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## A Time For Reconciliation and Healing in Western Newfoundland

Article by Emily F. Rowe  
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On June 15th, Bishop John Organ of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland met with the Mi'kmaq Band of Burgeo. This meeting saw a unanimous agreement on the part of the Band to welcome an invitation by the Anglican Church to explore developing a piece of land (where the parish hall had been), located in the heart of the community. This will be a combined project along with the Town Council of Burgeo.

In his post on Facebook, Bishop Organ said: "The goal of this potential development is to continue the work of reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers and to walk together into the future with respect, harmony, and goodwill. Burgeo will be one of the first rural communities in our diocese to take this important and reconciling step. So very thankful to the Band, the Town of Burgeo, the Anglican Parish by the Sea, the Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Labrador Straits), and the Anglican Church of Canada. So very grateful especially to God, our Creator."

Following this reconciliation event, on National Indigenous Peoples' Day (June 21st), The Diocese of Western Newfoundland officially proclaimed the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment in their parishes, which had been a decision made at

their Diocesan Synod. It says the following:

*"We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk\*, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together."*

*\*The Beothuk are now understood to be an extinct First Nation. The last Beothuk, Mary March (Demasduit), died 1820, age 23."*



Drumming by the Mi'kmaq Band of Burgeo

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# Surrounded With Light From the Past

The Rt. Rev'd John Watton  
Bishop  
Central Newfoundland

Our superb Anglican Life Editor, Emily, makes sure that we bishops have a schedule for our columns. Faithfully, nearer the time the piece is due, I always get an email with the subject: "Gentle Reminder."

This time, I was prompted that my deadline for submission was July 28th. That's an interesting time for me, because on July 28th I will be two days into the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury.

I am smiling as I try to write this, because it feels kind of like time travel as I do. Take a breath then read this paragraph:

You will be reading this *after* the Lambeth Conference, I will be writing it *before*, and really want to share with you what is about to happen, and what happened at Lambeth even though as I write, it hasn't happened yet, and when you read it, it will be in the past.

This morning I was looking at a picture sent to us of planet Earth as seen through the James Webb Space Telescope. To give you a reference, James Webb led NASA through the 1960s, and provided the scientific emphasis and inspiration to land humans on the moon.

Simply put: the images we see through this telescope are ghosts. That's right: they are the presences of light and energy from billions of years ago. Light and images from the past are constantly moving toward and away from us. It is in our time, that through science we are able to actually see the light from long dead stars, and be reminded of who we are in the universe. It is an opportunity for us as individuals, and as a species, to embrace a reorienting vision of our tiny, brief, but beautiful place in the universe.

It is an opportunity to pause, breathe deeply, and allow light from the past and present to guide us into the future. To do so, we must stop, commit to creating a space in time devoted to breathing deeply, and wait for refreshment to catch up. Let's let the light catch up to us. When we do, we can experience a refreshment that cannot come from anywhere else.

Stop. Wait. Then after we do, we can look again, and see the world and ourselves for what we are. That is what prayer can do! I often find those quiet, illuminating times when I write, or paint, or play a few chords on a guitar. I find them every morning and night when I intentionally withdraw from everything and pray. I find them in the sacraments—especially in bread and wine—touched and illuminated through human prayer by the very hands of the creator of the universe.

Where do you go when you need this time of refreshment? If you don't quite know, let me assure you that there is a place for you.

We are indeed in a time of change, though this is *not* a reference to our recent global pandemic. We are in a time when we can study, learn, and make decisions of what will become of us.

The truth is that the planet we live on is unable to continue providing the resources demanded of it by its human inhabitants. We are the only species that has ever been able to determine the processes of our own evolution. Genetic engineering brings many benefits, but also asks the question: "What will we become?" We live in a time of huge shifts in culture, religion, community, and relationships. We live in a time of turmoil, hatred, violence, and need. Then

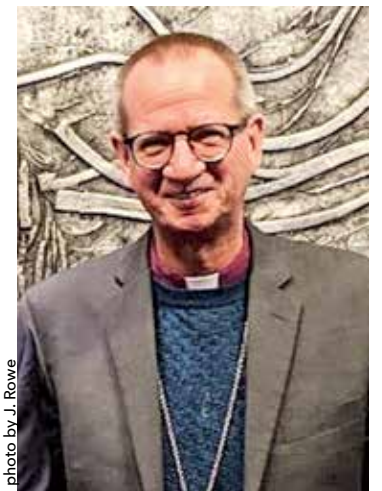


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again, we always did. Something else though that we always could do: we could and can choose kindness, compassion, generosity, and love in every single situation. We were always capable of that.

Let's go back to the stars now. When I think of light from the past, as a science buff, I am filled with awe (and I actually have a piece of the heat reflective foil from the Apollo 11 command module; but I digress). As a spiritual creature, I often think of light from the past as a way of our creator's way showing us, life never ends. You see, light from the creation of the world has caught us, washes around us, and then keeps moving. It will not die. We are part of that light. We can merge with it. We can catch our breath, and think about that. By the time you read this, I will have sent many updates home from Lambeth. I'm not there yet, but by the time you read this, I will have been there and back. I will have been in prayer for you all, and trusting this, I will and already have been surrounded by the light of your prayers. Let me leave you with an ancient teaching about Jesus.

*"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."*

Colossians 1:17  
Love always,  
+John



# A Church History of Margaree Fox-Roost

## Parish of Isle aux Morts, located on the southern coast of the Island of Newfoundland

Article and photographs by  
Karen Simon

The following was taken from the journal of the Rev'd David Blackmore, dated 30 July 1846, and is the earliest reference currently known to the community of Margaree.

He identified 6 families living in the community of Maggeridge, and related performing baptism for 4 individuals:

- Hannah Collier, born 25 June 1846 to John & Elizabeth Collier
- Mary Francis, born July 1846 to William & Ann Francis
- Ann Walters, born 09 May 1846 to James & Jane Walters
- Joseph Osmond, born 04 Nov, 1844 to George & Elizabeth Osmond

Church services were held in private homes conducted by SPG missionaries or visiting clergymen. This custom continued, even after a priest was stationed in Channel Port aux Basques. The parochial record of public services begins in 1890 for most of the parish, though there are some services recorded for St. James' Church in Channel as early as 1887.

The first recorded public service for this area was held at Marguerits on Saturday, May 7th, 1891. This was an evening service conducted by

the Rev'd W. L. Romilly. However, in the record of services for St. James' Church in Channel, we find that the Rev'd W. S. Rafter held a private communion at the home of William Hiscock in Fox Roost on October, 22nd, 1890.

Our parish records for baptisms, marriages, and deaths go back to 1854. The first recorded baptism held in St. Augustine's congregation was administered by the Rev'd J. DeVal on July 9th, 1855. The child baptized was Benjamin Walters (born Jan. 5th, 1855), son of George and Elizabeth Walters.

The first marriage recorded was that of George Osmond of Margaree, and Susanna Dicks of Isle aux Morts, married on September 14th, 1858 by the Rev'd W. W. LeGallais. The record does not state if the wedding took place in Isle aux Morts or Margaree - Fox Roost.

The first recorded burial service was held on November 28th, 1859, for Susan Osmond, aged 5 years.

By 1890, there seems to have been a small Methodist School at Fox Roost Brook in which occasional services were held.



*The new metal roof on the church*

One interesting entry appears in 1895. The Rev'd L. Goden held an evening service at Fox Roost on May 22nd, and following the service, "a meeting was held...to consider the erecting of a new School Chapel". All were unanimous and a sum of \$68 was then promised to be paid by September 1895. The School Chapel was built in the general area of the current church.

The Present Church

The Foreman for the job was Mr. John

Hodder; the carpenters and labourers were all congregation members. The Corner Stone was laid on October 2nd, 1962. St. Augustine's church was built with a seating capacity of 147 and at the cost of nearly \$22,000. The bell, taken from the old church, provided a link between the old and new. Everyone in the communities shared in the work of building the church. Fishermen—those in the boat and in the plant—contributed towards a fish appeal for several years. Old age pensioners

gave the first dollar of their cheque on a monthly basis. Berkley Billard, David Warren, and Alman Carter worked to show weekly films in the school (movies were collected by boat from Burnt Islands), and card games were held weekly in private homes. The CEWA (Church England Women's Association) were active and greatly assisted in the work.

What a legacy!

⇒ see *ISLE AUX MORTS* page 7



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# Reasonable and Probable Grounds to Believe

## World of the worm

Ford Matchim  
Columnist

No God in essence renders our human status to that of any other living creature—say that of an earthworm. If no God, why indeed, in the big scheme of things would I be any different than a worm? And if I can assume an earthworm is unaware of higher levels of life, my own existence for example, then would it not follow that quite likely I would be unaware of other levels of life entirely different from my own. How could I as a human being be expected to comprehend the supernatural or other forms of life outside my own natural domain? It is most difficult for any of us to even try understanding the many aspects of the natural world in which we live, let alone trying to understand the world of the supernatural. When you stop and think of it, within our worldly limitations, it is plainly beyond our grasp to give a natural explanation to a supernatural power, such as a God or a supernatural anything.

Let's say a lowly earthworm declared to one of his fellow worm buddies,

"I just don't believe there's anybody that's smarter than us." In the world of the worm, fellow worms may well accept it as a statement of fact. And it would be deemed correct, but beyond the worm world it would be an entirely different matter. So, who we are and where we are has significant bearing on the meaning of what is being said and what is being understood?

Trying to understand our world and all that is therein is a concern of everybody. But our imagination, which at first blush appears unlimited, in reality is very narrow in scope and confined within our practical and mundane world. Many Christians believe the soul is that part of us that seeks and senses the spirit, and that if we dwell enough on the ordinary, the natural, it can lead to the supernatural. And if "the answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind," then seeking the ordinary wind can lead to the supernatural wind, the spirit, and on to the Holy Spirit. If we were to embark on an imaginary journey in

thought, and accept that the soul is so constructed that it departs our body at the time of death, then embracing a more robust spiritual belief would be relatively easy.

Indeed, if our soul had the ability to flit around from one body to another, then would a soul not be capable of escaping all forms of physical trauma and destruction. And could it be possible for a soul to have survived, say, that famous Big Bang, the so-called beginning of the universe as we know it. Would it also be possible for earlier souls to have existed in the lives of others in a previous universe or series of universes, and that these souls have just kept on marching through time and eternity. In our present levels of understanding we are all terribly handicapped in our profound lack of knowingness; not understanding the beginnings and endings of time and space, is but one example of our colossal and collective ignorance. It's been said that wisdom begins with an awareness

of our own ignorance, yet in our daily hustle and bustle I'm not so sure we dwell much on our own collective ignorance.

A faith in God, for many, promotes living a life that helps to encourage the cultivation of virtues, as in love, compassion, tolerance, forgiveness, and so on. Such a belief appeals to the greater good of truth and fairness to fellow human beings, and that God is our shield and protector during this transitory journey of life on earth. To believers it all has an immense ring of truth to it, and despite our worldly trials and tribulations, it sets life's journey, despite its many unknowns in a somewhat sensible and acceptable order. It gives meaning to our day-to-day existence, as though all is right and proper in our world and that whatever is, is right.

In our time many of us are adrift with our faith. Some of us are afraid to believe. Others have a sense of believing that, "there's got to be something more somewhere," yet give it



a low priority amongst the many other important matters going on in their lives. There are those claiming to have faith, but who are timid in taking a public stand in supporting God; some are even fearful of condemnation when seen expressing or practising a particular belief. Peer pressure is forever real, and going against the common grain of thinking often requires more courage than we are able or prepared to muster. Our human side rails against being defined or limited, we want to be free and we want to be totally free. We rebel against anything that affects our sense of freedom, and it perhaps raises the question of just how free indeed we are, if we are unable to freely ponder our own quiet thoughts.

## Prayer Walk in the Parish of Meadows

Submitted with photographs by  
Willie Loder



The Parish of Meadows held a prayer walk Monday, June 13th, at the Minnie Vallis walking trail in Meadows. We were joined by two grandchildren, Skyler Brake and Nolan Osmond. They enjoyed the playground. It was a lovely evening of prayers and friendship.





In the front, left to right: Florence Morgan (wife), Canon Don, and Rev'd Osmond (honorary assistant)  
In the back, left to right: The Rev'd Canon Shirley Gosse (honorary assistant), The Rev'd Randy Lockyer (rector), and The Rev'd Ed Bonnell (deacon)

# Canon Donald Morgan Celebrates 62 Years

## Parish of St. Philip's marks diaconal ordination anniversary

Article and photograph by  
The Rev'd Randy Lockyer

On Fathers' Day, June 19th, 2022, St. Philip's Parish took the opportunity to congratulate the Rev'd Canon Donald Morgan on the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of his

ordination as a deacon in the Church. On June 19th, 1960, Canon Don was ordained a deacon at the Cathedral church in St. John's. Our parish joins with Canon Don in giving

thanks for his many years of faithful service, and his ongoing ministry in the parish of St. Philip's as an honorary assistant and priest.

# Letter to the Editor

Hello,

As a subscriber to the Anglican Life paper each month for many years, I have always enjoyed the submissions of clergy and readers at large. Over the years I always looked especially for Ronald Clarke's pastoral articles; it is good to see that his daughter Melanie is continuing his ministry.

In the May issue, the poetic piece submitted by Eileen Colbourne caught my attention as well, conjuring up images of "No Place Like Home...", a

hermitage, a place of quiet solitude. Coincidentally, Melanie's article, particularly the last sentence, complemented Eileen's article about Place: church being the one place "where the noise stops and the focus is on the creator," and I could add further complemented by Jesus words in John 14:2: "I go to prepare a place for you."

Keep up the good work, writers.

Thank you,  
Claude Roberts

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# 95 Years of St. James the Apostle

## Church in Port aux Basques celebrates anniversary

Article by  
Lisa Brown

On June 12th, 2022, St. James The Apostle in Port aux Basques celebrated its 95th Anniversary. We were blessed to have visiting with us the Rt. Rev'd John Organ, the Very Rev'd Catherine Short, and the Rev'd Dawn Barrett. Also the Rev'd Kathleen Knott and the Rev'd George Critchell took part in the service. The Rev'd Jane Allen welcomed everyone, and she along with the other clergy present expressed how St. James played an important part in their ministry. Letters were read from clergy who were unable to attend. After the

service, a lunch was served in the Memorial Centre by our ACW. It was a very special morning, and wonderful to see so many the people who came out to celebrate this milestone with us.

*In the photograph on the right, from left to right: Rev'd Kathleen Knott, Dean Catherine Short, Bishop John Organ, Rev'd Jane Allen, Rev'd Dawn Barrett, and Rev'd George Critchell*



Photo by Irene Organ



Photo by Lisa Brown

*Above left: Rev'd Jane Allen, Mrs. Mabel LeMoine (96, and one of the oldest members of the congregation), and Bishop Organ*

*Above right: the lunch served by the ACW following the service  
Below right: the congregation during the worship service*



Photo by Lisa Brown



Photo by Lisa Brown



# When You're Not Okay

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe  
Columnist

In February, I had a mental health crisis: what we used to call a 'mental breakdown'. As far as crises go, mine was pretty minor, but it was still enough to keep me off work for nearly three months. Months later, it sometimes doesn't take much to put me back into a spiral of anxiety or depression. I sometimes tell people that it's like I broke a leg. The cast may be off, but I still have rehab to work through if I don't want to reinjure myself. It's an ongoing process, but it's one that a lot of people around us are struggling through, and one that we need to talk about.

I was in my office at the church, getting ready for our annual meeting, and I could tell that something wasn't right. I was far more on edge than I should have been feeling from the simple tasks ahead of

me. I finished up what I could do, and drove myself home. Not wanting to worry my daughter, I said I had a headache and was going to lie down. From about 12:30 to 2:30, I have no real memory. I didn't go to sleep or pass out. I just remember Emily coming in to check on me, and being amazed that nearly two hours had passed.

'Are you all right?' she asked, and I could only say, 'I'm really not.' I cried, I rambled (she assures me that I wasn't making nearly as much sense as I thought I was), and I had a full-on anxiety attack. The anxiety that had been smoldering just below the surface for some time burst into full flame. I struggled to breathe normally. I felt a hardness and tightness in my chest, as if my heart had turned to stone. People often mistake anxiety attacks or panic

attacks for heart attacks. I knew this, and I knew that I wasn't feeling pain radiating from my heart through an arm or other telltale heart attack signs. However, my body was screaming a message that my mind was only starting to be aware of: that anxiety had been building to the point that I could no longer manage it the way I had been, on my own.

The pandemic has not been good for people's mental health. From initial fears of a deadly virus, to a series of lockdowns, to uncertainty as restrictions lifted, Canadians have faced a lot of anxiety over the last two years. We have worried about our jobs and livelihoods. We have worried about elderly or immunocompromised loved ones. We have watched as the flaws and weaknesses in the world which existed before the

pandemic were brought into sharper focus, and as society hasn't always understood how to do better in the future. And we have had to face so much of this in isolation, often without our full support systems of family and friends beyond our household bubbles or 'Steady Twenties'.

As I broke the news that I would have to take some time off work for mental health reasons, I was often told 'Good for you,' or 'I'm proud of you.' People thanked me for being honest about the struggle. They started to share details of their own struggles with mental health. I knew that when I was ready to come back to work, I needed to use this platform to talk more about mental health in general, and about clergy mental health in particular. Over the coming months, I will



share some of my story, in the hopes that it will help others who are struggling, or help them support their own clergy or loved ones.

**Mental health struggles can seem overwhelming, but with help, they can be dealt with. One of the hardest parts is admitting that something isn't right. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, you can get help by calling 811. More support and resources are available online at [nl.bridgethegapp.ca](http://nl.bridgethegapp.ca).**

## ISLE AUX MORTS

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2022 will mark the 60th Anniversary of St. Augustine's Church in Margaree - Fox Roost.

To commemorate this, a weekend of events is being planned:

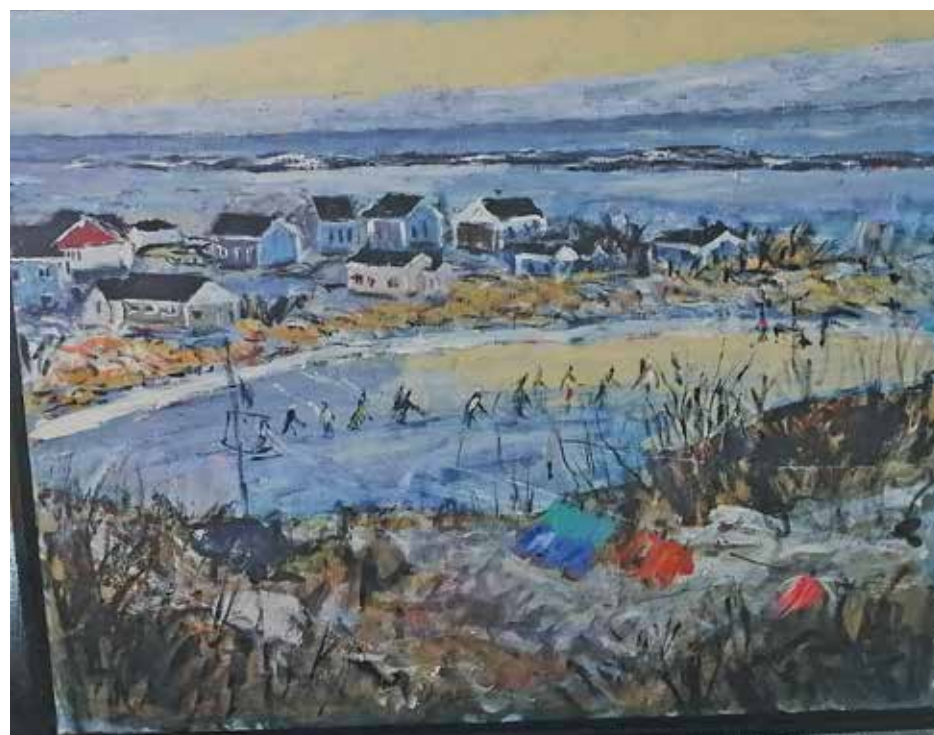
- Friday, Sept 30th - an evening of entertainment at the church.
- Saturday, October 1st - an afternoon tea and quilt show
- Sunday, October 2nd - a service of celebration, 7pm at St. Augustine's.

In 2021, a committee was created to oversee repairs on the church.

Phase one was to replace the leaking roof. I am happy to announce that with fund raising efforts and generous support from our communities, a metal roof is currently being installed.

Phase two includes upgrades to the interior and exterior of our church and grounds. Our upcoming fund raisers include a 2023 calendar and note cards.

Now, more so than ever in this COVID-19 era, family values and togetherness have come to mean so much. The upkeep on our church is vital to our communities.



*Most recently, our parish fund raiser has been this painting, which was done by the Rev'd Ed Coleman*

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# Ordinations

## The Rev'd Tracy Sullivan Ordained Deacon



The Rev'd Tracy Sullivan was ordained deacon on June 12th, at Holy Innocents' in Paradise by the Rt. Rev'd Samuel Rose. Pictured above is the gathering of clergy at the ordination, and also Rev'd Tracy's family with Bishop Rose.

## The Rev'd Herb Park Ordained Deacon



The Rev'd Herb Park was ordained deacon on June 19th, in the Parish of Isles au Morts/Fox Roost/Margaree by the Rt. Rev'd John Organ. He is pictured above with Bishop Organ, on the top right cutting the celebratory cake, and on the bottom right with clergy.



## The Rev'd Terrance Coates Ordained Deacon



The Rev'd Terrance Coates was ordained priest on June 29th, in the Parish of Plum Point, by the Rt. Rev'd John Organ. Pictured above is a group photo with the clergy and friends, and one of Rev'd Terry and Bishop John.

## The Rev'd Sarah Baikie Ordained Priest



The Rev'd Sarah Baikie was ordained priest on June 20th, at St. Timothy's, Rigolet (Labrador) by the Rt. Rev'd Samuel Rose. Pictured above at the top is the congregation, below that is a group with the clergy, and on the right, Rev'd Sarah with a young friend.



# Home Again—Stability and Safety for All

Article by Emily F. Rowe and  
Maureen Lymburner  
Photograph from Home Again

Many of you have heard of Home Again Furniture Bank. It's a nonprofit organization that provides furniture to individuals and families in need. In particular, Home Again provides some of the most vulnerable people in the St. John's area the means to have a stable home life filled with dignity and comfort.

When you visit their website, you can see many stories from those who have been given this feeling of home thanks to the work of Home Again. Most recent is the story from Thomas Young, a man who ran his own business for years until several thefts left him unable to continue in his work, and he lost everything. Thomas was homeless for a short period of time. He now has a place of his own, and because of Home Again, he can be proud of it. He said, "To have a roof over your head and have nothing in it, I think was probably worse than being out on the street." When he initially got his place, he had literally nothing, and spent the first few weeks sleeping on the floor. Things like a bed, a couch, a table, chairs, and lamps—simple things that

many of us may take for granted, made Thomas's house a home. The joy was overwhelming, and brought him to tears. "You can have your friends, your family, your people come and visit...We can sit down and enjoy our meals."

Maureen Lymburner, who is the Director of Development at Home Again Furniture Bank, said, "A home is more than four walls and a roof. It's the sofa and chairs to comfortably sit with family and friends, it's a table to share meals around, it's a bed to lie down on to have a good night's sleep. A well-furnished home is safer and healthier—mentally and physically, and brings stability."

The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador is a founding partner, advocate, ambassador, and supporter of Home Again. Each Anglican parish in the Northeast Avalon region has partnered with Home Again and is able to refer individuals and families for the furniture they need to live with comfort, stability and dignity. These partnerships have proven beneficial to many vulnerable citizens because it provides a



Thomas Young's hands, resting on his new table, provided by Home Again Furniture Bank

safety net for those not connected to local social service agencies. This unique partnership also provides an opportunity for parishes to connect and provide ministry to their community in a new and different way.

One clergy member sent a referral for a single mother of two in the weeks before Christmas. The mother's request was both simple and heartbreaking: she wanted a new bed for her teenage son who had grown so rapidly that his

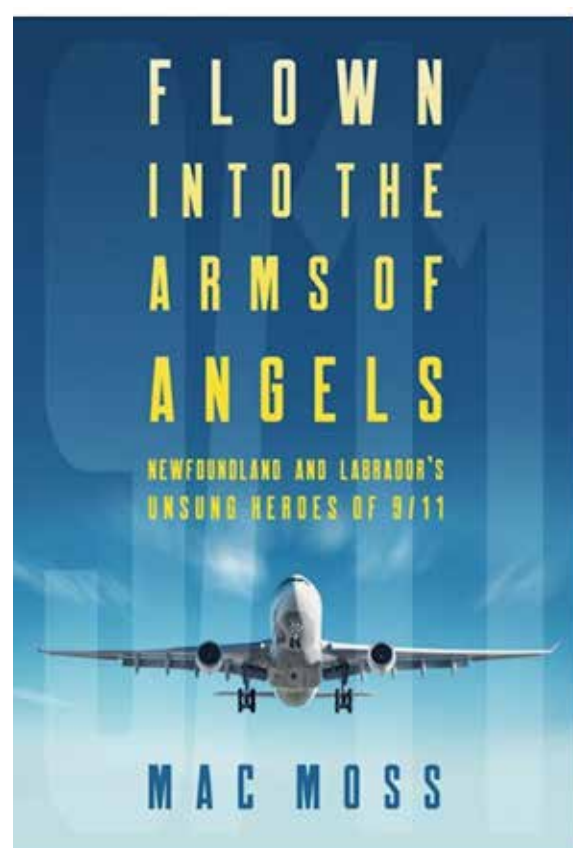
footboard rails needed to be removed so that he could fit in his bed. Home Again was thrilled to deliver this essential piece of furniture in time for Christmas.

The local Anglican community are key stakeholders and much valued supporters of Home Again's work.

Home Again has many special events through the year, so be on the watch for those. As a nonprofit organization, Home Again's work is possible because

of the generosity of its supporters. Your tax deductible donation will help transform a home and a life.

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# Seniors Receive Easter Fruit Baskets

Submitted with photograph by  
Trudy Hutchings



Members of the confirmation class of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Shearstown, delivered seventy-five Easter fruit baskets to senior parishioners on Holy Saturday, which was April 16th, with transportation provided by parent volunteers. The seniors were delighted to receive the Easter blessings and good wishes from the children who participated, and in turn, the children involved were eager and enthusiastic. It was a joyous occasion. St. Mark's received a grant from the Seniors Initiatives Program of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make these Easter greetings possible.

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# Lenten Quiet Day–Parish of Cow Head

Article and photographs by  
Karen Simon

Cow Head, NL—St. Mary's ACW hosted a "Parish Lenten Quiet Day" on March 9th at the St. Mary's Church Hall. We have been hosting a quiet day for over twenty years, and it was uplifting to gather again as community after a long hiatus of dealing with COVID-19 restrictions. Rev'd Wilhelmena Green, from our neighbouring Parish of Bonne Bay North, was the facilitator, and she brought with her three musicians: Paul (her husband), and Aubrey and Colleen Rose to lead us in song.

Our scripture, Matthew 4:1-11, was read as a narrative and spoke about Jesus' time in the desert, where he faced the tempter and was able to say no to him by quoting the scripture. It was then the tempter left him. The discussion emanating from the narrative we read, was when to say yes and when to say no. There are times in our life when we have to

say no, burnout can easily happen when we take on too many commitments, but there are things that are right to say yes to as well. It is then we ask the Holy Spirit to direct and guide us with wisdom in our everyday choices.

Another of the scriptures we read and reflected on was from Genesis 12:1-4, where Abraham was called out of his comfort zone in obedience to God's calling. The discussion that followed this scripture led to, our rector, the Rev'd Terry Rose, sharing his story of leaving his comfort zone and following his calling into ordained ministry, leaving all that was familiar and going to St. John's to study at Queen's. God is continuing to call his people—we too have to be willing to step outside our comfort's zones, and know God will be with us on the journey. We shared as well the moments we have been



blessed by people we have encountered, and how we in turn have been blessings to others as a result of our being blessed.

Our final scripture reading was from Ezekiel 37:1-10, which is "the valley of the dry bones". Most of us at some point in our lives have experienced dry periods when we have become exhausted and



complacent, and it is then we too need to call upon God's Holy Spirit to breathe a rejuvenating spirit into the dry periods in our lives.

Of course, like most Anglican gatherings, we fed our physical bodies by being served a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches

and scrumptious desserts by the ACW ladies. And for our spiritual feeding, we wrapped up our day by feeding our souls as we gathered to share in the celebration of Holy Eucharist officiated by Rev'd Wilhelmena.

## ACW Holds Closing For the Summer

Article and photograph by  
Lisa Brown

On Tuesday, May 24th, the ACW of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques held their closing for the summer. The evening started with a cold plate potluck followed by a worship. Our president, Diane Hewitt, thanked the ladies for their dedication and help with all the fund raising making it a successful year. Rev'd Jane, on behalf of all the ACW members, thanked Diane for the work that she has done as president. The evening continued with cards, and games. It was a wonderful night of fellowship.





# ACW Officers, Parish of Seal Cove, 2022

Submitted with photographs by  
The Rev'd Madonna Boone



ACW of Seal Cove for 2022 (left to right): Peggy Randell, Janice Hewitt, Rev'd Madonna Boone, Millie Hewitt, Hilda Jacobs



ACW of St. Swithin's for 2022 (left to right): Patricia Rice, Sheila Pinksen, Rev'd Madonna Boone, Viola Pinksen, Irene Gillingham, Sadie May (missing from photo: Madeline Osbourne)

# Quilts Blessed in Bonne Bay North

Submitted with photographs by  
Dale Decker

At the Church of the Good Shepherd in Norris Point, on Sunday, May 15th, the Rev'd Wilhelmena Green blessed 6 Quilts of Valour and 39 prayer quilts for the Parish of Bonne Bay North's Prayer Quilt Group. The prayer quilts are now ready to be donated to the sick in the parish.



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## Jubilee Church Service and Afternoon Tea

### St. John the Evangelist, Topsail

Article by Louise Smith  
Photograph by Sharon Smith

On Sunday, July 10th, rector, the Rev'd Jotie Noel and our deacon, the Rev'd Lisa Cox, delivered a very appropriate and specific service in recognition of the Queen's exceptional milestone.

Then on Tuesday, July 12th, boosted by their presentation, and after weeks of careful preparation, our team catered to a very special afternoon tea in the parish hall under the direction of parishioner, Shirley Glynn.

We endeavoured and succeeded in creating an exquisite atmosphere and fellowship to the approximately one hundred ladies from Conception Bay South and surrounding areas. It was a coming together to participate and to celebrate our rendition of this once in a lifetime event—the 70th anniversary of our Majesty Queen Elizabeth's reign—her Platinum Jubilee.

Our team met on the eleventh, when each one had her say. To make sure all was ready for that next special day.

To set up the tables and decorate with a flair,  
For a major event so far this year.  
The cloths were all ironed and carefully laid,  
With no wrinkles or creases or hems that were frayed  
The China was sorted and the Silver polished bright,  
Then carefully checked to make sure all was right.

Before the door was locked up, we recapped the drill,  
And mapped the procedure in the morning to fulfill.  
We'd come early with sandwiches and sweet treats galore  
Not a thing overlooked, for that, Shirley made sure.

Then starting before 2pm, on the big day, a steady flow of ladies gracefully filed into our beckoning parish hall. They were adorned in fashionable evening wear, complemented with matching hats or fascinators. Our own Rev'd Jotie chose the most favourite from his collection—the Panama, all the way from Ecuador.

We felt ready and honoured to celebrate Britain's current reigning Queen Elizabeth II. She had surpassed any other previous British monarch in longevity of years or duration of power. Now of all the precious metals, platinum is probably the one that most of us are less familiar with, obviously because of its rarity.

Many people have been honoured in their respective fields with silver, representing 25 years of expertise; others with gold for 50 years of distinguished contributions. In an effort to arrive at an appropriate definition for platinum as it relates to our Queen's seventy years of devotion

to the British throne, I was intrigued at how Webster defined a platinum card—a card with unlimited credit. Queen Elizabeth II deserves unlimited credit for her uninterrupted seventy year endurance as the longest reigning monarch in British history.

It was back in 1952  
A young bride of just five years.  
With toddler Charles and baby Anne  
A brief time without Royal cares.  
Then her life it changed abruptly,  
When King George the 6th. fell ill.  
Her father's death was sudden,  
So his shoes she now must fill.

Of course well trained for the task ahead.  
Knowing her position next in line.  
Yet in her prime—just 26  
It was a lifelong hill to climb  
She scaled the cliff with dignity,  
Though ruled with an iron will.  
Maintaining protocol relentlessly,  
Her Royal duties to fulfill  
She's an example for all us women,  
To face challenges unforeseen.

As we prove our strength between the genders.  
God Save Our Gracious Queen.

## Don't Wait Until It's Too Late

Kevin Smith  
Columnist

When a person dies, it is a sad occasion. Family members have to come to grips with carrying on living without their loved one and it is a struggle both emotionally and practically. But someone has to eventually pick up the pieces and begin to settle his or her affairs. And, those affairs range from everything like house or car ownership, bank accounts, pension benefits, financial bills, federal and provincial taxes, and the list goes on and on. Silly things like passwords for various things such as Facebook, Apple Music, and their personal computer suddenly become an issue.

The question is: who will do all of these things? Who is authorized to make those decisions? Think about it. The spouse may be able to do some of it because he or she is a joint holder of the bank accounts, investments, and RRSPs. However, there comes a time when being a spouse is not enough to settle affairs.

You need the legal authority. What does that mean? You need a legal will drafted by a lawyer and duly signed and witnessed according to the law. That gives the executor/trix the right to make decisions on the loved one's estate in dealing with banks, motor vehicle offices, etc. It allows him or her to close accounts, pay bills, and submit the terminal tax return to the Canada Revenue Agency. This is particularly important if the deceased is the owner of property.

It is sad to hear of the passing of friends and relatives but it grieves me considerably to hear that they died without a legal will. Please don't wait until it is too late. See a lawyer and get a legal will drafted. The cost is insignificant in comparison to the grief



that your family will have to go through after you die.

Listed below are some of the points that will require attention after a loved one's death:

- Canada Pension: stop payments
- Death benefit: are you eligible?
- Survivor benefit
- Old age security allowance
- Social Insurance Card: should be returned with a death certificate to Service Canada
- MCP: a change of information form must be completed A1A4Z9
- Passport: the passport office should be notified of the death by sending a copy of the death certificate and a letter
- Life insurance
- Mortgage life insurance
- Personal pension
- Vehicle registration ownership
- Credit cards
- Bank accounts
- Make sure someone knows your Apple ID, logins, and passwords
- Final income tax return: who is responsible?

In conclusion, these are but a few of the details that require attention. Please get a will, and, while you are doing that, prayerfully consider leaving a bequest in that will for your church.

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# Fill the Earth and Subdue It

The Rev'd Michael Li  
Columnist

God is God; humans are not gods. God created the inhabitants of the sea and the birds, as well as humans. Since humans are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27a), we are to continue the creation project. Of course, God could have done everything all by himself. But he chose to create humanity to work alongside him to actualize the universe's potential. He intended humans to be his junior partners in the work of the creation project. We are sub-creators in relationship with God. Indeed, through our work God brings forth food and drink, products and services, etc.

God blessed Adam and Eve with the command to fill the earth (Genesis 1:28b). The job of filling the earth could only be accomplished if Adam and Eve worked together. Physically, God created them uniquely so that they could not complete the task alone. Both a father and mother were essential to producing and raising children. While single-parenting is common in many countries today, the circumstances are often challenging and require support from friends and family members.

Please note that God's command to be fruitful

and increase in number is generally understood as an individual command to heads of the human race (Adam and Eve, and Noah and his wife). This command does not apply to every person on earth. Some people cannot have children, while God calls others to remain single (I Corinthians 7:8). Also, Jesus said that celibacy is a personal choice (Matthew 19:12). One of my own brothers is a celibate homosexual who remains single and childless. Indeed, we can have lives that are pleasing to God and bring him glory whether we have children or not.

God also blessed Adam and Eve with the responsibility to work the planet earth and subdue it. The word “subdue” in Genesis 1:28b is related to taming the wilderness for the purpose of creating a habitat suitable for human life. This requires meeting human needs for clothing, food, water, and shelter. The word “subdue” does not give humans a license to despoil the earth. We cannot exploit nature for our own selfish ends. To do so would be to cripple the earth’s ability to meet future human needs. We should be concerned about the needs of future generations as well as the



present generation.

Finally, God blessed Adam and Eve with the responsibility to rule over the three major groups of living things—fish, birds, and land animals (Genesis 1:28c). Human rule over these living things does not mean we have the right to mistreat or misuse them. Any misuse or mistreatment of God's creation is the result of sin, not the result of following God's original command. We must fulfill our duty to manage the planet earth wisely.

God gave us the responsibility of caretakers (Genesis 2:15). God is still the owner of the world. We are mere stewards under God. We must be good stewards of our world. However, Christians must not serve the creation over and above the Creator (Romans 1:25).



# Restoration at Cathedral in St. John's

The above photograph, taken and submitted by Ellen Reid, shows the the ongoing construction/ restoration work going on

at the Anglian Cathedral in St. John's. This phase is expected to be completed within the next few months.

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# News From The Parish of Heart's Content

Article by  
Emily F. Rowe



Photo by Susie Moore

Left to right: The Rev'd Gloria Wendover, Anthony Piercey, Alex Norris, Ava Norris, Bishop Sam Rose, Brooklyn Piercey, Logan Piercey, Madison Piercey,



Photo by Bishop Rose

Bishop Sam Rose and The Rev'd Gloria Wendover

On Sunday, June 26th, Bishop Sam Rose visited St. Mary the Virgin Church in the Parish of Heart's Content for the sacrament of confirmation. Congratulations

to all who were confirmed, and all good wishes as you continue to grow and in the faith of Christ.

It was a bittersweet day, as their parish priest's retirement was

announced at the same service.

The Rev'd Gloria Wendover will be retiring in August, and she will be moving to Ontario to be closer to her children. We all wish

Rev'd Gloria all the best on her retirement and thank God for the time that she has spent with the Parish of Heart's Content.

## Welcome Back to Church!

Melanie Clarke  
Columnist

Recently, a cousin of mine, brought my mother an old article he had saved from 1988. The article was from The Churchman, what is today called Anglican Life. In the article, my brother, Kerry, had been a youth representative for synod that year. He wrote about feeling intimidated by all the bishops and senior clergy attending the synod. His job was to report on what the youth of his diocese were doing. Kerry commented in 1988 that it was very important to involve the youth in church decision making so that the youth would have experience running the church. Involving the youth would simplify the process of retiring parishioners from key positions on the vestry for example. Almost 35 years ago, my brother felt that youth should be involved in the decision-

making committees of the churches and the dioceses. He said "youth would gain a feeling of importance and sense of belonging, essential ingredients in maintaining interest" in the church. At the time he was a young teacher, just starting out and I wonder how much of an impression he made during the 1988 synod? Was his message heard? Did those in charge of the synod that year begin to include young people in the "workings" of the church, beyond what was seen during a church service on Sunday?

On any given Sunday in 2022, the number of people attending churches have diminished significantly. Some of the attendance issue is due to the pandemic as people are still concerned about gatherings that involve multiple households.

Elderly parishioners in particular are concerned about health issues which can be made more difficult if they catch the new virus. Although the public is being told to learn to live with the virus, for people who have other health issues, the decision to attend public events becomes more onerous.

Before the pandemic, attendance was down in most churches anyway because fewer and fewer young people have been attending church. In today's world, young people are encouraged to become involved in church activities, yet many do not. So how do we encourage young people to want to become involved with the church?

Today's young people will put all their effort into projects which have a clear end goal. Young people

today like to see their participation in activities show direct results. Maybe if churches chose one project a month, for example, which had a clear beginning, middle and end, it would show young people that as a group they did something for someone which affected the recipient's daily life.

Jesus Christ didn't do large miracles, instead, he chose to change the lives of people whom many didn't deem worthy of such efforts at the time. Jesus worked with mostly sinners who were considered to be lost causes. Jesus changed one life at a time instead of grand gestures that I'm sure He was very capable of doing. Maybe if churches showed young people the massive difference God's love can make in the lives of one or two people at a time,



young people would feel more connected to the good work churches do.

There are millions of Christians around the world today, but Christianity began with Jesus and his disciples. Jesus built his followers one person at a time and maybe if we used that strategy today, we could rebuild our churches with young people: one young person at a time, one project at a time, one example of God's love at a time!





# Outdoor Labyrinth Re-Established in St. John’s

Photograph by Ellen Reid  
Article by Ellen Reid and Emily Rowe

As shown in this photograph, taken and submitted by Ellen Reid, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (St. John’s) repeated the project of having an outdoor labyrinth this year in the

church yard. This piece of green space, between the cathedral and Duckworth Street, is also home to a community greenhouse (as highlighted in the October 2021 issue of Anglican Life).

For thousands of years, people have used walking labyrinths for prayer, with the twists and turns symbolizing life’s journey, always finding salvation and God at the centre of everything.



On the May 24th holiday weekend, Ellen Reid took a trip to St. Alban’s Church in Bonavista Bay. While there, she took a couple of photos for Anglican Life.

The inside of the church has a lovely, warm glow, and just outside the window, there is the promise of summer.



# Funds Raised To Help In Ukraine

Article and photograph by Eileen Keeping



On May 6th, 2022, the New Wine Gospel singing group of St. Paul’s Church in the Parish of Grand Bay, along with Cathy Lomond, held a benefit concert to raise funds for the people of Ukraine. All funds raised, which totalled \$1,769.75, will be sent to PWRDF to be used in humanitarian aid in the wartorn country. Congratulations to the organizers and participants for a job well done.



# Special Church and Social Event for International Students

Article and photographs by  
Willie Loder

On Sunday, June 19th, a special church service and social event was held at St. Paul's in Summerside for the international students who had been

visiting from Germany, Brussels, and Brazil. They were each presented with a Bible and with cards. Both a goodbye cake and a lunch were served.



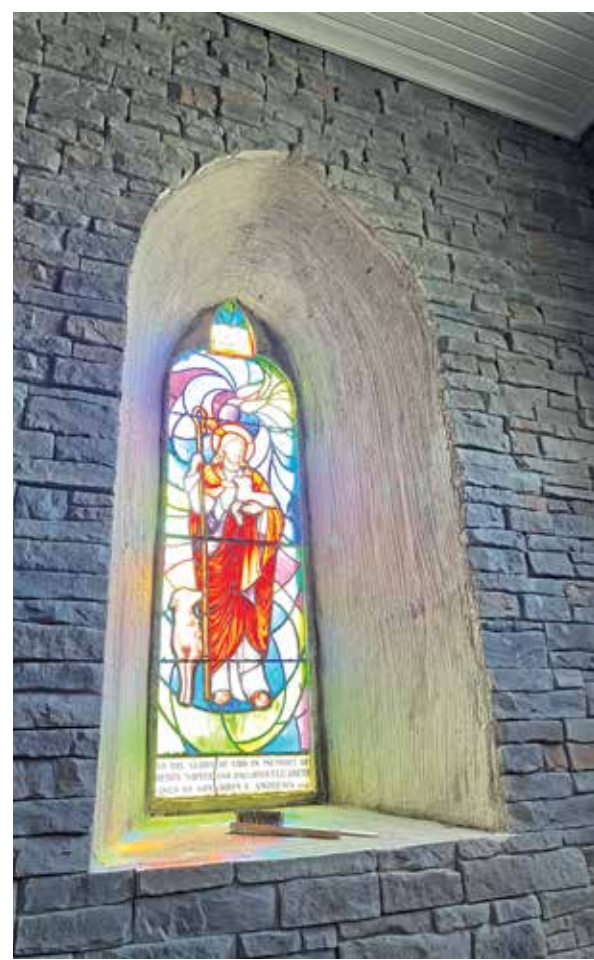
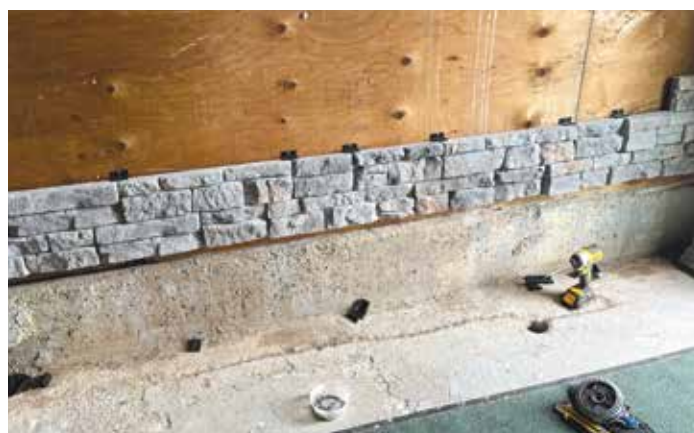
Above, left to right: Deacon Karen Loder, Valentina Preub, Yara Weigelt, Leopold Gross Klaus, Paavo Freitag, Giacomo Ellero, Marco Bennenuta Sonfohu, and Rev'd Kay



# Work in Harbour Grace Nearly Completed

Submitted with photographs by  
Sonia Williams

At St. Paul's Church in Harbour Grace, work is nearing completion, with many thanks for contributions from the federal government and from St. Paul's Church and its parishioners.





# Islandwide Fellowship on Fogo Island

## The two parishes on Fogo Island come together to welcome their new clergy and to share in worship

Article by Lisa Snow  
Photographs by  
The Rev'd B. Buffet

On Sunday, May 29th, the Anglican Parishes of Fogo Island East and West held a joint service of worship and fellowship led by the Rev'd Beverly Buffet and the Rev'd Neil Coffin. It was an absolutely beautiful service, starting with prayers for the community of Uvlade (in Texas). Many were in attendance.

Both parishes would like to welcome both Rev'ds Neal and Beverly Buffet to our beautiful island home. We hope that you will enjoy it here, and we look forward to future joint services.

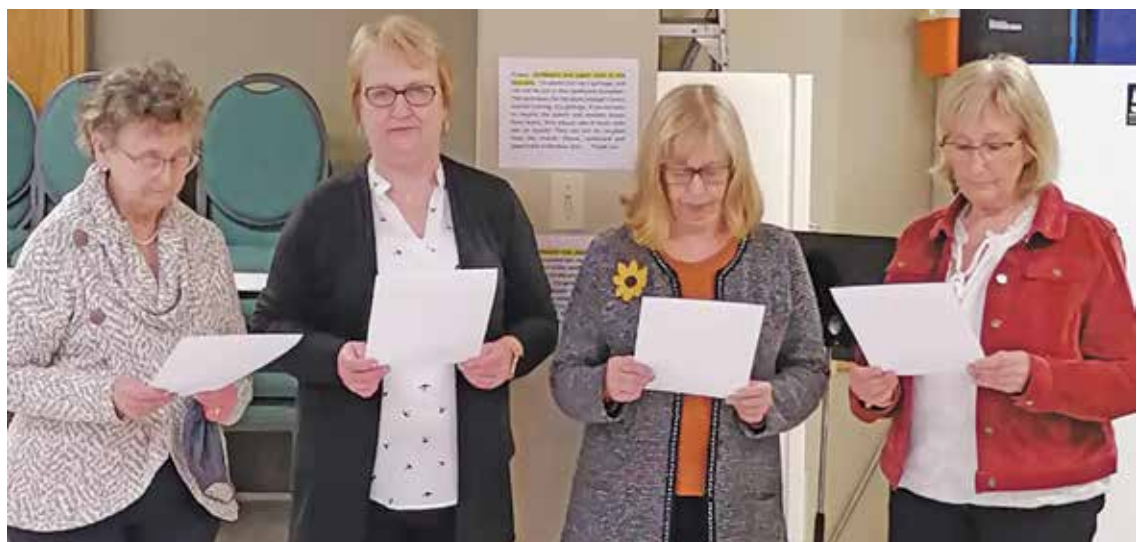


# ACW Ascension District Branch Holds Annual Meeting

Article and photographs by  
Willie Loder

The ACW Ascension district branch meeting, which was held on May 25th, at St. John the Evangelist Church (Gillams, Parish of Meadows), had 58 members in attendance. A service of Holy Eucharist was celebrated, and a delicious turkey dinner

was served by the men, followed by the annual meeting and election of officers. The guest speaker was Clare Phiri, wife of the Rev'd Mikton Phiri; also in attendance was their 18-month-old son.

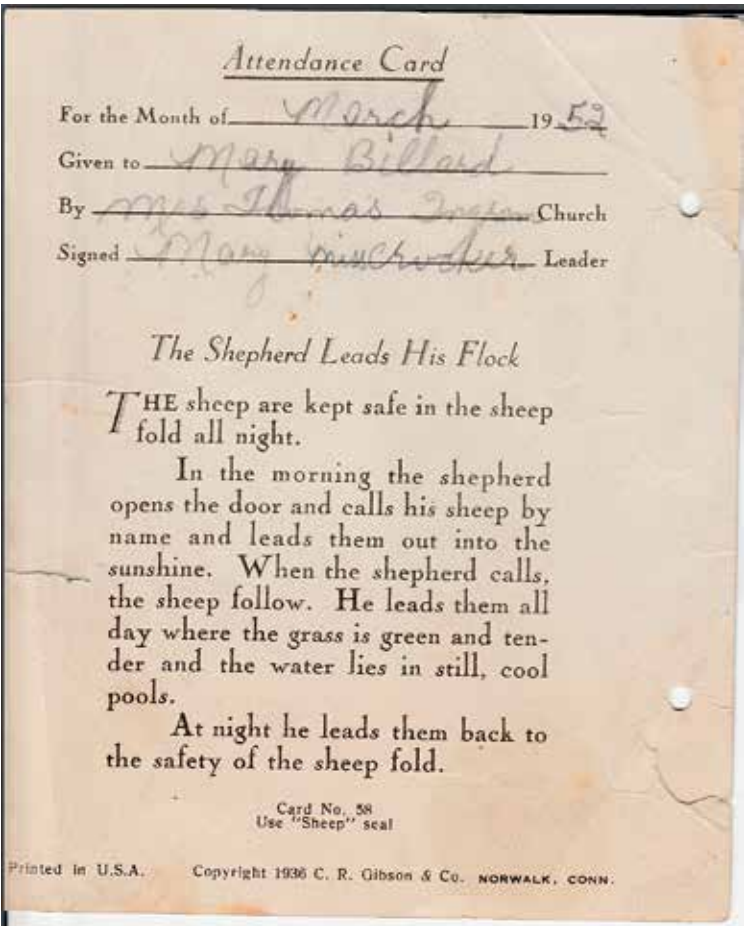




# Sunday School Attendance Card

Who remembers their Sunday School attendance cards? One of the readers of Anglican Life, Karen Simon (of Margaree Fox-Roost) sent in this one that belonged to her mother, Mary Carter. It's from 1952 and includes the quote from John 10:3 that says, "He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out."

Thanks, Karen!



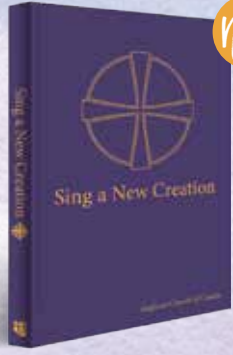
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