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Confirmations

Margaree - Fox Roost

Submitted with photograph by Karen Simon



St. Augustine's, Margaree-Fox Roost, celebrated confirmation on July 4th, 2021. The confirming bishop was Bishop Organ, and the music was provided by Russell Strickland, Herbert Park, and John Carroll. It was a beautiful service.

Above, front row: Sharon Billard (Teacher), Sophie King, Sarah Sweet, Mackenzie Keeping, Kevin Hodder

Back row: Rev'd Nathan Cutler, Deacon Isabel Cutler, Deacon John Billard, Bishop John Organ, Shirley Osmond (Teacher)



Russell Strickland



Herbert Park and John Carroll

Corner Brook, Cathedral

Submitted by Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen Photo by Valerie Pretty



Brooke Watton, shown with Dean Catherine Short and Bishop John Organ, was confirmed at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Corner Brook, NL, on February 7, 2021. The Cathedral welcomes Brooke, and has appointed her as youth delegate for synod.



Left to right: Sara Carter, Gail Northcott (confirmation teacher), the Rev'd Jane Allen, Joanne Parsons, Caleb Davis, Emma Young, Josh Seymour, and Bishop John Organ

Port aux Basques

Article and photographs by Lisa Brown

On Sunday, June 13th, Bishop John Organ visited the Parish of St. James The Apostle in Port aux Basques to administer the sacrament of Holy Confirmation. Four children and one adult received the laying on of hands.

In the photo on the right are: Sara Carter, Caleb Davis, Josh Seymour, and Emma Young



Codroy

Article and photograph submitted by Linda Kendell

The confirmation class of Holy Trinity Church in Codroy completed a stewardship project as part of their confirmation program this year, and collected \$580. They decided to donate this money to PWRDF'S World of Gifts. With this money the class chose to purchase many things:

1 donkey

- 15 kg of grain seeds
- 4 goats
- fruit and vegetables seeds
- 15 chickens

We were quite pleased with what they did, especially considering that we were shut down for a number of weeks due to COVID-19.



Front row: Clark Kettle, Colby Janes Back row: The Rev'd Faye Coffin, Shaydon Samms, Andrew Weeks, Byron O'Quinn, Olivia Taylor, Bishop John Organ

Wishes Coming True

Article and photographs by Audrey Park

The 2021 confirmation class of St. James', Gillams, (of the Parish of Meadows) made a presentation of \$637 to the Make a Wish Foundation during the Evening Prayer service on July

11th. The donation was the result of their stewardship project, using their time, talent, and treasures to help others. The nine candidates chose the charity, and they raised the funds by making and

selling a variety of items.
Two representatives of the
Foundation were on hand
to accept the donation and
were very appreciative. We
are all very proud of our
candidates.



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

In January 2021, an article appeared in Anglican Life concerning the Rev. Henry Gordon excerpts from his journal from missionary work in Labrador. I found this most interesting, and I highly commend Rev. Irving Letto.

I am an historian, and in this light I have posted a link to the January edition on the Ancestry profile for Rev. Henry Gordon. I have made contact with a relative who lives on the Isle of Man who was delighted to hear from me, as he knew nothing of the time Rev. Henry spent in Labrador, and would like very much to find out more

Also in the November 2020 edition, Rev. Irving Letto, again, had a very interesting story about the loss the the S.S. Lion and the death of Rev. Charles Hugh Foster and his new bride Minna (Emerson). I have now created memorials for Rev. Charles and Minna on the Find a Grave site, and linked Minna to the rest of

her family that have been buried in the Forest Road Cemetery.

I feel it is so important to preserve this history and again I commend Rev. Irving Letto in his efforts in this regard. I have included a link here to the Find A Grave profile for Rev. Charles Foster. That site is also linked in

with Ancestry, which is of great importance, as those searching for ancestors will get that information also.

https://www.findagrave. com/memorial/223953471/ charles-hugh-foster

Blessings, Anne Gosse



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Flag Raising At Cathedral in Corner Book

Article by
Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen

On June 9th at 9:35am, the Canadian flag, which had been lowered for 215 hours at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Corner Brook, was again raised to full staff by cathedral wardens Katie Watton and Dennis Porter. This flag raising was part of a ceremony that commemorated the 215 Indigenous children whose remains were found in unmarked graves at a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C.

Led by Indigenous representatives and Anglican clergy, a smudging ceremony, honour song, and prayer honouring the four directions were followed by the reading of a letter

from Bishop John Organ, which included the August 6th, 1993, apology issued by then Primate Archbishop Michael Peers. Read by Diocesan Mi'kmaq liaison the Rev'd Tanya White, the apology acknowledged the role of the Anglican Church of Canada in the abuse of Indigenous children in residential schools.

The lives lost at Kamloops were also represented by 215 candles placed in a heart shape on the cathedral lawn. The ceremony concluded with the Penitential Rite and Absolution, and a prayer for peace and understanding.



Glenda Buckle (left) and Margie Benoit Wheeler of the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women's Association and Rev. Deacon Karen Loder of the North Shore Aboriginal Group drummed during the flag raising outside the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Corner Brook on June 9th.

Relationships Are Work On Both Sides

Emily F. Rowe Editor

For many of us who are readers and subscribers of Anglican Life, one of the most important relationships that we have in our lives is with the Church. We love the Church, and it's been a constant for many of us through good times and bad. This relationship has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and it's something that has had an effect on many "good Anglicans" from leaders on down.



The thing about relationships is that you have to want them to work, and sometimes, that can take more effort than it did in the past. How often do we hear things like, "So-and-so just doesn't seem to care anymore," or

"you're not really listening to me." Whether the relationship is between parents and children, between friends, or between partners, they're never successful if one party ignores the other, or stops making them a priority.

For his part, I think that God does want our relationship with his Church to work, but sometimes we don't really want to put in any effort. We complain that things are not as good as they used to be. We belittle others for their differing opinions on worship or leadership. We grumble about wearing masks (when we have to), and not getting to sit in "our pew." We criticize the Church for not allowing singing, even when we know that it is a high risk activity. We say, "This isn't what I want!" as if it isn't a living relationship with God's Church, but rather a service that we're paying for, like entertainment.

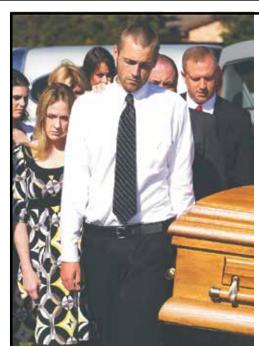
It's easy to feel this way—I have myself. We all

have been through a lot, and the mental health of everyone I know is fragile at best. Those of us who have turned to the Church for comfort in the past have wanted so badly for it to be the thing that doesn't change, especially when we're scared or confused. But just as our human relationships rarely stay exactly the same, so the experiences of the pandemic must effect our relationship with the

Church. For those who have walked away, for whatever reason, they must decide if this is something that they want to return to, and invest in, in the future, and not just in a financial way—that can lead back to the an idea that you have paid for a service that you expect to be able to control.

We need to trust that God is, for his part, committed to this relationship, and we need to deepen our bond with him through prayer and reflection, and by attending worship when we can (in person or online), even when it isn't exactly what we want.

The wonderful thing about God is that even the most broken relationship with him can be mended—you just have to want to make things better, and to be willing to work on it. I think that it's worth the effort.



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A Blended Church

The Rt. Rev'd Samuel Rose

Bishop
Anglican East NL

When we entered a total lockdown last year, many were predicting the "end" of the Church. What would we do if we couldn't gather together in worship and fellowship? How would we manage to pay the daily expenses without regular offerings? How will the Church survive?



Yet, over a year (and a second lockdown) later, the Church is still here! Have we changed? Absolutely! Have certain aspects of being Church ended? Hopefully! What I mean by that is hopefully we have lost the habits that often keep us from living and sharing our Christian faith with others.

I've witnessed this change simply by the quickness that church communities moved from a physical building to worshipping online in a digital world. Clergy and worship leaders started praying the Daily Offices and proclaiming the Good News to whoever logged on and would listen. These "virtual street preachers" went out on the highways and byways of social media to proclaim Christ to everyone and anyone. And these listeners were not passive observers but. through their comments and emojis, shared their faith (or angry face emoticons (22) for all to see.

Being online also allowed for those living away to be part of important life events. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals, which could only have limited in-person attendance, became international gatherings. Godparents living in another province were able to share in the baptism of a child by making their vows through FaceTime. Grandparents in other countries were able to see their grandchild walk down the aisle on their wedding day. And, sadly, tears were shed as families who were not permitted to travel home participated in online funeral services. While none of this can ever replace being physically present, churches did as best as they could in bringing loved ones together.

Moving to an online church highlighted the importance of connecting. I was heartened to hear the stories of how people would phone senior citizens in their communities to check in or offer to pick up groceries during the lockdown. Churches would loan out computer tablets to those without one so that they could participate in online worship. The clergy would tell me how they would do doorstep visits and prayers from a safe distance. Our hospital chaplains were often the only permitted visitors to an ill or dying member of a family, and provided essential pastoral care in often stressful and difficult circumstances.

But beyond online worship, we witnessed active engagement in important matters of social justice. When the horror of mass graves of Indigenous residential school children was discovered, there were calls for immediate action. In many faith communities. anger was channelled into opportunities for prayer and learning. Many attended virtual Sacred Circle gatherings and Gospel Jamborees listening to the pain and sharing in the prayers of the elders. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to

Action were once again brought to the forefront, and each of the 94 Calls to Action was highlighted daily in social media posts. Churches raised funds to support the Anglican Healing Fund, Council of the North, Indigenous Ministries Fund, and Suicide Prevention. When the senseless murder of a Muslim family in Ontario happened, it reminded us of the problem of systemic racism that exists in our churches and communities. Yes, there is anger, and rightfully so. However, churches were called to channel this anger into justice for those all persons regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

While the prediction that the Church would "end" did not materialize, we did see the stress of pandemic fatigue. Clergy, who had very little time

or training with a digital ministry, shared stories of being overwhelmed and exhausted trying to keep up with what others were doing online. Vestries and parish councils carried the strain of not being able to maintain clergy salaries and the daily costs with reduced offerings and fundraising. Diocesan leaders made difficult decisions regarding the ending of financial support for wider programs and ministries and staff reductions.

Some of these effects will be felt for many years. It is only by sharing openly and honestly with each other about how the pandemic affected us as individual Christians and as a Church as a whole can we learn how to heal and grow into what God is shaping us to be in the future. This will require patience with one another

as we become a blended Church that is both online and in-person. Regardless, we do not do this alone, we have each other to learn from and we have God who has always been with us. I share this prayer by my favourite prayer writer, John Birch (which can be found on the website: www.faithandworship.com)

Help us, as willing workers to build a better world, to your design, not ours, and on firm foundations that the storms of life can't damage or destroy. Help us, in our labours to follow your instruction, listen closely to your word, that this world we build might be a beautiful one, reflecting its designer, with room enough for all. Amen.

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Blessings From St. Peter's During The COVID-19 Pandemic

Article and photograph by Colleen Reid

The parishioners of St. Peter's Anglican Church (Upper Gullies) blessed each other with their kind and caring actions during a very difficult year. When the World Health Organization declared a worldwide pandemic, the people of St. Peter's supported each other in many heartwarming ways. With a lockdown in place and businesses closed, people were restricted to their homes—the churches of the province were closed as well. We were instructed by our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, to remain socially distant. With our leader, the Rev'd William Strong, and support from the office administrator. Jack Morgan, St. Peter's parish was creative in the ways we could help each other get through this difficult time.

Early in the pandemic, for those who live close to the church, the chimes became a beacon of hope. They were played weekly during the weekdays, and could be heard far and wide. Parishioners were notified of the day and time that the chimes would ring. People would often take their daily walk to coincide with the ringing of the chimes. It was pleasing to hear the sweet song of the chimes ringing through the air. Many people reported back to the church office that this was comforting to them, and so the chimes have been ringing, other than Sundays, since the pandemic began. The chimes were welcome sounds that lightened the hearts of all the lonely and troubled people during the lockdowns that occurred during the pandemic.

The parishioners of St.
Peter's were very thankful
for the frontline workers
in our community and
surrounding area. One
evening, some families
came to the church parking
lot in their cars, so as we
were to remain socially

distant, to make a noise in appreciation of these essential workers. The families blew the horns of their cars, the bell rang, and the chimes played. It was a noisy display of appreciation for all those working to keep us safe during the pandemic.

Those in need of food from our local food bank were not forgotten by our parishioners during COVID-19. The church food bank box was placed outside on our hall steps each week. A notice would go out to all telling which day the box would be outside so we could avail of the safe drop off of food items for the food bank.

During the summer months, when outside visiting was appropriate and long awaited, St. Peter's hired a student to do some work with the seniors in our parish. Darcy Scott was kept busy doing outside visits to the many elderly who were lonely throughout the pandemic. He helped seniors with technology questions, gardening work, sang songs, and played guitar. Darcy was a bright light in the darkness that COVID-19 had cast upon many parishioners.

St. Peter's shawl ministry continued to be active throughout the pandemic. Shawls were blessed and given to people in need. This was an especially important time to deliver shawls as people who lost loved ones and were grieving, were also heavily laden by the worldwide pandemic.

While the pandemic and lockdown kept us at home our rector held one or two services a week via Facebook Live. This was a platform that was popular on social media, and easily accessible for many parishioners. So, even though we could not worship in person, Rev'd Bill led us in worship, and we could join in or watch at a later time.

During the fall of 2020 our church was able to reopen in a modified manner. A group of parishioners came together to plan how people could safely return to church. So, with the quidelines from our diocese, we proceeded to plan for fewer people, more space, masks,

no singing and stricter cleaning measures. It was a different time, for sure. Things were looking different, but people wanted to go to church and the "COVID Church Team" made it happen safely. Parishioners registered in advance so contact tracing would be easy, if necessary. There was no denying that people were happy to return, we had just about full capacity for each Sunday service. Those numbers were reduced from normal attendance because of social distancing and restrictions put in place, but we had about 50 people participating in each service.

During COVID-19, our church saw the need to purchase technology equipment (a computer, monitors, and a camera) to better serve the people in our new pandemic world. The monitors helped with the service when people were there in person because the books had been removed from the church as we could not be sharing them. The camera and computer helped broadcast the service live on Facebook to those who were more comfortable watching from their homes. The purchase of this equipment has proven to be beneficial to us all. Parishioners are enjoying watching safely at home.



Some of our most senior members have learned to use their home technology and remain safe from COVID-19 while taking part virtually in the church service. What a blessing!

The gestures of kindness that were evident throughout COVID-19 were a blessing to all of us. As with many acts of kindness, sometimes they are often unknown to us. I'm sure there were many more kind gestures and good news stories that I

have not mentioned. But I do know that we as a parish witnessed many blessings and the weight of COVID-19 was a little lighter because of our care, kindness, and respect for one another. God Bless St. Peter's.

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Congregation Wears Red To Celebrate Pentecost

Article by and photograph by Karen Simon

On May 23rd, which was Pentecost Sunday, the congregation of St Augustine's Church in Margaree Fox-Roost were asked to wear red. Some people stayed following the service for a group picture with the Rev'd Nathan Cutler and Deacon Isabel Cutler.

"Back To Church" Has Been A Long Time Coming

But we must also mourn what we have lost

The Rev'd Cynthia Haines-Turner Columnist

For some years now, churches have participated in some kind of "Back to Church Sunday." As we in Newfoundland and Labrador move toward fewer and fewer restrictions and more people being vaccinated, this year, the opportunity is there to truly celebrate what it means to be back to Church. It's been a long time coming.

By now, we have all heard and read much about the pandemic, the virus, the variants, the restrictions, the fallout. We know all too well what we have lost. There are the people who have died, those who deal with what is called "long Covid," who have to get used to the lingering effects of the virus, often worse than the experience of Covid itself. We have lost a year and a half of being able to be with our families and friends, of being able to gather and celebrate the Eucharist as we always did. People have lost loved ones, from COVID-19 or other illnesses when the restrictions made that loss all the more painful sometimes seeing them only over video, sometimes waiting at home while they died in hospital. People

have chosen not to have funerals or regulations have restricted funerals to a small number of people. Either way it's not what we have come to expect. These are moments we will never get back. In our Queen's College course on grief and bereavement, we learned that when we have suffered loss, we need to take the time to properly grieve. We need to acknowledge what we have lost and work through all the feelings associated with it.

The pandemic has taught us the value of things we either didn't

notice before or took for granted, like the magic of being able to gather with friends and family, or the power of a hug or the touch of a hand.

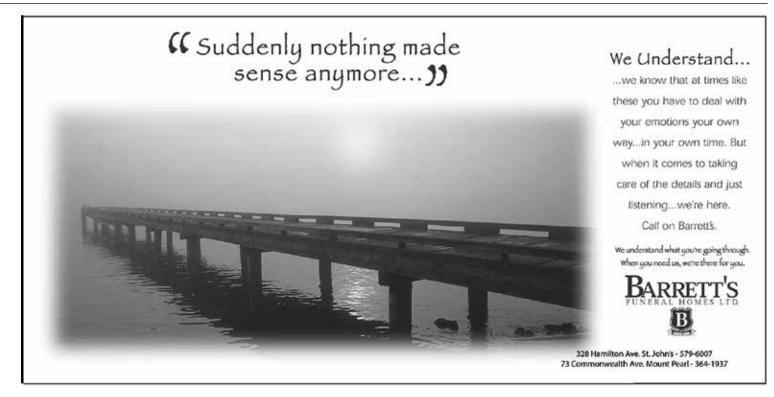
So much of the ministry and life of Jesus involved touch: the woman who touched the hem of his garment, how he touched the eyes of the blind man of Bethsaida, the anointing of Jesus with costly ointment. Touch is able to communicate so much—love, care, compassion, empathy. Yet for the duration of this pandemic, touch was also a way of spreading the

disease, and touch was taboo. For the most part, we have learned to deal with that. But sometimes, you just have to give someone a hug. You just have to hold someone's hand or put your hand on their shoulder. The fortunate part is that we live in Newfoundland and Labrador which means that it's a calculated risk to touch someone. So many in our country and our world can't even risk that.

Yes, we will celebrate being together, being able to shake hands and share the peace when we can finally do so safely



and without restrictions. But we must not forget to acknowledge and mourn what we have lost. That is where we receive the grace of God who knows us, loves us and hurts with us.



Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children

Annual General Meeting held on May 26, 2021

Article by The Rev'd Canon John Courage

On March 21st, 1855, Bishop Edward Feild established a home for widows and orphans. In time, there was established the Shannon Munn Memorial Orphanage for boys and the T.R. Job Memorial Orphanage for girls. These two orphanages became the new orphanage, "Exon House," which was sold in 1974, and the funds invested newly established **Anglican Charitable** Foundation for Children. Over the 46 year history of the ACFC, records show just over 40,000 children were assisted through clothing allowances, educational bursaries. medical assistance, camps, and emergencies totalling in excess of \$5,000,000. This does not include contributions over the years of \$3,000,000 to assist diocesan camps, diocesan counselling centres, shelters such as transition houses, group homes, Iris Kirby House,

and the School for the Deaf. In recent years, contributions have been primarily directed to recipients according to our current quidelines. All this began with a five pound donation to Bishop Feild in 1855.

At this year's AGM via Zoom, the following were elected as officers

of the Charity: The Rev'd Canon John Courage (Chairperson), Mr Dennis Porter (Vice Chairperson), Mrs Emily Rowe (Secretary) and Mr Stephen Pinsent (Treasurer).



Screen shot taken by Emily Rowe at the end of the AGM for ACFC

For further information on the Orphanage and the ACFC, go to your Diocesan Website under ACFC or read the book The Church of England Orphanage in Newfoundland, by the late Bishop Geoff Peddle, which is available for purchase by writing to: rescentr@anglicanenl. net. To enquire on making

a donation or estate planning contact our diocesan planned giving consultant, Mr Kevin Smith, at: kevinsmith709@gmail.com.

St Swithin's 71st Anniversary, Seal Cove

Submitted with photographs by The Rev'd George Critchell



Left to right: Peter Robinson, Norma Robinson, Marion Eveleigh, Linda Pinksen, and Eric Robinson, pictured at a special service held for the 71st anniversary of the consecration of St. Swithin's Church in Seal Cove, White Bay, on June 6th, 2021. The entire family is involved in every aspect of the church.



The Rev'd George Critchell and Mrs. Marion Eveleigh, organist at St. Swithin's Church in Seal Cove since she was 12 years old (62 years ago)

The First Time I Met Father Taylor

In the late 1980s, my wife was a patient at the Health Science Center in St John's. A day or two after her surgery, the door to her room opened, and an old priest sauntered in. He asked, "Hutchings, Hutchings, Cow Head, Northern Peninsula?" I said, "Close. St. Paul's Inlet, just next door."

"I was hoping it might be," he smiled. "I am Reverend Taylor. My first parish was Cow Head."

"Yes." I said. " I remember you being mentioned many times over the years.'

"I had a wonderful ministry there," he said. "Wonderful people. They treated me well. It was a challenging parish, as we had to walk in those days, or hitch a ride on a horse during winter, or a boat during summer."

"For sure," I said. "I remember as a boy when the first vehicle came to St. Paul's. The road was constructed to Western Brook about three miles from St. Paul's and they managed to get the truck across the brook and the man managed to drive

it down around the sea shore. Once he got the truck to St. Paul's, he had it made. An oil drilling

company had built a road through the community in as far as Gully Cove where they drilled an oil well."

He nodded his head and smiled. "You remember uncle Norm Blake?"

"I sure do, and his wife, Aunt Mary."

"I always stayed with them on my rounds to St. Paul's. I remember a funny incident once:

I was on my way to Sally's Cove, and walked into St Paul's in the morning. I got there just before noon. I went to Uncle Norm's and knocked on the door. Uncle Norm opened the door."

" Good morning, Father Taylor. Where you goin' this cold mornin'?"

"I am on my way to Sally's Cove."

"Well, come on in and have dinner (lunch) with us, and I'll harness the horse and take you up after dinner."

"That would be

great," I said. So we had dinner, and afterwards Uncle Norm went out and harnessed the horse and hooked him up to the sleigh. When he was ready, he sat on the sleigh up front to drive the horse, and I jumped on the back, and we set off up across St. Paul's Marsh. On the trail to Sally's Cove, there were mostly marshes with a small droke of woods separating them. When we entered the woods where it was lund from the wind, so Uncle Norm slowed the horse to a walk. I would jump off and run behind the hose to warm up. Everything went well until we got to Duck Pond woods. Before I got back on the sleigh, the horse took off and left me behind. Uncle Norm did not look behind so he had no idea I wasn't on the sleigh. On the other side of Gull Marsh, just before Sally's Cove, Uncle Norm met Joe Jill walking from Sally's Cove down to Broom Point. Uncle Norm stopped to have a chat, as was custom in those days. "Good Morn, Joe," said

Uncle Norm. "Where are

you going this cold day?"

"I am going down to Broom Point, Uncle Norm, to do a little work on my fishing shack, Where are you on your way to?"

"I am taking Father Taylor to Sally's Cove."

"Where is Father Taylor?" asked Joe.

Uncle Norm glanced around and said, "Oh my Lord, I have lost Father Taylor!" "He wheeled the horse around and came galloping back looking for me. I was walking casually along, following the trail. I knew he would be back once he discovered I wasn't on the sleigh.

Maureen and I had a hearty laugh at the story, and admired a wonderful old priest I had heard mentioned admiringly during my years growing up in St. Paul's Inlet.

Submitted by The Rev'd Isaac Hutchings

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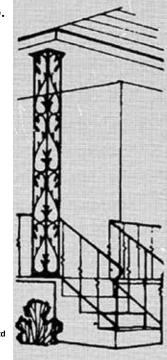
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Heritage All But Lost

Seeing reparations and reconciliation as a moral imperative

The Rt. Rev'd David Torraville Retired Bishop, Diocese of Central Newfoundland Guest Columnist

First, I wish to acknowledge that I write to you from a place of great privilege; I have had the benefit of walking through life viewed by all as a white man and with all the benefits that entails. That is not, however, my whole story. The part of my story which cannot be read on my skin or in the colour of my eyes is the intentional erasure of part of my heritage by those who held power. I am evidence of the effectiveness of long standing government policies of assimilation and taught shame.

My mother was born at Separartion Point, Sandwich Bay, Labrador. Her mother died when she was nine, after which she and her brothers were moved to the Grenfell Orphanage in Cartwright. She then went on to the Orphanage in St. Anthony and from there to the Grace School of Nursing in St. John's where she graduated in 1951, the valedictorian of her class.

I was an adult before I learned that she had been class valedictorian. When I brought it up to her she seemed startled and looked at me with deep sorrow in her eyes.

"After it was announced" she said, "two of the 'girls' passed me in the corridor and said "So they got the little 'skimo' to be valedictorian."

She turned away and the conversation was over.

What, for most, might have been a moment of pride was instead, for my mother, an open wound. When my brother and I were young children, knowing we had family in Labrador we once asked "Are we Indians?" The answer was a very firm "NO, WE ARE NOT!" Again the conversation had ended.

Mom was a "success" of the system, and while she became a deeply compassionate and competent nurse, she carried the profound shame and scar of being labelled and named 'skimo', the rest of her life. Only in later years did she begin to reclaim pride in her aboriginal heritage.

Ancestry.com tells me that I have 8% Native American ancestry but I have only the most nebulous connection with that heritage. There is a whole history spanning generations to which I belong, but from

which I was intentionally distanced by a racist system. I wonder how many Newfoundlanders and Labradoreans, how many Canadians; how many of us are the likewise 'success stories' of the genocide that successfully killed the indigenous heritage of our families, in our souls.

Let us not be mistaken however to believe that this 'gentle' transformation of the 'skimo' to the successful nurse tells the story of this genocide. This genocide was not merely carried out through well intentioned "educating" and "civilizing" efforts. This genocide was and is violent and brutal and cold-hearted.

The stories of the countless unmarked graves of children call out to us. These are the martyrs of a system which has advantaged many of us even as we either rejected or were unaware of our own heritage.

Those of us whose heritage is all but lost must humbly stand in solidarity with those who held on, sometimes tenuously always bravely, to their culture to affirm that the genocide was

Photo submitted by Bishop Torraville

not successful and will never be successful. We need to stand with those who held firm and are reclaiming their indigenous heritage in naming and actively working against the systems in which this genocide continues in our own times.

We need to learn of our own family's indigenous heritage, to support Friendship Centres, to demand that our Church and Governments implement the recommendations of the TRC. In consultation with Inuit, First Nations and Metis peoples we need to better fund social programs, education and language training. We need to stop tempering our willingness to act to self-imposed financial constraints and financial self-interest. Rather we need to see reparations and reconciliation as a moral imperative.

The Christ whom we claim to serve would expect no less.





September Days

Ronald Clarke and Melanie Clarke Columnists

September for me has always been the month where work begins and my daily routines start again. I was a teacher for over 40 years, so the day after Labour Day meant back to work. The carefree days of summer were left behind and I focused on teaching, grading, and moulding the young minds of my students. My kids were enrolled in activities that required a schedule to be put in place to ensure everyone got to where they had to be on a certain day at a certain time! The routine always included attending church, but with work beginning again and routines on schedule, going to church seemed less of a sacrifice and more a part of our daily life. The beginning of the school year always brought renewed expectations, renewed energy, and renewed hope.

This September, although I'm no longer teaching, is giving me some of the same familiar feelings I had from those teaching days. The pandemic in Newfoundland and Labrador seems to be

slowing down due to so many people getting fully vaccinated, and people being vigilant when congregating with others. I find myself hopeful for the first time in a long time that our routines will become more normal and possibly back to pre-pandemic days!



Even though I'm in my 90s, I still try to maintain an active lifestyle. I go to physiotherapy every two weeks to try and keep my muscles as strong as possible. As long as the weather cooperates, I try and walk around my house to keep my muscles moving so I am as mobile as I can be these days. My muscles need the extra work so I can be as independent as

possible with daily living activities. When I was younger, I could rely on muscle memory to get out of bed and walk from place to place. Nowadays, it seems more of a concentrated effort to move from place to place and my memory requires prodding at times!

The one routine of my daily life that has never changed is my devotion to my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Even though I haven't been inside a physical church building since this pandemic started, every day begins with prayer and ends with prayer. Every day ends with a Bible reading and The Grace. Every Sunday has included a church service, watched online. On most Sundays, several services are watched from several churches, as Sunday has always remained the day set aside for Our Lord in my family. My place of worship has become my kitchen table but my love of God and his Son is just as deep and committed as it has always been in my life. With the restrictions of the pandemic lessening, I am

hoping to once again walk into my favourite church and greet all the many friends I have so sorely missed in the time we have been apart!

This pandemic has changed many of our routines and maybe we have replaced some of our activities for others during the pandemic. Like me, I hope and pray that you will return to your physical churches, freely and without concern now. Our physical churches are the places we gather to share the love of Our Lord. It is a place of comfort and a place of family! If there is one thing I have learned from COVID-19, it is that being together creates the comfort, strength, and hope we all need to survive; and our church homes bring us together to reinforce the love of Jesus Christ and His Father!

Begin this "work" year with a return not only to local businesses but to local churches to renew the togetherness and strength we need to go forward! God Bless you

A New Banner for St. George's, Burnt Islands

Sewing and knitting group make banner to honour former member

Article by The Rev'd Canon Jeffrey Petten

On the Feast of Pentecost, 23rd May, 2021, a new banner was presented and set apart for sacred use to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen Edmunds. Ellen passed away on September 22nd, 2020 at the age of 90. Ellen was a fixture of the congregation. Up until the Sunday we closed in March 2020 for the precautions of the pandemic, Ellen carried the processional cross in worship, and lit and extinguished the candles on the altar. She was an active member of many community organizations, including the Anglican Church Women and the local sewing and knitting group. She gave generously and sacrificially of her time, talent, and treasure.

To honour her ministry, fellow members of the sewing and knitting group, Shirley Keeping and Winnie Munden, with consultation from myself, created a banner for the Feast of Pentecost. At St. George's, we decided to create banners for each season and feast of the liturgical calendar. The talks concerning the banner for Pentecost started back in 2019, and with Ellen's passing, we saw fit to make it in her memory.

At worship that night, we were pleased to have with us two of Ellen's daughters, who were ecstatic and pleased on the perfection of the banner, knowing that their mother would be thrilled about it. We give God thanks for Ellen's life and ministry, to Shirley and



Ellen Edmunds, in whose memory the new banner was dedicated to the Glory of God.

Winnie for their talents and for the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. May it be a way of explaining the Gospel whenever it is seen by those who attend worship in Burnt Islands in the years to come.

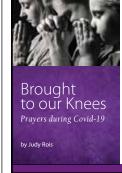
Well done, good and faithful servant.



Winnie Munden and Shirley Daughters, Vanessa Anderson and Keeping with the new banner; photo by Shirley Keeping



June Lillington; photo by Shirley Keeping



Brought to our Knees

Prayers during Covid-19

by Judy Rois

Prayers for individuals with Covid-19, frontline workers, summer rest, faith communities, musicians & choirs, and students.

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A Light For Every Birth PWRDF

Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen PWRDF Representative, Diocese of Western Newfoundland image of the solar suitcase is from PWRDF

For most parents-to-be, having light and electricity during their child's birth is assumed, but for many in rural Mozambique giving birth in the dark is a reality. In fact, some women can't even afford to purchase the candles or kerosene lanterns required by rural clinics, so choose to give birth at home.

PWRDF's Summer 2021 Project—"A Light for Every Birth"—is helping mothers and babies in Mozambique by raising \$300,000 to install 50 more solar suitcases in rural medical clinics without electricity. This project builds on the 30 We Care Solar suitcases installed in 2016 in collaboration with EHALE, Mozambique's **Association of Community** Health. Dr. Laura Stachel, founder of We Care Solar, explains the suitcase at:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=yeLRxfsq2d8

These suitcases are wallmounted units connected to a roof-mounted solar panel, and ably provide:

- medical quality lights to ensure adequate lighting for surgeries such as C-sections
- portable LED headlamps to allow wearers to target lights where needed
- a fetal Doppler to monitor a baby's heartbeat, in prenatal visits, and also during birth
- phone charging ports to ensure power for emergency phone calls
 an infrared thermometer to allow for COVID temperature checks at clinic entrances

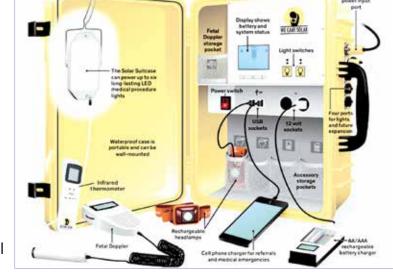
The solar suitcases, which provide light, save lives, and use clean

energy:

- bring both moms and dads to clinics for pre-natal visits, curious to hear their baby's heartbeat
- allow health care providers to resolve obstetric emergencies
- help moms have safe, clean births at night
- •reduce maternal and newborn mortality rates
- provide safe, affordable power

A lifesaver for mother and baby:

For Domingas Joaquim, 38, of rural Mozambique, the solar suitcase has truly been a lifesaver. She credits a solar suitcase installed at the clinic where she gave birth in 2016 with saving her life and that of a baby that needed to be resuscitated. She says, "Without lighting, it would not have been possible."



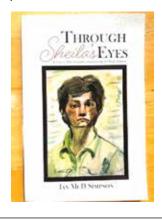
Your donation can help women like Domingas have a safer childbirth.

Donation Options:

- online at https://pwrdf. org/solarsuitcases2021/a donation to your
- a donation to your Anglican parish designated for the PWRDF solar suitcase project
- a donation to a Ride for Refuge organizer at https:// rideforrefuge.org/charity/ pwrdf
- by purchasing Dr. Ian Simpson's new book, Through Sheila's Eyes, As I see it, from the poems and paintings of Sheila Simpson" for \$20.00, available at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist office (PH: 709-634-2373) or online from:

chapters.indigo.ca All proceeds will be given to the solar suitcase project.

Each suitcase assembled, shipped, and installed, plus a replacement battery once every five years—costs about \$5,800. Donations for this \$300,000 project will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 until September 30, 2021.



The Beginning of Creation

The Rev'd Michael Li Columnist

There are many questions about creation. For example, is there a God? What does the Bible say about creation versus evolution? Does faith in God and science contradict? What does the Bible say about cavemen? What is biogenesis? What is the God particle? What is the multiverse theory? Is belief in God compatible with quantum physics?, etc.

In May, I wrote briefly about the seven days of creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3). In this and subsequent articles, I would like to comment on some aspects of the creation story.

Some people believe that, "the universe has always been and will always be. It is ungenerated and indestructible. ... It contained no place for God." (James Montgomery Boice's Genesis, Volume 1, 1999, p. 13). If the universe has no beginning or end, then there is nothing for a creator to create. Atheistic scientists are in favour of this view.



Some Bible passages seem to tell us that the universe is expanding (e.g., Isaiah 42:5; 44:24; 45:12; Jeremiah 10:12; 51:15). An expanding universe does not negate the story of creation in Genesis. Most scientists support the idea

that matter did not exist prior to the "Big Bang" theory. At the moment of creation, time, space, and matter began.

In 1919, American astronomer Edwin Hubble formulated "a law for an expanding universe, which pointed to a moment of creation" (Boice, p. 14). He found that galaxies are moving away from each other, suggesting that they were once closer together. The universe is indeed expanding. If the universe is currently expanding, then, at some time in the past, the universe had a beginning of creation This is confirmed by Genesis 1:1 which tells us that in the beginning God created the universe.

The universe is not eternal. Only God is eternal and has no beginnings at

all (Boice, p. 17). Boice wrote: "Science can take us back to the big bang, to the moment of creation. But if that original, colossal explosion obliterated anything that came before it, as science suggests, then nothing before that point can be known scientifically, including the cause of the explosion." (Boice, p 17) God was the only eyewitness of creation. No human really knows how God created the universe, nor when. Regardless, Christians believe that the universe does have a beginning of creation.

However, Stephen Hawking (1942-2018), an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist and atheist, claimed that the universe never had a singular moment of

creation. The January 2012 issue of New Scientist reports that on Hawking's 70th birthday, Alexander Vilenkin (born 1949), Professor of Evolutionary Science and Director of the Institute of Cosmology at Tufts University, gave a lecture in his "honour." Apparently, Vilenkin declared: "All the evidence we have says that the universe had a beginning." It was the worst birthday gift ever for Hawking.

God is the creator. No one created him. Because God created everything, everything is His. He has the right to rule over us. One day, God will create a new heaven and new earth and they, like him, will continue into eternity. We who belong to Jesus through faith will continue through eternity as well.

A New And Better Normal

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe Columnist

As restrictions lift, people get vaccinated, and concerns about the pandemic ease, life gradually starts to return to 'normal'. It's not too soon for some, who have longed for more physical contact and more opportunity for social interaction after church. Many were relieved when they no longer had to pre-register to go to church, and could simply show up and register at the door. Others were counting down the days until the province reached Reopening Stage 2, and they could dance again. Plenty of people couldn't wait until masks were no longer required in public.



But no one has said 'I can't wait until the pandemic is over and I don't have to wash my hands again,' or 'I can't wait until the pandemic is over and I don't have to stay home from work when I'm sick.' We know that there have been many social developments that have been definite improvements and ought to be kept long after the crisis is over. Some people have found innovative ways to be flexible and work from home. Others have realized will stay home due to bad

that sometimes travel for meetings wasn't really necessary, when video or even teleconferences will suffice. The convenience of ordering online for curbside pickup can be an improvement in many contexts. And church online is not about to go away any time soon.

Did you know that as a search term, 'Church Online' is more popular in Newfoundland than in almost any other province? There are plenty of reasons why people will continue to need their church to be online long after mask mandates end and social distancing dies away. Some people will continue to be wary about going out in public. Many will still wear their masks, even when they are not required. As a church, we need to care for everyone, not just those who have the same comfort level we do. If people still wear masks to church, they need to feel welcome to do that, and not be dismissed as alarmists. If they aren't yet comfortable worshiping in person, we need to continue to give them opportunities to do so.

Sometimes, it's not a question of whether they feel safe in public. As life returns to normal, the risk of regular, non-COVID sickness will rise again. Some people will want to go to church on Sunday, but will stay home because of the head cold they've caught, and which they quite rightly don't want to spread. Others

weather or road conditions (especially as winter sets in). Still others will stay home because of age or mobility issues. For some parishioners, the emphasis on online worship during pandemic has been a blessing. They could never go to church before, and now their worshiping community has had to take the effort to be accessible online. Having given them the opportunity to worship from home, are we now going to take that away from them, just because we think going back to 'normal' has to mean going back to 'the way we used to do it'?

In case we start to think that church online just means broadcasting Sunday services online, we need to remember that church in-person means so much more than that as well. Parishioners have taken great strength from a sense of community that has developed in online 'coffee hours', and have grown in their faith from online Bible Study groups. While these opportunities to be a part of the life of the church can never be the same as the in-person versions, they are still important ways for people to remain connected to their faith communities when they can't physically be present, whether because of age, sickness, infirmity, being uncomfortable driving at night, or having moved away.



Jessie Walter, the oldest mother who attended the Mother's Day service this year at St. Augustine's

Mother's Day in Margaree-Fox Roost

Article by and photographs by Karen Simon

St. Augustine's in Margaree-Fox Roost had a special service on Mother's Day, and many of the church's youth were able to take part. Below is Maddie Walters (on the right) who sang. Sarah Sweet (bottom right) did one of the readings, and Zion Jiron Simon (below) led one of the prayers with the help of the Rev'd Nathan Cutler.









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Daisy/Dignity Quilts in Norris Point

Article and photographs by Dale Decker

The Parish of Bonne Bay North Prayer Quilt Group was approached by Karen Hynes, Nurse and Patient Care Coordinator at the Bonne Bay Health Centre in Norrris Point, to make a Daisy/Dignity quilt for the Health Centre.

The Daisy/Dignity quilt is placed over a deceased person's remains as they are taken from their hospital room to the hearse

on a gurney. With a beautiful quilt (such as the one pictured here) draped over a loved ones remains as they are rolled through the corridors of the hospital to the hearse, the hospital has a way

to ensure dignity even in death. The Daisy/Dignity quilts are approximately 56" x 102" to allow them to fall nicely over the remains and the gurney.



A small number of ladies, representing the group, of the Parish of Bonne Bay North Prayer Quilt Group. Left to right: Gail Kennedy-Sparkes, Shirley Dominie, Cavell Bugden, Irene Stagg, Edith Critch, Doris Pittman, Linda Parsons, Cynthia Hiscock, Lorna Pope, and Dale Decker



One side of the Daisy/Dignity quilt completed in blues with daisies appliquéd and stitched around perimeter with a fine herringbone stitch (completed by Doris Pittman). Left to right: Gail Kennedy-Sparkes, Doris Pittman, and Linda Parsons

A Summer Reflection

Kevin Smith Columnist

It is late July as I write this, and I am sitting on the deck of my cabin in Spreadeagle. The sea is calm, the black currants are nearly ripe, and the wild roses are in full bloom. Life is good.



But then I get a gentle reminder from Editor Emily that the September column is due shortly. That's when my reflection kicked in.

My planned giving ministry with the Anglican Church began in the fall of 2000, and as I enter my 22nd year, I reflect on the many people who have encouraged me and blessed my work over the years.

On the national level, I have encountered three Primates—Archbishops Michael Peers, Andrew Hutchison and Fred Hiltz. Each of them was very encouraging. I also have to thank follow development colleagues such as David Rushton, Glen Mitchell, Geoff Jackson and Bishop Douglas Hambidge—a giant in the world of stewardship.

On the local level, I have to thank Bishops Cy, Geoff, and Sam in Eastern Diocese, and Bishop John in Central. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Archdeacon Neil Kellett who was instrumental in my being hired, and has been a source of great encouragement to this day.

Archdeacon John
Robertson was my national
mentor who invited me to
join the national team of
planned giving consultants.
John is an unsung hero
in my opinion for the
advancement of planned

giving for the Anglican Church. He set the bar high in the creation of many gifts for the various arms of the Church.

My work has been made all the easier by the support of the clergy and laity in this diocese and beyond. They have endorsed the ministry of planned giving as a significant tool in the financial support of our church. Because of their endorsement, we have seen a tremendous growth in the realization of the many gifts from our faithful.

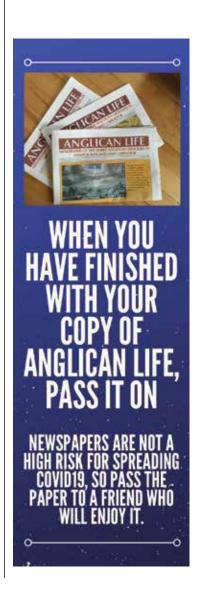
Finally, I have to thank my wife Kay, who has served as my best critic over the years. I have been richly blessed.

When I began my ministry in 2000, I set a goal of one planned gift a month to be discovered or created. I am happy to report that the realization of 12 gifts a year has been surpassed for the last number of years. This year, we have witnessed 15 gifts worth close to \$300,000. Information about these gifts was passed along to me by rectors, and for that I am grateful.

Let's hope and pray that this next year is a good one for the church and its faithful. And, let's keep in mind one of my favourite quotes from St. Francis of Assisi:

Remember that when you leave this earth
You can take with you nothing that you have receivedOnly what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

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Newfoundland Donors Champion National Campaign for Kids

Article by Michelle Hauser

The Anglican
Foundation of Canada
(AFC) marked the close
of the Say Yes! to Kids
campaign on July 8th, with
a "Celebration of Giving"
via ZOOM to announce the
final fundraising total of
more than \$110,000.

"This campaign set a stretch goal for AFC, and no one really knew what to expect," said Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate and Chair of AFC, "In the end, hundreds of donors from coast to coast to coast gave generously to Say Yes! to Kids."

Whenever we can help, we want to. We cannot hold our Youth Camp this summer because of COVID-19, so we have decided to forward those funds to Say Yes! to Kids."

Also in an earlier statement, the Rev'd Canon John Courage, ACFC Chair and Chaplain at Queen's College Faculty of Theology, said, "At its May meeting the Board of ACFC voted unanimously to support Say Yes! to Kids. Little did Bishop Edward Field ever think that his desire to help the people

Say Yes! to Kids in their dioceses. Archbishop Anne Germond, Vice-Chair of the AFC Board, spoke to the impact the Request for Proposals (RFP) arising from this campaign will have in dioceses. "All across the country, there are wonderful ministries serving vulnerable children and youth. Through this campaign they have discovered that there is both a will and a way to provide the additional funding they need."

Grants from the Say Yes to Kids RFP will be

awarded for both ongoing and emerging projects, and proposals will be accepted from September 1 to October 1, 2021. Category A grants, of up to \$5,000 will be considered based on impact and how they support young people in a local context. Category B grants of up to \$15,000 will be considered based on how

they support the overall mission and service to children and youth in a city, diocese, or region. Eligible uses of funding include, but are not limited to, administrative expenses, equipment, technical costs, remuneration, honoraria, and food.

While the campaign is officially closed, late gifts will continue to be counted and will increase funds available for the RFP and maximize funding impact at the local level. For more information about the RFP, visit our website at: www.anglicanfoundation. org/rfp2021. To make a donation to AFC's ongoing grant funding for youthfocused initiatives visit www.anglicanfoundation. ora/kids.



In Newfoundland, the efforts of all three dioceses contributed nearly \$12,000 to the campaign, more than ten percent of the national total: \$5,000 from the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, another \$5,000 donation from the Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children (ACFC), and nearly \$2,000 from the Anglican East NL team effort, captained by the Rev'd Canon Amanda Taylor, AFC's Diocesan Representative for Eastern Newfoundland.

In a statement for a June funding announcement, the Rt. Rev'd John Watton, Bishop of Central Newfoundland, said, "We like the idea of being a generative diocese and sharing in the ministry of the wider church. of his time in the greatest need would contribute to the church's efforts to promote pandemic recovery in 2021!"

"The tremendous support from all three Newfoundland dioceses gave us so much energy for the final weeks of the campaign," says the Rev'd Canon Dr. Judy Rois, Executive Director, AFC, "You pushed us from milestone to milestone and encouraged donors elsewhere to support the campaign."

At the July Celebration of Giving, Canon Rois thanked AFC's friends and volunteers—Board Directors, Diocesan Representatives, Bishops, and diocesan staff champions—who carried the banner for



Mother's Day at St. James', Gillams

Photographs submitted by Audrey Park

Pictured at the top of this article are confirmation candidates, Allison Vallis and Katie Brake, taking part in the readings for the Mother's Day service at St. James' in Gillams (Parish of Meadows).



Events From The Parish of All Saints', Foxtrap

Article by Sandra Taylor

Although our Parish had to forgo a lot of fundraising activities due to the COVID restrictions, here are a few events that happened when COVID restrictions were lifted.

Turkey Cold Plates & Desserts

Our ACW group here at All Saints', Conception Bay South, were busy selling turkey cold plates and desserts on Thursday, May 27th. Due to the COVID restrictions, orders had to be pre-ordered and picked up at the parish hall auditorium between 11:30am and 1:30pm. It was a great success with over 200 dinners sold.



Photo by Sandra Taylor

Homemade Quilt

Our ACW are hard at work again: they held a ticket lottery on a beautiful quality handmade quilt valued at \$500. There were only 1000 tickets available, which sold out in a very short time. We would like to thank you so much for your kind support. As part of our fall fair activities, the lucky ticket will be drawn on Thursday, October 14th. Thank you again for supporting the wonderful ministry of the ACW.



Thank you for all your support!

Flea Market

ACW, the Ways and Means Committee, and the Tea Room Group participated together in planning our annual flea market. It was scheduled for July 3rd from 9am-3pm. We asked for donations and also rented out tables. Once again, keeping in line with COVID restrictions, we asked that a form be completed as a contact tracing pre-registration or that you register at the door as you entered the parish hall. During this flea market, a take-out of moose burgers, hamburgers, and hot dogs was sold. This event was also a success. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

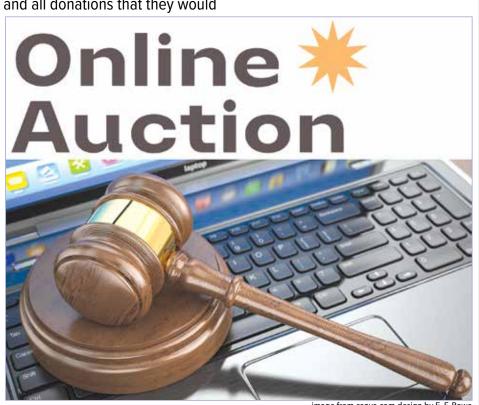


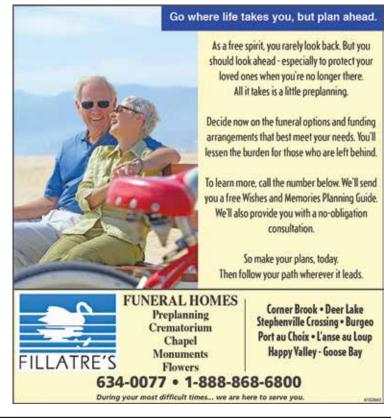
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ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

All Saints Parish Finance Team were very excited to give heads up for our very first online silent auction. This auction was organized to help us raise a little money during these challenging Covid times. This auction was held during the week of June 14th -18th. We asked the public for any and all donations that they would

like to donate. Suggested donation ideas included ideas like gift cards, baked goods, knitted items, crafts, etc. This event was also very successful and a big thank you to the organizers and everyone who supported this auction.





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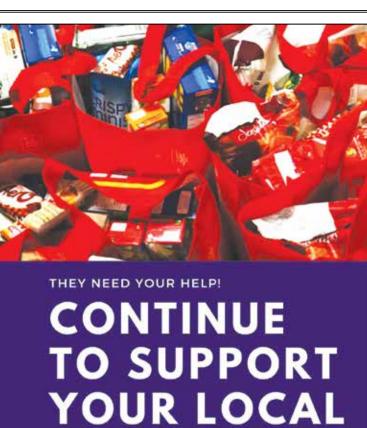
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Summer Barbeques!

Article by Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen Photo by The Very Rev'd Catherine Short

Because several Corner Brook churches cancelled their meal programs for the summer, the Humber Deanery responded to folks requesting additional meals by offering them a barbecue on Thursdays, in addition to the Open Door meal served Mondays. Valerie Pretty and Effie Humber, shown here, served some 56 people outside the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for the first barbecue on a cool, drizzly July 1.





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