



Precautions, professionals prevent major damage

Sunday morning fire cancels Cathedral services for a day

BY ANA WATTS

Alarm bells instead of church bells sounded from Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton early on Sunday morning, August 6, when fire broke out in two large beams at the base of the spire. Fortunately damage to the Mother Church of the diocese and National Historic Site was minimal.

The base of the spire is also the ceiling above the chancel. The sprinkler system attacked the flames while the alarm system alerted the fire department. Trucks were on the scene shortly before 6 a.m. and just as the telephone rang in the dean's residence across the street to inform him the alarm had been triggered.

Fire fighters entered the Cathedral and two of them, with full equipment and breathing apparatus strapped to their backs, managed to make their way up the narrow and winding staircase leading to the spire.

"I came in on the heels of the fire fighters and there was water pouring down from the ceiling above the chancel," says the



Long view of the damaged chancel ceiling.

Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Dean of Fredericton and incumbent at the cathedral. "There was lots of smoke and by then it was billowing from the windows in the spire."

The efficiency of the cathedral's alarm and sprinkler system and the immediate response of the fire department confined most of the fire damage to a couple of 18-inch



Close-up view of charred beams.

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thick wooden beams in the ceiling as well as ember burns on the chancel floor and in the choir stalls below. The extent of water and smoke damage has yet to be determined. An immediate visual inspection of the organ console, located beneath the fire site, revealed no damage. The anxious Dean, organist and others had to wait until early the following week to learn for certain if the instrument had been damaged. It wasn't until then the provincial inspectors declared it is safe to restore full electrical power to the building and the instrument could be played.

"The water from the sprinklers covered the floor of the chancel, but of course once the fire fighters got up there and turned on their hose, the entire nave flooded as well. As far as we can tell, the sanctuary and the

Lady Chapel were spared," says Dean Joyce.

Although no specific determination had been made by the Fredericton Fire Department at press time, it was generally known that some kind of electrical problem triggered the blaze. Wires for the ceiling lights and for the compressor for the playing of the bells are located in this area.

The alarm system that called the fire department to the scene also alerted Jim Clowater, who serves on a committee that looks after the cathedral building. He immediately retrieved the cathedral insurance file from the office of Cathedral Memorial Hall, which is a separate building. He also called Servicemaster to come and begin remediation of the smoke and water damage. As soon as possible they set to work to remove the water and 'fog' the building with a deodorizing chemical that invaded the same fabrics, materials, crevices and crannies of the building that the smoke did. Fans, air scrubbers and dehumidifiers operated in the building for the better part of a week and the cleaning company remained on the job for several weeks.

Sunday services were cancelled the day of the fire but regular 8:30 a. m. Morning See *Despite fire* on page 2

Council sends Shared Ministry Plan back to committee

BY ANA WATTS

"We've been living this plan for a year — sharing a deacon, growing a priest, knocking down walls," said Archdeacon Walter Williams of Woodstock. He was attempting to convince Diocesan Council to approve the entire fourth draft of the Shared Ministry Plan at its June 10 meeting.

Instead council approved the

plan with its mission statement, values, vision and four pillars but without the action items incorporated since archdeaconry meetings held in the spring to gather feedback.

Cecil VanBuskirk, chair of council's Parish Support Team, chaired several of the archdeaconry meetings but was out of town when the fourth draft was prepared. He felt not enough of the meeting feedback

was included in the latest version.

The diocese developed the Shared Ministry Plan as part of the Anglican Church of Canada's Letting Down the Nets stewardship pilot project and with the financial assistance of the National Church.

Bishop Claude Miller urged council to pass the complete draft because individual action items will change with time and

according to evolving circumstances, that the document's value is as a compass, rather than a roadmap. "We are living it. We have the Rev. Ellen Curtis in The Tobique and Denmark for two years as an interim priest-in-charge. This is a new way to approach this ministry." The interim appointment offers both parishes, which want to remain independent, an opportunity to

achieve this status. In his appointment of Mrs. Curtis the bishop called it "a profitable co-operation for the proclamation of the gospel in pastoral and sacramental ministry."

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, executive assistant to the bishop, was concerned about keeping the project on schedule and encouraged council to

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Budget cuts threaten Anglican papers

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In light of impending National Church budget cuts, the Journal Appeal is more vital than ever to continued communication within the Anglican Church of Canada. Funds raised through the annual Journal Appeal are divided between the national

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newspaper, you will receive a personally addressed donation package in the mail.

Everything else about the appeal is the same. Every cent donated from this diocese is split between the Journal and the New Brunswick Anglican. This joint effort is a reflection of the close relationship of the two publications. Individually, neither the Anglican Journal

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INVITATION

St. Michael and All Angels, Minto is celebrating its 160th anniversary with a special Service of Evening Prayer on Sept. 29. Everyone is welcome. All those baptized in this church are especially invited to attend.

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Despite fire, concert series didn't miss a beat

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Prayer services resumed the next day, the regular mid-week Eucharist was held as usual on Wednesday morning and the Cathedral Summer Concert Series didn't miss a beat. All regular services resumed on Sunday, Aug. 13, although the chancel and high altar area remained off-limits and will remain off limits until the charred beams are replaced, the electrical systems are repaired and upgraded.

"The main thing is, no one was hurt and nothing was really lost," says the Dean. "There will be lots of repairs and painting to be done, but none of the silver or the hangings were damaged. I really credit the sprinkler system, along with the Fredericton Fire Department of course, with saving the day. I think the sprinkler system kept the fire to a low-level burn. Although we sometimes moan a bit about paying insurance premiums and alarm fees, this has certainly reminded us about how important it is to have adequate insurance coverage, and we certainly understand the value of safety equipment like alarms and sprinklers."

Fire fighters and trucks stayed on the scene most of the day of the fire, in case of an unexpected flare-up, the cleaning company remained



Fredericton fire fighters stayed on the scene most of the day in case the blaze flared up again.



The stairway to the bell tower was a tight squeeze for firefighters.

hard at work in the weeks that followed, and a steady stream of inspectors and insurance assessors were on hand for weeks. Among them was the provincial fine art conservator, who offered expert opinion on how best to restore the painted ceiling panels.

Expert advice on the cleaning and deodorizing of the Cathedral's fine hangings was sought from Kings Landing. The building houses many irreplaceable antiques and works of art. Wayne Burley, who attends the Cathedral and is also Director of Heritage for the provincial department of

PHOTOS BY
ANA WATTS

wellness, culture and sport, is supervising the historic and artistic components of the restoration.

A much more serious fire in the cathedral spire in 1911 was caused by lightning. In the absence of modern alarms, safety equipment and fire fighting professionals, that blaze gained enough momentum to melt the bells and cause the entire spire to collapse into the chancel.



In the days following the fire, Dean Joyce spent a lot of time amid the fans and dehumidifiers and giving interviews to local reporters.

Parish support team to re-work ministry plan action items

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approve the complete draft. "Letting Down the Nets knows we are meeting this month to pass the plan, we are working on a timeline we accepted three months ago."

The Diocese of Fredericton is one of only six in the country chosen for the pilot project. The fact it had already articulated its mission and was prepared to develop an effective ministry

plan to meet it played a major role in the decision.

Letting Down the Nets recognizes that strong parishes are necessary for strong dioceses, and strong dioceses are necessary for a strong national church. For all the levels of the church to be strong, the weak and the strong must work together.

Bishop Miller spoke at length in support of approval of the

entire draft document, but Mr. VanBuskirk said it had been prepared without benefit of his notes from the consultation meetings and asked that the latest draft be referred to his team.

"Go ahead with items like vocational deacons, ministry teams and the work related to them, but I can't support this draft in its present form."

The draft was written by

Bishop Miller, Archdeacon Hall and Jim Morell, who also facilitated several archdeaconry meetings.

The foundational values approved by council describe a Christ-centred, Spirit-filled, biblically based, growth-oriented and inter-generational church that is conscious of

responsible stewardship.

It is a church that values partnerships as evidenced by its continuing commitment to the Anglican Communion and its willingness to share leadership and responsibility for ministry.

Council will meet again on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in Rothesay.

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nor the New Brunswick Anglican can afford to publish and be delivered directly to your home. We have to work together.

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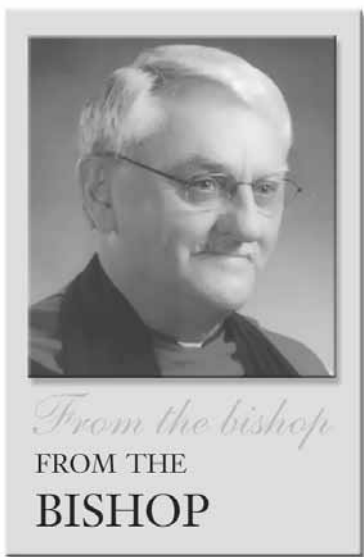
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

A 'good portion' is the Grace of a balanced life

It is mid-September. For most of us vacation time is finished and we look forward to a weekend before Thanksgiving to tidy up the cottage before the winter sets in. If we have a moment to reflect we realize the summer passed all too quickly and our routines, for yet another year, have set our agenda for the next few months. In addition to our planned events and regular routine we will be required to respond to the unexpected challenges that beset us individually and corporately.

Most folk will agree that our lives are incredibly busy, even here in slower paced New Brunswick. Busyness may well be good for us, but it can have its down side. A church sign expresses it well: "If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy!"

It's difficult to find a healthy balance of body, mind and spirit when we are called to busyness as "agents of production." In our world we find our sense of value in creating, producing and marketing products for consumption. Competition for market share gives every



minute a dollar value, reducing the gift of time to a commodity. Yet time is much more valuable than that. In the balanced life there must be time for prayer and contemplation. Time to reflect and recreate. Time to nurture our souls.

I recall as a young child that a work week was 40 hours; stores closed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons; there was a mid-week church service on Wednesday evening; Sunday

and statutory holidays were family time, and church life (a time of prayer and thanksgiving) was given high priority.

This model reflected the value system we inherited from those who had gone before. In biblical times prayer and contemplation were valued more than daily work and production. The busy life was mainly to meet domestic needs, while religious celebration and prayer were spiritual nourishment, transcendence and the opportunity for divine relationship renewal.

Jesus reminds us of the importance of taking time during the busy routines of life when he gently admonishes Martha by favoring Mary's listening to his teaching. "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?"

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

The gospel reminds us that the virtues of kindness and

hospitality are secondary to spending time with our Lord.

Personal and family sacred time — the good portion — continues to be eroded in favor of efficiency, material production and marketing. Jesus admonishes us to be intentional in setting our priorities, to become more like Mary. We are to put down our broom, to lay aside the tools of our vocation, to shut down our computers, or whatever tasks that can cause us to be anxious and troubled — and to sit at his feet.

May you witness the grace of a balanced and wholesome year as God's people, together striving to glorify His name.



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Claude Miller is Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Sept. 5-11
Visitation to Deaneries Chaleur/Miramichi
- Sept. 14
Parish of Woodstock
- Sept. 17
2-4 p.m.
Tea at Bishop's Court for Retired Clergy and Widows
- Sept. 19-20
Provincial House of Bishops
- Sept. 21-24
Provincial Synod
- Oct. 1
11 a.m.
Parish of Musquash 175th Anniversary
7 p.m.
Parish of Quispamsis
- Oct. 4
Diocesan Council
- Oct. 11
Bishop's Dinner, Fredericton
- Oct. 13-14
Provincial PWRDF
- Oct. 15-19
Deanery of Kingston and Kennebecasis
- Oct. 23-27
House of Bishops
- Oct. 27-29
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APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Patricia Craig was recently appointed chaplain to the Saint John Regional and St. Joseph's hospitals in Saint John for a three-year term.

The Rev. Ellen Curtis was appointed interim priest-in-charge of the parishes of The Tobique and Denmark on June 1 for a two-year term. Ms. Curtis leaves the position of assistant curate in the Parish of Sussex.

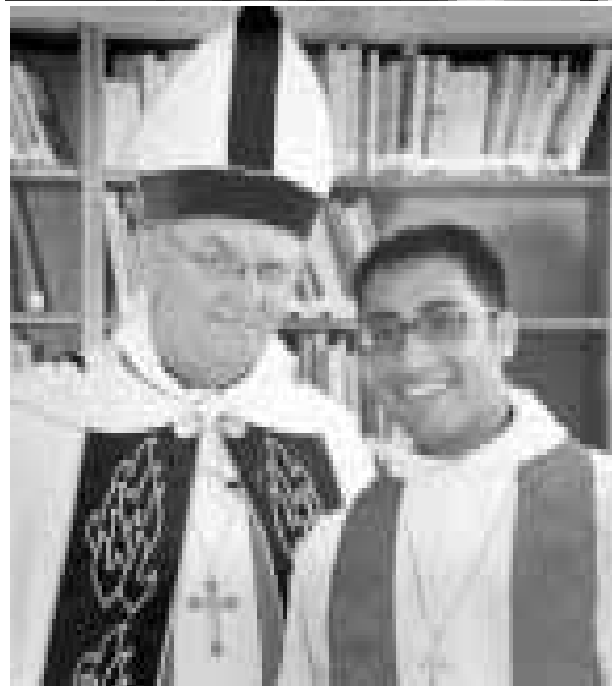
On June 19 the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jeffries was appointed Assistant Curate in the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis for a period of one year. This appointment was in conjunction with the appointment of the Rev. Canon Donald Trivett as Priest-in-Charge for a period of one year beginning on the same date. This arrangement is a partnership with the diocese under the Assistant Curacy Training Programme. Ms. Lucas-Jeffries is a 2006 MDiv graduate of the Atlantic School of Theology.

Archdeacon Richard McConnell is appointed rector of Shediac effective Oct. 1. He leaves the Parish of Rothesay.



ORDINATIONS

Bishop Claude Miller ordained two deacons and a priest in the late spring. In the photo at the left is the Rev. Joyce Perry, ordained a deacon at Christ Church (Parish) Church where she is a non-stipendiary assistant. Seen with her are Martha, Joserine and Rebecca Bacari, friends from her ministry to refugees at the Multicultural Association. In the photo below is the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jeffries, ordained deacon in Halifax and now serving as assistant curate in the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis. In the lower left photo is the Rev. Terence Chandra, ordained priest. He serves as assistant curate in the Parish of Canterbury.



COMMENTARY

In the Hands of Jesus

A REFLECTION BY JOHN CATHCART

I sat in my study procrastinating over a sermon for Low Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter when the crowds of Easter are a pleasant memory. Through my window I watched an older member of the parish enter the church across the street. This person is one of the workers of the church who has seen a lot of clergy come and go and remains a loyal, unshakeable member not subject to the whims and fancies of clergy — not the kind of person to run off to some other church when something doesn't go his/her way.

I reflected on the gospel of doubting Thomas who boldly declared that unless he was able to put his hands into the nail marks of Jesus' hands, he would not believe. Thomas may have already jumped ship as he wasn't present during Jesus' first appearance to the disciples or he may have been discouraged. He was present a week later though, when Jesus appeared to the disciples again. We all know the outcome. Thomas touched and believed.

It is staggering to think of the generations before us who built our beautiful churches because they believed, to think of the hands of all those people who did not see Jesus, who did not touch the nail marks, but who still believed.

Some of us take their legacy for granted, figure the church will always be there when we need it. That may not always be true. Thank God for the loyal, dedicated, generous, supporting and prayerful hands of the faithful in Christ.

This reflection on the hands of our Lord Jesus is taken from the gospel accounts of how Jesus touched the untouchables, blessed little children, fed the hungry and healed the deaf and blind. It is dedicated to all those loyal followers of Jesus, who use their gifts and skills to be the hands of Jesus in their community.

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Mark's gospel tells us about a leper who was untouchable. He was declared unclean by the religious leaders, forced to live outside the village, even his own family wanted nothing to do with him. Then one day, one glorious day, he met a man filled only with compassion and love. A man who reached out his hand and touched the one who was untouchable. Jesus reached out his hand and touched the untouchable. Can you imagine how that man must have felt when he saw Jesus reach out his hand and touch him? It was the compassionate hand of God demonstrated for all to see.

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Again, Mark's Gospel weaves a wonderful story about an occasion when Jesus was teaching by the lake and a large crowd gathered around him. Out of the crowd came Jairus, one of the synagogue rulers. On seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." Can you hear his voice? Jesus went with him. Jairus' daughter was only 12 years old.

As Jesus and Jairus walked toward Jairus' house they were surrounded by a large crowd. Jesus felt someone's hand. It was the woman who touched the hem of his garment. She had been sick for 12 years, but she knew in her heart of hearts she would be healed. Jesus turned around, and looked in to the great sea of people and asked "Who touched me?"

His disciples thought he was crazy, the crowd was pushing and shoving all around him, and he wanted to know who touched him? But Jesus knew that this was no ordinary touch — this touch spoke of faith in a God who heals. The woman, hands trembling with fear, spoke up and Jesus commended her for her faith and bid her go in peace. The healing hand of Almighty God.

Then, while Jesus was still speaking, some men came and told Jairus that he need no longer bother Jesus as his daughter had died. Jesus didn't listen to them. He and Jairus went on to Jairus' house where Jesus put everyone except the parents and the three disciples out of the house and told those who were wailing and crying because the girl was dead that she was only sleeping. He went in to the room where the child lay, took her by the hand and told her to get up. Immediately she stood up. Everyone was astonished. Can you picture the faces of the parents? Jesus told them to give the young girl something to eat. The hands of God — the Lord of Life.

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Luke's gospel records how once, when Jesus was passing through a village, some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. They knew Jesus could heal their

friend. Jesus took the man aside, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. Then he looked up to heaven, and with a deep sigh said, "Be opened!"

At once the man's ears were loosened and he began to speak freely. The people were amazed. Jesus need only touch for the deaf to hear and the mute to speak. May God touch your ears that you would hear his Good News, and may the Holy Spirit touch your lips that you might speak of his love, not only for you, but for all people of this world. Remember, he's got the whole world in his hands.

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Mark's gospel carries a wonderful account of Jesus and little children. It reminds me of how essential Sunday school teachers are in helping us to know Jesus.

People came from all over and brought their little children to Jesus to have him touch them. But the disciples scolded the parents for doing this. When he saw this, Jesus was indignant and said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. May you bless a child today.

Then Jesus said to Thomas,

"Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Luke's gospel tells us Jesus was teaching in the synagogue, and there was a woman there who had been crippled for 18 years. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward, and said "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." He put his hand on her and she was immediately able to straighten up. The synagogue ruler was indignant and upset because Jesus healed the woman on a Sabbath.

The elders, chief priests and teachers of the law grew furious with this man who dared lay hands on the untouchable, embraced little children, healed the deaf and the mute. His only enemies were among the religious leaders. However, I also recall how Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, both from among the religious leaders, asked for the body of Jesus and prepared our Lord for burial as they laid him in the tomb. John's Gospel redeems the actions of the religious leaders.

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Our last account comes from the Gospel of John, an almost hilarious story if not for the high stakes. On another Sabbath Jesus came across a man born blind. He took the blind man away from the crowds, spat on the ground and made some mud with his saliva. He touched the man's eyes and

told him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man did and was able to see. The religious leaders were livid. They questioned the man and his family. They were really upset that Jesus broke their religious laws concerning the keeping of the Sabbath. — kind of like the time I omitted the creed on Sunday and there was a posse hanging around after the service wondering why. (Perhaps I should have said a hanging posse.) Anyway, the religious leaders plotted on ways they might kill Jesus. They didn't like the way he was changing things. Do you remember how Jesus earlier predicted that he would be placed into the hands of the elders, chief priest and teachers of the law and that they would kill him?

Do you remember how Judas betrayed Jesus into the hands of his enemies, the religious leaders? Do you remember how Pilate washed his hands of the whole thing and declared that he was "innocent of shedding this man's blood?"

Do you remember how Jesus forgave his enemies from the cross? Do you remember how he cried out to his heavenly Father from the cross, "Into your hands I commit my spirit?" Do you remember how he breathed his last and died for you?

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The Rev. John Cathcart is Warden of Layreaders and rector of Marysville.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Documenting historic churches

Provincial/diocesan program funds experts

Anglican churches in this diocese are a treasure trove of history, culture and art. This kind of richness is easily seen in church buildings like Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton. As a National Historic Site, its rich and irreplaceable heritage is well documented and the structure itself is maintained with a careful eye toward achieving a balance between conservation of its fabric and contents and its function as a place of worship.

It is by no means the only historically significant Anglican church in the province. Some of them have already been recognized as such with a national or provincial historic site designation, but many have not, and many Anglicans are unaware of the historic, cultural and artistic riches in their own churches.

In an effort to accurately and professionally identify and document these valuable attributes the Diocese of Fredericton and the Province of New Brunswick are participating in a pilot project under the national Historic Places Initiative.

Dr. Gregg Finley, a history professor and a professional with experience in writing historical documentation, has been engaged by the program to compile data and write a "Statements of Significance" for each of the 20 churches chosen to participate in the program.

"The Historic Properties Committee of the Diocese had the difficult task of choosing just 20 churches from a long list deemed historically significant



Londonderry Church is one of the historically significant churches to be documented in an historic places project.

based on architectural merit and historical significance," says Dr. Finley. "Wayne Burley and I attempted to include churches from both urban and rural areas in different regions of the province in this list and hope further funding will eventually be available to allow more churches to be studied and written up."

Dr. Finley and Mr. Burley are both members of the Historic Properties Committee and both attend Christ Church Cathedral. Dr. Finley is the author of *On Earth As It Is In Heaven*, a 1995 book on Gothic Revival Churches of Victorian New Brunswick. Mr. Burley is director of the heritage branch the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport.

"The diocese is fortunate to be able to engage an expert of Dr. Finley's calibre," says Mr. Burley. "He has worked with our department before and prepared many Statements of Significance. It is vital to have someone who understands how

important it is to record this material in a standardized way.

"This exercise will increase our awareness and understanding of our historical resources. I also see this as a tool that will better enable us to make wise decisions regarding these properties in the future."

Dr. Finley will make use of a wide range of historical sources to write the Statements of Significance — the extensive holdings of the Diocesan Archives, published and manuscript resources, theses, photographs, and on-site visits. Parishes will benefit from this work through the preparation of well researched, concise statements highlighting the historical and architectural characteristics of their churches.

Copies of the Statements of Significance will be submitted to the Heritage Branch of the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport, the Diocesan Historic Properties Committee and the Diocesan Archives.

Diocesan Resource Centre moves up in the world

BY PAT DRUMMOND

The Resource Centre in Anglican House has a new home. The collection of videos, DVDs, tapes, kits and books is now housed in an attractive setting one flight up from the store. There is a comfortable couch to sit on as you preview a video or select a book to take home, and there are chairs for your children to use as they watch a video, leaving you to browse in peace.

Wonderful resources are available for Bible studies or studies of other aspects of Christianity, including its history. There are Sunday school resources for regular classes as well as for use on special Sundays like Easter, when there is a shortage of teachers but an abundance of children. Personal devotion reading material, entertainment with a Christian theme — the Diocesan Resource Centre has it all.



Dawn Masson spends summers working in the Diocesan Resource Centre.

Soon after Bishop William Hockin's consecration, synod discussed diocesan priorities. The need for a resource centre was identified as one of them. Since its inception the centre has enjoyed a federal grant each summer that pays a student to catalogue and process all the new materials purchased by the Resource Centre Committee.

If you are unable to visit the

Resource Centre in person, the catalogue is available on-line. Find the diocesan web site — <http://anglican.nb.ca>, click on the 'Parishes' tab and then on 'Resource Centre'.

If you don't have Internet access, call Gwen or Cathy at 506/693-2295. Contact me at 506/548-9365 or patd@nb.sympatico.ca if you would like to suggest additional resources.

OBITUARIES

The Rev. Robert James Pratt

The Rev. Robert James Pratt died June 16 at the DVA residence in Fredericton. He was 85.



Born in Waterville, he was the son of the late James and Grace (Neales) Pratt. Mr. Pratt was an Anglican minister in many churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Also he was a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #4, a Priest associate of the Sisterhood of Saint John Divine, a hospital Chaplain in Fredericton; a legion padre; and he worked with Alcoholics Anonymous. Also in his free time he enjoyed gardening and being outside in nature.

He was predeceased by his wife Dorothy Klai. He is

survived by his two children, his son Charles (Linda) of Saint John and a daughter Patricia (Randy) of Alberta, two sisters, Helen Stevenson of Lepreau NB; Edith Giberson of Hartland; one brother Charles Albert Pratt of Woodstock; nine grand children, two great grandchildren and by numerous nieces and nephews plus cousins.

The Rev. Canon David Keirstead, assisted by the Rev. Ian Wetmore, officiated at his funeral at St. Mary's (York) in Fredericton.

The Rev. Montague F. G. Cutts

The Rev. Montague F.G. Cutts, rector of the Parish of St. David and St. Patrick from 1963 until his retirement in 1984, died on May 31 at Rotary Hospice House, Prince George, B.C.

Born in London, England in 1925, he emigrated to Canada as a teenager. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War, graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a B. A. in 1950 and from Huron College with an L.Th. in 1953. He was ordained a deacon by the bishop of Huron in 1953 and priested by the bishop of Ontario the following year. He served two parishes in the Diocese of Ontario and one in the Diocese of Montreal before coming to the Diocese of Fredericton. He retired to British Columbia in 1984.

With the help of his son Steven, Mr. Cutts returned to Charlotte County in 2004 to spend two weeks in the places he loved and with some of the people who were an important part of his life in this region. He went on to visit every other parish he had ever served.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy (née Simpson); his three children: Judith (Gilles), David, and Stephen (Sylvie); grandchildren: Tracy, Daniel (Geneviève), Erik (Amanda), Marie-Chantal (Andres), and Robyn; great-grandson Ayen Claude; and a brother, Raymond (Myrna).

The Canon Drillen Awards

In memory of their founder, Canon Thomas Hubert "Hubie" Drillen, several of the Guilds of St. Joseph in this Diocese are sponsoring awards for members of their parishes who are studying for religious service as ministers, missionaries, directors of religious education, youth leadership or in church music.

Awards will be \$200.00 each and will be granted on a first-come basis to the limit of the funds available for that year. For this year only, the deadline for application will be September 29th. Future years will be August 31st.

Contribution Guilds are those in the Parish es of:

- Fredericton - Christ Church Cathedral
- Douglas & Nashwaaksis - St. John the Evangelist
- Minto & Chipman - St. Michael's
- Lakewood - St. James.

Further details will be found on the Diocese of Fredericton web site <http://anglican.nb.ca> under ADMIN/Financial assistance and Dio Links - Guild of St. Joseph.

LETTERS FROM CAMP

Baptism at Brookwood

It's been an awesome summer at Brookwood. The most awesome event of all was the baptism of Dustin Frederick MacDonald, one of our counselors (we call him Dusty). He made his decision right here at camp, and the

Revs. Doug Painter and Peter Gillies baptized him during week four. In fact, we have seen God's hand upon each and every camper who shared a laugh, a race or a prayer with us.

Brookwood is unique. You won't find any other camp in the province where a little over two dozen kids is a full house! Far from being detrimental to the camp's ministry, the small number of kids allows close friendships to develop and real attention to be given to all the campers, many whom have special needs.

Camp Brookwood has always been a sanctuary to campers and staff who wish to grow in their relationships with others and God.

When we're at camp we're in the heart of northern New Brunswick. Many people have come to know Jesus Christ, or to deepen in their faith, through the fellowship and natural beauty that always accompany a summer at Brookwood.

Anyone who spent time at Brookwood this summer has certainly felt God's presence whether it be during our epic Capture the Flag games, wilderness hikes, campfire shenanigans or nightly Chapel services.

Many of our campers wouldn't have made it here without their parish's sponsorship, so we are very grateful for that support.

We also offer our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors who keep this camp running. It is our hope that Anglicans around the province will realize the importance of continuing to support the vital youth ministry happening at Camp Brookwood.



Andrew Mills

Good, clean/dirty Medley fun

The 2006 camping season at Camp Medley was excellent. We were blessed with beautiful weather almost the entire time and hundreds of happy campers experienced our program this summer. Many of our

campers enjoyed themselves so much they returned for a second and sometimes even a third camp.

This summer we were again able to host 18 campers sponsored through the Lung Association of New Brunswick. The week went very well and there were no asthma "flare-ups" among the campers. Camp Medley also

received a brief appearance on the CBC and Global television stations for its participation in the asthma camp. We are very proud to facilitate such an important camp that fosters an increased awareness of asthma among those with and without the condition.

No part of this youth ministry would be possible without the help and support of the staff, volunteers, and friends of Camp Medley. I would like to thank everyone whose efforts made this summer's camping season a success.

Camp Medley is a team-based ministry where it is essential for each member to do his or her part. It is only through this approach that Camp Medley's mission can be fulfilled. Thanks to the efforts of a wide range of people, children are growing in their faith and acquiring life-skills. Young adults are



also getting the opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills that will serve themselves (and the church) well for a lifetime.

Michael Caines

Faith for a lifetime — the Camps Capital Campaign update

Can we build it? YES WE CAN!

Construction of the new main hall at Camp Medley begins this month!

The campaign total at press time was \$372,311.24 — more than 37 percent of our goal, thanks to recent donations totaling \$2,230

Thanks to all those who continue to send their \$20 contributions in the envelope provided in the June New Brunswick Anglican.

• How about becoming one of our \$1,000 donors? It only costs the price of a coffee a day.

• Have you considered a campaign gift in memory of a loved one?

Let me show you how, and answer any questions you may have about the campaign.

Plan to attend the Bishop's Dinner near you — all funds to the Camps Medley and Brookwood campaign.

Fredericton Oct. 11,
Saint John/Kingston Oct. 18
St Andrew's Nov. 1
Chatham Nov. 8
Moncton Nov. 15
Woodstock Nov. 22

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment with fellow Christians in your own area.

As we celebrate 60 successful camping years at Camp Medley and look forward to a 40th successful season at Camp Brookwood next year —

Let's support our youth camps!

Peter Irish
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NEWS

People across the diocese walk to defeat AIDS

This summer, as Bishop Claude Miller symbolically walked the 500 km width of our diocese to raise money to fight the AIDS epidemic, especially in Africa, the people of the diocese walked along with him. Together they will contribute to the bishop's \$50,000 goal. The money will be presented to Primate's World Relief and Development officials when they gather in Fredericton for a regional meeting on Oct. 13 and 14 (see the story below for full details.)

As reported in the June issue of the New Brunswick Anglican, octogenarians in the Parish of Kingston inspired others to take up the cause. Heather Carr, national president of the ACW took up the challenge on May 8. She walks 5 km each day with the financial support of many individuals in her parish and from around the diocese.

The people of Holy Trinity in

Nasonworth (Parish of New Maryland) walked on Father's Day. They came in to Fredericton and walked along the beautiful St. John River.

On June 25, the people of the Parish of Hammond River walked 2.5 km from their church to the Nauwigewauk Hall following the 11 a.m. service. They raised money, enjoyed lunch, low-fat smoothies and a health fair too.

On June 26 the Rev. Elaine Hamilton and theological intern Jen Bourque in the parishes of Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury and Southampton walked from St. John's Church in Nackawic to St. Luke's Church in Temperance Vale. They also distributed red ribbons in support of the AIDS cure and asked parishioners for donations.

The people of the Parish of Nerepis and the St. John spread their walking out over the

summer in an attempt to walk the 163 km circumference of their parish.

The people of Saint George's, Bathurst, supported the Bishop's Walk for HIV-AIDS on New Brunswick Day, August 7. Participants had a choice of a short or long walk and everyone enjoyed an end-of-walk barbecue at the church.

People in the Parish of Chatham gathered at the high school track and field venue on Aug. 26. They gathered pledges in advance for their walk, which was part of a parish family fun day with a barbecue and other refreshments. All the proceeds went to the Bishop's Walk.

The Deanery of Woodstock will support the Bishop's Walk for AIDS on Sept. 16 with a 7 km walk from Christ's Church in Lower Woodstock to St. Luke's in Woodstock. Every parish in the deanery will be represented.



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The people of Holy Trinity in Nasonworth participated in the Bishop's Walk for AIDS relief on Father's Day and raised more than \$850. Among the walkers were two-year-old Noah Baird-Brewer and five-year-old Erin Sisk.

CHAMPS FROM UGANDA



The boys and girls football (soccer) teams at Bishop McAllister School in Uganda recently completed their most successful seasons ever. The boys team went as far as representing Uganda in the East Africa Games. The Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries, principal of the school, is back here in his own diocese this month speaking to groups and individuals about the school which this diocese supports so faithfully in so many ways.

African guests at PWRDF regional meeting in Fredericton

Christine Kilipamwambu from the Diocese of Ruaha in Tanzania, will tell delegates to the Province of Canada regional meeting of PWRDF about the success of a sustainable development project in her country that has been supported by our Anglican Church international development agency for more than 10 years.

Africa is the focus of the Oct. 13-14 meeting at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton, which will also hear from PWRDF development coordinator Zaida Bastos. She will offer delegates from the dioceses of Montreal, Quebec, Nova Scotia/PEI, Fredericton, and the three Newfoundland and Labrador dioceses an overview of the fund's HIV/AIDS efforts. Proceeds of Bishop Claude Miller's Walk for AIDS will also be presented to PWRDF at this meeting.

Christine will remain in the diocese the week following the meeting and is available to parishes who organize special services or events. Please contact Betty McNamara, bm@nbnet.nb.ca/506-327-6524, to

schedule an event or to volunteer to billet delegates.

PWRDF parish reps, youth members, clergy and anyone else interested in the work of the Primate's Fund is invited to attend this regional meeting. It is a golden opportunity to learn how, through PWRDF, your parish ministry extends to various regions and shares in the creation of a more just and peaceful world. In joy and struggle, the Primate's Fund engages in development work, responds to emergencies, works to protect refugees and educates and advocates for change.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Yvonne Lane, ylane@pwrdf.org/416-924-9199 ext. 316. Travel funds are available from PWRDF.

Fredericton area billets are required for out-of-province delegates as well as for New Brunswick parish representatives who must travel a long distance.

Please consider a house guest for a night or two and show off our New Brunswick hospitality. Contact Betty McNamara at bm@nbnet.nb.ca/506-327-6524 if you can help.

Kairos regional AGM in Tatamagouche will focus on Water: Life Before Profit campaign

The annual regional meeting of Kairos will be held at the Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

This meeting is an opportunity for those interested in this ecumenical partnership working to promote human

rights, justice and peace, viable human development, and ecological justice to get connected with their social justice colleagues throughout the Atlantic provinces.

A Friday evening orientation will help newcomers to feel comfortable and get the most

out of the weekend. Please indicate upon registration if you plan to attend this session. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable clothes for the weekend.

Kairos intends to continue its Water: Life Before Profit campaign in the coming year

and will look at the responsibilities of governments, industries and individuals. Exciting new education and action materials will be available at the Annual Regional Meeting.

Registration for the meeting is just \$65 and is subsidized by

Kairos: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.

Register through Tim Devlin at (506) 466-4685 or devlin@nbnet.nb.ca.

Further information is available on the Kairos website kairosatlantic.chebucto.org/

NEWS

Fredericton women witness historic US events

Heather Carr of Stanley, Canadian president of Anglican Church Women (ACW) and Kathleen Snow of Fredericton, Canadian president of Mothers' Union (MU) were invited guests to the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) Triennial Conference in Columbus, Ohio in June. The ECW conference is planned in conjunction with the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA) Triennial Conference (equivalent to our triennial meetings of General Synod.). That meeting elected the first woman presiding bishop in the history of ECUSA.

Heather Carr's triennial journal

Monday June 12: Each day began with Eucharist in the great hall. On this first day I was amazed at the number of people in attendance — upwards of 4,000, mostly here for the General Convention, a few hundred for the ECW meetings. It was a blessed way to start each day.

Tuesday, June 13 through Friday, June 16: These days were devoted to business. The opening celebration featured a colourful procession of the national ECW executive and the triennial theme of "Live In The Light" was reflected with the lighting of candles at each table.

The Rev. Barbara Cawthorne of St. Clements, Manhattan, spoke at the welcoming banquet. This award-winning author, actress, director and radio personality was a chaplain at Ground Zero during 9/11. The shocking details were vivid and heart wrenching.

The Very Rev. Marilyn Engstrom, conference chaplain, delivered an encouraging message each day. Her stories were of a mythical "Razor City" in Wyoming, where the Black Mountains meet the Blue Clouds.

We learned "Live In The Light", a song written for the conference by Horace Boyer, the well-known conference musician.

Bishop Geralyn Wolf of Rhode Island and author of *Down And Out in Providence*, spoke to us about her 30-day sabbatical as a homeless person named Alice.

Phoebe Griswold, wife of Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, spoke of her years of work for women in the Episcopal Church.

The Bishops of the Mississippi and Louisiana spoke together of the devastation of Katrina and work that still needs to be done. At the suggestion of our Chaplain we took up a collection, which the ECW matched, and presented \$10,000 to their cause.

Some of the young people participating in the General Convention spoke of their hopes for the future of young people in the Episcopal Church. They showed a maturity that can only come from a strong faith.

We attended an Integrity Service at Trinity Episcopal Church with Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire as the guest preacher. I had never heard of or attended one of these services and had no idea until after the service began that this was a service dedicated to gays and lesbians. It was a beautiful service and Bishop Robinson delivered a very heart warming homily. I was particularly struck by his comment that we should focus on important issues, like war in the east, the homeless and hungry, hurricanes and tsunamis and just love each other and let God do the rest.

Friday evening we had dinner out and returned to an ECW evening of entertainment featuring jazz singer Brenda Williams.



Heather Carr (left) had the honour to meet Bishop Kathryn Schori, newly elected Presiding Bishop of ECUSA.

Saturday, June 17: We were invited to the ecumenical and special guests breakfast with the national executive where we were presented with souvenir trivets imprinted with the conference logo. Later, with 8,500 others, we attended the United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering and Eucharist. The afternoon was free so we went to Easton Village, had lunch at the Cheesecake Factory and shopped.

Sunday, June 18: Speakers at the UTO breakfast gave us insight into its amazing work. It was followed by the Sunday service. That day Bishop Kathryn Schori was elected new Presiding Bishop (equivalent of our Primate), she will be inducted on Nov. 4 in Washington. The elections caused quite a stir to say the least and so the Open Forum for the Anglican guest was unable to be held.

Sunday through Tuesday was filled with workshops. We attended two each day. They were all informative and interesting, the facilitators were well set-up and prepared.

Monday evening, June 19: Attended "A One Women Play, The Life of Katie Stanton" sponsored by the Episcopal Women's Caucus. It profiled the life and work from 1848 until 1902 of activist Katie Stanton. Following the play I attended a reception for Bishop Katherine Schori where I had the pleasure of being introduced had my picture taken with her.

Tuesday, June 20: We were presented with beautiful Austrian crystal crosses blessed by Bishop Griswold. We were also treated to the beautiful voice of Elizabeth Von Trapp, the granddaughter of the famed Baron and Maria Von Trapp who fled Austria at the beginning of the Second World War and immigrated to Vermont where many of the family still reside today.

Wednesday, June 21: The closing ceremonies were very emotional, like the exhibit "Eyes Wide Open" that brought home the destruction and devastation of the war in Iraq. The entire ECW conference was overwhelming. I met wonderful women from all across United States and England that I will never forget. I thank God and the ACW for this experience.

Kathleen Snow's Columbus experience

I was honoured with the opportunity to meet so many other Anglican men and women from the United States and other parts of the world, but I must admit that beyond expecting guest speakers, elections, workshops, and discussions of the Windsor Report, I really didn't know what to expect.

From the beginning, though, I was struck by a growing sense of love and reconciliation. I felt surrounded by it, as I was surrounded by the 4,000 people with whom I shared Eucharist each day. As Anglicans we sang, prayed, and shared bread and wine together. Following the sermon we had 10 minutes of "table talk" to discuss and answer questions concerning the theme of the service. It was a time of prayer, celebration, and reconciliation with a sense of goodwill around the tables. Opinions differed, but individuals listened respectfully to one another. I never had the sense anyone had an agenda or was trying to push the envelope. There was a sense of invoking the Holy Spirit, and moving to a place where He would take us.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Eucharist was a wonderful celebration of the mission work that ECW and ECUSA do within the United States and around the world. Because I am so involved in MU and the worldwide mission work that we do, I found this service particularly meaningful. Members of ECW make donations as a form of thanksgiving to God for the blessings bestowed upon them. I was amazed at the amounts of the donations they give to countries around the world. We heard stories of schools and health clinics being funded by UTO, and of funds given to many dioceses and mission personnel outside the US.

Another highlight of the trip was the Integrity Service. Which Heather and I attended with the Rev. Canon Alice Medcof, a Canadian member of the International Anglican Women's Network. There were many different Anglicans there from all walks of life (young, old, lesbians, gays, heterosexuals); people curious like us and hoping to hear Bishop Gene Robinson speak. Trinity Church was overflowing, and Heather, Alice and I had to worship in the basement with 150 people cramped into a very small space. The video and sound systems were not good, but there was a sense that we all wanted to be part of the service and worship together.

When the time came to take up the offering, it was collected in a roasting pan and a soup pot. There was a sense of community in that basement; a sense of the "have-nots" wanting to be part of the larger worship. At the time of the communion, I was anticipating moving upstairs to the main church to receive communion. We were informed that Eucharistic Ministers would be serving us communion in the



Kathleen Snow (centre) with Susan Wilson, a World Wide MU Trustee (left) and the Rev. Canon Alice Medcof, a Canadian member of the International Anglican Women's Network.

basement. We were a bit let down, but imagine our surprise when Bishop Robinson came down with the bread and served each one of us.

Spontaneous Taizé-like chanting began, and there was a sense of reconciliation in that room. We had differences of opinion, some far apart, and yet there was a sense of us coming together to share in this most important sacrament. Bishop Robinson stated in his sermon that we already have God's love; all we are asked to do in return is to love anyway and then trust God to do the rest.

Susan Wilson (World Wide MU Trustee) also attended the Triennial and we spent much of our time talking with others about MU in Canada and around the world, and connecting with MU members in the States. We also shared the work of MU with many of the ECW ladies who were unfamiliar with the society. Our special focus on marriage and family life was very inviting to them. MU USA is planning a General Meeting in August and several Lone Members scattered across the country are now planning to attend.

The Triennial was a mixture of many things; there was worry, there was fear, there were differing opinions, but there was also hope and anticipation mixed in as well. Bonnie Anderson was elected as the next president of the House of Bishops; Katharine Jefferts Schori was elected as the new Presiding Bishop. This wasn't planned or anticipated. People were surprised at the outcome.

In closing, the scripture below represents the sense that I had in attending the meeting ... the sense of love for one another, of letting the Holy Spirit guide the deliberations, and of celebrating the work of the Anglican community within and outside of America.

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Ephesians 4:15

NEWS

Knowledge is essential in order to fulfil our baptismal ministry

by Joan Teed

Bishop Ann Tottenham has no use for an insipid church full of people being nice and talking about being nicer tomorrow and the next day. She works toward a compassionate, educated church filled with people whose actions speak louder than words — people who don't wait for others to approach them with their needs — people with some knowledge of theology who identify needs then go out and meet them. It's a theology of passion and action, and it's a message she brought to DNS 2006 held in Fredericton in June.

The retired suffragan bishop of Toronto and present assistant bishop of Niagara is committed to Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC) and attempted to wake up all of us at DNS to the fact that education is part of the real meaning of what we personally profess through our own Anglican baptism. "We should be living and teaching a more active and deeper faith if we believe in the crucifixion," she says. "Biblical knowledge is in serious decline and people are shockingly ill-informed, and not just in the younger generations. When I spoke about incarnation recently one woman asked 'where does reincarnation fit in?' Where do you start when the gap is that vast? Hinduism is a much later lecture!"

She doesn't relegate the responsibility of education to clergy. God-talk and God-think are at the heart of the baptismal ministry, it's the job for all of us to think and talk



Bishop Ann Tottenham (left) of Toronto was keynote speaker at the June 2006 DNS weekend held in Fredericton. She is shown here in front of the DNS banner with organizers Jean and David Wilson from the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John.

like Christians. The lack of knowledge leads to the kind of fantasy we see in *The da Vinci Code*, which many people without fundamental Christian information accept as truth. With insufficient information we can't even talk like Christians, let alone act like Christians.

Some cultures are oral and many people are illiterate, so they have no Bibles. Some countries with no surviving clergy ordain those with no training.

"In order to develop decimated African countries, TEAC asked what people need to know to qualify for clergy education. What does the clergy need to be able to do? How do we develop these abilities? The answers boiled down to a need for a clear head,

politics, the rage inspired by huge global economic disparities.

"Moderate Islam believes strongly in education, whereas we seem apathetic," says Bishop Ann.

"Theology sounds abstract, seems unimportant, there is an anti-intellectualism around. But there is a huge hunger out there if you can get your idea or concept to relate to people's lives."

She believes incarnational (action) theology must be rooted in people's lives, not just in a church building once a week.

Travelling in Africa she visited HIV/AIDS clinics and educational centres with the terribly poor. At one centre she asked a Roman Catholic nun how she rationalized her distribution of condoms in contravention of her church's beliefs.

"You must deal with people where they are, not where you want them to be," replied the nun.

Theology must be rooted in the complexity of people's lives because Jesus taught us to be his incarnational church — his body in the world.

That kind of church is exciting and alive.

willing hands and a heart for information (knowledge, skills, values).

"So we adopted an outcomes-based training system. Attitudes and values are taught because what we do sometimes speaks so loudly others can't hear what we're saying."

As a primitive example she cited the minister who held a barely blown-out match against a child's skin to teach what sin feels like. In North America actions of sexual misconduct shout volumes. "So we teach best practices and examine ethics daily."

She spoke of the many forces in the world against God's church — repressive fundamentalist regimes abound, secularism and group-think undermine morality and

Coming Events

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Kingston & the Kennebecasis Deanery ACW
Thursday, Sept. 28
St. Paul's Church
486 Kennebecasis River Road

Hampton
Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.
Guest Speaker:
The Rev. Paul Jeffries

The 49th Annual Meeting Shediac Deanery ACW
Wednesday, Oct. 11
St. John the Baptist Riverview.
Registration begins at 9 a.m.
Lunch is provided at \$10 per person.

Fredericton/York Annual ACW Deanery Meeting
St. Mark's Church #4223, Highway 101 Tracy
Thursday, Oct. 12
Registration beginning at 9 a.m.
Special speaker at about 1:30 p.m.
The Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries
Please advise Lois Baker of your attendance by Oct. 3
Visitors welcome to come and hear Canon Jeffries.



ACW Christmas Bazaar
Christ Church (Parish) Church
Fredericton
Saturday, Nov. 4
12:30 - 3 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar
Chicken Casserole Luncheon
St. Peter's Church Hall
2385 Woodstock Road
Fredericton
Sponsored by St. Peter's ACW
11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4

Pre-Advent Retreat in Miramichi
Bishop William Hockin will conduct a pre-Advent retreat at the Rodd Inn, Miramichi on Saturday, Nov. 25. He will feature three talks under the title *The Bethlehem Advantage*: The Gabriel Code; The Gospel of the Second Chance; and Spirituality with Legs. Music by "New Hope." The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end around 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, lunch included. Cost: \$25

SUCCESSFUL CLERGY COLLEGE



Above are some members of the 2006 Clergy College held in Fredericton in June. They are seen here with Bishop Claude Miller (centre front). To the left of the bishop is speaker Scott

Gibson, director of the center for preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

COLUMNS

We make disciples when we care for others

Jesus' call to us at the end of the Gospel of Matthew is the Great Commission — "go out, to preach the gospel and make disciples."

In *Leadership Next*, Eddie Gibbs says the making of disciples is more than a mere slogan, that Jesus' concept of "love your neighbor as yourself" extends beyond our family, friends and tribe. For Jesus and his disciples the question was not "Who is my neighbor?" but "To whom can I become a good neighbor?"

Sometimes we think bringing people to church and introducing them to Jesus is sufficient to fulfil our responsibility, but discipleship is not a calling to lead people to a one-time experience; it is a lifetime-call to teaching, nurturing, caring, role-modeling and building relationships, and mentoring people outside of our usual relationship experiences.

Mentoring is the most effective way to help people in today's culture come to know and deepen their relationship with the risen Christ. This way of leading people to Jesus is time consuming and energy draining, requires honesty, humility, a deep respect for the person.

In this diocese we have seen



the fruits of those kinds of relationships in young people in ministry. They do more than lead snack or craft time, they teach and lead worship!

Mentors are there in the laughter and the tears, take the time to discuss both personal and spiritual issues. Mentoring is standing together, supporting one another in every aspect of life.

The making of disciples is not a go-it-alone experience. It is learning through relationship and community. Jesus rarely taught in the synagogue, he was out and about with his disciples, teaching them through their life experiences as opportunities arose.

God is with us at every twist and turn along this road we travel together. In the process of being in the world and making disciples, there will be times when we will feel battered and bruised. Life is often painful but God is at the very centre, grieving with us in our pain and laughing with us is our joy. He says, "Come, to me, all you who are weary, and

I will give you rest".

Who is called to share the message that God is in the midst of our times of grief, pain and joy?

We all are. The church must be a place where we can come

for healing and nurture as well as for teaching.

Maya Angelou, a poet I love and admire, sums it up well. "In the face of such uncertainty believe in these two things — you are stronger

than you think, and you are not alone."

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Last spring Sherry Brewer's Sunday school class at St. Paul's, Zealand planted flowers for seniors and retiring teachers. Sherry says "the expressions on the seniors' faces was priceless." From left to right (back) are Roy Staples, Ryan Staples, Delaney Bird, Melissa Wilson, Haley Phillips. In front is Alexandria Kervin.

Diocese of Fredericton

Christian Education Conference

Saturday Sept. 30

Christ Church (Parish) Church
245 Westmorland St., Fredericton
Worship, workshops, networking.

Workshops include: Creating your own Programs; Encouragement Ministry; Easter and our Anglican Heritage; Confirmation Education through Mentoring and Relationship Building.

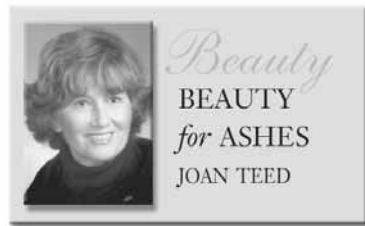
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Don't confuse self-regard with selfishness

Unless we have a strong love of self there can be little love for others or for God. Developing this self is the work of a life time. That is the message Bishop Ann Tottenham — Bishop Ann — brought to those who attended DNS in Fredericton last June.

The retired suffragan bishop of Toronto who now serves as assistant bishop in Niagra says we worship a triune God and have an ongoing and developing relationship between God (and his creation), self and community, another triune. Self-regard (not to be confused with selfishness) is a basic bedrock strength, without which the personal spirit is unable to reach out in either loving worship or compassionate empathy to others. The health of the community is built on this strength of self in each individual.

She remembers that British children were taught not to be pleased with themselves, told they should be seen and not heard, told not to



boast if they ever succeeded. Many children continue to be reared by well-meaning parents who damage emerging self-esteem with either too much or too little praise. There are also legions of children suffering outright abuse. Psychologists say that more than 90 per cent of all homes in North America are dysfunctional so most of us are in recovery from our past just beginning to develop ourselves.

According to Bishop Ann, many people try to escape their weak selves with perfectionism and over-control (my topic in the June edition of this newspaper). They tend to judge or blame others — like the bishop, or the system. They believe "it could

never be my fault." Some even blame God and try to negotiate their way into better situations with promises like, "this year in Lent I'll love or pray for forty days." This is the perfectionist approach, trying to do more in one's own strength.

Perfectionists believe they must earn God's grace, that if they try harder and pray more they will be loved more. The weaker their sense of self, the more judgmental they are of others.

Contrast their few days of effort with claiming an identity with God and in God, which belongs to the beginning, the middle and the end of life. Claiming the real, relaxed, deep self and moving out of the "control" mind-set. This requires great courage and perseverance, says Bishop Ann. She recommends reading and meditating on Scripture along with an on-going process of self-understanding with feedback from trusted others so we do not delude ourselves.

Our goal is the peace of God achieved with

prayer, which should be an exercise like going to the gym — a regular discipline for our health. This provides the peace and holds the key for the disposition of the heart. Our worth is tied up in what is important to us, said Bishop Ann.

If pride is most important to us then we are unable to let go of being right. With our defenses up, our prayer is not about letting God take control, but about petitioning God to work under our control. Little peace is found. Peace comes from the attitude of heart and the strength of self of which Bishop Ann spoke.

She eschews the message of the Christian faith that says it is necessary to lose your life in order to gain it. You must be able to say no before your yes is truly free. There must be a self to do the loving. Some clergy use the gospel of submission to deny women the possibility of self-growth. We all need some approval, but if we are afraid to stand up for our beliefs, if we laugh at bad jokes or if we are unable to say no, we have work to do.

When we strive for perfection we will fail because we have only our own measly strength. We do need a strong sense of self and to work on personal healing in God's love, but it is not until we let Jesus take control of our lives that we succeed.

Made new in Christ Jesus we are in sync with his ways and his heart. This is the paradox of being Christian, the hard way is the only easy one. We obtain freedom and new life through love both for and by Jesus.

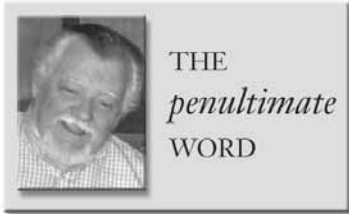
The sinful soul I am, I will have to relinquish control to Jesus again and again. Like Peter, the Rock, who denied him and asked for forgiveness, I will do it knowing he loves me always.

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Generations of faithful encouragement

BY JIM IRVINE

Journeys succeed each other and accumulate like generations, between the grandson you were and the grandfather you will be, what father will you have been. Therefore the journey, however futile, is necessary.
 Jos Saramago, *The Stone Raft* page 222



you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation."

Standing at the font I knew that eagles' wings had brought us to this holy place and that faithfulness to God's covenant ensured that Isaac was God's treasured possession. I held in my arms my grandson, grafted into a priestly kingdom, indeed a citizen of a holy nation!

This activity was not isolated in a solitary event. Others shared this time and space: Janhea, Keagan and Johnathan likewise were signed and sealed as Isaac was, and marked Jesus' own, forever. The breadth demands our peripheral vision while at the same time ensuring a depth of our faith reaching back ... as far ahead of my spiritual birth as I am able to reach after, and hold my grandson.

Every generation takes this journey. Faithfulness encourages each successive generation, assuring each one of God's promise of hope. Saramago's indictment, "what father will you have been," challenges me to ensure that hope in God's covenant promise is clearly stated. The challenge extends to me as the male parent of my own children, now grown. It extends to me as well as the priest I am who has come to be known generally as Father Jim. I am reminded that as a father I need to be conscious of my role in encouraging people in their faith. I am aware that a parent enables children to become adult in their faith. Knowing my failures, I have learned to allow failures in others and enable them to recognize hope, forgiveness and love in the midst of the damndest things.

I've learned, too, that I am not alone in this. Men across this diocese, in holy orders and otherwise, need to recognize the accumulation of preceding generations, as well as the contribution our current generation makes, as an investment in the regeneration belonging to Isaac, Janhea, Keagan and Johnathan.

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Albert was his name. I didn't know him by name; in fact, I didn't know him at all. As a grandson I was unknown to him. He died before my father escaped his teens. The endearing terms of generations were unknown to me; I know only his name.

But his name, Albert, is the touchstone allowing five generations to penetrate the depth of our faith journey. Let me explain.

This summer I stood at the font where I was baptized 61 years ago. On this occasion I baptized my grandson, Isaac. As I cradled Isaac in the crook of my arm and leaned over the edge of the font, I revisited a familiar space, a space now layered by five generations. John Vernon Young baptized my grandfather at this font. He baptized my father Theodore here as well.

Here I was made a child of God, a member of Christ and an inheritor of the kingdom. The grandson of Albert, now as the grandfather of Isaac, I stood at this fountain of living water to reach beyond my grandson, cup the water and bring it to his forehead.

I'm just a beginning grandfather. "Grampy" is a moniker I will find more comfortable with use. From Albert to Isaac, five generations have stood, as Albert and Theodore stood, or have been held in the curve of an arm as I and Isaac were in our turn. And we all four met here at the portal of the Kingdom.

Jos Saramago grasped the depth of the successive layering of generations sharing a journey, separated in time but united in purpose. The faith of our actions reached beyond my arm cupping living water and penetrated the depth of five generations. This was holy time, and this is holy space.

The five books of Moses present us with the primeval journey that is at the heart of all spiritual quests. "I bore you on eagles' wings," the Lord God tells Moses, "and brought you to myself." A journey from the oppression of slavery led to a promise made in a wilderness: "Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant,

INTERCESSIONS

September

¶24: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Most Rev. Donald Leo Mtetemela, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Ruaha. The Primate and Council of General Synod, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Church of the Northern Apostles, the Ven. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard) & lay ministry team, Mal Malloch, Sarah Usher, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶25: Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Gordon Thompson. The Ven. Karl McLean, (on leave) Archdeacon to Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada.

¶26: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Isabel Cutler parish nurse, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistant.

¶27: Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, the Rev. Gregory McMullin. Betty McNamara, PWRDF co-ordinator.

¶28: Parish of Dalhousie, (open incumbency).

¶29: Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls, , The Rev. Ellen Cuurtis. Steve Golding-Page, Wycliffe.

¶30: Parish of Derby & Blackville, the Rev. Douglas Barrett.

October

¶1: PRAY for The Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala. Council of

the North, Diocese of Athabasca, the Most Rev. John Clarke and Synod office staff. Diocese of Yukon, Mayo - St. Mary with St. Mark, the Rev. Susan Titterington, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶2: Parish of Dorchester & Sackville, the Rev. Kevin Stockall. The Rev. Dr. David Mercer.

¶3: Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, the Rev. Canon William MacMullin.

¶4: Parish of East Saint John, the Rev. Robyn Cuming. Archbishop Harold Nutter (retired).

¶5: Parish of Fredericton, the Ven. John Sharpe, the Rev. Joyce Perry, Deacon.

¶6: Parish of Fredericton Junction, (Open incumbency).

¶7: Parish of Gagetown, the Rev. Gerald Laskey.

¶8: PRAY for The Episcopal Church in the USA. The Katherine Jefferts Schlori Presiding Bishop-elect of The Episcopal Church in the USA.

Diocese of Yukon, Pelly Crossing - St. James the Lord's Brother, Deacon Walter Majola & Olga Majola, Betty Joe, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶9: Parish of Gondola Point, the Rev. George Eves. The Rev. John Organ, CFB Gagetown.

¶10: Parish of Grand Manan, the

Rev. Dana Dean.

¶11: Parish of Hammond River, the Rev. Peter Gillies. The Rev. David Perks (on leave).

¶12: Parish of Hampton, the Rev. Leo Martin.

¶13: Parish of Hardwicke, the Rev. Don Hamilton. Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan

¶14: Parish of Kent, the Rev. John Pearce, priest-in-charge.

¶15: PRAY for The Church in Wales, the Most Rev. Dr. Barry Cennydd Morgan Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff.

Diocese of Yukon, Dawson City - St. Paul, Moosehide - St. Barnabas, the Klondike Creeks, the Dempster Highway, the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, Deacon Percy Henry, the Ven. Ken Snider, honorary assistant, Mabel Henry, Shirley Pennell, licensed lay ministers, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶16: Parish of Kingston, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc. The Rev. Les Petrie (retired).

¶17: Parish of Lakewood, the Rev. Canon Douglas Patstone.

¶18: Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen. The Rev. David Plumer (retired).

¶19: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. Andrew Fraser.

¶20: Parish of McAdam, the Rev. Paul Donison. Kevin Frankland, Atlantic School of Theology.

¶21: Parish of Madawaska. (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry) the Rev. Fran Bedell, deacon-in-charge.

ARCHIVES CORNER

The short life of the church in Foley Brook

At the 1907 meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, the Rev. C.E. Maimann, presenting his final report as the Rector of the Parish of Drummond, reflected on his accomplishments there: "At Foley Brook, where for many years we held services in an old log school house, the congregation now worships in a stone church. The foundation stone was laid on July 18, 1905 ... and on St. Stephen's Day (December 26th), the first service, with celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, was held ... From log schoolhouse to a stone church is quite a transformation in a back-woods mission. ... September 26th 1906, his Lordship the Bishop of Quebec, by invitation of the Bishop of Fredericton, confirmed 27 candidates in the Church of Our Saviour. The Bishop also baptized two adults, young persons from Lake Edward."

In the 1920s and 1930s, services were held irregularly at Foley Brook. At the annual meeting in January 1931, the rector referred to its dangerous condition as "almost beyond repair and should be condemned as unfit for holding service." Though no record of its deconsecration (or consecration for that matter) has been found, the last service recorded in the vestry book was an Evensong at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, 1933.

Carolyn Howlett of New Maryland noted that the Church of Our Saviour was in use for only about 20 years as the inferior foundation was not suitable for severe New Brunswick winters. By the 1940s, "Our Saviour" was in ruins. Windows had to be removed at that point and one of them was placed in St. Paul's Church in Limestone Siding, also in the Parish of Drummond, now Parish of Denmark.



On Sept. 26 1906 the Bishop of Quebec, by invitation of the Bishop of Fredericton confirmed 27 young people at the Church of Our Saviour in Foley Brook. This church, which closed in 1933, was unknown to the Diocesan Archives until recently. If you have histories or photographs of churches or halls that have disappeared without information preserved at the Archives, please contact the archivists.

The Church of Our Saviour has long since been torn down and until this photo was sent to the Archives, we had no knowledge of its existence. How many other Anglican churches or halls have disappeared without information preserved at the Diocesan Archives?

If you have any such photographs and/or histories, please forward them to the Diocesan Archives. Originals will be returned, if requested. Electronic transfer documents are also welcomed. *The Archives Corner is prepared by Twila Buttmer (Twila.Buttmer@gnb.ca or 506-453-4306) and Frank Morehouse (frankm@nbnet.nb.ca or 506-459-3637).*

YOUTH

POST-MODERN WELCOME



Nicholas and Aiden Ingalls, sons of the Rev. Ranall Ingalls, rector of the Parish of Stanley, created a unique Lego-man to welcome people to church.

FOND FAREWELL



ANA WATTS

Youth group members at Christ Church (Parish) Church lined up to bid a fond farewell to Captain Bonnie Hunt (second from right) during a going away party held in her honour during the summer. She now serves in a parish in Alberta.

New GYM
design

This fall Growing Youth Ministry (GYM) classes will focus on a single topic and present its hands-on, day-long workshops throughout the diocese.

The theme is *From Awful to AWE-full* and will help you determine the gifts and passions of those who relate to, and minister with, young people. Then it will help you build a relational youth ministry, including the part young people themselves might play in its leadership and design.

Registration is \$20 and covers resource materials and occasional special speakers. Get workshop details from george.porter@anglican.nb.ca. Register through elizabeth.harding@anglican.nb.ca. Or call 506/459-1801 and ask for George or Liz.

GYM Classes for Fall 2006

Sept. 23

St. Mary's Chatham

Oct. 28

St. Luke's, Woodstock

Nov. 18

Trinity Church, Saint John.

Cathedral Youth
Service

September 17

6:30 p.m.

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I'm curious, George ...

Why spend money on youth mission trips?

Every time I start talking about youth missions, the issue of how much money it costs for a group to go comes up. Why spend so much money taking young people on these trips? Couldn't the money be better used by the local people if we just sent it to them?

It's a legitimate question. Undoubtedly it costs money to take young people on even relatively short mission trips, and *sometimes* it *would* be better for the local people to just have the money to use. *Sometimes* we *should* collect money that is just sent somewhere, like we are doing with Bishop Claude's Walk for AIDS Relief or collections for disaster relief.

There are other times, however, when we *should* spend the money for the trips. I think of the time when a woman broke a jar of



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very expensive perfume over Jesus feet and wiped them with her hair. The others complained because the money from the sale of this perfume could have been well used otherwise. They were right; it could have. Jesus didn't quite look at it this way. He saw this woman's heart of devotion, worship and love. Some things are valuable beyond monetary considerations.

The people in the Diocese of Cuba told me when I was planning the C2C Tour that they really were much more interested in having the chance to build relationships

with our young people than they were in our money or work. They are not a wealthy diocese. They could certainly have used the money and used it well, but they, like Jesus, put priority on relationships. Their invitation for us to come back again wasn't to get us to work there as much as to build friendships and to share fellowship with other Christians.

There are children in schools, a hospital and an orphanage in Belize that were touched deeply by the Puppeteers about a year ago. They could certainly have used money, but the personal touch meant even more to them. Would the people with AIDS in New York City rather have had a cheque or the touch of the actual young people who went?

For those who go, there is

nothing I know of more valuable. In all my years of youth ministry I've seen things happen on youth mission trips that I haven't seen happen any other way. It's a catalyst and accelerator in the growth process as faithful followers of Jesus.

If our mission as a diocese is truly 'the making of disciples,' I can't think of many other things that we can do to better fulfill this among our young people. I've facilitated many youth mission trips, and I have only one real regret: that I never encouraged my own children to go when they were young.

The Rev. Dr. George Porter is diocesan Canon for Youth and director of youth action.

"Remember now the Creator
in the days of your youth..." —Ecclesiastes 12:1

emergent

