

Rev. Tom Cunningham celebrates special anniversary



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY: Rev. Tom Cunningham celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with family and friends at St. James', Gravenhurst on Sunday, November 25, 2012. Rev. Cunningham is pictured with, from left daughter Erin, his wife Shirley, and daughter Heather.

By Lois Beiers

On Sunday, November 25, 2012 as The Reign of Christ was celebrated at St. James', Gravenhurst the Rector, Tom Cunningham, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his to ordination to the priesthood. As a people who are journeying in the Christian faith, it is important for all to remember that Christ never said following Him would be easy. As a matter of fact Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me". Twenty-five years ago his ordination was the day Rev. Tom Cunningham

became a servant and an apostle continuing Jesus' work among the people of Blind River as interim. He then became the incumbent of Gore Bay. In time he moved to Lake of Bays Parish in Dorset and Baysville, and then to St. James in Gravenhurst. In Jeremiah we read, "I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them" and this is what Rev. Tom Cunningham does best.

On the day of ordination, a priest is given authority by the Bishop. He, or she must earn respect through being part of a local community. By working among the people and

becoming involved in their lives, the power of God comes alive in new and astonishing ways. Parishioners at St. James' feel sure Rev. Cunningham has experienced this many times over the past years. All know that the rewards of priesthood are not material and certainly not financial, but it is the deep satisfaction that comes when you are able to change a person's darkness into light through the grace of God. A priest is not ordained to save the Church because that is God's responsibility. He, or she is ordained to further the Reign of Christ in people's lives and in this

world. Members of St. James, feel strongly that Rev. Cunningham is what God needs in all our priests today: a person who has a deep trust in God; a person who has a deep hope despite all the evidence of tragedy; a person whose spirituality has set him free not shut him down; a person who is acquainted intimately with the mysteries of inner life and shows others the way to the very heart of God; a person of prayer; and a person of courage and so we took the opportunity to say "Well done, good and faithful servant"

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The beginning of a series on Anglicanism

Series will address historical questions related to church

By the Rev. Peter Simmons

At the time of writing, the season of Advent is well underway. The celebration of the birth of the

Lord is only weeks away. 2013 will soon present all of the challenges offered by a new calendar year. Thoughts are directed not solely to the future but also the past. For Anglicans it may be a time during which we might wish to begin a process of examining both the past and future of the Communion.

As we continue to build a strong and healthy future for the church, it is of benefit to look to the past. There are many areas to explore regarding the genesis of Anglicanism and its ethos. Who, or what is an Anglican? Who is responsible for the establishment of our Anglican church structures and this expression of Christian

faith? Sensitive, yet essential questions as to the protestant, and catholic nature of Anglicanism arise. In upcoming editions of the *Algoma Anglican*, we will begin to address some of these historical questions. We may wish to begin with the foretelling of the One who was to come.

The ancient Hebrews awaited

with great anticipation the coming of the Messiah. Hebrew scripture, the Old Testament, is rife with prophetic announcements of the arrival of one who would alter their circumstances forever: "A root shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit

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DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY



My Mother sang *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* as I did in turn with our children. This little English lullaby would remain just that, probably for the rest of my life. Then along came *Google*. The lyrics are from an early 19th century English poem, *The Star* by Jane Taylor and was first published in 1806 in *Rhymes for the Nursery*, a collection of poems by Taylor and her sister Ann. If you *Google* further you'll come across Mozart and Haydn who were both connected in some way to this lullaby.

The phrase "Follow the Star to Bethlehem" seems to have been with me for several weeks now which of course is not surprising as we are approaching the Christmas Season. I finally remembered that when birthday parties were held at home, there was a game we used to play as children. Two would hold a sheet upright between them, oops forgot have to turn the lights out first, then on one side a child would shine a flashlight through the sheet, beginning at the bottom and meandering to the top. The unsuspecting victim on the other side followed the light or star with their finger and then when the star arrived at the top of the sheet, splash, a wet cloth was flung in their face. This resulted in shrieks of surprise and laughter.

It was after seeing the stars and planets one very clear night I be-

gan to think about how it must have been for the shepherds to follow the star to Bethlehem and the stable. I thought this because on Christmas cards, nine times out of ten there is a star shining over the stable where the shepherds meet the Holy Family. But when one reads the account in Luke there is no mention of a star to lead the shepherds:

"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us. And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 1:15-16

However much later a star does lead the Magi to the stable in Bethlehem who ask:

"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him..". Matthew continues and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." Matthew 21: 2; 9-10

When one consults *The Oxford Bible Commentary* on this subject some pretty interesting information. "This is no ordinary star, and attempts to identify it with a planetary conjunction, comet, or supernova are futile." It continues in part by saying "Chrysostom (c.347-407) in his commentary on

Matthew rightly recognize(s) that the so-called star does not stay on high but moves as a guide and indeed comes to rest very near the infant Jesus." (p. 849).

The next clear night you are outside, look up at the starry sky and if one star seems to stand out from all the rest, imagine it is the Bethlehem Star but then again as the poem says:

IF YOU LOOK FOR ME AT CHRISTMAS

You won't need a special star-
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of ME
Amid the celebrations -
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart,
you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason I came,
And you'll find ME in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.
Love Jesus.

(author unknown)

Pam Handley, Algoma
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What is truth?

By the Rev. Grahame Stap

When Pilot asks Jesus "what is truth", John 18:38, he is asking a very reasonable question. A question I am sure we, each of us, have asked. When, we or someone we love is diagnosed with a terminal disease we ask why? I think it has always a question that I as a priest have asked each time I have anointed a person and lifted them to God and they have made a remarkable recovery while another person, also anointed, has died.

I have, in the past, turned to the gospel of Luke to find an answer. When the four friends lower the paralyzed through the roof to Jesus because the crowd was so dense they could not enter by the front door, Jesus did not say, "pick up your bed and walk". He said, "your sins are forgiven". It is not until the Pharisees say, "by what authority do you say this" that Jesus says, "If you need a sign pick up your bed and walk". Luke 5: 20-24

This tells me that the paralyzed man was made whole in his relationship with God and that the healing of the body was secondary. This being the case, then it follows that our prayers are answered but not always in the way we want. This, however, has never seemed to be enough. It answered the question but always left me wanting more. Was this the truth I had been looking for?

As always, when I am perplexed about a theological problem I go to the only place where an answer can be found: the Bible. It has always amazes me, even though I know it should not, how we can find an answer even when we have read the same passage many times before.

"Take my yoke upon you and

learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29. "By your endurance you will gain your souls." Luke 20:19. "When he opened the fifth seal. I saw under the altar souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God." Revelation 6:9.

Jesus did not come for our bodies. He came for our souls. He

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Grahame

came to heal our relationship with God. He came to take away our indiscretions. Sometimes Jesus needs to remind us of his presence just as he did while he walked on this earth. Jesus healed the lepers that he met. He gave sight to the blind and comfort to the downtrodden. However, outside of Jesus reach were many others who suffered and died. The truth is, it was for these that Jesus came as well as those he healed.

He came because we needed to know then, just as we do today, that God loves us and there is more to life than we can ask or imagine. We will always mourn when someone close to us dies. We will always want them to live; it is our nature. Rest assured that when Pilot asked what is truth we know the answer. Jesus came because God so loved the world the he sent his only begotten Son to drum into our sometimes thick heads that when our time comes, our souls that Jesus rescued will continue in the presence of a God who loves us

As always it is only my opinion

With His birth came
a new beginning

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of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD." Isaiah 11: 1-3. Unfathomable things would happen with His coming including sheep living with lambs, leopards lying down with the kid,

and a child leading them. It was to be transformative and radical. Bethlehem was to be the place of special importance. For Christians, the birth of the child of Bethlehem was the fulfillment of all that had been foretold. At His Epiphany, His revelation to the Gentiles, all would come to know a new beginning.

To be continued.

Presentations and brunch part
of celebration

Continued from Front

During the morning service, greetings were read from Bishop Andrews and Ven. Dawn Henderson. Following the service those in attendance gathered in the Par-

ish Hall with the whole Cunningham family for a delicious brunch provided by our wardens which included a congratulatory cake for dessert. Presentations were made to Rev. Cunningham including a

copy of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* and a bouquet of flowers to Shirley Cunningham. It was indeed a wonderful time of celebration and fellowship at St. James.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Shirley Marsden, People's Warden at St. James', Gravenhurst presents Rev. Tom Cunningham with a gift in honour of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

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Letter from the Bishop

Who gets the last word?

Dear Friends,

King Herod is the bad boy of the Christmas story. There are those who say that he is a victim of the storyteller's need for dramatic contrast, but ancient non-Christian sources confirm the picture we get in St. Matthew's Gospel. He was a powerful city builder whose deep insecurities led him to acts of ruthlessness. When he felt he could not trust members of his own family, for instance, he had them dispatched. The Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, is reported to have said of him that it was safer to be his pig (Greek hus) than to be his son (Greek huio).

It is this Herod who, when told by strangers from the East that they were looking for a child hailed as the 'king of the Jews', became murderously troubled. He solicited the travellers' assistance in finding the boy, privately resolving to snuff out the discovery. The travellers are tipped off, however, and take a back road home. When Herod realised that he had been duped, he flew into a rage and issued an order that every child in Bethlehem under the age of two should be eliminated. St. Matthew spares us the details. But we can imagine the panic, the pandemonium, the devastating grief. The only thing that saves the vulnerable infant Jesus is his father's obedience to instructions received in a dream to flee to Egypt for safety.

This is a horrible account for modern ears, and it has always struck me as morbid to observe the Feast of the Holy Innocents in the Church calendar. It was no less awful in the first century, of course. The massacre of Bethlehem's children is universally repulsive because undeserving and defenceless human beings were sacrificed on account of the narcissistic fear of one whose responsibility it was to protect them. And there is a sense in which the slaughtered infants have become symbols of Christian martyrdom, crying to us from beyond the grave to join them in witness against ungodly tyranny.

But this passage was not recorded simply to provide us with a history lesson or inspire us to nobility. Although we may view this atrocious event with the eyes of those who have witnessed pogroms in Europe, ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, and genocide in Rwanda, our shock and outrage are stayed by the words of the Gospel writer when he comments that this event was a matter of prophetic fulfilment.

The Evangelist cites two passages from the Hebrew prophets, both of them allusions to the

way that God had rescued his people from their painful oppression and bondage. His message is that no matter how brutal human beings can be to one another, no matter how atrocious



the event, God in his greatness is capable of accommodating human wickedness in his redemptive purposes. This, in a sentence, is the message of the Christian faith, for it is the essence of the cross: that God used humanity's worst deed to

accomplish humanity's greatest good.

History is the stage on which God is working his purposes out. And even in the most sickening situations of human depravity, faith leads to a place of hope. For nothing can stand beyond the reach of God or outside his sovereign ability to coordinate human affairs.

Some years ago, before the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Bishop Hanns Lilje told of a great church festival held in Leipzig, East Germany, at which some six hundred thousand people had assembled. The gathering took place in the very shadow of a communist building, at the top of which was the Red Star. In front of the building was a statue of Joseph Stalin, the former head of the Soviet Union who was responsible for the deaths of up to 20 million people. 'Right under Stalin's nose,' said the bishop whimsically, 'a sermon was preached on the opening words of Psalm 24: 'The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.'

The earth in all of its ambiguity and iniquity 'is the Lord's.' These are words of warning to the proud and promise to the worried. And to all of us, on the eve of a New Year with its inevitable joys and tragedies, it is an invitation to look to God in hope.

Wishing you God's richest blessing in 2013,

+Stephen Andrews

Stephen Andrews
Bishop of Algoma

"The tribute hymn"

By the Rev. Richard White

It was just a few years before the United States was about to be plunged into the bloodiest conflict it would ever see, the American Civil War, a war which claimed 600,000 lives. *Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus*, was about to be written. It would become popular among a certain segment of Union Army troops in that conflict. They would sing it in part to honour the young priest whose dying words were "Stand up for Jesus", and who stood for a cause they were willing to die for. This is the story of that priest.

The year was 1856. The place was Philadelphia. Although the Civil War had yet to begin, slavery was on everyone's mind. In Philadelphia the citizens were talking about a new Anglican priest in town, Rev. Dudley Tyng. Tyng was handsome, single, a fierce evangelical, and a passionate abolitionist. His preaching was causing waves at Church of the Epiphany where he was calling for the freedom of the four million men, women and children enslaved in the southern States, and denouncing the Fugitive Slave Act in the strongest terms. The Act forced the citizens of the northern States to turn in runaway slaves to the authorities. Tyng would have none of it, and he wanted his parishioners to break the law if needs be.

An evangelist and abolitionist was not a good fit for the staid and traditional people of Church of the Epiphany. They asked him to tone down his sermons. He refused. One of his wardens actually challenged him during one of his sermons on abolition. Tyng kept right on going. The board met and passed a motion stating it was inappropriate to "select the Lord's day and the pulpit of this Church as the time and place for the discussion of any question of sectional politics." Tyng ignored the resolution. A special vestry was called where a motion was passed giving him an ultimatum: stop speaking against slavery and the Slave Fugitive Act or resign. Tyng held his ground.

The disharmony was drawing

city-wide attention. Tyng drew broad support from clergy peers. He caused his bishop sleepless nights too. Finally the bishop presented an unexpected solution. He would build Tyng a new church, the Church of the Covenant, and give him the freedom to continue both his evangelical and abolitionist campaign if he would resign from Epiphany. Tyng accepted, and a new chapter in his ministry began.

In those days the YMCA was just for men. It was a Christian men's organization that had come

History Byte

out of the "muscular Christianity" movement which linked physical fitness to godliness. Tyng was just the man to be invited to hold Bible studies at the Philadelphia Y and they were well-attended. His new church grew too. The word on the street was that he had been "persecuted" by his first parish. Supporters rented a large hall for him to hold city-wide evangelistic meetings. A team of clergy stood with him, and people flocked to the meetings.

In the evangelistic style of the times, Tyng called people forward at the end of his meetings to give their lives to Christ. Hundreds responded. He could have become the Anglican Billy Graham of his era. Then on March 30, 1858 the young 29 year-old priest preached to a crowd of 5,000. During his message he shouted out, "I would rather this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message." His words were more prophetic than anyone knew.

As well as a pastor he was a gentleman farmer who had some of the latest mechanized gadgets. One was a mechanized corn thresher pulled by his mule. On the morning of April 13th his mule was hitched to the thresher in the barn. Tyng he reached to pat it. The mule spooked and knocked him into the mechanism

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Dementia explored at St. John the Evangelist, Thunder Bay

By Dale Sparkes

“Care is a labour of love.” This brief sentence by Cindy Backen summarizes her presentation on dementia given at St. John the Evangelist, Thunder Bay, on Saturday, November 24, 2012. The presentation was organised by St. John’s Church Family Care Group under the leadership of Ann Osborn-Seyffert and Sharon Sparkes.

Ms. Backen is a Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant. Her comments noted many of the characteristics, emotional triggers, and expressions of dementia. These include: predominantly emotional reactions, recurring past traumas, present perceptions of stress and angst, situational transmission of emotions, occasional windows of reality, and repeated or prolonged activities with no apparent purpose.

When in participatory involvement with dementia patients, one should use every opportunity to express the situation in positive ways. Dementia patients do not act to purposefully irritate another. They act

out of emotion and do what they think is appropriate. They may be stymied by simple things like a closed door or the end of a hallway and be unable to process the proper action required. The Golden Rule applies: Treat others as you wish to be treated. Be courteous, friendly and accepting. People are created as flexible problem solvers; caregivers, not the patient, must adapt to the new situations. It is heartfelt caring that matters.

Following a brief refreshment break, with beverages and loaves, Ms. Backen responded to many questions from the participants. Available local programs were reviewed as well as demographic pressures, caregiver relief, and systemic shortcomings in providing services to dementia patients and their supporters. The meeting and discussion closed with the presentation to Cindy Backen of a St. John’s prayer shawl and the appreciative applause of the participants.

Poem was set to music

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of the thresher where it caught his sleeve ripping his right arm from its socket. A surgeon removed his right arm, but the blood loss was too great. He lived one week. Dying surrounded by colleagues, friends and family he thought of his parish, of the young men from the YMCA, and of the thousands who attended the city rallies. Struggling to speak, he said, “Tell them, ‘Stand up for Jesus,’” a phrase that was the focal point of his short life’s work. On April 19, 1858 he died. He was barely 30 years old.

His best friend, Rev. George Duffield, a Presbyterian clergyman had been with him when he died. He recalled Tyng’s final words, “Stand up for Jesus.” The next Sunday, Duffield preached on Ephesians, Chapter 6. In the text Paul urges his readers to put on spiritual armour to fight against

“spiritual forces” of darkness. Duffield linked the text to the life-work of his friend, then read a poem he had written as a tribute. The poem was *Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus*. Duffield’s Sunday School superintendent put it to music and the hymn was born.

Duffield fixed a cob of corn on his study wall to remind him of his friend who stood his ground for Christ and the enslaved. The cob remained on his wall for the rest of his life. The hymn became popular among African American troops in the Union Army of the North. They had signed up to fight against the slave-holding Confederates of the South. While the hymn called them to serve Jesus Christ without compromise, it was also a tribute to Rev. Dudley Tyng who stood for a cause those troops believed in, the abolition of slavery.

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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.



CARE IS A LABOUR OF LOVE: Cindy Backen, centre, was the guest speaker at a gathering held on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist, Thunder Bay. Ms. Backen pictured with, from left Sharon Sparkes and Ann Osborn-Syffret, spoke on the topic of dementia. In appreciation, Ms. Backen was presented with one of St. John’s prayer shawls.

Canada Briefs - January 2013

Diocese of Moosonee to become mission area

When Bishop Tom Corston of the diocese of Moosonee retires, the diocese will become a mission area of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

The decision of the diocese was announced at the provincial synod in October. Delegates from Moosonee gave a heartfelt presentation on their ministry and on challenges such as distance, the cost of living, clergy isolation and low pay. As they discerned the best way forward, one elder summed up the feeling in the diocese that they wanted to stay together as a family.

Canon VII, drawn up to make the change, was unanimously approved by the provincial synod.

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\$28 million to fund new ideas

The diocese of Toronto will have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revitalize and reinvent the church to share the good news of Jesus Christ in new ways.

If the diocese’s Our Faith-Our Hope fundraising campaign reaches its goal of \$50 million and all pledges are fulfilled, \$28 million will be available to parishes to re-imagine church in their local context. This is in addition to the \$17 million that will flow back to parishes for local church needs and \$5 million that will go to groups outside the diocese such as the Council of the North. (As of Oct. 22, the campaign had raised \$40 million in pledges.)

The Anglican

New Ottawa congregation celebrates rebirth

The Rev. Mark Whittall was appointed as the incumbent at St. Alban’s, Ottawa in April, 2011, but he was not inducted until Oct. 28, 2012. During the 20-month delay, the congregation was rebuilt after the previous clergy resigned three years ago to join the Anglican Network in Canada.

But what began as a congregation of one has now grown to more than 100 worshippers, with an average Sunday attendance of more than 60.

The congregation also celebrated the return of Centre 454, a ministry that serves the homeless and others in need. The centre was based at St. Alban’s from 1976 to 2000. The basement has now been gutted and rebuilt to serve the needs of the centre.

Crosstalk

Diocese condemns new refugee law, cuts to prison chaplains

Challenging the federal government’s changes to Canada’s refugee policy, the diocese of Quebec has unanimously adopted a motion calling on Ottawa to repeal sections of Bill C-31, “which puts at risk the security of those seeking refuge in our country.” Among other things, the legislation gives the fed-

eral immigration minister unilateral power to declare countries as “safe,” resulting in accelerated deportation from such countries, regardless of particular circumstances with no possibility to appeal.

Synod members also unanimously condemned Ottawa’s recent decision to cancel the contracts of all part-time federal prison chaplains.

Gazette

Richmond, B.C. parish opens drop-in centre

On Oct. 18, St. Alban’s in Richmond, B.C. officially opened a drop-in centre as a part of the church’s commitment to serve the homeless and marginalized. The centre will offer its visitors access to computers and the Internet, counseling services and a variety of health care services. Visitors will also be able to use the location as a mailing address, and once a week, there will be a hairdresser on site.

St. Alban’s had already been serving as an extreme weather shelter and offering a weekly community meal.

Topic

Camp Columbia property to be mothballed

The diocesan council for the diocese of British Columbia decided on Nov. 1 to mothball the Camp Columbia property on Thetis Island.

In use for more than 50 years for a camping ministry, the property had reached “a state where it was no longer fit for human habitation because, structurally and service-wise it was not up to today’s codes,” said the Rev. Ian Powell. Upgrading or rebuilding the property at this time was not financially feasible, with costs estimated to be between \$5 million and \$7 million.

The council also approved a plan for a third party study in 2013 to determine the viability of camping and/or other potential uses of the site.

The Diocesan Post

Edmonton’s faith community recognized for interfaith dialogue

The City of Edmonton has been declared the first Canadian member of the Parliament of the World’s Religions Partner Cities Network.

“Edmonton is a world class city that has done a great job of recognizing that each faith has its own set of deeply held values, while calling together as many voices as it can, always asking: who else needs to be at this table?” said Helen Spector, a member of the board of trustees for the parliament’s council.

Held every five years, the parliament is the world’s largest convener of religious leaders to address issues of peace, social justice and community sustainability.

The Messenger

St. James', Gravenhurst: a beehive of activity

By Lois Beiers

It has been a busy fall season at St. James' in Gravenhurst. Many hours of time and talent have been generously given by numerous parishioners.

In September the church celebrated "Back to Church Sunday" with Jay Koyle preaching and celebrating. Pam Thornton and her team had worked hard to prepare for this day. They provided invitations to be sent out to members of the parish and organise a brunch to follow the service.

In October, Mary Leger followed up by organising a service of "Blessing of the Animals". Despite the rainy weather incumbent, Rev. Tom Cunningham greeted and blessed a total of 17 dogs. Too much inclement weather for the cats and Chico the horse who usually attend. Perhaps next year. Everyone, dogs included, were given treats after the service in the Parish Hall thanks to Mary Leger and all her and her volunteers' time and talents.

On Saturday, October 20, 2012, St. James' was treated to a "Wine and Cheese Party/Silent, Auction/Twisted Fashion Show". Helen Flavell and Ellie Kadwell put forth a supreme effort with others on their committee to make this event a resounding success. It is rumored that the "Fashion Show" may be going "on the road" in 2013. Stay tuned for further announcements on this.

Moving on to the end of October, just one week after the "Wine and Cheese Party/Silent Auction/Twisted Fashion Show, several parishioners were kept busy preparing for and working at the Annual Fall Rummage Sale. Business was brisk for two days and many in the community of Gravenhurst were able to be served by this outreach to our community.

On Saturday, November 3, 2012, Ellie Kadwell and Helen Flavell, offered themselves once more, with a hard working committee, to organize our Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. Although the morning started slowly it turned out to be a huge success. As the crowds came and went the baking, jewelry and crafts disappeared like magic.

Just two days after the Christmas Bazaar, Helen Flavell, once again organised our first "Friends Inviting Friends" dinner of the season. Volunteers helped in the setting up of the Parish Hall, serving dinners, working in the kitchen and the clean up. These dinners are a way of St. James' reaching out to the community with a meal to those folks who might not have the chance to share in fellowship with others. Meals are also delivered to shut ins and those in the parish who are unable to get out for one reason or another.

During November and December St. James' had on-going outreach in the community of Gravenhurst and beyond as

we pack our Christmas Shoe Boxes, make regular donations to the food bank, donate to Sleeping Children Around the World and provide gifts for local children in the Christmas Angel Tree project. The Hope Chest workers will disburse their earnings, gained through the sales of gently used clothing, to local organizations who provide service to those in need. It is through these projects that St. James' mission to the community and the world is fulfilled.

Sunday, December 9, 2012 was set aside as our "Stewardship Sunday" for reflection on "time, talents and treasures" for the coming year. In early November three parishioners from St. James attended a Stewardship Workshop generosity@mission.god in Orillia presented by the Diocese of Toronto. Attendees came away knowing that the offering is central to our worship of God and in it is an expression of simple gratitude. Through it people participate in the work of God in the world. In scripture no one ever came before Him without a gift. It might be asked how much should a person give? St. Paul's answer in Corinthians is "in keeping with your income". In other words, let us look at the house, at the car(s) people drive...the clothes in the closet, how leisure time is spent and tie individual standards of giving to standards of living. Generosity in giving can transform the person, the church and the world.



POPULAR TABLE: Marilyn Tierney-Petsura helps a customer select a tasty goody from the bake table at the Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale held at St. James', Gravenhurst on Saturday, November 3, 2012.



WIDE SELECTION: From left Charlotte Purser, Bob Lindsay and Bill Flavell were offering many items with experience at the Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale held at St. James', Gravenhurst on Saturday, November 3, 2012.

The best songs in Common Praise 1998

The Worship Committee of the Diocese "put out the call" for the best new songs in *Common Praise 1998*: songs that had not been previously published in either the *Book of Common Praise 1938* or *The Hymn Book 1971*.

Thank you to everyone who answered the call. Here is the list.

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In God we trust

By the Rev. Bob Elkin

I read one of those “good news, bad news articles” not long ago that gave me food for thought. It was talking about the approaching shortages of oil, effects of climate change, exploding world population growth and so on and concluded “The world might very well be coming to an end!” A rebuttal piece had been appended to the article by some famous scientist who said: “Nonsense! The world is not coming to an end and it will go on into the future just fine!” Just as I breathed a sigh of relief he concluded: “Of course, we humans might not be on it.” Definitely food for thought!

I realised though that similar mass shake-ups have occurred with other things and life went on. Television and the newspapers are full of talk about the United States perhaps going over the fiscal cliff at year’s end and the dire consequences that will have for them and for the rest of us too who are tied to them. Well the Church has been going over the fiscal cliff for the last several decades and I don’t see that it has changed the way we do business much. It might even have helped as it caused us to rethink our priorities, jettison some stuff that we couldn’t afford or that wasn’t so critical and concentrate on what it is we’re really all about. I’m not saying it’s perfect but hey, life goes on. We’ll save perfect for the next world.

Energy crisis? The Church has been in an energy crisis for centuries but always moves along. People join, catch fire, work hard, run things, wind down and fade back and just as we start to fret about that other people come and the process repeats. Go visit the seniors and shut-ins from your church and realize that these were the dynamos of the last fifty years who kept everything in your church up and running. They got older and they ran out of steam

but most of what they worked at still goes on because other people came along and pitched in. Now that’s renewable energy and there’s a lot of it around. Perhaps we’ve just got to learn to tap into it more.

Population growth I have to admit has been a thorny issue for the Church but our difficulty is different from what the world faces. Too many people isn’t our problem! There are more folks in the world than there ever were before but an awful lot of them aren’t very familiar with church and the Christian way of life. De-

Letter from Bob

clining membership in the midst of a growing population says that something isn’t right but I find it hard to put my finger on just what that is. That’s another teaching point for the Church to show the world too though. I don’t have to solve it all by myself. There’s a lot of us and as we work on it together things proceed.

As a Christian I think the most important thing I’d like to say is that our leadership is out of this world but incredibly involved in it. God hasn’t passed down some secret knowledge to a select few on how things should be. He’s made it very public through scripture, through the works and words of Jesus and through the millions and millions of people He has chosen to work through. We partner with Him in life in the world. In the words of our Liturgy: “And then you made us the stewards of creation.” To work as just stewards under the direction of a loving God is what the Church is all about. It’ll keep the Church going forward and it will keep the world going forward too.

So have some faith world! Life goes on!

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WELL DESERVED: Pictured is Ross Cutmore, a parishioner at St. James’, Goulais River, who was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at a dinner and presentation ceremony in Sault Ste. Marie.

Goulais River parishioner receives special honour

By Eleanor Swain

Ross Cutmore, a parishioner of Saint James’, Goulais River, has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, together with two certificates and an invitation to the presentation ceremony.

One certificate was sent by command of Her Majesty The Queen stating that ‘the Jubilee Medal is presented to you, Ross Cutmore, in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty’s Accession to the Throne (1952 – 2012) and in recognition of your (Ross’) contribution to Canada’, signed David Johnston the Governor General of Canada.

The other certificate was from the Governor General himself: ‘On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I am pleased to award you

the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal ... In granting you this honour, I thank you for your dedicated service to your peers, to your community and to Canada. The contributions you have made to our nation are most commendable and deserve our praise and admiration.

I wish to convey to you the heartfelt congratulations of your fellow Canadians, to which I add my own’, signed David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

The invitation to Dinner and the Presentation Ceremony on Thursday, September 6, 2012 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 25, 96 Great Northern Road is from and signed by Bryan Hayes Member of Parliament and David Oraziotti Member of Provincial Parliament.

Ross Cutmore is a very humble

gentleman and he did not mention the above. It was left to another parishioner who had heard about it to tell the congregation. He was asked if he would kindly bring his medal and certificates to church. This he did, but again he did not tell anyone that he had brought them. The person who had asked Mr. Cutmore to bring the medal and certificates went up to him and asked him if he had brought them. He had! They were neatly packed in a brief case. After the service, Mr. Cutmore was asked to come to the front and show his medal and certificates, and this he kindly did. Warm congratulations were given to him by everyone at Saint James’, and the general consensus was, “Well done, Ross Cutmore!”

Thorneloe University professor to be guest director in Taiwan

An Associate Professor of Theatre Arts at Thorneloe University, Laurentian University, will travel to Taiwan this December as a guest director. Dr. Ian MacLennan will work with students from Providence University in Taichung City on their presentation for the Ninth Chinese Universities Shakespeare Festival. The festival, being presented in June 2013, draws from universities in mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

“We are delighted that the Department of English Language, Literature and Linguistics at Providence University has invited one of our every own scholars to

direct,” said Thorneloe University President, The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacher. He added: “Providence University attracts many international students. Dr. MacLennan will be exploring student and faculty exchanges during his visit.”

Dr. MacLennan’s research focuses on historical and current Shakespeare performance. While in Taiwan, he will deliver a public lecture on “Staging Shakespeare from a Director’s Point of View” and a workshop on “Performing Shakespeare: Elizabethan Movement.”

Providence University is a co-

educational university founded by the Sisters of Providence, originally as a girl’s school in Kaifeng City, Honan Province, China in 1921. Breaking with tradition, it became a co-educational university in 1993.

Thorneloe University is an interdisciplinary centre of teaching, learning and research in the humanities, the arts and theology. A founding member of the Laurentian University federation affiliated with the Anglican Church, Thorneloe provides an accessible education fostering critical inquiry in a student-focused environment.

Algoma Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, January 6th - Epiphany of the Lord

Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury

The Rev. Dr. Tim Perry

The Rev. Canon Michael Hankinson (Hon.)

St. Thomas', French River

Mrs. Beverly Van Der Jagt, Pastoral Worker

Sunday, January 13th - 1st Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of the Lord

St. John the Evangelist Thunder Bay

The Rev. Mary Lucas

**Sunday, January 20th - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins)**

St. John the Evangelist, Sault Ste. Marie

The Rev. Mal Binks (Interim)

Ecumenism throughout Algoma

**Sunday, January 27th - 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. George Kwari

Hope Bear for Baptism

You or your parish may buy a Hope Bear for Baptism with a donation of \$20. That money is donated to the **Kids Helping Kids Trust Fund**, and a child in need right here in Canada benefits.



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From the Anchorhold



By Sister Mary Cartwright

Ring out, wild bells to the wild sky

The flying clouds, the frosty light;

The year is dying in the night

Ring out wild bells, and let Him die.

So wrote Alfred, Lord Tennyson. But he ends, "Ring in the Christ that is to be."

I can't believe that another year has come and gone. But it has! A year of great changes in our world, some for good, some for ill. But nothing can touch our joy in the Naming of Jesus, our Lord and King, by which name we are given new life.

And then, a week later, we have the Epiphany, the showing forth of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the three Magi, who come bringing their symbolic gifts of Kingship, Deity and death. Receiving HIS gift, the joy of knowing that God's kingdom was even then beginning.

It is a time of joy for me, too, the 25th anniversary of my Life Profession, a wonderful day to remember it by.

We remember too, the Baptism of Christ, the beginning of the long road to Calvary for Him; with the Father speaking to His Son, and the Dove descending, that same Spirit that immediately drives Him into the desert, to battle with Satan, and test out His plans for the life God wants of Him.

There are many saints, too: John Chrysostom, Thomas Aquinas, the feasts of the Confession of Peter, and the conversion of St. Paul, the great leaders of the early Church; Hilary, Agnes and Bishops and teachers Timothy and Titus, so many names we remember.

May the Epiphany star shine for us all, to illumine the path home. Let's end with an Epiphany hymn:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim

Gold of Obedience and incense of lowliness

Bring and adore Him; the Lord is His name.



St. John Chrysostom



St. Thomas Aquinas

ACW Transition Team update

**By Jacquie Howell
President of the ACW
Transition Team**

"God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light.

Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in our ministry, prayers and fellowship.

May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and forever."

A New Year in our Church life always gives the opportunity to reflect on the past year. It has been a time of prayer, many readers have shared in that ministry. The Transition Team thanks for your prayers and support. The tangible expression of support received by e-mail and phone calls has been appreciated.

How fortunate we are in this changing world to have the many advances in technology, which allows for enhanced communication. The Transition Team has been able to meet frequently via Skype, weekly and sometimes daily by e-mail. The Deanery Board had

a teleconference in December allowing the board to discuss the by-laws, annual meeting and be updated on the Transition Team's activities. Check the Diocese of Algoma web pages under MINISTRIES for updates.



There are some minor changes to the Constitution because of comments from ACW members. Members will receive a final proposed copy prior to the ACW Spring Deanery meetings. The

by-laws will also be available for discussion at the spring deanery meetings.

The ACW annual will be hosted by Muskoka Deanery. The dates are May 27 to May 29, 2013. Some exciting changes will occur to allow more time for sharing and fellowship. The opening service will be held Monday May 27, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. An optional fellowship light dinner will be hosted by All Saints' ACW, prior to the service. Hidden Valley Resort is the location and there is an outdoor pool and an indoor salt pool.

The Diocesan ACW will be celebrating their 46th annual conference. Think of all the work that has been done in His name during those years! Members continue to share your ministry with devotion, stewardship, and fellowship.

May the New Year bring a deeper love of our Saviour as we share his love in work and prayer and fellowship as Women of the Church.

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ST. NICHOLAS COMES TO NORTH BAY: On Thursday, December 6, 2012 children at St. John the Divine, North Bay were invited to gather in the church hall to greet Bishop Nicholas. The children had an opportunity to learn about the life of Bishop Nicholas in preparation for his visit. Everyone enjoyed song, activities and snacks. Pictured is Lynda Hughes presenting Bishop Nicholas with a gift of some of his favourite snacks to thank him for his visit.



SPECIAL CREATION: This past summer the Rev. Peter Simmons celebrated his 50th birthday. In celebration Lynne Borne, a parishioner of St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River made a cake upon which stands a model of the church also created by Mrs. Borne. St. Thomas' is one of four churches in the Parish of St. Stephen. Rev. Simmons is incumbent of the Parish.

Hunger and need can be overcome in our world

By Charlotte Haldenby

My friend's husband gets really anxious if we get to his birthday in November and I haven't called to invite them to St. Matthew's turkey supper. It's the best, and brings back those childhood memories of community celebrations. And oh that choice of pies, that you never get when you're eating at home.

At the PWRDF gathering in Regina, right in the middle of that three day snowstorm in November, the church ladies in charge of tea and coffee gave us muffins and cookies galore, "And eat up. We don't want to take them home!" The hotel breakfasts, even the simple ones, were way too much. Hot oatmeal was a great big soup dish full, so no one managed the whole thing. And at our big meal together, all the meat served was at least eight oz.. per plate.

You are probably now recovering from all the turkey and fixings and so good cookies of Christmas and New Year's. Imagine sitting down to meals with our PWRDF partner from Cuba, Egilberto Chavez, who usually has a cup of coffee and a slice of bread for breakfast, and beans and rice for the rest of the day. He did stack his plate like the rest of us, but when he gave his talk on the Saturday on the problems of food security in the Caribbean and Mexico, we did feel a little embarrassed, maybe guilty, at least awkward. How is it that we accept such big meals as our due, and always have muffins or pastry with our coffee break?

My rule is that the only cookies that get into my house are Girl Guide cookies, and chocolate is only here for Hallowe'en so

Looking at the World

hopefully it goes well, except for the St. Matthew's Easter Eggs, but they have definite destinations. So when I'm offered cookies or chocolate outside my house, it's alright! But those ladies in Regina hit all my favorites, even a cookie which was half chocolate and half shortbread. How do you do that? I'm sure my sugar and cholesterol went way up! Meanwhile, how many people in the world would like just one of those meals for the whole day?

In how many families in Canada at the end of the welfare month, would that big meal be a blessing? At the Back to Basics programme at St. John's, we know when the money is running out. It's when spaghetti replaces what most people would call a snack, and some kids come up for four helpings cause this is going to be dinner too.

Jane Mesich learned at the Thunder Bay Deanery Council that it is not possible to give a definite number for food banks in Canada as they come and go, but there are more food banks than McDonald's. And when we look at ordinary potatoes and sugars and fats, a regular potato is one, potato chips are two, and MacDonald's fries are 24. How healthy are we in what we eat?

We look at *Canada's Food Guide* telling us what we should eat for proper nutrition! But we also look at ads on TV that tell us what to eat to make the restaurant

business happy! Egilberto had an interesting comparison: What we should eat, "consumo". What the restaurant and grocery business wants us to eat "consumismo". Are we shopping along the outside walls of the grocery stores where the basics are? Consumo. Or do we know all the aisles off by heart? Consumismo. The PWRDF is beginning a Food for Life campaign. It is build on education in good nutrition and assisting in development to provide food security.

In many countries where development is going on people are farming just as our grandparents did, trying to raise all the food they need for their families. But often they need to raise a bit extra to supply more than food. And just as my grandfather had

"In how many families in Canada at the end of the welfare month would that big meal be a blessing?"

a job on the road crew and my grandmother had her big field of a garden, many farmers have to work off the farm or grow cash crops.

Just think of those coffee breaks: Where does the coffee and the sugar and the chocolate come from? Not here in Canada! Who is growing those crops? Those people are not eating coffee, sugar and chocolate as a total diet. But when they grow those crops for our coffee breaks, land is being used that could produce really good food for those workers. And so the workers may not

be eating well, but the multinationals who buy up those cash crops are making profits.

Just think of biofuels. We're trying to use less petroleum products. Harmful to the environment, you know? So now corn is a commodity in demand, instead of solely the major food in Mexico. The price has gone way up. Dollars are dangled in front of corn growers; but people living in town and not growing their own corn can no longer afford to buy it.

Just think of Haiti: earthquake, a tropical storm and the latest hurricane. Farmers have not had the chance to recover and restore their lands and the next disaster comes. People are still living in tents dependent on outside help, when they would really love to get back to their farms "the way its spozed to be", and growing their own food again. Or the Sahel and drought, and rains coming at the wrong time. People are farmers and working hard, but it just isn't working out this year.

When the Food and Agricultural Organization for the world adds up our world food production and divides it by our world population, there is enough to feed us all adequately. Hunger in the pockets around the world, and some of them are pretty big, is not caused by a world-wide lack of food, but by its diversion to other uses or to speculators and multinationals, who sell it on to us for our big appetites.

Meanwhile 35% of the world is experiencing great hunger. And if mothers are not fed adequately, then their children are under-

developed too, in growth and intellectual power. From birth to age two is regarded as a valley of death, and if you make it through you will likely grow up.

My *Nutrition Action* magazine analyzes a particular grocery/restaurant item every month for its actual nutritional values. For some brands there can be almost a day's recommended calories in what we're eating as "lunch", and most of us already had breakfast and are going on to dinner. Sometimes there may only be ten items on a page long list that get the checkmarks of approval. Our grocery bills are going up. Is that the economic crisis, or food commodities market, or multinationals out to get the most they can?

Can we buy healthier food for ourselves? If we can save money on our own food bills, can we set a bit aside for PWRDF projects for food security elsewhere? Check out the Canadian Food Grains Bank's work, and their postcard campaign to the Prime Minister on food security. www.foodgrainsbank.ca Or their excellent resource *Fast for Change*, which encourages you to consider your consumption in the world picture, www.fastforchange.ca

Of course, I will still be there for the turkey suppers! They build our community. Yes I will still buy apple and turkey and meat pies, because I know the money goes on to good causes in our church and community. And I do appreciate all the work, and the heritage involved. And it's good to have occasions and treats.

But I also carry in my heart a line from Egilberto's talk: "I think the world is beautiful and poetry is like bread for everyone." Let's work on it!