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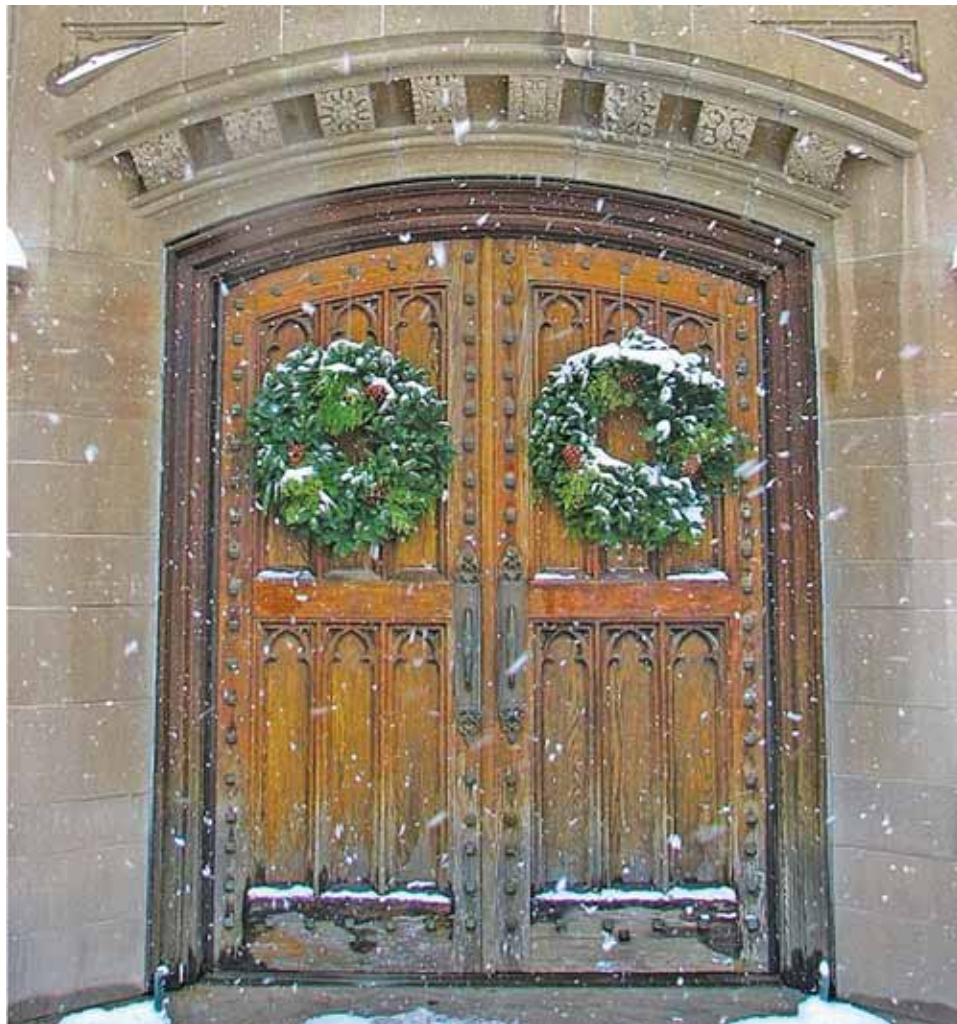
A mid the Winter's Snow

by Bill Cliff

My favourite Christmas carol is not one of the best known. It is "See Amid the Winter's Snow" with music by John Goss. This hymn captures for me both the Christmas story, as well as the sentimental feelings of Christmases long past. They are precious to me, and as a priest for nearly 20 years, I have looked forward to singing this hymn at the Offertory of the late mass on Christmas Eve. It is more than emotion - it is the story told in the hymn itself. "See with in the manger lies, He who built the starry skies" somehow captures the exquisite vulnerability of the Christ Child: the creator of the universe who has been humbled by choice, to be a baby.

Christmas eve at the college is a wonderful thing. The building is closed, the students are gone, but the warmth and guttering of the votive lights in the Chapel remain. The sidewalks are usually covered with a thin layer of snow, and the only lights on, and the only folks in the building are gathered for the Christmas mass. There are not many, about 30 or 40, but there is a real sense of gathering in the darkness to welcome this baby. And in the night we sing that hymn, that favourite of mine, and we approach the altar ready to celebrate those mysteries of the vulnerable God in bread and wine.

My first Christmas at the College as Rector, I read a poem at the beginning of the sermon which talked about my choice to open on Christmas eve, when the College is closed and celebrate the Christ Child's birth. I could have left the building closed and gone to a larger service with many more people at it. I could have had Christmas "off" I suppose, but I wanted to sing that hymn at the offertory. I wanted to be at the Chapel. The poem is by Rudyard Kipling, and it is called Eddi's Service.



It tells the story of a little Anglo-Saxon priest who keeps to his tiny parish where the rich and powerful will not come, because it is poor and far from the city. Eddi celebrates Christmas anyway. He tells the story to those who choose to come to his service, and Kipling's refrain echoes again and again: "I dare not shut his chapel on such as choose to attend"

This Christmas, think of those who might come to your services, the humble, the frightened, the unsure, the unbelieving, the great, the good, the broken, the wounded and the joyful. Those who sing with joy and those who weep with grief. Welcome them all as Eddi would, and remember that it was to such as these that the Christ child was manifest: the imperfect, the poor, the forgotten and those far from the centre of attention. When they come bring them in and tell them of the God who became vulnerable so that we could love perfectly; as God loved us.

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BEWARE! I have a mustard seed and am not afraid to use it!

Eddi's Service A.D. 687

EDDI, priest of St. Wilfrid
In his chapel at Manhood End,
Ordered a midnight service
For such as cared to attend.

But the Saxons were keeping Christmas,
And the night was stormy as well.
Nobody came to service,
Though Eddi rang the bell.

'Wicked weather for walking,'
Said Eddi of Manhood End.
'But I must go on with the service
For such as care to attend.

The altar-lamps were lighted, -
An old marsh-donkey came,
Bold as a guest invited,
And stared at the guttering flame.

The storm beat on at the windows,
The water splashed on the floor,
And a wet, yoke-weary bullock
Pushed in through the open door.

'How do I know what is greatest,
How do I know what is least?
That is My Father's business,'
Said Eddi, Wilfrid's priest.

'But - three are gathered together -
Listen to me and attend.
I bring good news, my brethren!
Said Eddi of Manhood End.

And he told the Ox of a Manger
And a Stall in Bethlehem,
And he spoke to the Ass of a Rider,
That rode to Jerusalem.

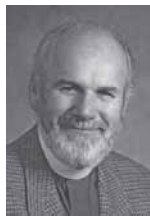
They steamed and dripped in the chancel,
They listened and never stirred,
While, just as though they were Bishops,
Eddi preached them The Word,

Till the gale blew off on the marshes
And the windows showed the day,
And the Ox and the Ass together
Wheeled and clattered away.

And when the Saxons mocked him,
Said Eddi of Manhood End,
'I dare not shut His chapel
On such as care to attend.'

Rudyard Kipling

Christmas: God's best ever...



I can still vividly recall what I consider to be the best Christmas pageant ever. In this particular parish, it was a long-standing tradition to celebrate the Pageant during the Sunday worship just before Christmas. Like most everywhere, the children, teens and church school teachers would utilize the Sundays of Advent to frenetically prepare for the second biggest day in December. All the usual suspects would be there: shepherds, wise men, angelic host, lambs, sheep, cattle, Mary, Joseph and, of course, baby Jesus. The youngest newborn in the parish was always invited to be Jesus with her/his parents playing the role of the holy couple.

On the Sunday of the pageant, large boxes full of props were placed at the entranceways to the church. All who came for worship that day were invited to choose a role and enter into the worship of the pageant

(surprised visitors and newcomers always presented a bit of a challenge here). In the boxes, the congregants could find all the usual props that make for an excellent pageant: wings and halos for the angels/towels and staffs for the shepherds/crowns and multicolored robes for the wise men/hardhats and the like for the townspeople.

The pageant itself rolled out like most except the gathered community was invited to enter into liturgical play and everyone did it with joyful exuberance. The Christmas story of God's love was told interspersed with carols and prayers. As each scene played out, suitably adorned congregants would join the suitably adorned children in the procession to Bethlehem's stable. It always presented a remarkable a scene. Eventually, all of God's gathered people would find themselves surrounding the real baby Jesus at the front of the church. We then gave our hearts once again to the Christ Child as we sang

'Away in a Manger' and Hark the Herald Angels Sing". And then, off to the potluck!

One year at the pageant two rather strange things occurred. First, two babies were born just before Christmas. A decision had to be made that was worthy of King Solomon himself. Which one to choose? That year, I am proud to say; we had two Jesus' and two Mary's and Joseph's: a beautiful comprise reflective of Anglican character! The other oddity that year was that one of the little 'mites' in the church school refused to be a little lamb in the pageant. She stubbornly insisted on being a green frog. Again, the wisdom of the community concluded that this would be ok. So that year, a little green frog named Greta jumped down the church aisle in the midst of all the shepherds and sheep singing her Christmas praises: ribbet, ribbet, ribbet.

We say that God is present always and everywhere; that God is somehow present in every moment. But there are occasions in which 'ordinary time' gives way to 'sacred time;

moments when the divine love is more focused and real. At such times, if you have the eyes to see, you can catch a glimpse of eternity. Christmas stands as one of these times, when God not only acted in history but entered history as one of us: a tiny defenseless baby laid-in-a-manger: Jesus: very God among us!

Like all good parents do, Mary treasured the events surrounding Jesus' birth and pondered them in her heart. Each Christmas invites us to emulate Mary's faithfulness. Each year we are invited to once again hear the song of the angels and to make the journey with the shepherds, townspeople, wise men, and frogs to the holy manger where Emmanuel awaits. We do this in order to discover anew God's will and purpose for us.

I wish for each of you a faithful and holy journey this Christmas

Blessings in Christ
+Bob



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A Christmas Message from your Bishops

One morning, two young children woke up and noticed that the sun was already shining, so from their lips came the age old cry, "Mommy, we need you" ... No reply. So they called out louder and more insistently ... Still no reply. The two children got out of their beds and tip-toed down the hall and to their horror discovered that the house was empty. Terrified they went back to their beds and hid under the covers for what seemed an eternity. And then suddenly they heard footsteps in the hall. Their mother had only slipped out to get them milk for breakfast. But what a difference her presence made. The emptiness, the loneliness and the fear disappeared in an instant, replaced by confidence and joy.

The human situation is one in which difficult times, problems, frustrations and fears are inevitable. For those of us who dare to be human, there will always be challenges of faith to be met. We will encounter times when it seems like life is closing in around us. For countless individuals there is the unspoken, or at times spoken question: Is our world empty? Has God left us? Is there a God who cares what becomes of us? In just a few weeks we, with millions around the world, will journey once again to the little town of Bethlehem, where a mother rocking her baby is our best image of the face of God. Let us listen for the footsteps in the halls of our hearts and minds and we will know for one shining moment that our God is still with us. Fear and emptiness will disappear as we bask in the love of our God made manifest in the Child of Bethlehem.

Listen for the footsteps. Have a Blessed and Holy Christmas. May God bless you with peace and joy and hope, now and always.

+Bob +Terry

Blessing Icon of Saint David



On Wednesday, October 26th Bishop Bob Bennett blessed an icon which was designed by Canon David Bowyer, artistically rendered by Susan Bagshaw; Bishop Bennett, Ms Bagshaw and Canon David in the Bishop Cronyn Room at Church House.

A day of celebration at Huron Church House when in the presence of staff, several guests and a number of newly instituted clergy; Bishop Bennett blessed an icon of Saint David of Wales for the sacred space in the Cronyn Room. Here, the icon will enhance the area set apart for worship.

Saint David (Dewi Sanct in Welsh) was chosen for this icon, "written" by iconographer Susan Bagshaw, a parishioner at Saint John Parish, Cambridge, from a design prepared by the rector there, Canon David Bowyer. The icon will commemorate and perpetuate the memory of the original St. David Chapel, which was located in the former Huron Church House on Richmond Street. When this property was sold in the 1970s the church house chapel altar (the altar had been constructed from blocks of stone from every deanery in the diocese) was removed to the cathedral where it is still in use.

The former chapel had been created as a memorial to Huron's fourth bishop, Welshman, David Williams (1859-1931). Bishop Williams consecrated in 1905 and became our first archbishop (1926-1931) To honour Bishop Williams, the patron saint of Wales, Celtic sixth century archbishop of Menevia was chosen as the chapel's titular. In the icon, St. David is depicted standing on a grassy mound amid blooming daffodils (the Welsh badge), holding aloft a cross, the design of which is based on the Episcopal pectoral cross, which was worn by Archbishop Williams and is now worn by our present diocesan bishop.

Pastoral Progressions

Appointments

Ven. Dr. Gordon Simmons

The bishop appoints Ven. Dr. Gordon Simmons to be the Bishop's Vicar at the Parish of North Lambton (Christ Church, Forest; St. Paul's, Thedford and St. John's Kettle Point) effective the 23rd of October for a period of up to two years.

Archdeacon D. Ian Grant

Ven. D. Ian Grant, currently Associate Priest at The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, is resigning his position. As of January 31, 2012 he will become the Honorary Assistant at The Cathedral Church of St Paul.

Rev. Wayne Malott

The Bishop appoints Rev. Wayne Malott to be the Bishop's Vicar at Trinity, Bayfield and St. James Middleton effective the first of December. Wayne will care for the parish for up to the next two years. Wayne is currently connected to St. David's and St. Mark's in Windsor.

Laura Lightfoot

Laura Lightfoot is appointed Lay Pastor of the Parish of the Resurrection (Christ Church, Listowel; St. Paul's, Palmerston; St. Stephen's Gorrie; Trinity, Fordwich; St. George's, Harriston; St. Alban's and St. David's, Atwood), effective the first of December. She will be called to the diaconate at the ordination planned for January 25, 2012. Upon ordination she will be titled Deacon in Charge.

Carrie Irwin

The bishop appoints Carrie Irwin to be the lay pastor at Holy Trinity, Chesley; Christ Church Tara; Ascension, Paisley; St. Paul's, Chatsworth and St. John's Desboro effective the effective the first of December. She will be called to the diaconate at the ordination planned for January 25, 2012. Upon ordination she will be titled Deacon in Charge.



Announcements

Ven. Dr. Jawn Kolohon

Ven. Dr. Jawn Kolohon has written the bishop to indicate Archdeacon Jawn retired effective November 30 2011. Archdeacon Jawn most recently provided transitional ministry to the Parish of the Resurrection. Ordained in 1984, Archdeacon Jawn's ministry has included serving at the parishes of Eastwood, Oxford Centre and Princeton; Circle of Faith; Parish of the Bruce Peninsula; St. George's, Owen Sound; and since 2010 Parish of the Resurrection. At the Diocesan level, Archdeacon Jawn is currently co chair of the Congregational Development Team and a member of Diocesan Council. He has served on the Parish Internship Committee; Huron Church Camp; Huron College Corporation; Diocesan Budget Sub-Committee; Postulancy Board and Implementation Committee for Imagine Huron. Named to the Cathedral Chapter of Canons in 2003 Archdeacon Jawn was appointed Territorial Archdeacon in 2004. In 2009 he was renamed to the Cathedral Chapter of Canons and Archdeacon Congregation--al Development in 2010. Archdeacon Jawn will be recognized at Synod in May of 2012.

Rev. Kim Metelka

Rev. Kim Metelka (Mt. Brydges; Glencoe and Newbury) and Pete welcomed the safe arrival of granddaughter, Sophia Rebecca Ann, who was born at 9:35 a.m. October 12 weighing 7lbs 8oz.

Rest in Peace

Rev. Lloyd Cracknell

Rev. Lloyd Cracknell passed away Monday October 31 following ill health. His mind continued very sharp in his last few days and he told wonderful stories of ministry. Lloyd was ordained in Huron in 1957 and appointed to Alvinston and Inwood as Deacon in Charge. Later that same year he was appointed to St Jude's, London

as rector. He held that position until his retirement in 1986. In the early 1970's he was the Domestic Chaplain to Bishop Queen. Following retirement he was appointed Hon Asst at St. James Westminster, London. Lloyd is survived by his children, Greg and Mary. The funeral was held Saturday November 5 in the Chapel of St James Westminster, London with Bp Bennett celebrating.

Rev. Sherwood John

Rev. Sherwood John "Steve" passed away Sunday October 30, 2011. Ordained 1977 in Huron, he was first made Deacon in Charge St Matthew's, London. In 1984 he resigned that position and became rector of Aughrim, Florence and Bothwell in 1985 where he remained until his retirement in August of 1987. He is survived by his spouse Christine Longman Burns.

Rev. Canon George Alan Hamilton

Rev. Canon George Alan Hamilton passed away on Sunday October 23, 2011. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren. He was ordained Deacon in 1953 and ordained a Priest in 1954. He served parishes at Lion's Head, Bruce Peninsula 1953-55, Mulmur West (Hornings Mills) 1955, St. John the Divine, Verdun, Quebec 1955-57, St. Luke's, Old Crow, Yukon 1957-61, St. David's, Fort Simpson, NWT 1961-66, Warwick-Arkona-Wisbeach 1966-68, Pelee Island (Essex County) 1968-73, St. John's, Glencoe 1973-89, Dover Township (Kent County) 1989-92, Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral from May 1990. Funeral Service was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Glencoe on Wednesday, October 26 with Bishop Bob officiating.

Mr. Bob Henderson

Mr. Bob Henderson (father of Rev. Rob Henderson) passed away Friday October 28, following a time in palliative care in Malden. In keeping with his wishes, a family service was held.

Via The Media



I'm a Survivor geek and I'm not afraid to admit it. I tuned in half way through the first season and have

been hooked through close to 20 seasons since. There have been many jaw dropping moments in Survivor, but for me, what I saw and heard in late October left me speechless, for all the wrong reasons.

For those who don't watch, Survivor is a competition in which the winner receives a one million dollar prize. The contest lasts 39 days in some wilderness and consists of challenges, rewards, and the dreaded Tribal Council, where one by one people are voted out of the tribe, until one remains. Lying, cheating, stealing, flirting, fighting (verbal although oft times close to physical) are all part of the game. I've described Survivor as, "a study in human nature to see how much of one's soul will be given up in a quest for financial reward." It fascinates me to watch and draw parallels to what goes on in every day life.

So what left me speechless! A group of people who intentionally chose to bring God into the game. Now you might think that is a good thing, given the incredible bashing the Ten Commandments takes in this game. You'd be wrong. Facing a team challenge for immunity (meaning the other team would have to go and vote one of their members out) a group lead by a character who calls himself "Coach", decided to ask God to give them victory. They locked arms and with a machine gun like pace they rattled off a prayer asking for victory, in return for which they would offer all the Glory to God. So, when they won, they immediately dropped to their knees and gave God all the glory for their victory. No

mention of what that means God thought of the poor schmucks on the other team. What really boggled my mind was that they seemed to genuinely believe that God cared who won the challenge, and that for a little "glory", God would sell the other team down the river.

I shook my head for two days straight, further scrambling my limited number of brain cells, when another deeply distressing thought entered my mind. If this is what people see and know about Christianity, and I think it is furthest from what I actually believe about God, what is it that I am doing to show people another side? Does this mean I need to sign my sorry 50 something out of shape body up for 39 painful days of starvation and physical torment on Survivor? Please God, tell me no, tell me I've been voted off the island before I'm even voted on the show!

In our recent diocesan wide study of Tim Keller's book, "The Prodigal God," we were asked to consider coming to a more external focus on mission. That is one of the main planks in our strategic plan for Huron.

During this process, I preached with some passion, that because we as Church are not following through on telling the Gospel story, society doesn't know the details. I could cite example after example of people outside (and even inside) the church who simply don't know the story of Jesus Christ. If I had any doubt that when people don't have facts, they make up their own details, it was cast aside by a late October episode of Survivor.

Rev. Keith Nethery, Rector, St. Stephens Memorial, London; Media Relations and Communications Officer, Diocese of Huron

Letter to the Editor: 60% raised their hands

Dear Editor:

I have just been reading the Huron Church News and, as always I am most impressed with the varied articles on the first two pages and many others as well. Thank you for putting such good thought into them. Rev. Keith Nethery in the June issue challenged us to let you know what we think and what we would like to see in future issues.

I like it that you really do spread the Good news and your articles are inspiring most of the time. I do know what you mean when you say that you don't know what is going on in our minds as we read. I find the

Huron Church news uplifting to my spirit. More so lately I feel enthusiasm of the spirit from those who write as well as the photos, which show our spirit. The photos from synod were great plus that wonderful article by Rev. Bob Bettson. The Holy Spirit is at work!

Upon asking our very small congregation how many people read the HCN only about 60% of them raised their hands. So sad. What do I do about that? It would save a lot of paper if only the people who read the HCN (actually) receive it. But please don't stop. We need to know all that good stuff and learn how the spirit is moving. Thanktavish all contributors for their efforts. Please keep up the good work. I enclose a donation...

Eileen McTavish, Dutton

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Missional Church

by Derek Davis

“Missional living” is a Christian term that describes a missionary lifestyle; adopting the posture, thinking, behaviors, and practices of a missionary in order to engage others with the gospel message. The missional church movement is a church renewal movement predicated on the necessity of missional living by Christians and the missional nature of the church. The use of the term missional has gained popularity at the end of the 20th Century due to Tim Keller, Ed Stetzer, Mike Breen, Alan Hirsch, the Gospel and Our Culture Network, Allelon, as well as others to contrast the concept of a select group of “professional” missionaries with the understanding that all Christians should be involved in the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. This definition is taken from Wikipedia

Jesus showed us the missional life and what the missional church would look like. A church as described above, where people were prepared to make sacrifices, not sacrifices of animals but personal sacrifices. A sacrifice of self. I wonder what has happened in western culture that we have found a compromise. A compromise whereby we have the best of this world and have God’s ear. I don’t think so. I think what may have happened is that we sacrificed our relationship with God for a better more luxurious lifestyle in the world. We have forgotten what and how to sacrifice, we have forgotten how to pray and most of all we are scared to death that God is going to take all this away. Let me start with the scripture in Isaiah “The look on their faces bears witness against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom, they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves. 10 Tell the innocent how fortunate they are, for they shall eat the fruit of their labours. 11 Woe to the guilty! How unfortunate they are, for what their hands have done shall be done to them. 12 My people-children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O my people, your leaders mislead you, and confuse the course of your paths.”

Mission was and still is outreach around the world, especially in disaster areas. Wherever we can help to meet the needs of the ill, forgotten and distressed, where we can be the

living Word made alive through the love and mercy of our Lord. That same sentiment can also be applied right here in our own communities. Where the impoverished, the sick and the lonely need our help. People have lost their faith in the church because we the church have lost sight of why we are here and what the will of God is calling us to do.

Can we put God first in all we do? Can we make personal sacrifices for even people we do not know? Can we be the church that was founded on the Rock? Can we be the people of God, the brothers and sisters in Christ, that when called can leave the world behind and embrace our neighbour God’s children.

In all this Jesus taught his disciples that prayer and fasting will strengthen our bodies, our minds but most of all, our spirits, that will provide the strength spiritual strength needed to overcome the hurdles before us.

The Anglican Church, as well as, other Christian denomination is experiencing a decline in attendance and as a result in decline in operational cash. The question that some people have is why the church is so dollar focused. How ironic that those same people are worried about a lifestyle, a retirement nest-egg or personal investment. In the book “The Prodigal God” we relive the story of the son who took his wealth or inheritance and squandered it. The father on his return did not worry about the money that was lost or the expenses on his return; he embraced the return of his loved one. The elder son was focused on the inheritance and the cash outlay even when his father asked him to join in the celebration.

We must put the Father first, it is his inheritance and his creation and He wants to share it with us. It does not make it our own, separate from the Father, but still the Father’s to share. When we embrace the missional life that Jesus showed us while with us, we will grow and prepare ourselves for the great feast and celebration that God will have when we return. May God’s blessings and love remain with us as we journey to a higher level of spiritual growth.



Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Huron) A Few More Hours

by Rev. Kim Metelka, AFP
Executive (Huron).

We have entered into the season of Advent. This is a time of preparation. Preparing ourselves for Christ’s second coming. Yet, how do we do this when this season is so full of extra activities and commitments? How and when do we find the time to reflect upon the past year; the decisions we made whether wrong or right, the way we have lived our lives according to our baptismal vows plus continue to build a relationship with our Lord?

I am sure many of us have

said time and again, “I wish there were a few more hours in my day.” Yet how would we fill that time? Do you think we would spend more time in prayerful reflection and in conversation with our Lord or would we fill it with stuff? I can speak from experience that in the past I would quickly fill the extra time that was given to me, with another appointment or another meeting, anything other than filling it with prayer and life renewing time with God. It is easy to say, “Sorry God, I am too busy doing your work, to spend time with you.” I guess

then it wasn’t God’s work since I wasn’t taking the time to listen or talk with God.

Prayer is our lifeblood. It is what fuels us for the day. That quiet time with the Lord in conversation but also in listening. This should not be the time fitted in whenever possible but one of our top priorities in our life. It is through prayer that we slow our minds from our everyday activities to focus on the one who is there to support and guide us along this journey we call life. Take the time today, tomorrow and all through Advent to build a special time with God and see what a difference it makes in your life.

Archdeacon Peter K. Sakyi

by Marlene Kydd

It has now been twenty-two years since Peter and Elizabeth Sakyi came into the lives of the parishioners of St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Stratford. He has had to face many adversities over the years but his faith in God has given him the strength to persevere. The financial assistance of St. Paul’s and the many caring readers of the Huron Church News have greatly assisted him in his ministry.

We have recently received the following information from Ven. Peter K. Sakyi and would like to take this opportunity to share it with you.

He is very grateful and thankful to Almighty God for giving us as friends; also, for our great support in prayers and cash donations that we have been sending him from the beginning. The monies we send help Peter in his ministry as all his trekking and visits are borne by him. The diocese gives him nothing extra

apart from his monthly stipend which is approximately \$60.00.

Peter has been put in charge of Diocesan projects and is still based in Nkoranza. He and his family have been moved from the mission house to the university’s project site. They now live in a bungalow which was first owned by the British America Tobacco Company.

As project officer, Peter visits all Anglican project sites within the diocese. His visits take him to Bono Manso where the diocese has a cashew, oil palm and mango farms. He is also the priest in charge of the Bono Manso Church, the Tanoso Church, which is some 12 miles from Techiman and also St. John the Divine Anglican Church at Amanten, some 50 miles east of Nkoranza. The church has three out stations in remote villages which he also attends to.

The work on the university is progressing but at a rather slow pace due to lack of funding. Peter is working on the accreditation of the university.

They have been asked by the National Accreditation Board to get a lease hold of the land were the university is to start before the accreditation is granted. The university is to start on a twenty-six and a half acre land which was formerly owned by the British America Tobacco Company.

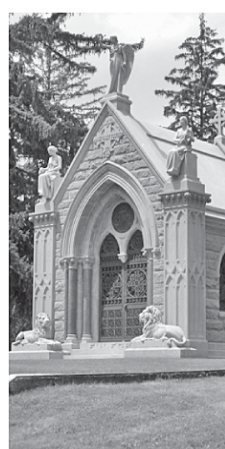
Ven. Peter K. Sakyi would like to thank us all very much for our unflinching support through the years. It is his prayer that the Lord grants him the strength to continue to do His work.

Our annual sale on Saturday, April 9, 2011 was again very successful.

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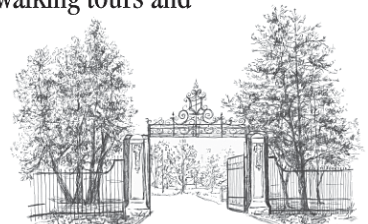
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In central London there is a beautiful cemetery with many walking and biking paths, and a wealth of history. The striking mausoleum of Annie Pixley is one example. She was an internationally famous actress who appeared at London’s Grand Theatre, New York City and across Europe. She died suddenly while visiting with relatives in England. Pixley Mausoleum is very theatrical, open during walking tours and Doors Open London.

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Christmas 2011

The Magnificat

by Todd Townshend

It takes courage to sing the greatest Christmas carol of all time. It was first sung about 2,000 years ago by a pregnant teenager who was visiting her elderly cousin. After Elizabeth welcomed her, the young Mary poured out that song. The song/prayer is often called "the Magnificat". Remember it? (Perhaps it would be better for you to read Luke 1:39-56 than to continue with this article - reach for your Bible!)

If you follow the lectionary, Mary's song only comes around in Advent and often we skip it, and we can't count on hearing it during Evening Prayer (BCP) in most places. It is part of few Christmas pageants - yet it beautifully expresses the extraordinary thing God is doing in the Christmas event. A nobody peasant girl from no place who "shouldn't be pregnant" articulates exactly what God is all about.

In the birth of her son, Mary sings, God is about to turn the world and the values of the world upside down: humility and selflessness are honoured. True power and authority are centred in compassion and generosity. Justice and mercy are exalted. The places of honour at God's table are reserved for the poor, the forgotten, the insignificant - and the most influential and powerful, in God's scheme of things, are those who serve them.

As someone said, "in the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, a new song can be sung, 'Glory to God in the lowest!'" Glory to God in the womb of a poor teenager. Glory to God in a feed-trough, in a barn, in a hick-town, in the backwater. God brings down the mighty from their thrones, and he lifts up the lowly. He fills the hungry with good things, and the rich he sends away empty. In the birth of Jesus, God does not seem to be promising the people in high places, anything. This ought to make tyrants, dictators, presidents, and other prime-minister-and-G20-types a little nervous. Mary's song is not the theme song of an "Arab Spring" or an "Occupy" movement - better, it is the theme song of Almighty God!



In this part of the world, as we announce the birth of Jesus - a baby born in a barn, in Bethlehem - it ought to stick in our throats a bit too. At least it ought to stick in the throats of urban and suburban Christians where we ask questions like, "what is a manger, exactly?" We don't get out into the beautiful country much so while we may know what a barn looks like we do not know what one smells like. Even the people who work the land drive into town for some of their advice, therefore most of us will find that the song of Mary contradicts most of our values. It is in stark contrast to our cherished views. It pokes holes in our investment strategies and our insurance schemes. We don't give birth in stables and that makes it very hard, very hard, for us to swaddle Christ and lay him where he belongs.

I find this annoying too, that on Christmas Eve, there is both comfort and discomfort in the church. Usually an hour or more on a hard pew is enough discomfort, but on the evening of December 24 you may not want to hear that that God created a risky world; that every created thing is at risk in this life. I don't gather our little kids around the Creche and talk to them like this. But Christmas isn't just for kids. Kids make it a lot more fun, but the Christmas gospel is for people in great need. It is a very adult look at the world. It is the gospel (the good news) in miniature and, with no clear-cut answers, it contains everything necessary to life. God wants to save us again and again through this story and through the person at the centre of it.

The story of Jesus' birth contains one thing worthy of our worship. It contains the one thing we all need - first contact with God. And in spite of appearances, even though it is offered to the "lowly" first, it is offered to all. In this child, God is at work. God is communicating himself in flesh and blood from the first moment Mary embraces her child. Even when the baby Jesus is not saying a word or doing a thing, God is working. It's just the sheer "there-ness" of God. It is astonishing.

At the centre of it all, in the eye of the storm, there is Jesus, breathing his first breaths in our world . . . his world . . . crying, yawning, sighing, breathing . . . with us.

This is not an idea. This is not a message. There are no intellectual riddles to be solved here. This is God choosing to be somewhere for a reason. In Jesus, God's breathing presence is to be found as the source of our hope and courage. And wouldn't you love to reach out and receive some of His courage? Courage! . . . that would be worth 10 times more than anything else we could get for Christmas this year.

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Singing Angels

*The Ghent Altarpiece: (detail)
1427-29*

EYCK, Jan van
(b. before 1395, Maaseik, d. before 1441, Bruges)

The twelfth-century theory concerning the mysticism of the five musical notes (Charlier de Gerson, *Collectorium Super Magnificat*) was well known in the fifteenth century, too, (it was republished in 1488, in Strasbourg), and its influence on the singing angels of van Eyck is probable. Their strikingly vivid facial expressions were variously explained by scholars. The proposition that the angels' "grimaces" express the pitch of their tones, in accordance with the contemporary practice of singing in four parts, seems daring. Ervin Panofsky, the outstanding scholar of iconography and of early Netherlandish painting, first called attention to the mysterious role of the number five. According to him, the mimicry of the angels expresses their feelings, specifically the five major emotions reflecting the five major attributes of the Lord:

1. *Gaudentia: joy on account of the Lord's greatness (Magnificus);*
2. *Spes: hope for the Lord's generosity (Largus);*
3. *Pietas: devout love toward the Lord's graciousness (Pius);*
4. *Timor: fear of the Lord's justness (Iustus);*
5. *Dolor: grief, sadness, and repentance before the Lord's mercifulness (Miserator).*

The Ghent Altarpiece:
Singing Angels
1427-29

*Oil on wood, 164,5 x 71,5 cm
Cathedral of St Bavo, Ghent*



Clergy Pilgrimage to Italy

by Bob Bettson

You might wonder what are a group of 30 clergy, lay people and their spouses from Huron Diocese doing on a pilgrimage to Rome in October. If we are Anglicans, wouldn't it be Canterbury, and the many Cathedrals and holy sites in England rather than St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and many other churches in Assisi, Pisa, Florence and Siena?

The answer, at least for this first time visitor to Italy (and many of our group were first time visitors), is that going to Rome enables us to literally walk back into history. We saw where the Christian church, which grew from, persecuted minority to official religion of a declining empire, and then flowered in the middle ages and the Renaissance. Rome was a historical treasure trove. We viewed the Coliseum, still standing imposingly after 2,000 years, the Palantine Hill and the ruins of the Roman Forum.

We saw the Pantheon, a Roman temple and now one of the oldest Churches in Christendom, as well as Basilicas dedicated to St. Paul (outside the walls). But while Rome was warm and inviting with its outdoor cafes, its many fountains, and its clerical supply shops (new vestment alert!), many of our group found the spiritual highlight of the trip to be the visit to Assisi, a city state associated with St. Francis, and St. Clare, founders of religious orders which bear their names.

We celebrated our only Eucharist of the trip together outside the upper Basilica of St. Francis, only a few blocks from our hotel. The Basilica is lit at night and we huddled against the cool night air to share in the body and blood of Christ at this holy site.

The celebrant was the Rev. Canon Nick Wells, who stepped in as tour leader on short notice in place of the Rev. Norm Casey, who organized the trip. Norm had to stay with his wife, who had urgent health issues.

Assisi was the only place we were able to stay inside a medieval walled city. In Rome and Florence we were in suburban hotels and had to be bussed in for sightseeing. Being in town after checking into our hotel for the night meant an opportunity to walk around the town, both before and after supper, to enjoy the narrow cobblestone streets, and wonderful views. It also meant shouting "car" whenever one of the few cars needed to pass by.

Assisi didn't have the grandeur of Rome, with all its gold and ornamentation, as befits the saints it honours. The site of the tomb of St. Francis, outside the town, is in the crypt of a Basilica.

One of the lingering impressions left by the many architectural wonders of the medieval Basilicas, and their sometimes-ostentatious interiors, is of the wondrous telling of the Biblical story in painting and sculpture. This was for a pre-literate society. And the people could literally learn about the stories of the Hebrew scriptures and the story of Jesus from the walls of their places of worship.

There is an enormous commitment to preserving history. Our guide (we had different ones for each city) told us Florence has not allowed construction of a new building since 1895.

Italians are known for their wine, and we were able to add an extra stop to our trip at an eleventh century winery in Tuscany with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.

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St. Peter's, Rome: The weather was stormy and Rome was flooded due to heavy rain the morning we arrived at the Vatican to tour the famous vatican museum, see the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's famous recently restored ceiling frescos (no photos allowed) and visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world, part of the Vatican City. We weren't able to even catch a glimpse of the Pope. He appears Wednesdays and Sundays to bless pilgrims when in residence, and we were at St. Peter's on a Thursday.



Fearless Leader Nick: We had local tour guides in each city, plus Isabela, who was with us through the whole trip, and allowed trip leader Nick Wells to carry the umbrella—as tour guides lead their flock through crowded tourist sites.



Assisi at night (200km north of Rome): Construction on the Basilica of St. Francis started in 1128, only two years after the death of the famous Saint, who started the Franciscan order. The Basilica, still under Vatican trusteeship since the Rule of Pope Gregory IX, is lit at night, which allowed our group to hold an evening outdoor Eucharist.



The Pieta: The current St. Peter's Basilica was consecrated in 1626 after the original basilica of Constantine, the Emperor who first made Christianity the religion of the Roman Empire, fell into decay. Michelangelo, as well as painting the roof of the Sistine Chapel, created the Pieta, Mary holding her slain son Jesus after he was taken down from the cross. Michelangelo was 23 in 1498.



The leaning tower of Pisa for the Basilica at Pisa has been restored, and properly anchored to prevent it from falling. It still attracts the curious from all over the world; you can still see it.



Vatican Nativity Hanging (right) One of the problems with the Vatican's extensive and overwhelming collection of art and artifacts is that tours are expected to proceed at a pace which prevents real study. There are simply too many people to go through for any lingering. Wall hangings from many centuries ago tell the Christian story.



Trevi Fountain: The custom at this most famous of fountains is to toss a coin into the fountain to ensure one will return to Rome. The fountain is at the end of a 22 kilometre aqueduct which supplied water to ancient Rome. It is one of many fountain squares in the city.



St. Francis meets the Pope: An artistic re-creation depicts the historic meeting of St. Francis with Pope Innocent III.



Rome's Coliseum, where emperors watched as gladiators battled, and lions tore Christians limb from limb during times of persecution. More than 50,000 spectators gathered in the still imposing open amphitheatre.



Michaelangelo's David: A replica of the 17 foot statue of David, created by Michelangelo, is located at a park overlooking Florence, lit up at night. The original David is housed at a museum, another replica is outside in the main city square.

...a bell
...Pisa,
...tains-takingly
...om falling over.
...us from all over
...climb the tower!



Group photo was taken outside the St. Francis Basilica in Assisi.



St. Paul's Basilica, Rome (right) is marked as the burial place for both St. Peter and St. Paul, martyrs of the early church, both said to have been executed about 64 AD.



Ancient wall hangings inside the Pantheon, Rome.

Anglican Church Women

Mary, Did You Know?

by Laurel Pattenden
ACW Spiritual Development

Mary, did you know you would be the most noted woman in Western and Byzantine art when you agreed to be the mother of Jesus? The early Eastern Orthodox Church has many icons showing your serenity with the Christ Child. Your hands, arms and eyes pointing to your Baby Boy. Your lap being the throne of God. These icons have lasted centuries. Early Italian Renaissance painters portrayed you in triptychs and frescos found in Europe's greatest cathedrals. One of these painters instructed his students to always paint you robes blue. Do you like blue, Mary?

Mary, did you know your name would be assigned to cities, rivers, hospitals, shelters, hospices and food kitchens? Your good name has lent an ambience of healing and care to the cities and institutions who chose you name. You also have so many names to chose from: Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Our Lady of Refuge and many more!

Mary, did you know that countless songs would be written about you? New and old, songs sung by minstrels, choirs, children and the Beatles. You were written into Hollywood scripts and Sunday School plays. Did you ever think that Bing Crosby would compete with your bells at St. Mary's? Little girls have prayed to win your part in the Christmas pageant.

Mary, did you know that many postal services worldwide would produce "Mary" stamps? Collectors of sacred stamps seek you face for collections and trade. Mary, your face travels the world every year with our Christmas wishes. While your stamps travel the world, people



The Adoration of the Magi c. 1530 oil on lime wood panel.

travel the world to find something of you. Guided tours show us where you lived with Jesus and Joseph, where you knelt and prayed for you Son. Yearly, millions of people make pilgrimages to the locations of your sightings. We buy posters, candles, prayer cards, jewellery and other assorted souvenirs from your tours and pilgrimages. We even have our picture taken where you walked, Mary.

Mary, did you know that you would intrigue scholars and authors for thousands of years and yet your story will never be fully appreciated? Mary, Amazon.com has 2,328 results in their book section about you. These results cover a diversity of literature that crosses over many genres including history, theology, legends and myths, children, spiritual, fiction and feminists.

Mary, did you know you would be downloaded on a Kindle?

Mary, did you know that religions other than Christianity would acknowledge you and have a place for you? Within Christianity, Mary, theology and opinion about you differs with each denomination. And yes Mary, Anglican theology and opinion has wavered about you too.

Mary, I think you may make Anglicans a little nervous. Every December, we unpack you, straighten your blue robes and tenderly place you in the Creche. We have read the words of your Magnificat in our worship services for generations.

Mary, did you know that you would be present, in so many ways, at Christmas 2011?

All the best for the coming Christmas season and a blessed new year.



The Adoration of the Magi

c. 1530 Oil on lime wood panel, 42 x 39 cm
Gemäldegalerie, Dresden

There exists a series of six panels (five in Dresden and one in Moscow) which depicts Scenes from the Childhood of Jesus: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus, The Adoration of the Magi, The Circumcision and The Flight into Egypt. The sequence is regarded as a Life of the Virgin, although only the story of Jesus' childhood is told, while specific events in the life of Mary, such as the birth of the Mother of God, her death, ascension and coronation, are missing. Three of the Dresden panels are signed with the monogram AB, similar to Dürer's famous monogram. The painter of these panels is referred to as the Monogrammist AB, a painter of Swabian origin, active in Saxony with close connections with Lucas Cranach's workshop.

The monogram is on the golden casket being presented by the kneeling king.

Christmas Poem

*The heavenly gates opened
And Mom walked through
Into Dad's loving arms
He said "I've been waiting for you".*

*The choir was angelic
As they broke out in song
She joined right in
They said "here, you belong".*

*She reconnected
With those gone before
To the other side
They were waiting at the door.*

*Pain free at last
And flexible as can be
She and Dad are "cloud dancing"
And smiling with glee.*

*Her wings are now spread
And she can freely fly
Another guardian angel
Watching down from the sky.*

*Singing Christmas carols
In the heavenly choir
Her stamina, now endless
She can no longer tire.*

*We know you are safe
But we miss you a lot
Proud of the valiant effort
And battle, you alone, fought.*

*Christmas wishes in heaven
And here too, on earth
As we gladly celebrate
His glorious birth.*

Merry Christmas!
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On Tuesday, October 18 the people of old St. Paul's, Woodstock, were treated to a great breakfast get-together and a fascinating time with Bishop Terry Dance as he led them in bible study. It was a very interesting and comfortable meeting, enjoyed by everyone.

Goats for Christmas? You're kidding...

by Keith Knight

What do you do when you receive a couple of goats as a Christmas gift?

For two widows in West Bengal, India, it completely changed their lives. Those goats also become an integral part of the family.

Janya Prachi and Kashvi Shanti are recent widows. Without the income and status that their husbands had provided them, they struggled to pay the bills. They each live with their children, so there are many mouths in their households to feed.

As is typical in many Asian cultures, after they lost their husbands they also lost the respect of their fellow villagers. They could only get backbreaking manual labour jobs with meager wages.

Janya and Kashvi had come to know the Lord through the witness of Gospel for Asia supported missionary Punit Bir and they faithfully attended his church. Ignoring cultural norms, the missionary and believers helped the widows as much as possible. Then last December, Punit received several pairs of goats that has been purchased in Canada through the Gospel for Asia Christmas Gift Catalogue to distribute to needy families in his church.

Punit immediately thought of Janya and Kashvi. With a pair of goats, a poor family in Asia can nourish their children with the vitamin-rich milk and sell

the excess milk for income.

The missionary presented each widow with a male and a female goat. When Janya and Kashvi took their new goats home, they began meticulously tending to them. "These ladies take such good care of their goats," a GFA correspondent said. "It's obvious that they don't treat them like goats; they treat them like family members!" And one of the goats is now expecting a kid, so they'll soon have even more resources!

The widows are incredibly thankful for how the Lord has provided for them in their time of great need. And they're not the only ones who were blessed. Punit was able to give several others families goats, too. The goats are much cheaper to take care of than larger farm animals-like cows-so they are not a financial drain on the poverty-stricken families. And their milk can be used to drink or turned into butter and cheese. Some goats can also be sheared to make wool.

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Year of the Forest Celebrated

The parish of New Germany in the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, celebrated the Year of the Forest last Sept. 17 by visiting a farm and learning about the benefits of a well-managed forest.

The farm in Lunenburg County, N.S., is owned by Kevin Veinotte, a seventh-generation farmer who has a large woodlot certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

Two well-known local foresters-Sandy and Trish Hyde-took parishioners on a tour of the woodlot and explained its importance to the local economy.

International Year of the Forests is to "raise awareness on sustainable management, conservation and sustainable growth of all types of forests."

The Diocesan Times, Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI

Evening Prayer gets a contemporary twist

A new worship experience called "Common Ground Gathering" is being offered at the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul in Esquimalt, in the Anglican diocese of B.C.

The one-hour informal service consists of music, video clips, a short message, and an interactive prayer period.

"It is meant to be a living, moving, organic merger of Evening Prayer with a contemporary feel and context and thought," said the Rev. Lon Towstego, rector of the parish. "It will contain time of study and ongoing conversations about Christian life, Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit."

The service will be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month, at 4 p.m.

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In the rush of life, especially during the wind-up to "The Holidays" we tend to become exhausted because of the enormous effort we put into that material side of Christmas. Try to refocus during Advent and the Christmas season. This requires little effort and the rewards are great... a visible reminder of the Christ child, the living God; light one small candle in the evening to welcome the Christ child into your home. Huron Church News wishes you all peace and the realization of God with us.

David Parson, editor and the HCN board of trustees

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Huron University College

College receives top marks in Globe and Mail Canadian University Report

Huron University College proved once again that “very small” is very good in student satisfaction, based on results of the Globe and Mail Canadian University Report released today. Huron scored 13 “A” grades in 19 categories including an A+ in class size.

In addition, Huron earned “A” grades in:

- most satisfied students
- quality of teaching and learning
- instructor’s teaching style
- student-faculty interaction
- campus atmosphere
- recreation and athletics

Huron ranked second in the categories “libraries” and “information technology” when compared to 15 similarly sized universities. In addition, Huron ranked among the top ten

universities in students’ positive responses to the question “Academically, is your university nurturing and supportive?” “Our students continue to express great satisfaction with the quality of education at Huron and its supportive environment,” says Principal Stephen McClatchie. “We appreciate their feedback as we continue to look for further ways we can improve and enrich their university experience.”

The Globe and Mail Canadian University Report reflects the opinion of 33,000 current undergraduate students at 60 Canadian universities with results grouped according to size of the institution. Huron was in the Very Small category of universities with an enrolment under 4,000 students.

PWRDF joins Christian business federation

The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has joined the Canadian Christian Business Federation (CCBF), a national network of Christian business leaders and professionals.

PWRDF executive director Adele Finney says the organization wants to build a stronger connection with the Anglican business community across Canada, perhaps even developing partnerships around specific PWRDF initiatives. She says that, in the rapidly transitioning time in which we live and work, it is important to build relationships and alliances for the common good. “There are hundreds and probably thousands of Anglican business leaders and professionals across the country who share PWRDF’s vision for a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. We hope to connect with them through our membership in the CCBF.”

Keith Knight is the executive director of the Canadian Christian Business Federation. He worked for a time as PWRDF’s communication coordinator and then as interim editor of the Anglican Journal. Knight says he still has a passion for the PWRDF and its global mission. “My deepest desire is to connect the Anglican business community with PWRDF ... and with each other.”

He says that CCBF is 27 years old with a strong focus on leadership development of Christian business leaders. Membership has soared almost 40 per cent since he took over in 2010, attracting a wide range of participants; everyone from CEOs of multinational corporations to real estate professionals, carpenters,

therapists, shop owners and consultants. He says he has also helped a number of non-profit organizations such as PWRDF connect with members of the Christian business community. “I am both surprised and delighted by the huge number of Christian business men and women who seem eager to invest in various mission opportunities. They understand that their business resources belong to God and they seem eager to find ways to use their accumulated wealth as well as their own expertise in mentoring opportunities.”

CCBF has local chapters across Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. “B.C. is next,” he says. Knight says he receives daily requests from across the country from business leaders who want to become members so that they can connect with others in their area. “Many of our members meet monthly over breakfast and they use an incredibly useful resource that we provide - study materials that focus on themes that are particular to Christians in business. They talk about integrity, long-range planning, risk-taking, decision-making, the role of power and influence, and a host of other topics ... and they apply biblical principles.”

More information about membership can be obtained by checking out the website, www.ccbf.org.

The CCBF offers the Inturn program, placing Christian university business students within Christian business environments. A growing number of Christian universities across Canada, especially those involved with Christian Higher Education Canada, have joined the CCBF and are engaged in the Inturn program.

Do you breathe?

by Rev. Canon Linda Nixon.



Liturgy Canada Executive: Kenneth Hull, John Hill, Steve Harnadek, Debbie Lou Ludolph and Peter Wall. A “Liturgy Institute” was held at Renison College; Liturgy Canada, chaired by Canon Harnadek, co-sponsored with Marilyn Malton and Renison Institute of Ministry (RIM), as well as the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song (affiliated with Waterloo Lutheran Seminary).

Renison College became the epicenter for some radical conversations on November 5th. A gathering of curious clergy and lay leaders from both the Lutheran Church (Eastern Synod, ELCIC) and the Anglican Church (Diocese of Huron, Toronto and Niagara) spent the day exploring renewed ideas of liturgical thought and expression.

The day began with an inspiring rite affirming our baptism by Pastor James Brown, followed by 2 interesting presentations by Dr. Ken Hull and the Rev. Canon John Hill (these presentations are available in both print and electronic forms).

Three workshops were led by Liturgy Canada, the Renison Institute of Ministry (RIM) and the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song (affiliated with Waterloo Lutheran Seminary) with the financial support of all four Church bodies, in the afternoon. The topics addressed in the workshops were

“Strengthening the Prayers of Intercessions”, “Buildings Shape People”, and “Shaping Lives through Proclaiming and Presiding”. On the surface we may all say we know what Intercessions, our Worship Space and Presiding and Proclaiming should look like. However, with the guidance of Liturgy Canada, RIM and Kanata, fresh perspectives were presented for consideration.

Have you pondered adding music to your prayers? For instance Taize gently playing under the petitions and responses. Do you always include news events in your petitions, such as, praying specifically for community and world events?

Have you tried moving the furniture in your worship space to reflect specific attitudes? Reshaping the space for different liturgical seasons can create a new experience for all, whether you are a cradle Anglican or brand new!

When leading worship do you

breathe? Pauses for prayer, reflection and centering can offer a deeper participation for all.

Whether the suggestions were simple or more “labour intensive”, the goals were the same. It is the hope that with a renewed intention in our approach to Liturgy we can create deepening worship experiences for the People of God in their worship of God. If you would like to learn more, or try some tried and true “new” approaches in your worship, Liturgy Canada, RIM and Kanata are great resources. More events are being planned for the future, so keep posted. In the mean-time, in Huron, you can contact Canon Marilyn Malton (RIM) at 519.884.4400 (mmalton@uwaterloo.ca) or:

Rev. Canon Steve Harnadek (Chair, Liturgy Canada) at 519.969.1510 (sharnadek@cogeco.ca) for more information.

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B.C. archives chosen for TRC pilot project

The archives of the Diocese of New Westminster and Provincial Synod of British Columbia and the Yukon has been chosen by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) to be part of a document collection pilot project.

The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, signed in 2006 and implemented in 2007, includes a mandate to create an historical record of the residential schools “system and legacy” and to establish a research centre for the records. The Anglican Church of Canada is a signatory to the agreement.

The TRC hired Bronson Consulting to sort through hundreds of thousands of pages of records related to the residential schools in the

archives.

“I have been preparing inventories of records in the archives that trace both the history of the schools and the more recent steps toward reconciliation in the diocese and province,” said Melanie Wallace, diocesan archivist.

The archives hold the records of All Hallows School (Yale, B.C.) and St. George’s Residential School (Lytton, B.C.). The diocese oversaw All Hallows from 1884 to 1917, and St. George’s, from 1902 to 1914.

Within the next two years, the Bronson Consulting team will visit the archives of Anglican, Roman Catholic, United and Presbyterian churches, which hold records relating to the 139 Indian residential schools in Canada.

Topic, Diocese of New Westminster

Joyous Anniversary

On Thursday Oct 27th, the Anglican and Lutheran churches in Stratford, Ontario came together to praise God for 10 years of full communion. The worship service was presided over by Bishop Michael Pryse of the Eastern Synod and the preacher was Bishop Terry Dance of the Huron Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada.



Bishops Michael Pryse and Terry Dance with clergy and choir members of the four churches.

by Tanya Phibbs

Time for a celebra-tion! The year 2011 is the 10th Anniversary of Full Communion between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Such an important milestone in the life and witness of our churches called for something special. And so a service was planned by the three Anglican churches and one Evangelical Lutheran church in the city of Stratford. Bishop Terry Dance of the Diocese of Huron and Bishop Michael Pryse of the Eastern Synod were asked to be a part of the celebration on October 27th. Bishop Terry preached the homily with Bishop Pryse presiding at the Eucharist.

The service at Zion Lutheran Church began with the blessing of the water and a renewal of our common baptism—a sign of the faith we share in the new life of Christ. The large joint choir overflowed from the choir loft into the front pews of the congregation. The sound of the many chorister's voices filled the sanctuary with beautiful music during the two anthems. As a people of Word and Sacrament, we were well fed in both. Bishop Terry's sermon



Front row: Vicar Steve Hoffard, Zion Lutheran; Rev. Cannon Dr. Lorne Mitchell, St. James Anglican; Rev. Lynn Mitchell, St. James Anglican; Rev. Canon Tanya Phibbs, St. Paul's Anglican and Rev. Joan Stiles, St. Stephens, Anglican. Back row: Rev. Douglas Reble, Zion Lutheran; Bishop Michael Pryse and Bishop Terry Dance.

reminded us that we are stronger together than apart and he encouraged us to not just worship together but also to find ways in which we can together serve the people around us. The sense of unity within the people gathered was heightened as we received in the Eucharist the one bread that brings us together as one body.

As the congregation headed downstairs for refreshments, many were heard to say, 'That

was great! Let's do it again.' It was indeed wonderful and will hopefully lead to a greater collaboration among the four churches, not only in the occasional sharing of worship but also in seeking ways in which we can minister together for the good of our community.

Rev. Canon Tanya Phibbs is rector of St. Paul's church in Stratford; she is ecumenical officer for the diocese of Huron.

Not Just Any Colour...

by Joy Forster

You may have noticed from time to time the colour of the hangings on the altar change. On the Day of Pentecost, the altar hanging is red as are the hangings on the lectern and pulpit. Pentecost, which is the celebration of the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles takes place 50 days after Easter. During the Season of

Pentecost, which runs for twenty-three weeks, the hangings are primarily green with the exception of the first and last Sunday after Pentecost which are Trinity Sunday and The Reign of Christ. The hangings for these two Sundays are white.

As we are nearing the end of the Church Calendar Year, we look ahead to the start of the next which begins on the First Sunday in Advent (this year it is November 27.) The colour for Advent is Royal Blue because it is the colour of Hope. Advent is the four weeks just before

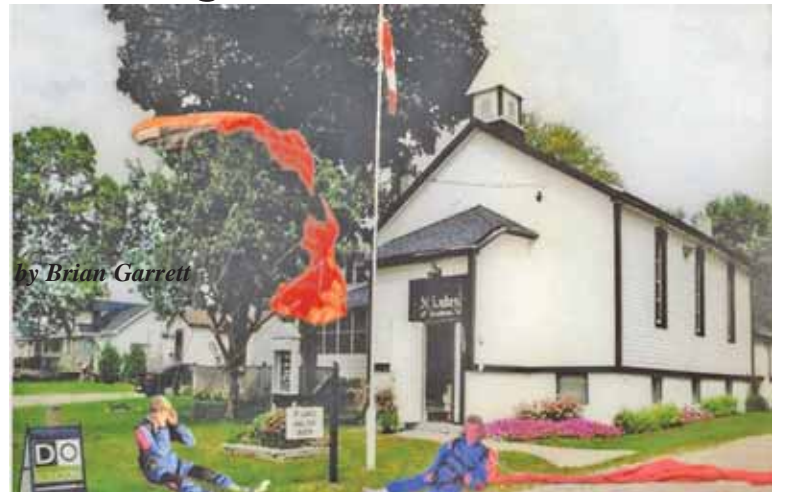
Christmas, and the Advent Wreath is decorated with greens and four blue candles. On the first Sunday in Advent the first candle is lit in the early part of the service. An additional candle is thus lit during each Sunday in Advent until all four candles are lit. The Wreath is used for the four weeks in Advent as a symbol of the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love we celebrate in the birth of Jesus. At Christmas the white Christ Candle is lit to complete the lighting of the Wreath and to announce the arrival of the Christ.

100th birthday celebration at the ACW Annual



Barb Wicks, ACW vice president; Rev. Margaret Shortell, ACW Chaplain; Our Violet Lady, Violet Farr and ACW president, Sandra Fraser. Mrs. Farr has been a regular attendee at the ACW Annual for many years. Violet celebrated her 100th birthday on April 30th this past year and was honored with a 100th birthday celebration at the ACW annual.

Making Church Accessible



by Brian Garrett

Edith Grant and her sister Betty Love arrive at St. Luke's in a burst of colour; a very progressive parish.

St. Luke's is the closest Anglican church to London International airport; in the old days people used to come to church in horse and buggy but now two of our members, Edith Grant and her sister Betty Love arrive occasionally by parachute. St. Luke's is very accessible. We invite you to drop in and visit us any time... at 1268 Crumlin road, our Sunday morning service is at 11:00.

St. Luke's fourth annual Anglican Trivia Family Night (last April) was a huge success. We were filled to overflowing, especially with great enthusiasm... the laughter deafening. A wonderful evening with refreshment and snacks for everyone. **The Little Church that Could** wants to thank our donors, volunteers and especially our players for another great evening.



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St. David's Windsor 60th Celebration



Bishop Bob, planting trees, assisted by Rev. Wayne Malott and rector Rev. Sue Paulton.

by Noreen Weir

On September 25, 2011 St. David's Anglican Church, Windsor, had a grand celebratory service and dinner in honour of their 60th Anniversary.

Bishop Bob Bennett, assisted by our rector, Rev Sue Paulton, our assistant priest, Rev Wayne Malott, and Archdeacon Kim Van Allen; officiated at a joyous eucharist ceremony.

Following the service the congregation adjourned to the garden where three magnolia trees were planted in memory and in recognition of three founding families of the parish.

The younger Sunday School children performed several songs and recitations; they'd been practising for weeks. Refreshments were served out doors. We had a wonderful sunny day. God is good... we had been praying for fine weather.

The party then moved into the parish hall where a delicious roast beef dinner (with all the trimmings) was served. Several of our oldest members were honoured with flowers, and a "history" slide show was shown as dinner progressed.

This special day was the culmination of our year long celebration in thanksgiving for our wonderful "little white church on the corner."

We also had a fun Anniversary Tea in June with old fashioned hats and gloves, silver tea service, and china tea cups. This was served by our handsome gentlemen in frilly white aprons! Much fun had by all.

After our services on Christ the King Sunday, the "grand finale" will be held when a Time Capsule will be buried near our 1951 corner stone.

Thanks be to God.



On this glorious day, Mrs. Gates was honoured with flowers.



Children of St. David's entertain with song.



Rev. Wayne Malott with Bishop Bob and anniversary servers.

Service for All Ages

by Kathryn McClement

At St. Paul's church in Stratford, rector Canon Tanya Phibbs has developed a unique All Ages Service, which is used periodically during the year. At a recent All Ages Service we took some photos of our young people as they participated in the service; they certainly enjoy the responsibility and the involvement, especially as a part of the main service.



Greeters Josh and Max Britton, welcome their grandparents, Peter and Beverlee James.



Rebekkah Phibbs reading the prayers of the people.



Two of our youngest Sunday school members taking up the Communion Elements: Nathan Ehnes and Nathan McMillans are 4 years old.



Noah Phibbs reads the lesson.

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