



HISTORIC HOME: Bishophurst has been the official residence of the Bishop of Algoma since 1876. It cost \$6,500 to build. The benefactor was Baroness Burdett Coutts, a close friend of Queen Victoria.

An annual tradition brings many to historic Bishophurst

By the Most Rev. Anne Germond

The following article was prepared for guests who attended the New Year's Day levee at Bishophurst. For many years, Erin Hernden and members of the 'Junior Auxiliary' from St. Luke's Cathedral offered guided tours of Bishophurst to those in attendance. I updated some of the information and formatted it for visitors. This year over 150 people shared in the New Year's Day Levee.

"Archbishop Anne and Colin Germond are delighted to welcome you to historic Bishophurst and to spend part of New Year's Day with you. A levée is a French military tradition whereby the soldiers in a garrison town would visit their commanding officers to bring New Year's greetings. The first levée was held in Canada on January 1, 1649 in New France, where the Governor received local people to wish them a happy new year. Originally levées

were only attended by men who wore 'full court dress', but that custom disappeared long ago and today everyone is welcome.

During our time together, we will toast Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and I will offer a prayer of blessing for the New Year. We will continue a tradition from previous years with Dean Jim McShane of St. Luke's Cathedral firing the cannon which originated during Bishop Sullivan's episcopacy, around 1888. Bishop Sullivan used a yacht, called The Evangeline, to visit churches in the diocese and would fire the cannon to let parishioners know he was in town! The story goes that he was given the yacht by the Royal family to spread the good news of Jesus around the Great Lakes. May 2019 be a year of peace and goodwill to all people and may we be given many opportunities to be crucifers, those who carry Christ into our world."

A brief history of Bishophurst. Built in

1875 as the Bishop's residence for the Diocese of Algoma,

Bishophurst has been used continuously since 1876 as a residence for the eleven Bishops. The first Bishop of Algoma was Frederick Dawson Fauquier, elected in 1873. Following his consecration in Toronto he travelled by steamer to his 'See City' of Sault Ste. Marie. He served Algoma until his death in 1881 and his remains are buried in the cemetery near the Shingwauk Chapel on the grounds of Algoma University. Archbishop William Wright was the longest serving Bishop of Algoma from 1944 to 1974, and at one time also served as the Acting Primate for all of Canada. As Archbishop I am the first female Bishop of Algoma.

Bishophurst was built at a cost of \$6,500, procured through an anonymous donation from England. Many years

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St. John's, Kagawong turned 80 in 2018

St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong received its name from Fr. Walter Jarvis, S.S.J.E. in 1938. The church was named after the Saint and in honour of the S.S.J.E. which was located in Bracbride.

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The waters run cold in Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Canon Bob Elkin was immersed in cold waters courtesy of Archbishop Anne Germond. Canon Elkin lost the challenge as to how much money could be raised during the 2018 *Algoma Anglican Appeal*.

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"Indigenous Ministry Fund" established in Algoma

By the Most Rev. Anne Germond

Editor's note: In the following, Archbishop Anne Germond writes of the establishment of the Algoma "Indigenous Ministry Fund" which was finalised in June of 2018

As you know, Algoma has received a \$78,000 refund from the

federal government on the money that we contributed towards the national Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. We received this refund because what we contributed exceeded what was required of us under this Agreement. I invited the diocese to send in suggestions for its use, and following lengthy discussions at the

Executive Committee meetings in March and June of 2018 the Algoma "Indigenous Ministry Fund" was established. I was given the task of deciding on the criteria for the Fund.

I presented the following guidelines for applications to the Indigenous Ministry Fund at the November 2018 Executive Com-

mittee meeting and members were in agreement with them. I envision that the Indigenous Ministry Fund will be used as seed money for a ministry. The congregation or ministry, if it is a fresh expression, would provide half the funds and could apply for up to 50% for their project or ministry. In determining priorities, I will give

preference to a grass roots ministry with the support of a local congregation, community or ministry. I anticipate utilizing interest only from the fund which would amount to approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 available to disburse each year based on the current \$80,000 held in the account.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR: Pictured on left is Liz Hamel with Susan Montague Koyle, two of the many people who visited Bishophurst in Sault Ste. Marie during the Archbishop’s New Year’s Day Levee.



UPCOMING ORDINATION: On Saturday, January 26, 2019, the Feast of Timothy and titus, Ms. Lana Grawbarger will be ordained to the sacred order of deacons. Ms. Grawbarger currently serves as lay incumbent of St. John’s, Garden River and is recognised by community leaders of elders for her leadership in the community beyond St. John’s.

February book review

By Charlotte Haldenby
Have you recovered from the Christmas season? It has become more than a month of pressure beginning with American Thanksgiving’s follow-up Black Friday and going on to your New Year’s Eve party. Constant advertisements on what you must have, at these low, low prices. Even visits to Santa have become mainly a way of getting at your child’s wish list, and he’s seen the ads too. All the Christmas movies I watched with my bed-ridden sister seemed to be just your basic loves stories with happily ever after, and a Christmas tree in the background. Thank you to all the churches who have Christmas pageants or services of lessons and carols, so some of us can acknowledge the real meaning of Christmas.

In skimming Scott Russell’s *Ice Time: The Unsung Heroes of Canadian Hockey*, a Canadian hockey journey for the hockey fans around my circle, I started seeing comparisons with the life of all our Christian youth. Yes, we know who their Hero is, who sets them on their own Christian journey as children. Do we give them the opportunity to learn more, reading Bible stories before bed, or having them read to us, just like having a backyard skating rink? Are we good coaches, constantly improving our own knowledge, teaching them the best way we know how to get to our goals, and acknowledging their good practices too, and also being a good friend off ice? Are we their loyal supportive fans out in the community, always there for them, even if Saturday’s game went badly, by recognising their efforts and encouraging them that the next game will go better?

My last book of December was John Grisham’s *The Innocent Man*, about Ron Williamson, a leading light in baseball in his home team in Ada, Oklahoma, even making it to a Yankees farm team. It just didn’t work out, and he comes home feeling he is a nothing, fighting his total frustration with partying, drinking, taking drugs, ranting and fighting. He is in and out of jail and mental health facilities, or hiding in his

room. When a young woman is killed in her apartment very close to his home, he becomes a prime suspect, even though there is no physical evidence against him, and no one’s even seen him with her. He is convicted and sent to Death Row, and narrowly escapes execution. This is a real story. Novelist John Grisham read about it in a newspaper and is showing us here how things can go completely wrong in the American judicial system. Ron did have the support of his family, but where was everyone when he first came home from the farm team, letting him talk out the frustration, helping him to see he was still a good guy? Why did he have to crash so badly?

As I read that book I wished I could show him my late December “chapter a morning” book by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketchum, *The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Search for Meaning*. I had bought this book for the short stories, set apart in heavy type, from many different cultures and religions, a long time interest of mine. Going back to my opening paragraph, I appreciated the story of the Greek philosopher Socrates, who lived a very simple life, even refusing to wear shoes, but was constantly seen at the market. Why? “I love to go there to discover how many things I am perfectly happy without.” The authors make their points by over 100 such short thought-provoking stories. They show us how we can use such stories to get back on track, when our world is falling apart. An unexpected surprise to me, their major topic in the second half is how the spiritual practices of Alcoholics Anonymous, including sharing our stories, can bring us to find release, gratitude, humility, tolerance, forgiveness and “being-at-home” in our own surroundings. Just what Ron Williamson needed back in the 1980’s, but too late. Still definitely good for all of us, if we have family or work problems, or, feel no one cares, or to go back to book one, didn’t quite make it to the NHL.

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Letter from the Archbishop

The season of annual vestries is upon us

Dear Algoma friends,

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen (BAS pg. 676)

Prayer before a meeting

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life; when you act there is justice and love. Grant that your love may be present in our meeting so that what we do and what we say may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are entering the season in the church year called 'Annual Vestry Meetings'. Many of them may begin with these or similar words of prayer, as those gathered attend to the business of the church and recommit to serving Jesus through the church's mission in the world. Having served in a parish for many years I know that hundreds of labour intensive hours are spent by clerical and lay leadership to prepare for these meetings. There are numerous reports to be written and collated, numbers to be crunched for budgets, offerings and statistics, and one on one visits with parishioners inviting them to accept the nomination for a position of leadership. The Annual Vestry Booklet, once completed, provides a wonderful record of the year just passed, an opportunity to give thanks for how God has been at work in your midst, and it also enables you to cast a vision for the coming year as you consider new avenues of mission and ministry.

It can be pretty discouraging when more than half the congregation slips away quickly after the service on the day of the Annual Vestry Meeting, hoping that no one will notice their absence from the meeting. I suspect that many people are of the opinion that the business of the church isn't for them or that they have nothing worthwhile to contribute, or simply aren't interested in another lengthy argument about a matter which seems relatively unimportant in the big scheme of things.

If you've never attended an Annual Vestry Meeting before, I want to encourage you accept the invitation to attend this year. There are a number of reasons why it's important for you to be there to participate in the councils of the church, and help make important decisions which ultimately affect all of us. We Anglicans do things in a particular way, and attending the Annual Vestry Meeting will help you understand why and how we do them. Don't be afraid to ask questions; there are no silly ones. We need your voice and your vote in matters that affect our lives in Christ.

Your input at an Annual Meeting could be something as simple as offering a vote of thanks for the missional way in which the congregation went about its ministry in the previous year, or encouraging the person next to you to give their views. It could be as challenging as weighing in on budget discussions and asking difficult questions about stewardship, or ensuring there is a budget line for youth ministry or outreach. It could be as risky as calling someone out in a meeting for belittling another's views, or allowing your name to stand for a position that has been held by someone else for decades. Perhaps it is time for you to step aside from a position of leadership and trust that God will bring the right person for this time in the life of your congregation to serve in that role. Never question your right to be present at annual meetings and to offer your perspective and thoughts.

If you're wondering about whether you are eligible to vote at an Annual Meeting, here are the rules concerning that:

•All persons shall be entitled to a seat and a vote when they:

•Are Baptized

•Are full 16 years of age.

•Are habitual attendees at divine worship (Christmas and Easter are the bare minimum: we hope to see you every week!)

•Have contributed in the year immediately prior to the working expenses of the church.

As 2019 is a Synod year to be held from 8-11 May 2019, and parishes will be electing Lay Delegates to Synod. Here are the qualifications:

1. (a) A Lay delegate shall be a person elected at the annual meeting or at any vestry meeting called for that purpose in the same year as a regularly scheduled synod, and who:

(i) has had the status of communicant at the time of the election; and

(ii) is at least 16 years old; (Amended 2011) and

(iii) does not hold the Bishop's licence as a deacon or priest. (Amended 1997) [formerly Article 3].

(b) All lay nominees, at the time of their nomination, shall signify their willingness to attend the Synod, if elected. No nomination shall be received without such signification. [formerly Article 6].

And remember that while we don't always agree on difficult matters in a church debate, there is a way to have a good conversation about it and even end it in good disagreement. The desired outcome of any tough conversation is that the congregation will not become polarised by it, but remain united in their love for Christ and for one another.

There is a wonderful little book by Abp. Rowan Williams and Joan Chittister, entitled, *Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is*. Not only is there a chapter in it on 'Saints, Faith, and Peace' but also things we don't usually say thanks or Alleluia for like 'Conflict, Division, Differences and Sinners'. In the chapter on unity Williams defines it as a 'commitment to becoming one people who speak in a thousand different voices.' He says that, "enabling people to speak without fear and hesitation must become the cornerstone of discussion." (pg. 103-104)

Wouldn't it be a beautiful thing if there was this degree of security in a church that everyone felt safe enough to speak their truth in love, and that it would be received by those listening? In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes about this kind of unity in the body of Christ. He calls the community to 'bear with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.' (Eph. 4.1-3)

In his book, *ONE: Unfolding God's Eternal Purpose from House to House*, Henry Hon writes: "There are about 56 incidences of the phrase 'one another' in the New Testament in relation to the members being in the body...This is the mutual giving and receiving in the body...Without every member of the body functioning, the body will be crippled or handicapped."

Your presence and participation are both needed at the Annual Vestry Meeting in your congregation: and that's the truth! Know that you will be in my prayers as you prepare for them, and know that the Synod office staff will be awaiting the returns by the end of February, 2019, unless you have called Jane Mesich, Marjorie Ingram or Liz Hamel to explain why this is not possible. We need the returns sent back in a timely manner as there is much work for us to do with the information in them, particularly as this is a synod year.



Anne Germond
Archbishop of Algoma

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God may be waiting for you to be the one to serve

By Susan Goodwin
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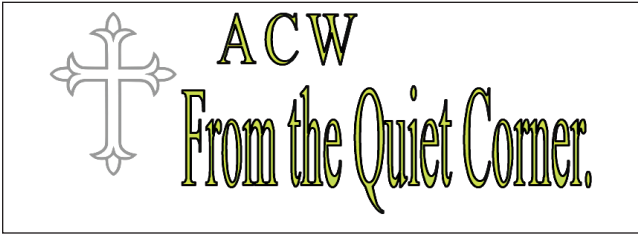
Welcome, come and rest awhile and take some time to reflect. Read the word of God and allow it to fill your being, let it say to you what God wants you to hear.

Read Jeremiah 1: 4-10: Then I said “Ah Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak for I am only a boy.”

Jeremiah was very young when God informed him that he had a job for him. The job description was simple enough ‘Prophet to the nations’. While still only a boy Jeremiah realised that the task would be anything but simple. You see Prophets were known to be awkward individuals, some would say eccentric and apt to cite dire warnings about what would happen if people did not change their ways and turn back to God. What made it worse was that in the end they were proven right. In the mean time they were treated with contempt and their warnings not always appreciated. So no wonder Jeremiah was at first reluctant, also he was wise enough to realise that he lacked experience and humble enough to admit it. God it seems was undeterred by Jeremiah’s doubts, He had created Jeremiah with this work in mind and He needed him to start immediately. Jeremiah

however, would not be left to work alone, God would be with him every step of the way.

Have you ever felt a prompting to take on a job vacancy posted at General Vestry or a position on the board of your ACW group? It niggles and niggles away until someone else steps up, whew what a relief! But it’s worth remembering that like Jeremiah we too tend to protest about doing



something that takes us out of our comfort zone. We find we are suddenly faced with all kinds of doubts about our capability, experience and perhaps whether or not we have the time. We are often inclined to believe that someone else could do it better. But remember, it may just be that the Lord is waiting for you to bring our unique self, with all

that He has sewn into you, to perform a task in his service, and only you will do.

- To think about and share.
- Our CALLING is to Love and follow Jesus Christ and live our lives in a way that draws others to love Him too. What might this mean for you?
 - Have you ever felt God urging you to take on a particular task? Can you remember how it felt and whether you had any doubts?
 - Sometimes it is tempting to underestimate the Spiritual importance of administrative tasks such as treasurer or secretary. Do you think we should regard them in the same manner as that of Mission say?
- Let us Pray.
- Loving heavenly Father, who calls us to follow your Son. Embolden us to respond to your gentle prompting to serve, in the knowledge that through the power of the Holy Spirit you will enable us in our weakness and guide us in our ignorance. In Jesus name, Amen



FAMILIAR GROUP RETURNS: On Thursday, June 28, 2018, at St. James, Port Carling, members of the Olde Tyme Gospel Band from Bracebridge entertained the audience with foot tappin’ tunes, humour and laughs. Proceeds from the concert were directed to the West Muskoka Food Bank.

Concert series in Port Carling supported local food bank

By Corbett Smith

St. James the Apostle in Port Carling, a congregation in the Parish of Muskoka Lakes, wrapped up it’s 2018 mini concert series with a presentation of six crock pots and a cheque to the West Muskoka Food Bank totalling \$1,125.00 in all. Rev. Dr. GailMarie Henderson made the presentation to the operations manager of the food bank, Kristen Thompson on Friday, December 14, 2018.

The concert series started on June 28, 2018 with the return of a familiar group to St. James, The Olde Tyme Gospel Band from Bracebridge. Attendees were treated to the foot tappin’ gospel tunes and great harmonies the gospel band is known to deliver, along with humour and laugh’s. At intermission cool drinks and treats were served along with birthday cupcakes in celebration of a young attendees special day.

The second concert in the series on July 12, 2018 featured the youth section of the Whispering River Orchestra from Parry Sound, under the direction of Brenda Muller. This group of young musicians and featured vocalists had those in attendance in complete awe, from the precision and talent of their performances. The sounds of the stringed instruments and vocals resinated beautifully in the warmth of this 105 year old church.

The final concert in the series named “Harmony for Hope 2” was held as before on the last Sunday of November in the afternoon. This concert with a Festive/Christmas theme featured a variety of acts which included the barber shop quartet from Huntsville 2/4 Time as well as the keyboardist and solo artist Frank Berg, who is also from Huntsville. After an intermission, which included coffee, tea and sweets, the second half of the concert was performed by the Whispering River Orchestra from Parry Sound under the direction of Brenda Muller. This was followed up by the final act, of all those in attendance who sang the Christmas carols with the orchestra performing accompaniment and Frank Berg leading the vocals. It was truly a great way to start the Advent season, knowing the concert proceeds were going to help those in this rural community in need receive some nourishing crock pot meals.

Many thanks go out to the performers who donated their talents and time, to the organisers and presenters, to the decorating set-up clean up teams, to those who baked and served the goodies at the intermissions and especially those who attended and supported this concert series in 2018 to help out fellow community families. Thank you so much to everyone and Thanks be to God. See ya in 2019!

Diocese of Algoma takes great pride in Bishophurst

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later it was disclosed that the benefactor was Baroness Burdett-Coutts, a close friend of Queen Victoria. Through her generosity, the Baroness anonymously assisted the establishment of Anglican churches in the British colonies throughout the world, including, in Canada, her endowment of the Diocese of British Columbia in 1859, and the construction of the Bishop’s houses in Victoria B.C., Cape Town, South Africa, and Tasmania.

History records that Lady Angela was one of the great philanthropists of all time. She instituted night classes for the unskilled, built housing for the poor, supported the families of the soldiers of the Crimean War, and even sent Florence Nightingale a linen drier which she herself had designed for hospital laundry. She helped fund David Livingstone’s travels in Africa. She was among the first to support cancer research. She helped found societies that fought against cruelty to children and to animals. To have our Bishop’s residence associated with this intriguing and generous 19th century woman of vision, is a lovely historical connection. Baroness Burdett-Coutts was a friend of Charles Dicken’s and she is said to have paid for his education. He later dedicated a book, *Martin Chuzzlewit*, to her. The Baroness is buried in Westminster Abbey and it is said that over 25,000 people filed past her casket the day before her funeral.

This heritage building was actually built on three and a half acres, which were sold in trust forever to the Bishop for five dollars by Wemyss Simpson, the last factor of the Hudson’s Bay Company, who retired in 1864. It is interesting to note that Mr. Simpson served as the area’s first very first Member of Parliament from 1867 to 1871. Bishophurst’s grounds originally

extended to what is now Queen Street and St. Mary’s River. Over the years, house lots were sold from the property until it achieved its present size. There are currently fifty mature trees on the property. The grounds are best viewed from the French doors and the verandah, which extend along the entire south side of the house.

The Diocese of Algoma takes great pride in this home, as do the residents of Sault Ste. Marie. Every year we invest in a capital project so that this beloved house may remain well maintained. In 2019 there will be renovations to the main bathroom and in the coming years the original kitchen of Bishophurst, which later became the synod office for the diocese and then the diocesan archives. We will be renovating this room into a Lady Chapel, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our benefactor, Lady Angela Burdett-Coutt. We received the gift of an altar, font and lectern from St. George’s Falkenburg for the Lady Chapel, and Rev. Robert Clubbe donated a kneeler in his possession which was used by the former Primate of Canada, Ted Scott.

We are most grateful for the donations of money from some congregations and ACW groups for the restoration of this space, but we would like to make an appeal to you to make a financial contribution to it and give thanks for the mission of the church in Algoma. The Chapel will be used for week-day services at special times in the year and is not intended to be used for regular Sunday worship. You will be given the opportunity to see it, and tour this beautiful home at the reception for Synod. Please make your cheques payable to the Diocese of Algoma, Lady Chapel on memo line. All donations will receive a tax receipt as this a very important outreach.

St. John the Evangelist marked 80th anniversary in 2018



A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR 80 YEARS: In 2018, St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong on Manitouland Island gave thanks for their church of 80 years. Father Walter Jarvis, the first priest, named the church after the Saint John and in honour of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Fr. Jarvis was a member of this order whose house at the time was located in Bracebridge.

By Dianne Fraser and Mary Buie

Although there had been an Anglican congregation in the Kagawong area since 1892, the people had not had their own building until 1938. Father Jarvis was St. John's first priest and he gave the church its name, St. John the Evangelist in honour of the saint and the Cowley Fathers under whom he had trained. The church has been served by 21 priests over the 80 years.

Being on the water's edge, the church has used marine related articles in its décor. These articles relating to boats have all been placed in the church since the 1950s. Another unique feature of the history of St. John's was the involvement by the passengers of the excursion boats like the "Normac" and the "Nor-goma". These ships plied the waters of the North Channel from early times until late 1960s. The passengers would arrange their own services to be held at the church each time the boats stopped in Kagawong. Money collected was left with the church and bought a new furnace and a loud-speaker which would broadcast music when the boats came in.

In 1965 a boating tragedy involving the Huffman and Rhydwen families occurred in the North Channel off Maple Point. Our pulpit is a memorial to the four people, Shirley Huffman, her two daughters Katherine and Karen, and Wyn Rhydwen who lost their lives that August weekend.

In 1990 the interior of St. John's was renovated. A new electric organ was donated by Stanley Mullins. The present organ was donated in memory of Betsy Fraser and Lyle Graham. In 2003, the completion of the new entrance and parish hall have made a welcome addition to St. John's.

St. John the Evangelist was dedicated on Oct. 9,

1938 by Bishop Rocksborough Smith. Humorously it is reported that the Bishop was obliged to don his robes for the dedication in the old Snow/Hunt store. The church had originally been a warehouse located across from the store. Fr. Walter Jarvis, with much persuasion, convinced Hattie Snow Spiers to sell this building to the Diocese of Algoma for only one dollar. The building stood one and a half stories in height and measured 30 feet long by 20 feet wide. From December 1936 until the dedication in October 1938, about 40 hardworking, enthusiastic members of the congregation labored long to bring the church into being. The screen behind the altar came from St. Edmund's Church Toronto, where it was purchased for only \$12.

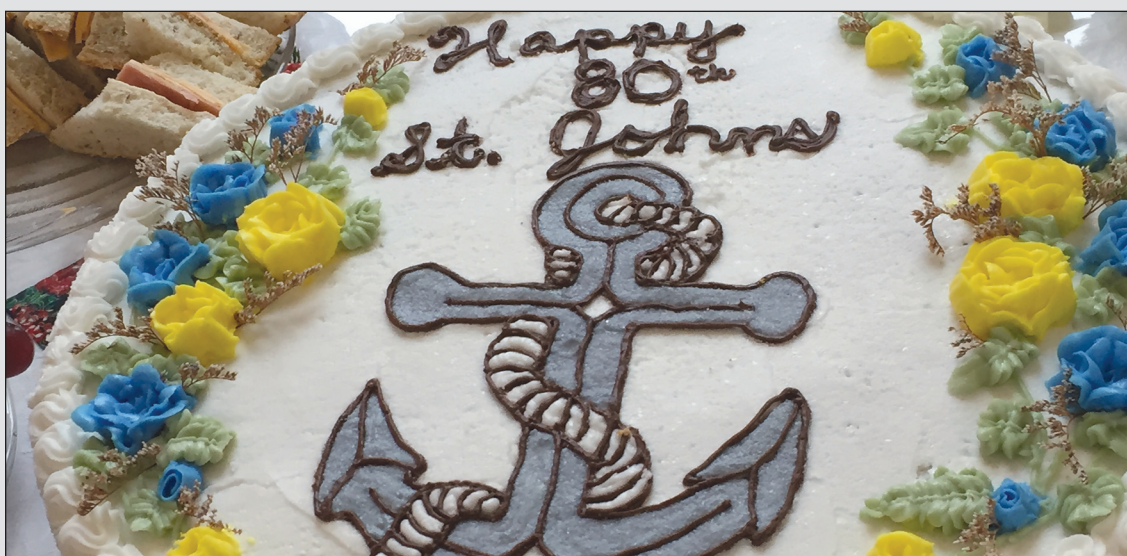
Many people visit this little church each year and one of the most prevalent comments from our visitor's book is "Thank you for keeping your doors open" and our congregation considers this a very important outreach.

The church motto is from Hebrews Chapter 6, verses 19-20: "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest for ever." A beautiful banner depicting our Church motto, and made by a parishioner Charlene Chambers, was dedicated by our parish priest Rev. Douglas Prebble.

The old Christy family pump organ was moved into the church and two old hymns were played on it during the service by organist Nora Bath-Haring. On Sunday, November 25, 2018, members of the community helped the congregation celebrate and a delicious lunch was served after the service.



THE SHARING OF TALENTS: Pictured on the left is Chalene Chambers, the creator of the banner seen hanging behind. It was made in honour of the 80th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong. Standing with Mrs. Chambers is Dianne Fraser, a warden of the church. Mrs. Fraser recently compiled a history of St. John's.



A SPECIAL TREAT: The cake in this photograph was baked in honour of the 80th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong. The church celebrated this milestone in 2018.



THE SAVIOUR IS BORN: The Cathedral Church of St. Luke's, Sault Ste. Marie, was beautifully adorned in celebration of Christmas in 2018.

Still waters run cold

By the Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

Well I lost the duel! The diocese raised the amount for the Algoma Anglican that Archbishop Anne had picked and not what I had said. On a sad day in December, I presented myself at Synod office to go under the ice-bucket and even had to bring the bucket! It was insult to injury and it was a sad, sad day.

I could have escaped it because of a precedent set in 1077. Henry IV, excommunicated by the Pope and in danger of losing his throne, treks over the alps and dressed in sackcloth and ashes kneels in the snow for three days outside the Pope's castle begging forgiveness. Finally it is given him because the Pope, being the leader of the Christian world has to set a good example. So I reasoned, if I show up in sackcloth, with ashes on my head and kneel in the snow outside synod office begging forgiveness her Grace will have to give it because she's the Anglican leader of Algoma and must also set a good example. It would work.... BUT I'D DIE FIRST!!! I've got some precedents too..... from literature! Invictus: "I am the master of my fate." Ulysses: "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." Paradise Lost: "Better to reign in hell than serve in..."..... um.....forget that one. I begin to see why the church considers

pride one of the seven deadly sins but the gist of it was: "Take your best shot, Archbishop! I shall not be moved!"

Having made up my mind to commit suicide by ice-bucket I had to wring every scrap of class and glory out of it that I could. Archbishop Anne loaded up her bucket and showing it to me



asked, almost apologetically if it was alright? It was about half full so I looked her in the eye and said: "If I was dumping the bucket on you it would be filled to within a centimeter of the top!" She gave me a wondering look that you might give your dog if he suddenly asked if he could have a cup of tea and then stomped back inside and came out with the bucket filled to the brim and proceeded to shovel three or four loads of snow into the water. You play with the bull you get the horns!

She climbed onto the wall

beside synod office bucket in hand and I took up my position below her and began my memorized final words: "It is a far, far better thing that I do than...." and then she poured the bucket! I instantly discovered three things. Ice-water is really cold, Archbishop Anne has a very distinctive laugh and I know how to yodel! Lord love a duck it was freezing!!! Her grace tried to tell me how much she regretted having to soak me but since she was roaring with laughter at the time her regrets were a little suspect. I fired into synod office, toweled off, changed and was face down in a hot chocolate before the rest of them were back inside. Nothing helps you focus like a bucket of icewater over the head!

So what have I learned from all this? Humility? Respect for higher authority? A greater trust in the people of Algoma? Not on your life! I've learned that I must have missed something in my original assessment of the situation. The only other alternative is that I was wrong and that ain't on the radar baby! And now I've got a year to figure out my next move. A year to plot how to play the second chapter of the game! I've had a setback, nothing more and I shall rise again!



A BRAVE CANON: Rev. Canon Bob Elkin appears very brave immediately before Archbishop Anne Germond introduces him to the cold waters of Sault Ste. Marie. The Canon lost the challenge regarding the amount raised during the 2018 *Algoma Anglican Appeal*.



NO HARD FEELINGS: Connie and Bob Elkin are pictured with Archbishop Anne Germond after the Archbishop immersed the Canon in the cold waters of Sault Ste. Marie. Archbishop Germond was victorious in her belief the 2018 *Algoma Anglican Appeal* would raise over \$10,000. What will happen in 2019?

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ENTERING HISTORY: The entryway to historic Bishophurst is adorned for the Christmas season of 2018. It has been the home of the Bishop of Algoma since 1876.

Facebook page “Building Bridges” is born in Milford Bay

By Pamela Moorhouse and Rev. Dr. GailMarie Henderson

On September 15, 2018 a small group of strangers gathered at St. Mark's in Milford Bay, one of the hamlets in the Deanery of Muskoka to watch and discuss segments of the Richard Rohr's 2018 live stream conference Conspire. This was a joint effort between Trinity Anglican Church, Parry Sound and the Parish of Muskoka Lakes. Did you know Richard Rohr is a well authored Franciscan priest?

The conference was also hosted Barbara Brown Tylor. She is a priest in the Episcopal in the United States, professor, author, theologian and considered to be one of their best known preachers and Brian McLaren a contemporary, provocative and at times controversial speaker on where culture and Christ meet, or don't meet. Each served to bring animation to our pew conversations; no longer were we the strangers we were at the beginning of the day. The day ended with us wondering how to continue to build community across great distances.

Participants wondered if *facebook* might hold some possibilities, and with a bit of a giggle and a prayer the face book event page “Building Bridges” was born, actually reborn as it was attempted briefly last year. “Building Bridges” is the headline found on facebook. Within it is a variety of pages where individual books and topics are waiting for your post.

The “Building Bridges Event Pages” are a convenient and ever ready, open-minded place to share your thoughts on a specific book or

selected topic. It is a place where we can respond to others' thoughts, while in the midst of our busyness.

“Building Bridges” is a place to explore and even deepen faith through discussion and by listening to the insights or the struggles of others, expanding understanding of wisdom through the lived experience of others.

All that is needed to move into the e-neighbourhood, is to type “Building Bridges” into the search bar on facebook or type <https://www.facebook.com/connecting-communities33> into your browser/search engine. Once the page has loaded, viewers can click on “posts” to see the ongoing discussions. Don't forget to “like” the page. We have created some “event pages and warm discussion e-rooms in the neighbourhood” for the upcoming monthly books AND the “event pages” that we used for the 2018 books are still accessible:

November: *Becoming Human* by Jean Vanier: December: *Immortal Diamond* by Richard Rohr: January: *The Heart of Prayer* by Henri Nouwen.

January Quote: “Much violence is based on the illusion that life is a property to be defended and not to be shared” Henri Nouwen.

There are plans to use this online neighborhood as a space to gather following “in person” gatherings. Imagine building a warm e-neighbourhood where people gather, share, grow, and build it together.

Criteria to be met in order to receive monies from Fund

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CRITERIA

1. That this be a ‘matching grant’ and that congregations or ministries would provide half the funds towards the project or ministry.

2. That funds be used for ministry within the Diocese of Algoma to further the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and linking in with the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.

3. That the request for funds come to the Archbishop in a letter giving a detailed description of the project and proposed budget and its intended purpose within a parish, deanery or community.

4. Once the project is completed that there be a follow up letter highlighting what worked well and

what new learnings were gleaned. Also required will be a formal financial statement on how the funds were disbursed. The Archbishop might request that a presentation be made at Synod, Executive Committee meeting, or Deanery Council meeting.

5. That the request for funds come forward with a letter of endorsement from the parish leadership and a community partner if applicable.

6. No funds will be released for building projects or stipends.

7. Consideration will be given to inter-generational ministries/events.

8. That congregations in Algoma be encouraged to contribute to the Indigenous Ministry Fund so that it is ongoing.



THANK YOU: Rev. Dr. David Hardie and his wife Rev. Carol Hardie received a number of gifts at a gathering held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Bala. The event was held to celebrate Dr. Hardie's retirement after 25 years of ministry in Bala and MacTier. Rev. Dr. Hardie and Rev. Carol Hardie are pictured peering inside a bag which was one of the gifts Rev. Dr. Hardie received. Inside the bag was found another gift!

Rev. Dr. David Hardie retires after 25 years of ministry

By Mary Grady

On Saturday January 5, 2019 members of the parish and community joined with Rev. Dr. David Hardie, Rev. Carol Hardie and two of their four children to celebrate his retirement after 25 years of ministry in Bala and MacTier. Rev. Hardie joked about coming to Bala for a two week interim role that lasted 25 years. They were 25 years blessed with great growth and achievement for the parish which was on the edge of collapse when he came. He led the parish through difficult financial times and in recent years has seen growth in attendance and outreach to the community.

Dr. Hardie also served as Regional Dean for many years and was a fulltime medical Doctor in Parry Sound.

In attendance and offering prayers and blessings along with the Church wardens were other clergy from the deanery and Ven. Dawn Henderson, Archdeacon of Muskoka, Bishop Andrew Asbill, Diocese of Toronto and Archbishop Anne Germond.

Members of Trinity-All Saints wish Rev. Dr. David and Rev. Carol Hardie much happiness in their retirement and look forward to having them visit with in the parish in the future.



HAPPY RETIREMENT: Archbishop Anne Germond spoke at a gathering held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Bala to celebrate the retirement of Rev. Dr. David Hardie. For 25 years, Dr. Hardie ministered to the people of Bala and MacTier.

ACW ANNUAL REGISTRATION-Wed. MAY 29TH-Fri. MAY 31ST 2019

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Each Primary Branch is entitled to only 4 Voting delegates, but ALL women are welcome.
Associate Member groups are entitled to 1 voting delegate.

Are you a Primary Branch Voting Delegate? Please check one: Yes _____ No _____
Are you a Contact/Associate Voting Delegate? Please check one: Yes _____ No _____

For Meals:
Dietary restrictions: _____.

REGISTRATION – FORM AND PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 6TH

Registration	\$ _____	\$95.00 includes registration, banquet & two buffet lunches
Late Registration fee	\$ _____	\$10.00 for registration after May 6 th
Extra Banquet	\$ _____	\$50.00 (persons attending banquet only)
One Day Registration	\$ _____	\$25.00 – please indicate day – includes lunch but not banquet
	Thurs. _____ Fri. _____	
Special Dinner Wednesday 5pm prior to Opening Service .Please check if interested Cost \$25.Yes_____		
Dinner - soup, salad, chicken, pasta, dessert, tea, coffee, tax and tip included. Grand Gardens Dennis ST		

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: DEANERY OF Algoma ACW
NO REFUNDS AFTER May 6th, BUT YOU MAY SUBSTITUTE YOUR ATTENDEE.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Make your own reservations directly with the **Water Tower Inn**, 360 Great Northern Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. **Toll free: 1-800-461-0800**. Room rate Single Occupancy \$109.00 + tax per night breakfast included; Double Occupancy \$119 +taxes per night(includes Breakfast)
Booking code: Anglican Church Women’s Annual
30 rooms are held until April 28, 2019. The Water Tower Inn has elevators to all floors
Other Hotels :Comfort Inn Great 333 Northern Road 705 759 8000 \$125+taxes+breakfast

2019 Algoma ACW Annual

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2019 ACW ANNUAL

THEME:
Galatians 6: “ Bear One another’s burdens. Let us work for the good of all”

Meeting LOCATION and ACCOMMODATION:
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Room rate includes breakfast. For Single Occupancy- \$109.00 + tax; Double Occupancy- \$119 + tax
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30 rooms will be held until April 28, 2019. Hotel has elevators.

REGISTRATION: Wed. May 29th from 3:00 – 5:45 pm – Trinity Centre, Old Garden River RD
Thurs May 30th from 7:45 – 8:30 am – Water Tower Inn

MEALS: All meals are at the **Water Tower Inn**. Buffet lunches on Thursday and Friday with a sit down banquet for Thursday evening.
Wednesday- A special meal of soup, salad, chicken, pasta, dessert Tea, coffee with taxes and tip included is available for those interested at 5pm at Grand Gardens, Dennis ST. prior to the Opening Service Wednesday evening. Cost is \$25. If interested, please indicate on the registration form.

OPENING SERVICE: Wednesday, evening, May 29th at 7:00 pm at St. Luke’s Cathedral, Brock St. Celebrated by Archbishop Anne.
Light refreshments following the service at Bishophurst, 134 Simpson Street.
Bishophurst is the home of Archbishop Anne Germond.

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 6th . Late fee of \$10.00

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Renovations will include a new Lady Chapel

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later it was disclosed that the benefactor was Baroness Burdett-Coutts, a close friend of Queen Victoria. Through her generosity, the Baroness anonymously assisted the establishment of Anglican churches in the British colonies throughout the world, including, in Canada, her endowment of the Diocese of British Columbia in 1859, and the construction of the Bishop’s houses in Victoria B.C., Cape Town, South Africa, and Tasmania.
History records that Lady Angela was one of the great philanthropists of all time. She instituted night classes for the unskilled, built housing for the poor, supported the families of the soldiers of the Crimean War, and even sent Florence Nightingale a linen drier which she herself had designed for hospital laundry. She helped fund David Livingstone’s travels in Africa. She was among the first to support cancer research. She helped found societies that fought against cruelty to children and to animals. To have our Bishop’s residence associated with this intriguing and generous 19th century woman of vision, is a lovely historical connection. Baroness Burdett-Coutts was a friend of Charles Dicken’s

and she is said to have paid for his education. He later dedicated a book, *Martin Chuzzlewit*, to her. The Baroness is buried in Westminster Abbey and it is said that over 25,000 people filed past her casket the day before her funeral.
This heritage building was actually built on three and a half acres, which were sold in trust forever to the Bishop for five dollars by Wemyss Simpson, the last factor of the Hudson’s Bay Company, who retired in 1864. It is interesting to note that Mr. Simpson served as the area’s first very first Member of Parliament from 1867 to 1871. Bishophurst’s grounds originally extended to what is now Queen Street and St. Mary’s River. Over the years, house lots were sold from the property until it achieved its present size. There are currently fifty mature trees on the property. The grounds are best viewed from the French doors and the verandah, which extend along the entire south side of the house.
The Diocese of Algoma takes great pride in this home, as do the residents of Sault Ste. Marie. Every year we invest in a capital project so that this beloved house may remain well maintained. In 2019 there will be renovations to the main bathroom and in the com-

ing years the original kitchen of Bishophurst, which later became the synod office for the diocese and then the diocesan archives. We will be renovating this room into a Lady Chapel, given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our benefactor, Lady Angela Burdett-Coutt. We received the gift of an altar, font and lectern from St. George’s Falkenburg for the Lady Chapel, and Rev. Robert Clubbe donated a kneeler in his possession which was used by the former Primate of Canada, Ted Scott.
We are most grateful for the donations of money from some congregations and ACW groups for the restoration of this space, but we would like to make an appeal to you to make a financial contribution to it and give thanks for the mission of the church in Algoma. The Chapel will be used for week-day services at special times in the year and is not intended to be used for regular Sunday worship. You will be given the opportunity to see it, and tour this beautiful home at the reception for Synod. Please make your cheques payable to the Diocese of Algoma, Lady Chapel on memo line. All donations will receive a tax receipt.ers this a very important outreach.



WELCOME HOME: On Tuesday, January 1, 2019, Dr. Colin and Archbishop Anne Germond welcome visitors to historic Bishophurst, home of the Bishop of Algoma since 1876.

Letters to the Editor & Submissions Policy

Letter writers and authors of unsolicited submissions are reminded to include a signature and phone number for verification purposes. Letters will be reviewed and may be edited for length and content. While letters expressing opinion are welcome, all letters and other submissions are subject to approval before publication.

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