.

As an added bonus in making this celebration more special, was the presence of Rev’d Tibbo. At 90 years old he approached the altar while still displaying his jovial prowess; at the same time, sharing memories of his eight years with us in the

70’s and early 80’s.

We also received best wishes from Rev’d Collett who succeeded Rev’d Tibbo.

Messages were also sent and acknowledged from Rev’d Bill Bellamy and Rev’d Wayne Parsons.

So despite our initial disappointment with the cancelling of our regular celebration because of the coronavirus, the expertise

of Rev’d Jolene’s delivery, the presence of Archdeacon Sam Rose, the reminiscence of former priests, and the applause of the congregation, all combined to make our 160th anniversary celebrations very meaningful.

*Sometimes good things can fall apart
 So that better things can fall together.
 It’s an ill wind that blows no good.*



Photo by Philip Gavell

Ordinations During A Pandemic—The Diocese of Central Newfoundland

Submitted with photographs by
The Ven. Terry Caines

On October 14th Bishop John Watton Ordained the Rev'd Diana Sacrey to the Order of Deacons at St. Martin's Cathedral in Gander. On October 28th, the bishop ordained the Rev'd Charlie Cox to the Order of Priesthood at St. Martin's Cathedral in Gander. On November 6th, Bishop Watton ordained the Rev'd Eli Cross to the Order of Priesthood at St.

Peter's Church in Catalina. Bishop Watton stated at the ordinations, "that every priest is a sign of God's love, a sign that he is still working in the world, still carrying out his plan of redemption, even in this time of pandemic."

Each of the ordinands were asked: "What is it like to be ordained during a Pandemic?"



Rev'd Cox shared: "I was looking forward to my ordination on March 19th, 2020. Due to COVID-19, it was postponed to October 28th, 2020. Those seven months of waiting were hard spiritually, physically, and mentally to say the least. However, those seven months gave me the opportunity to reflect on myself and my vocation, and to re-examine the call God has placed upon me, which was affirming. While the ordination service was done a little differently compared to the 'traditional Service,' the Spirit was overwhelming! Even though I couldn't physically feel the presence of the people, I felt the presence through the Holy Spirit."



Do you know someone who is being ordained or someone celebrating an ordination anniversary?
Give them a Clergy Bear with surplice and stole in a colour of your choice.



Rev'd Sacrey stated: "To be ordained to the sacred order of the diaconate is a most humbling experience. I also felt the weight of what I was doing and what I was promising before God. Ordination in the time of COVID-19 certainly had a different flavour. The initial date for my ordination was in March—the week all closed down due to the virus. It had been much anticipated then, and all could come to the service. The most difficult aspect of this ordination was that it was by invitation only. I was ordained in the parish I had been part of since the age of five, and the parish I was and will continue serving in. Knowing the service could not be open to all, having to decide who would receive an invitation, was very hard as I did not want to have to make those choices. I did not want anyone to feel left out. I am very thankful that it was live on Facebook."



Rev'd Cross reflected this way: "My paternal grandfather, Skipper Eli, would always respond to hard times or challenges by stating calmly, "Perhaps 'tis all for the best." As one who chooses in life to experiment and be creative, God intervened and chose a new path through the process of my formation and ordination. After all, it's to his call I'm responding, and this reveals a quirky sense of humour in a divine sort of way."

A Virtual Christmas Tea

Article and photographs by Peter Stevenson

Autumn is generally the time when parishes and church organizations do some major fundraising with fall fairs and the like. All this took a major setback in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. At St. Augustine's, our fall fundraising traditionally takes the form of two events for our fall fair: a sit-down cold plate turkey supper, with a myriad of salads and accompanied by the usual stalls of work; and a Christmas Tea, which is an afternoon tea complete with stalls and items on tickets. It was not possible to have a sit-down supper, but the tea had options.

The Fall Fair Committee pitched the idea of a Virtual Christmas Tea which would follow the model of the traditional Christmas Tea. The concept for the virtual tea was that we would provide a food container with the same contents in the same portions as patrons would find on their

table at the regular tea. Purchasers of tickets would come to the church at the appointed time and pick up their teas. We would have draws through the tea, like the usual tea, and we would have our traditional Christmas Variety Basket on tickets.

Sales were done through the parish office. Purchasers would provide their credit card number for the number of teas and basket tickets they desired and we would process the transaction using Square. There was no need for the purchaser to pick up their tea tickets and their basket tickets would be held at the parish office and given to them when they picked up their teas. This kept contact with patrons to a minimum.

The ingredients for each tea were contained in a windowed pastry box. Included in the box were a Grace, a napkin, sandwiches, cookies, tea buns, Christmas cake, cream and jam for the

buns, a piece of chocolate, and a baggie containing tea, coffee, sugar, sweetener, and butter.

The major effort for this event was in the planning. Production started on the Friday with workstations set up to accommodate social distancing. The workers were outfitted with masks, hats, and gloves so they all looked the same! The fashions of the traditional sit down tea were nowhere to be seen. Saturday was the go day. The items that had to be made fresh were prepared and placed in the boxes ready for pickup.

At the traditional tea, patrons sit in tables of eight. The eight people put their name in the hat and draw for the centrepiece. With the virtual tea, people were assigned in tables of eight and names drawn for the centrepiece. The winners received their prizes when they picked up their teas. There are draws for prizes throughout the



afternoon at the regular tea. This became the virtual part of our tea. We

planned to broadcast the drawing of the additional prizes at three o'clock followed by the draw for the Christmas Variety Basket, which for the first time sold out. The draws were conducted with the assistance of Canon Edward Keeping who also offered a prayer and a blessing.

Our rector, Father Rudolph Anthony, was unable to attend the event. We ran into some technical difficulties and so the broadcast was a little late being available through our Facebook page. Prizes were either picked up or arrangements were made for delivery.



Our teas and our event received rave reviews. We thank everyone who assisted with this parish fundraiser. Stay tuned, perhaps we will do it again in the future.

My New Year Wish

Ronald Clarke and Melanie Clarke
Columnists

This year, the Christmas season was a strange one! In all of my 91 years, I've never had such a quiet Christmas. With all of the COVID precautions, not many people visited and even family stayed away for the most part. For the first time in my life, I didn't go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Instead, I watched the services on an iPad that we purchased when the lockdown first began back in March 2020. The services we watched were just as meaningful but not being able to greet our friends and give each other hugs took its toll on us. This past year has been a lonely one for sure.

My entire life I have been surrounded by friends. I taught for almost fifty years and I considered all my students to be my friends. I would go to the

supermarket and see so many people I knew. My wife would get mad at me for being gone so long when she sent me to the shop because she was waiting for the particular item she sent me for and it would take me over an hour to get back home! I spent the time greeting friends and stopping to chat with each and every one of them, forgetting that she needed the item "right away." I just couldn't pass by friends without having a conversation to ask how each was doing; was the family well? Were they healthy? Did they need anything? When were they going to drop by the house for a visit? On a daily basis, I saw so many and had so many good conversations! But now, all that has disappeared. Now, we spend our time in the house, waiting for

the pandemic to be over, and please God that will happen soon!



I know that I'm not the only one feeling lonely during this difficult time. I worry about my children, grandchildren, and my great grandchild. I worry about the province and all the people who have been shut in for months now. I worry about the country—how are we ever going to be able to pay for all this when the pandemic is over? I worry about the world! How will

the whole world recover from this pandemic? So much concern and stress that I have found myself, at times, unable to sleep. I've spent months in a constant state of worry and anxiety about what is to come!

I know I am not alone with all my fears. I know that many of you reading this are also feeling anxious and down. Many of you are lonely and tired. Many of you, like me, want this to end.

So, what can we do to feel better about all this concern? My friends, the only thing that has gotten me through all of this stress is my belief that our Lord and Saviour is holding us all safe in his arms! Jesus Christ was born to save us all! The Son of God was sent to us as a sign of God's commitment to us, that he will NEVER abandon us! In our lowest

moment, all we need to do is turn to God, and he will see us through ALL our difficult times! If we remember God's love for us, in our darkest days, he will open his arms and hold on to us tightly!

For 2021, my greatest hope is that you all remember your Lord and Saviour. Give all your trials and tribulations up to him and you will get through! In this New Year, I pray that you will all be comforted and feel God's strength. I pray for your good health and I pray that soon, we will all be able to meet once again to give each other the hugs and handshakes that we so richly miss! Begin this New Year with a renewed sense of strength, sent to you by the birth of Jesus Christ!

Have a blessed 2021!

Halloween At The Good Shepherd, Norris Point

Article and photographs by Paul Green

Members of the Church of the Good Shepherd became involved in Halloween this year. After receiving an invitation from the Twin Town of Norris Point, to participate in a drive through Halloween for the children of Norris Point and Rocky Harbour, representatives of the church donated items and 100 treat bags were prepared. The activity served as a great outreach activity for the congregation and placed plenty of smiles on the faces of our children. Thanks go out to all who donated and participated in the activity.



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