



HONOURING A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: The Rev. Genny Rollins receives a standing ovation during a dinner and evening held on Friday, November 26,

2010 at the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. The event was held to honour Rev. Rollins for her ministry as chaplain at the Sudbury Jail.

Rev. Genny Rollins honoured for ministry as chaplain at Sudbury Jail

By Della Passi

Rev. Genny Rollins is the Chaplain at the Sudbury Jail, and on Friday, November 26, the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, hosted a dinner and evening honouring and celebrating her and her very special ministry there. Using her gifts

of tough and tender love, and following the commandment of Jesus to visit those in prison, she has inspired many friends and volunteers to assist her in bringing care and hope to those who are imprisoned; often by more than the walls that surround them.

Rev. Rollins herself says that she doesn't know any chaplains who are supported as much as she is, by their communities. She says that she is really blessed to have this wonderful network of people working with her. That, in fact, has everything to do with who she is, and why this evening was called "Honouring Genny".

After an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all, Rev. Rollins was "toasted" at an open mike session, led off by Bishop Tom Corston, who shared how much of an inspiration Genny Rollins has been to him. Accolades, stories, and love were expressed by fellow clergy and friends, as well as two very touching expressions of thanks and appreciation from two young men whose lives had been turned around by her love and ministry. They were in attendance for dinner. Archdeacon Anne Germond introduced Rev. Rollins, and referred to her having received the Thorneloe Mitre Award at the recent Thorneloe Convocation.

Rev. Rollins involved a panel of four friends who have worked with her at the jail, to share in her message to those present, each telling a part of the ministries that happen there, from Kairos (a prison version of the Cursillo program) to Christmas caroling. Genny Rollins

herself says that it helps to look like the grandmother that she is, as those to whom she ministers, can relate very easily to her non-threatening appearance! She is loved by both the staff at the jail, as well as the inmates, and is respectfully and affectionately called and referred to as "Miss Genny". She runs programs both for small groups as well as working with individuals at their request. She finished by having all present all join in singing a couple of the songs they love at the jail!

It was a star-studded night! Guests included Rev. Rollins' own family, parishioners and clergy from all around the deanery, other churches in the community, representatives from the John Howard Society, Rockhaven, and the Gideons, as well as Father Ron Perron from Ste. Anne des Pins, and Father Jim Hutton from St. Patrick's. It was a welcome return of Bishop Corston who was delightfully able to join wife Ruth Corston, and mother Frances Corston, on this rare occasion, as well as having greetings sent by Bishop Stephen Andrews, who was regrettably unable to come due to a conference in London.

The dinner was an amazing group effort, initiated and planned by the

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DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY

As we study our amazing bodies using the book *In His Image* by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey, we've seen how amazing our five senses are, our blood, and our brains.

Another amazing organ in our bodies, and necessary for our very life, is our lungs. There is nothing that can cause panic like being unable to breathe. Our respiratory system consists of our nose, throat, and bronchial tubes ending in 300,000,000 air sacs in our lungs. Called alveoli, these are where the life-giving oxygen is transferred to the blood and carried to all our organs. Our brains die within minutes without oxygen. The lungs themselves, if unfolded and laid out flat would carpet a small apartment, 40 times larger in area than our skin if it was laid out flat!

Our lungs move enough air in and out in a day to fill a room. We use air not only to live but for speaking, singing, and laughing. Our bodies are able to adjust what we need to take in depending on how active we are, very active or sleeping, without our conscious control.

We "expire" or breath out, or in the ultimate sense "are expired" or "die". At death the body is still there but the "breath" and "spirit" have left. We "inspire" or breath in, are inspired by artistic ideas or in a religious sense, filled

with the Holy Spirit.

In the Bible the words "Breath" or "wind" often refer to the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to Nicodemus "the wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear the sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

As we live on earth, we need air, water and nutrients. For eternal life, however we will of course have no need for these things.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the spirit gives birth to spirit." The Psalmist uses the image of a deer panting for water: "so my soul pants for you, O God"

The Spirit was there at creation hovering over the waters. He inspired the prophets. He anointed Jesus at the beginning of His ministry. He entered the apostles when Jesus breathed on them. John 20:22. He transformed the tiny band at Pentecost "as a mighty wind."

Because the Spirit dwells in us, He allows God to establish His presence in us. He is as vital to our Spiritual lives as breath is to our physical lives. Just as our physical bodies need air, so it is in the spiritual world. Christ's Body

the Church, needs breath; the inspiration of His Spirit. We need the stream of life that comes from God and that only His Spirit can provide.

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(Verse 1)

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what thou would do.

(Verse 4)

Breath on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life,
Of Thine eternity.

Ingrid Koropeski
Diocesan ACW
Devotions Secretary

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CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN: A number of children from All Saints', Huntsville made crèches as centre pieces for tables which were set up at the 'Tis the Reason for the Season' crèche display and refreshments. The event was held on Thursday, December 18, 2010.



WORTHY OF HONOUR: Bernice Smith, second from left, was the recipient of a Certificate of Recognition from the Diocese of Algoma. Ms. Smith has served on the ACW Executive and various committees and has created a quilting program. This program has provided quilts for the needy, shut-ins, those in hospital and nursing homes. Peggy Hern, left, presented Ms. Smith with her certificate. Also pictured are the Ven. Dawn Henderson, rector of All Saints' and Linda Smith, president of All Saints' ACW.



GUEST SPEAKER AT CORPORATE COMMUNION: Georgi Doyle was the speaker at All Saints' Anglican Church Women's corporate Communion held on Sunday, November 28, 2011. Ms. Doyle spoke of her experiences 'travelling with Jesus' for 81 years since her baptism in Toronto and her retirement in Huntsville.



ANNUAL "ADVENTFEST": The Sunday school of Trinity, Parry Sound celebrated the first Sunday of Advent on November 28, with their annual "Adventfest". One of the many activities happening in the parish hall, included the making of Christmas cards for shut-ins.

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Letter from the Bishop

In the midst of our hardship hope has meaning

Dear Friends,

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. (Genesis 8.22)

In mid-December, the Middle East got hit with a spate of violent weather that brought snow to Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. A week later, the 402 east of Sarnia ground to a halt with drifting snow and zero visibility, and some spent a frigid night in their cars before being rescued by the military the following day. And now there is news out of the Maritimes of winter storm damage costing in excess of \$50 million. It is rapidly becoming a winter of discontent (apologies to the Bard) for many who are beginning to realise that climate change is more than a conference topic in Cancún.

What's up with the seasons? In the Bible, there are really only two annual divisions. Summer is the hot period, lasting from mid-June to mid-September, while winter is the cold, rainy part of the year. They are chiefly related to the agricultural cycles of planting and gathering, and the intent of the promise quoted above is to assure humanity that there is a stability built into the created order to ensure the survival of the human race. It is not without some contemporary irony that the passage comes at the conclusion of a cataclysmic expression of climate change, the Great Flood, for there are some who predict that, with the melting of the polar regions, the sea level could rise by two metres by the end of the century. While we depend on the divinely ordained regularity of the seasons, we must not be complacent, for this rhythm is guaranteed only as long as 'the earth endures'. Jesus did say, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away.' (Mt. 23.34) Could we be the mediate cause of the world's end?

The seasons also carry a figurative meaning. In Amos 8.2, when the prophet says that he sees a basket of summer (Hebrew qayits) fruit, he draws attention to the success of the harvest. But the Lord observes in a play on words that this also means that the summer is over and winter approaches: 'the end (Hebrew haqqets) has come upon my people Israel'. While there is much to love about winter, it is a popular image for death. Narnia, under the rule of the White Witch, is a land of perpetual winter. In Dante's Inferno, the journey to the pit of hell becomes more winter-like until they reach a frozen lake. It is frozen because it is so far removed from the warmth of divine love. One line in the Easter hymn, 'Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain' begins, 'All the winter of our sins, long and dark . . .' For many the dark and cold grip of winter steals into the soul.

And yet, in the Christian life we are called to embody hope: hope that the heat of the summer sun's rays will return to penetrate lifeless, frost-bitten hearts. This is not some kind of cheery optimism, or a pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die attitude. Rather, Christian hope is a confident expectation regarding the future. No Christian can be a cynic or a pessimist. To be sure, we do not believe that human beings will ever succeed in building a Utopia on

earth. Every experiment intended to produce a perfect human society has failed, on account of the fact that no human being is perfect. But although we have little confidence in human achievement, we have great confidence in the purposes and power of God. We are certain that error and evil and sickness and environmental spoilage are not going to be allowed the last word.

On the contrary, truth and righteousness and healing and wholeness will triumph in the end. For Jesus Christ is going to return in strength and splendour, the dead will be raised, death will be abolished, and the universe will be liberated from decay and suffused with glory.

But how can we be so sure of these things? There are no obvious grounds for such confidence. Evil flourishes. The wicked get away with their wickedness. World problems appear intractable. Despite the advances of modern technology, illness and pollution are ever-increasing realities. Is there not more reason for despair than for hope? Yes, there would be, if it were not for God's Word. It is the Bible which arouses, directs and nurtures hope, a hope quite different from secular optimism. Christian hope is a confidence in God, kindled by the promises of God. 'Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,' the author of Hebrews exhorts his readers. Why? 'For he who promised is faithful.' (10.23) It is 'in accordance with his promise, that we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.' (2 Pet. 3.13).

It is in the midst of our hardship that hope has meaning. 'What we call despair is often only the painful eagerness of unfed hope,' wrote George Eliot in her novel Middlemarch. So in the Winter moments of life when the sun appears to struggle to get above the horizon, when the chill winds of doubt and confusion assault us, and when we begin to feel barren and bitter, let us remember that summer will come both to our world and our souls. A Nova Scotia colleague once said, 'We often see Spring as a sign of hope. It is more subtle than that. Spring is a reassurance that hope was justified. Winter is the time of hope.'



+Stephen Andrews

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Bishop of Algoma

The chalking of the door

By the Rev. Richard White

It was January 6, Twelfth-night after Christmas, better known as Epiphany. In a home somewhere in the parish, a priest climbed a ladder inside the home to reach the lintel above the front door. The members gathered around. The priest pulled a stick of chalk from his pocket, balanced himself and methodically wrote 20+C+M+B+11, praying under his breath as he went. The family and guests held hands, and as the priest said "Amen" they raised their hands to heaven inviting a blessing, and the "chalking of the door" was finished. In England, this blessing would be followed by a Twelfth Night feast, featuring a cider drink called "Lamb's Wool," and a fruity "Epiphany Cake" or "King Cake." The "chalking" was all part of the Epiphany house-blessing, and literally "marks" the occasion with a chalky visual reminder for days or weeks after that. Its origin is lost somewhere in the mists of Medieval Europe. Catholic homes across mainland Europe and the United Kingdom would have participated. It likely fell out of favour when the Church of England embraced a less ritualistic Protestant Reformation. Today, it is enjoying a revival.

And why the strange numbers and letters? The letters C and M and B have been interpreted differently. For some, the letters are intended to evoke a blessing from the "three kings," traditionally named Caspar, Melchior & Baltazar. The "kings" are considered saints in some traditions. Priests who interpret the letters this way, might write, or have family members write, 'ora pro nobis' (pray for us) underneath the initials. For others the letters C and M and B have little to do with three kings, and everything to do with Christ the letters being short form for the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" meaning "May Christ bless this dwelling" in Latin. The numbers in front and behind, are the year, so 20+C+M+B+11 would be 2011.

'The chalk was/is always blessed before being used in this way. Why?' The thinking runs like this. Like water, chalk is from the ground. Just as water is blessed for holy purposes, chalk

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too should be blessed before it is used. There is actually a "Liturgy for the blessing of the chalk". The blessing is typically done at the end of the Epiphany service or the Sunday prior to Epiphany before the dismissal. A basket of chalk is brought forward, and the priest prays the following: (The + shows where the priest makes the sign of the cross).

Our help + is in the name of the Lord.

Who hath made heaven and earth.

Lord hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. "Bless+, O Lord God, this chalk that it may be helpful to men and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name that whosoever shall use it or inscribes their home with the inscription 20+G+M+B+11 may enjoy health of body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord. Amen."

While all of this might seem flaky, isn't it just a visualization of the blessing the priest invokes over the home, when he or she makes the sign of the cross on the door frame at the end of more conventional house blessings? And couldn't it be argued that this is reminiscent of what happened in Exodus 12 at the first Passover when the blood of the lamb was marked on the door posts for protection, and to mark the homes as belonging to the People of God? A "Chalking the Door" Service is available from Lift Up Your Hearts at <http://www.worship.ca> in the ELCIC's Gathered for Worship © 1995

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Ministry is an inspiration to many

Outreach Team. It was brought to fruition with the “muscle” of the Hospitality Teams as well as several other individuals to make it a success, hosting one of the most diverse groups that the Church of the Epiphany has hosted in some time. Many comments were made that this kind of intermingling with other churches as well as supportive and caring Sudbury agencies should happen more often!

It was a real celebration of the special person Genny Rollins is, and it is her ministry that inspired and brought this group together. It fit the theme well, that the Outreach Team has used as a focus also during its Lunch and Learn events, over the last several years. Inspired by Jesus’ parable of The Good Samaritan, the theme is “Who Is My Neighbour?”

St. Mary Magdelene, Sturgeon Falls: a church with joyful sounds

By Carole Anne Friedrich

Recently the author of this story sat beside a visitor to the Church of St. Mary Magdelene, Sturgeon Falls, while enjoying one of those scrumptious lunches Anglicans everywhere seem to be able to produce on short notice. He remarked that the church had no “quiet room” for parents and their small children to retreat to during service. Some thought was given to this observation. The author is familiar with these quiet rooms with piped in sound so that the parents can’t miss a word of the ongoing service, while the remainder of the congregation has the opportunity to listen to the service in peace and quiet.

That is some of my childhood memory of church services too. The “look” from my mother when my sisters and I giggled, or the “shushing” motion of a finger across lips when we began to chatter too frequently or too loudly. Not withstanding that, although the church has a basement hall, there is no space to provide a quiet room in this one hundred year old building.

What the church does have are noises. Noises from whistles as trains rattle by on tracks immediately adjacent to the church property; from snowmobiles as they pass by the front door on the municipal snowmobile trail. There are noises from summer tourists and boaters as they prepare to drop off their boats for a Sunday cruise out of Minnehaha Bay located down the street; and yes, noises from the parishioners: of every age.

Sometimes the noise comes from one parishioner known for his humorous comments during service, or his wife who is partially deaf asking him what he had said, to basement doors closing, to the occasional “hallelujah” and “amen” in response to a sermon or an announcement, or the downstairs sometimes noisy, gathering of Sunday School. But the most welcomed noise in the church is the sounds they produce.

There have been a few infants born to members over the past ten years and we occasionally welcome an infant visiting with their

extended family. These visits usually occur at feast times such as Christmas or Easter, but for some time the church hasn’t had a noticeable resident infant population. So any noise is tolerated from these newest small members is heartily welcomed, and can’t imagine banishing the joy of that noise to a special quiet room.

On most Sundays Bobbie Rapp can be heard talking to her Grandpa John as he holds her during service, we can listen to Zoe Klapwyk “practice” singing so that eventually her voice will be as sweet and beautiful as that of her mother’s, Amy Gaw. All gladly to the newest member, Isabelle Wielusiewicz laugh, cry or gurgle and just generally entertain who ever is holding her at that moment. That’s another thing about the babies’ presence in the Sanctuary. Everyone who wants to and is permitted to do so by the baby in question, can benefit from a few minutes to the whole service with a visit from any one of our cherished youngest members.

Their parents believe in sharing the joy and love. From a personal perspective as a grandma who suffers from a long distance separation from her grandchildren, this is a wonderful gift for which the writer is very grateful. This writer is also looking forward to the future at St. Mary Magdelene’s. Imagine the fun at “children’s time” during service, the choral gatherings with young voices, and the Christmas celebrations in years to come!

Everyone of those young babies will have been nourished and supported by the extended family of church members. Their successes and trials will be shared by all in the church community. Parishioners will laugh with them, cry with them, rejoice with them and yes, grow in wisdom and faith with them. One cannot foresee a “quiet room” in the near or distant future for the “little church beside the railway tracks.”

In response to the question raised by the visiting gentleman, the author’s reply was that babies were welcome in the church Sanctuary. Their presence, and any resulting noise is welcomed by the entire membership of this church.



INSPIRING MINISTRY: The Rev. Genny Rollins has served as chaplain at the Sudbury Jail for many years. Her ministry has inspired many to volunteer in helping her with this ministry and brought care and hope to this who are imprisoned.



NEWEST MEMBER WELCOMED: Mothers and daughters met on Sunday, November 21, to celebrate the baptism of Isabelle Wielusiewicz, as the newest member of St. Mary Magdelene, Sturgeon Falls. Ms. Wielusiewicz is the daughter of Oliva Stone and Chris Wielusiewicz. From left are, Valerie Pinchin and Emma Ruth, Pam Rapp with Bobbie, Liane Longfellow and Ruby Mae, Michelle Taylor with Kaitlyn Hooper, Oliva Stone and Isabelle Wielusiewicz, and Amy Gaw with Zoe Klapwyk.



COFFEE AND TEA ARE SERVED: St. James Anglican Church, Gravenhurst held its annual Christmas Cafe and Bazaar on Saturday, November 27, 2010. Seen enjoying the yuletide treats are, from left, Paisley Donaldson, mayor of Gravenhurst, her mother Bonnie Camik and friends Ruth MacDonald and Susan Heidman. The waiter, making sure the cups are full, is Derek Shakespeare.

Easy when you know how

By the Rev. Bob Elkin

I was sitting in my "Man Cave" early in December (lawn chair behind the furnace) making in-roads on the fortified eggnog and wondering what to get the wife for Christmas when the most daring gift idea struck me! Buy her clothing!!! Like most guys I tend to get my fashion sense from Don Cherry and can barely buy my own clothing so you can see the audacity of this plan. If she unwrapped an awesome outfit on Christmas morning that I had bought she'd be totally blown away and I'd be a hero! Since Plan B was a new toaster I felt I didn't have much to lose and threw myself into the clothing project. It's easy guys and I'm happy to share my shopping secrets with you so you can be heroes too!

The big thing for me and most guys is we don't know anything about women's sizes. If it's bigger than a can of beer what do I know? Well here is a way to make a pretty good educated guess. Try it on! Really, just think about it. Every time my wife goes out to fill the bird feeder or empty the compost bucket or slop the hogs or whatever it is she does in the back yard ten times a day, she puts on my coat. They all do that: ask any husband. I asked my wife "Why?" And she explained that her coat is way down the hall hanging in the closet while mine is handily laying on the floor beside the door and anyway she doesn't want to get "yuck-yuck" all over her coat. So she wears mine and I've noticed that it is a little loose on her which means something a little smaller will fit her.

I went to Suzy Shier and tried on a mauve Angora sweater under a black flared coat with a matching tam and purse. I was checking the tightness of fit in the three way mirror when I realized that I was visible from the mall. If the bishop happened to wander past and look in right then I would be ministering in Tuktoyaktuk come New Year's Day, but I got the fit!!

Colour can be a problem. To me a purple suit with a pink shirt and a red plaid tie can't be beat and I've seen a lot of news announcers on TV lately who obviously agree with me but it isn't to everyone's taste. So when the salesgirl offers to help and asks about colour always say "earth tones". I have no idea what

earth tones are (mud, I guess) but it means something to salesgirls and they'll knock themselves out making sure the sweater matches the pants and goes with the purse and so forth and your wife will love it. It's some mystery thing that women learn at their mother's knee that guys don't get so just go with it and you'll be fine.

Should you really not have the faintest clue what her size might be then buy the smallest size they

Letter from Bob

sell. Don't guess! You've got as much chance of picking the right size as you do of pulling up the winning 6-4-9 numbers so don't even try. Buy the smallest, daintiest, tiniest whatever it is that you can get. She's going to have to return it anyway and you are going to score a lot more points for mistakenly thinking she was a "4-petite" then you are for selecting "dining tent-large". Trust me on this my brothers! Think small.

Always say something endearing that will impress the salesgirl and stick in her mind. When you're asked what size your wife is say something like "Gee, she's the perfect size!" or if they ask about colour say "Well she looks fabulous in any colour!" After Christmas when they're making the exchange the clerk will remember and tell your wife about the charming thing you said. Sincerity is everything and once you can fake that you've got it made. More points for you!

Keeping the receipt is a no brainer but always make sure they give cash refunds too. I've seen my wife examine all twenty thousand items in a ladies clothing store and announce that they have "nothing for me to wear!" You don't want a store credit in a place like that unless, of course you liked it when you were trying on some of the ladies clothing when you were checking for size. Just make sure the mirrors aren't visible from the mall.

Well there are my shopping secrets, guaranteed to make you a hero. And if you're thinking: "Awww, where was he when I needed him before Christmas????!!!" Don't worry! Valentine's Day is just around the corner!

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Induction of new rector at St. John the Divine, North Bay begins new era

By Larry Claus

As they processed up the aisle to the old hymn *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*, the service of institution and induction of the Rev. Andrew Nussey on Thursday, October 28, 2010, began. For the next hour, the assembled masses experienced a truly moving service. For the members of the parish of St. John the Divine, North Bay, this moment marked the beginning of a new era and a look forward to a time of renewal as each new incumbent brings a new perspective to share with the people. For Father Nussey, this occasion brings a whole new flock to lead, and to learn from, as education is a two-way experience. For the other Anglican parishes in North Bay and surrounding area, this event changes the dynamics of combined ministries in ways still to be discovered.

As the service continued, Bishop Andrews asked Rev. Nussey to "accept this charge, which is mine and thine, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." After this declaration, Bishop Andrews presented Father Nussey with a new Bible and Prayer Book with the instruction to "receive these Books; and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's holy Word, in leading the devotions of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and in exercising the discipline of the Church. And be

thou in all things a pattern to the flock committed to thy care. Amen."

Bishop Andrews inducted Father Nussey into the "real, actual, and corporal possession of this Church, with all the rights, privileges, and emoluments thereto belonging", as Rita Perry, Deputy Rector's Warden presented Father Nussey with the keys to St. John's. Now the people felt he was really their's.

The bishop and others leading the liturgy, did a walk-about stopping at each of the following stations where various participants read and admonition concerning that station. They travelled first to the font, moving to where prayers are said, onto the lectern, then the pulpit and finally the Lord's Table.

Many thought they had finished this part of the liturgy without having received any responsibilities. This was not to be the case. Bishop Andrews turned to the congregation and said: "I charge and exhort you, People and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." This was followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A time of fellowship and reception followed in the church hall.



INDUCTION AND INSTITUTION: The Right Reverend Stephen Andrews, centre, was the celebrant and preacher at the service of institution and induction of Father Andrew Nussey held at St. John the Divine, North Bay on Thursday, October 28, 2010. Clergy from area Anglican churches were joined by clergy from other denominations. Father Nussey is pictured second from the right of Bishop Andrews.



MUFFINS AND MORE: Waiter Ken Calvert serves multiple calories to, from left, Rev. Tom Cunningham, Pat Waters and Helen and Bill Flavell at the annual Christmas Cafe and Bazaar held at St. James, Gravenhurst on Saturday, November 27, 2010.

St. Mary Magdelene, Sturgeon Falls holds annual carol sing

By Carol Anne Friedrich

On Friday, December 10, 2010 the Church of St. Mary Magdelene, Sturgeon Falls, hosted the Second Annual Evening of International Christmas Caroling.

This special evening was first held last year and has been eagerly awaited by various segments of the church population and their friends. It is an opportunity for individuals of various cultural backgrounds to revisit past Christmas celebrations, and sing the songs in the language of their country of origin.

More than 50 people came out to enjoy songs in English, French, German and Korean. Organist Chris Wieluwsiewicz, accompanied by Amy Gaw on flute, led the group in a list of old favorites. A large contingent seated in the back two pews, presented their list of French language songs, which they sang with enthusiasm.

Five carolers sang songs in Ger-

man and the Koag-Harrison family, dressed in traditional Korean costumes, entertained in Korean. Amy Gaw provided solos in English, Yuna Young Yun Koag sang a solo in Korean, and Renee Lecruyer returned this year by request, to sing solos in French. All were warmly welcomed and appreciated. Some in attendance even tried to sign along with the words provided to the German carols, with varying degrees of success and good-natured responses to their efforts. The evening of song finished with requests from the floor, where everyone was quick to promote their favorite carol from times past. The final song of the evening was led by Gerry Potvin.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and plans were made to continue this annual event every December. The gathering is open to anyone who loves to sing Christmas carols.



SINGING IN PRAISE OF THE CHRIST CHILD: Renee Lecruyer returned in 2010 to sing a number of solos in French at St. Mary Magdelene, Sturgeon Falls, during their annual evening of International Christmas Carolling held on Friday, December 10, 2010.



THE MENU: Tea, coffee, muffins and more were available at the annual Christmas Cafe and Bazaar held at St. James, Gravenhurst on Saturday, November 27, 2010.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: Betty Shakespeare, left, donned the Santa hat while overseeing the craft table at the Christmas Cafe and Bazaar held at St. James, Gravenhurst on Saturday, November 27, 2010. Also helping to supervise were, from left, Ann Calvert and Glenna Kergon.

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Algoma Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, January 23 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends)

St. Mary's, Powassan
St. John's, Chisholm
St. Alban's, Restoule
St. Peter's, Callander

The Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark

Sunday, January 30- 4th Sunday after Epiphany
St. Thomas', Thunder Bay

The Ven. Andrew Hoskin

The Rev. Doug McClure (Asst. Curate)

Sunday, February 6- 5th Sunday after Epiphany
St. Saviour's, Blind River

Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon

The Rev. Roberta Wilson-Garrett - Deacon Incumbent

The Rev. Bob Elkin (Hon.)

Sunday, February 13 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Christ Church, Lively

St. John's, Copper Cliff

The Rev. Glen Miller

Sunday, February 20 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany
St. Luke's, Thunder Bay

The Rev. Judie Cooper

Sunday, February 22 - 8th Sunday after Epiphany
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From the Anchorhold



By Sister Mary Cartwright

This time it is Happy New year for the secular world! Another year closer to Home. But most important, it is the naming of Jesus; that name that gives meaning to all our lives, that name at which every knee will bow.

Then we have Epiphany, "the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles", better known as the coming of the Magi. It is the anniversary of my Life Profession: so it is special for me. A reminder of "The Light to enlighten the Nations": Nations shall come to Thy light and kings to the brightness of Thy dawning; They shall bring gold and frankincense." Then we remember the Baptism of Christ; we see the humility of Jesus, who sinless, begins to take our sins upon Himself, and the road to the Cross, Resurrection and Life Everlasting begins. Thank God for this and ponder how you can become better members of His body.

Too many saints to mention all, but we must remember the Confession of St. Peter and the Conversion of St. Paul. They did not always get along, being human, but were one in their love for Christ for whom they both died as martyrs, Peter crucified upside down and Paul, since he was a Roman, by the sword. I hope you have written yourself a Rule of Life for the year that will hopefully help you keep growing in the way of Christ. Not foolishly, like the New Year's resolutions that we can't wait to break but solemn promises to God about prayers, time with Him, reading, retreats and studies. Too busy? If you are too busy to make time for God, you are much too busy.

Light

*Shining God,
Even the darkness is not dark to you.
Shine in our darkness, light of our lives.*

*When we walk in the gray gloom of confusion,
When pain drains all the color of life,
When we are paralyzed by the darkness of fear,
Shine in our darkness.*

*When we know that others are walking in darkness,
Give us courage to be light for them.*



TO SATISFY THE SWEET TOOTH: Marilyn Petsura puts the finishing touches on the bake table at the annual Christmas Cafe and Bazaar held at St. James, Gravenhurst on Saturday, November 27, 2010.



ENJOYING LUNCH: The Rev. Rob Sweet joins children of Trinity, Parry Sound's Sunday school as they enjoy a lunch of hotdogs, veggies, potato chips, chocolate milk and candy cane ice cream during their annual "Adventfest" held on Sunday, November 28, 2010.



MERRY CHRISTMAS: On Saturday, November 27, 2010, Trinity Anglican Church, Parry Sound entered a float in the Parry Sound Santa Claus parade. The theme of the float was "The Night Before Christmas". Members of the Sunday school dressed as sheep, shepherds and angels with Mary and Joseph with a live donkey around the manger. Abe and Janet Kamerman organised the making of the float.

We must support First Nations in Canada

By Charlotte Haldenby
Have you ever tried to communicate with a business or a government, and made absolutely no headway?
Last month following their exact website instructions, I tried to get a new subscription to *The Toronto Sunday Star* with the two sections of the *New York Times*. I kept being told they would not deliver outside of Ontario. I kept saying I am in Ontario. It may be that search engines being American often come up with Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan first but c'mon, I have Ontario in my address and that's definitely a Canadian postal code. No understanding and no luck.
Sometimes the Canadian First Nations must feel that frustration a million-fold. They contributed to the writing of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2006, and Canada was not endorsing it. The only other hold-out was the United States.

Such was the situation when I went to the Great Lakes Kairos Conference in Ancaster in early October. This year the campaign effort by Kairos, the year-round ecumenical group which succeeded Ten Days for World Development, was to get the Canadian government to endorse and implement the UNDRIP. There was a petition to distribute to be submitted to the government and a handbook for studying the issue, plus a booklet of UNDRIP itself.
So I came home and started looking through the magazines and newspapers for all the Canadian First Nations issues as they came my way in October. I had quite a few by the time I co-

Looking at the World
presented on the work of Kairos at the Eastern Canada PWRDF conference the first week in November. And people practically cleared out our resource table.
And HEY! Right that next week, the Canadian government did decide to endorse UNDRIP. So now all the petitions have to be re-worked to say just "to implement", because that is the real crux of the matter. Consider these items from a full page spread in that elusive *Toronto Sunday Star* for October 31, 2010: There are 809,000 Status Indians in Canada. Roughly 430,000 live on reserves. Ninety-six of the "Bottom 100" Canadian communities are First Nations.

There are 110 First Nations currently under drinking water advisories. The photo on the front of the section shows the chief of Little Saskatchewan, Manitoba with a jug of his reserve's water. It is so yellow and thick you cannot see his arm behind it! The life expectancy of the average Canadian male is 78, and female 83. But for First Nations it is male 69 and female 77.
First Nation governments are the largest local governments having to look after all the usual municipal affairs plus health, education and social services, and if they ever get into financial trouble the federal government sends in consultants at an exorbitant fee, charged to the band's account! A reserve in Quebec

gets \$5,000,000 every year from the federal government, and the white consultants managing the fund take \$600,000 of that for their services! Reading the whole story of this reserve shows fights over who should be chief, and how the contenders were running things, but according to the people who live there, nothing has improved with the consultants!
Then another picture shows people of the Sandy Nation First Nation in Manitoba lined up to get their treaty payment, from an agreement signed in 1871. In 1871, five dollars a person sounded like a lot. Today it won't even get you a meal at a fast food place. Oh, sure in 1871 no one would have thought of indexing, but really how many white

"First Nations have been moved around so our government can assert its ownership of the Arctic."

Canadians now would expect to earn their starting salary without a raise for their whole working career. And why did we need raises? The cost of living went up. First Nations are not immune to that!
Maybe the key to some of the problems is education. First Nations students have a very high High school dropout rate. In one of the schools where I taught in my last year, the native students complained that they might as well not be there according to the yearbook. Yes there was the usual student picture but that was

it. Meanwhile all the spontaneous pictures showing school life were all the white kids. "They know where we hang out, miss! Don't you think they could take one picture!"
This year now there actually are First Nations students in significant numbers making it to colleges and universities. Sault College is having awareness workshops for staff so they can appreciate native cultures. However Anishnabe Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare claims that the education fund for native students has been capped so it barely keeps up with inflation, let alone all the new college students. And these will be the nurses, the child care workers, the accountants, the water technicians, the band leaders!
Then there are the traditional hunting and fishing rights. *The Sault Star* tells of the chiefs of Garden River and Batchewana complaining of the Ministry of Natural Resources harassing their people hunting and fishing on their territorial lands. Surely their First Nations identification card should mean something.
First Nations have been moved around so our government can assert its ownership of the Arctic. They have been "settled down" where it is convenient for the government to find them not in places which make sense for their culture.
And governments often see what big business wants as what should happen, without asking the people who live there. Don't you think before any mine gets started that it would just be polite

to talk to the people whose environment is going to be affected, whose land is going to be torn up affecting the traditional animal routes, whose water is going to be contaminated by mine waste, and actually listen to what they have to say. Yes, as the government fears, they might turn the mine down completely but they might also be able to point out ways that accommodations can be made. After all, they're the experts on this land.
When Bill C-300 demanding standards of practice for miners and a complaints mechanism for affected local communities was narrowly defeated in the House of Commons in October, the mining companies rejoiced, as it would have "damaged the mining industry and jeopardized jobs". How about the life and livelihood of the people who actually live near mines, as the Tsilhqot' in chiefs are protesting in British Columbia over Taseko Ltd.'s plans to turn a sacred lake, and a source of their food, into a garbage dump for a copper mine. Amnesty International is now speaking up for the Lubicon Cree in Alberta.
So please, go on-line to www.kairoscanada.org. Check out the resources, many of which are free or can be downloaded. The handbook, *The Land, Our Life* gives you more stories about First Nations in Canada and about Canadian companies acting badly elsewhere, and several ways of studying the issue with all the materials you need. And when the revised petition is ready, sign it and encourage others. Because we all know, it's the implementation that will really make the difference.