

Congregational Development Officer appointed

Bishop Andrews announces appointment of the Rev. Dr. D. Jay Koyle

I am pleased to announce the appointment of The Rev. Dr. D. Jay Koyle as Diocesan Congregational Development Officer under a two-year contract. His responsibility will be to develop and coordinate benchmarks for healthy parishes in light of the Strategic Plan, and then to train assessment teams to evaluate parishes, and provide practical and pastoral support to build congregations throughout the Diocese. He takes up the position on 1 April, but will meet with both the Implementation Team and the Executive Committee in March.

Dr. Koyle is a priest in London, Ontario, with 22 years of experience both in the parish and in the academy. He holds a Bachelor degree in Music (Western), a MDiv (Huron), a MA in Theology (Notre Dame) and a DMin from Seabury-Western. His theology degree was in liturgical studies and his DMin thesis is entitled, *Calling the Church to Its Heart: Preaching, Parish Catechumenate and the Revitalization of the Twenty-first Century Congregation*.

After serving a curacy at Trinity Anglican Church, Cambridge, Jay became the rector of Trinity, Mitchell, Trinity, Sebringville and St. Stephen's, Stratford. He was briefly the rector of St. Jude's Anglican Church, Brantford, before serving as rector of St. Aidan's Anglican Church, London, for nearly seven years. This led to a joint rectorship in the same parish for another seven years. In these contexts, Dr. Koyle gained an understanding of what it is like to serve in both urban and rural churches and in team ministry.

In the academy, Dr. Koyle has taught at the Renison Institute of Ministry (Waterloo), Canterbury College (Windsor) and Huron University College, where he has held a position as Assistant Professor. He has taught a number of courses on preaching and liturgy, as well as a course on the theology and praxis of missional church, and effective strategies for promoting a missional orientation within congregations. This course, entitled, 'Fostering Missional Congregations', explores worship, preaching, hospitality, formation and education, evangelism, the catechumenal process, political and advocacy work, outreach and relief efforts, prayer and spirituality.

The author of a number of publications, he is in regular demand as a conference speaker and workshop leader. *See Interview – p. 6*



CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: The Rev. Dr. D. Jay Koyle brings extensive parish and academic experience to his new position. Dr. Koyle will formally assume his new responsibilities on April 1.

Sturgeon Falls celebrates an international Christmas

By Carole Anne Friedrich

Sometimes the best ideas originate unexpectedly in the midst of a shared meal. St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Sturgeon Falls A.C.W.'s Annual Christmas Dinner was just such a moment. A suggestion by Marie Razeau that the church arrange an evening of International Christmas music was welcomed so enthusiastically that it was immediately organized.

On the evening of Thursday, December 17, 2009, the Church of St. Mary Magdalene opened its doors to the community to welcome over 50 visitors with songs in various languages representing some of the nationalities of the members of the church and community. The interior of the 125 year old church had been lovingly and beautifully decorated by Debbie Samson and her team.

Chris Wielusiewicz, the church's talented organist, organized various groups and individuals to sing songs in English, French, Korean, Latin and German. He was ably accompanied by Michelle Taylor-Hooper on clarinet and Jeff Hooper on flute.

Following scripture readings in English by Kyura Harrison and in French by Emilie O'Brien, the children entertained the gathered company with Christmas songs. Then, several quartets led the church in songs chosen to represent the nationalities of their group. Everyone, regardless of their language abilities, attempted to sing along, aided by the multilingual printed programme prepared by Marie and Chris. Yuna Young Yun Koag, along with her children Danby and Kyura Harrison, donned colourful national Korean costumes

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WITH ONE VOICE: John Rapp, Master of Ceremonies, is pictured behind (L) to (R) Gerald Potvin, Marie Razeau, Christa Kreder and Alma O'Neill who sang a musical selection in German at the international Christmas held at St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls in December 2009.

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Ministering to children in Madagascar

Susan Tier, a parishioner at Christ Church, Sault Ste. Marie, joined Mary Sherwood at the Akany Famonjena Orphanage and Akany Taffita day program centre in Madagascar for the month of February.

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Teen Challenge in Sault Ste. Marie

Teen Challenge North, a group dedicated to freeing young men from drug addiction took part in song at the morning service at Christ Church, Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

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Around Algoma

Elizabeth Nock fractures hip
Eleizabeth Nock, widow of Bishop Frank F. Nock, fell and fractured her hip on Saturday, February 21, 2010. While being treated for this injury, Mrs. Nock suffered a heart attack. She is presently resting comfortably in Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario. Prayers are requested for Mrs. Nock and the Nock family.

Bishop's Motto for 2010
'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.' (1 Peter 4: 10)

KatyIn Grace Hooper arrives
Baby Hooper has arrived! Jeffery and Michelle are delighted to announce the arrival on Saturday, February 20, of Baby Kaitlyn Grace, just in time for her father's ordination! Michelle and Kaitlyn are both doing well. Our congratulations go out to the Hooper family.

EDITORIAL

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Letter from the Bishop

The power of music impossible to overstate

Dear Friends,

In a piece entitled 'J.S. Bach in Japan' (First Things, vol. 104, pp. 15-17), Uwe Siemon-Netto describes the apologetic power of Bach's music in one of the world's most secularised cultures. The article alleges that Bach has converted tens of thousands to the Christian faith. The renowned organist Masaaki Suzuki, founder and director of the Japan Bach Collegium, reports that after one of his always-sold-out performances, non-Christian members of the audience crowd the podium to talk about Christian themes. In particular, they want to talk about the meaning of 'hope', an idea so alien to the culture that there is no word for it in the Japanese language.

It would be impossible to overstate the power of music to communicate even the most sublime thoughts and emotions. Advertisers and movie directors know this well. At the age of three, our elder daughter would often say at a dramatic moment in a Disney film, 'What's this music telling us?!' We have all felt the power of music to inspire suspicion, patriotism, sadness, humour and delight, so it is easy to understand why music occupies such a central place in the worship of the Church. Few media can transport the human spirit so effectively through the sorrow of Lent or the joy of Easter. But can music actually inspire Christian faith?

The fact that music's aesthetic power can be misused indicates that, by itself, it is incapable of bringing Christian faith into being. We are all familiar with the way music has been employed to manipulate an audience, as a cover-up for thin dialogue, for instance, or even in churches where it is treated more as a mood-enhancer than a vehicle for the truth. Despite the claim of those who espouse 'the Mozart effect', it is not realistic to expect that an unbeliever will automatically wish to be baptised after listening to Messiaen's *Éclairs sur l'Au-Delà* (though it is arguable that that is precisely what they ought to do).

Nevertheless, while not embodying truth in itself, music can perform the noble task of directing us to the truth. If it engages both the heart and the mind, we can hear 'the



echo of a tune we have not heard', to quote C.S. Lewis. That is to say, we are drawn to a beauty which is not in the music itself, but which comes to us through the music. For me it may be the promise of redemption from a flawed world so poignantly depicted in a Mahler symphony, while for the secular Japanese listener it is the affirmation in Bach's work that life has an ordered meaning and purpose. As a mode of communication, there is no equal to music.

Even as I write this, I am put in mind of Mark Twain's assertion that, 'one cannot tell about music so that another person can get the feeling of it'. Strictly speaking, I suppose Twain is right. But words can greatly enhance our experience of music, and if music plays a role in conceiving faith in an individual, then it simply must be accompanied by words. Indeed, I would hold that the spiritual welfare of those who worship week by week in our congregations depends to a great extent on the degree to which music engages both the emotions and the mind. Those who pray for a renaissance in church music must therefore be committed to education, like one Anglican priest I know of who is engaged in a project to comment theologically on what Bach is doing musically in his sacred cantatas. If more clergy and church musicians collaborated in the task of teaching, then the performance of music might not move only our emotions – it could move our souls closer to heaven.

With every good wish for a holy Lent,

Stephen Andrews
Bishop of Algoma

Fasting in a Post-Catholic England

By the Rev. Richard White

It was February 24, 1551 and John Samford, a draper of the City of Gloucester clutched a treasure. It was a letter. The king's seal had given his household permission to serve meat during Lent. We don't know why the letter was issued. It could have been because Samford was expecting guests, or he had dietary preferences and lots of influence. In any case, the letter exempted him from obeying the new king's proclamation.

On January 16, 1551 young Edward VI (1547-1553) issued a proclamation saying his subjects were to fast from meat during Lent. In its preface, the pious king said he had a "desire and will to lead his people in such rites, ways, and customs as might be acceptable to God and the farther increase of good living." He commanded his people to be "more forward in fasting, prayer, and alms deeds." He even specified a preferred diet of fish, cheese and eggs.

This would have confused many of the clergy. England's first Protestant king seemed anti-Roman in other ways. Wasn't fasting a Roman Catholic practice? And after his father, Henry VIII was put into his coffin January 29, 1547, hadn't Edward been quick to expunge the realm of the visible signs of the Roman Faith?

Images and paintings were to be removed from the churches, the number of candles reduced, sermons had to be preached from a distinctly Protestant-flavoured "Book of Homilies, and bells could no longer be rung during the

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censers, crosses, sanctus bells, organ pipes and works of art. Eucharistic vestments went too, and stone altars were hauled away, broken up and replaced by wooden "communion tables."

But Edward was not throwing the bath water out with the baby. His piety wanted to retain the best of the past. And so when it became trendy for clergy began to mock the Latin Eucharist, he acted. It was common place to take most sacred words of the Latin liturgy, "Hoc est corpus meum," "This is My Body," and corrupt them into a made-up word, "Hocus-pocus," a word we still use for superstitious nonsense. The king punished the mockers, and brought clarity to how the Eucharistic elements were to be handled.

Edward wanted to make the communion elements accessible to all worshippers. His subjects were going to receive in "both kinds" consecrated bread and wine. Over the centuries the Roman Church had regulated access to the Sacrament. In the sixth century women were prohibited from receiving the bread in their naked hands. In the ninth, the laity were told to take the bread on their tongues. By Edward's time the laity could only receive the bread. The

Mass. Church wardens got the message. Across the land church wardens stripped their churches of candlesticks, lamps,

wine was reserved for the clergy, unless papal permission was given. In Edward's Church, worshippers would be given both kinds, the bread in their hands, and the wine. When our Anglican Articles of Religion were drawn up, one of them said that "The Cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the Lay-people: for both the parts of the Lord's Sacrament, by Christ's ordinance..." (see Article 30 of our Church's 39 Articles of Religion, on page 710 in our Canadian Book of Common Prayer)

Edward brought dignity and clarity to how we worship. To mandate fasting, along with prayer and almsgiving, conformed with his Protestant understanding of why we do these disciplines in the first place. While the Roman Catholics of Europe might have done these "good works" to earn their salvation, or lessen their days in Purgatory, that was not where Edward and his Protestant advisors were coming from. Purgatory didn't exist. The Lenten disciplines testified to the "true repentance" of the faithful who fasted as an act of self-reflection. Salvation came through Christ's atoning work on the Cross alone, and not through our good deeds.

The extreme Protestants in his land no doubt grit their teeth at his proclamation to fast. However the law was the law. They would fast, and they would justify their conformity saying it conserved the supply of red meat, and bolster the fishing industry. Which it did.

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Diocese of Algoma Anglican Church Women DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH

As you read this it will be the middle of Lent. Some are keeping a holy Lent by giving up something that they especially enjoy. As good as that is, we also need to take up something, such as more Bible reading, study and prayer time. Let's concentrate on prayer. Prayer is a deeply personal thing as well as a corporate one with other believers. It is a personal relationship between God and Man, our communion with Him and His with us. How wonderful it is to know that our Father does listen to our prayers if we come to Him in obedience to His will!

These times we live in are times of trial for Christ's Church. Active practicing Christians are in the minority. There are those who find the cares, pleasures and busyness of modern life more important than following Him. He gets put on the back burner, given leftover time. The world would have us believe that Jesus is one way to God and that there are many roads to God. We are vilified if we insist He is the only way. If the fire of our devotion to our Lord is burning low, prayer can become formal and not from the heart, we must have the perseverance and ability to face without being discouraged, the implications of belonging to a minority movement, in fact to endure and endure joyfully the shame of the cross. Faith is deepened by the life of prayer. Now, more than ever we need prayer warriors!

We must also have hope, faith working forward with confidence in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the

God of the past, present and future. Now that we've covered some of the reasons for us to pray, let us now consider what and how we should pray. Our model is of course, The Lord's Prayer and the letters **A.C.T.S.** can be a help.

A for Adoration. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

C for Confession. Confession, repentance and forgiveness, Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lord, I am sorry for the times when I have been hasty or unkind, especially to ..., thought or acted selfishly, failed to forgive or ask forgiveness, forgotten your presence, taken your presence and love for granted (wait on the Lord here and He will bring things to mind.)

T for Thanksgiving. Lord we thank you for your presence, for the opportunity to pray, for the promise of peace, for the beauty of the world, the kindness of people, for all those I love, and who love me. For the Cross of Christ and the power of the Spirit. Help me to show my gratitude in deed as well as word.

S for Supplication and Intercession. Give us this day our daily bread, lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. Lord, I pray for my family, friends, those who are ill, troubled or who are mourning. I pray for those who are oppressed, involved in disaster or war. Bless them Father in their various troubles and show me how I may

help. Help me to trust your love, for you carry our sorrows. Teach me to act and speak in the way that you want. Give me the wisdom to know when not to interfere. Calm my fears for all things are in your hands.

To help you pray, find a quiet place. Let peace surround you as you kneel or sit quietly. Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away. You are God's child, He loves you and cares for you. He is with you, now and always. Speak to Him slowly and thoughtfully. He will bring things to your mind.

O Heavenly Father, your will for me and all people is my eternal happiness now and forever. I thank you for the blessings you have given me and ask for strength to walk in the way in which you lead me. Help me to remember the love of Jesus shown on the cross, and to accept the new life and love and freedom which He offers to me. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bibliography: *Great Words of the Christian Faith* by former Archbishop of Canterbury Donald Coggan
A Prayer Card- *How to Pray*

By Ingrid Koropeski- Diocesan ACW Devotions Secretary

Night of song and sharing

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to sing a beautiful version of *Silent Night* in Korean.

Following the completion of the last song of the programme, audience members and participants called out for their favourite Christmas hymns. The visiting Lecuyer family gathered on stage to sing their favourite Christmas carol in French. Master of Ceremo-

nies, John Rapp, reluctantly called for a last carol and closed the evening with an invitation for all present to gather in the church hall for tea, coffee and sweets.

It was a night of glorious song and sharing and brought back enjoyable memories of evening Christmas carol services by the writer as a child.

Henry Weir was Second World War veteran

The Diocesan family was sorry learn of the death of Mr. Henry Weir, father of Diocesan Treasurer, Jane Mesich, Alison Weir and Margaret Durkee. Mr. Weir was the beloved husband of Helen for 54 years. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 20, in his 93rd year.

Visitation was held at the Arthur Funeral Home and Cremation Centre on March 2, 2010. The funeral service took place at the Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Patrick Mc-

Manus officiating.

Mr. Weir was a veteran of WWII, and a staunch supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion. If you wish to make a memorial contribution, the family would appreciate donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund or the Military Family Resource Centre.

Condolences and prayers go out to Helen, to their daughters, Jane, Alison and Margaret, and to their grandchildren, Mhora, James and Catherine.



COLOURFUL COSTUMES AND GIFTED VOICES: Pictured are a number of the children who took part in the international Christmas held at St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls on Thursday, December 17, 2009. From (L) to (R) are Bryan Laroque, Kyura Harrison and Danby Harrison, both of whom are attired in colourful national Korean costumes, Emilie O'Brien and Patrick O'Brien.

Making submissions for publication in the Algoma Anglican?

- 1) Articles: If you're sending articles, we prefer to receive digital files. Our first choice is to receive attachments in Microsoft Word. Our second choice is for material to be pasted into the body of the E-mail message. Do not send WordPerfect attachments. We do not use WordPerfect in our production department.
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Let us be lively!

By the Rev. Bob Elkin

Half of “Good Church” is good theatre. I didn’t know that for the longest time and the seminaries don’t teach it. They pour Greek and Hebrew down your throat but don’t say a word about leading the worship with pizzazz! For years after ordination, I led from the front with a quiet voice and limp little gestures. It was almost like I was trying not to draw attention to what I was doing, but then I got to work in the West Indies and there my education was completed. They do it with flair down there and they took me under their wing and worked on teaching me some flair too! I’m not sure I developed flair, but I certainly got louder and I wave my arms around a lot too! Let me try and tell you what I mean.

Palm Sunday will soon be upon us. I used to drone through the prayers and give out the crosses and that would be that. In Carriacou on Palm Sunday about a thousand people from the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches meet in the town square and sing and chant while the priests douse the crosses, the tables, the people and anything else within a quarter mile with holy water. The crosses are distributed and then people form up and march

Letter from Bob

to hammer on the door until those inside open up and let the marchers in. I’m not sure of the theology behind this but the effect is galvanizing! A besieging army at the castle gate couldn’t make more racket than we made coming into church. You knew something special was going on that day!

Maundy Thursday is a high impact day too. The entire advisory board has their feet washed by the priest at the front and it isn’t just symbolic. Carriacou is loaded with sheep and goats and people wear sandals so when you’re washing feet you’re really washing feet! The words of the service: “I invite you to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master” seemed much more pertinent to me down there. He really did get down in the dirt and so must we.

Good Friday has it all. Three hours of drama, brutality, suffering, death. Spikes are hammered into a huge wooden

singing off to their church. The door of the church is closed so the priest takes the processional cross and uses it

cross that’s dragged to the front. The readings are done in parts with the congregation screaming “Crucify him!”, at all the right places while the bareness of the empty altar condemns us all. People leave that service silently, exhausted at what they’ve been through.

And then it’s Easter morning. Laughter, joy and celebration highlight the service. The singing is phenomenal! The service is spectacular! People read with a feeling that I’d never heard before. They rejoice and you can’t help but get caught up in that rejoicing too.

I found it difficult when I returned to Canada to get re-accustomed to the reserve with which we worship. I think some excitement on Sunday morning wouldn’t hurt us a bit. I think a little pizzazz would go a long way. So this Easter I’ll talk real loud from the pulpit and wave my arms around and maybe somebody in the congregation will shout “Praise the Lord” at exactly the right moment and I pray that I’ll have the sense to shout back “Hallelujah!” when it happens.

Have a blessed Easter.

Teen Challenge visits Christ Church, Sault Ste. Marie

By Eleanor Swain

On a stormy Sunday, January 31, 2010, Christ Church, Sault Ste. Marie, opened the doors to a group from Team Challenge North. Brad, Michael, Landon, Immanuel, Jason, Mike and Bradley, attended and took part in the morning service. Two of the seven men, Michael and Landon, shared their powerful and touching testimonies of how they were addicted to drugs and alcohol. After receiving get help from Teen Challenge, they received the tools to beat the addictions, and, by God’s grace, received Christ as Lord and Saviour who helped the young men, all in their twenties, to conquer the addictions and live lives dedicated to our serving God.

Before the group sang, the lead-

er, Brad, explained that they were not professional singers, but they sounded like it to the congregation! The group sang three songs. The latest one was an adaptation set to their own words, which explained about what they once were. Now, through Jesus Christ, they each are a ‘new creation’.

At the end of the performance, Karrie McCormack, Christ Church’s Treasurer, presented the leader with a cheque and ‘thank you’ card on behalf of the congregation. The work done at Teen Challenge is extremely valuable, not only for the men who come there for a year or so, but also to Canada as the youth enter the work-force as reliable Christian workers.



SINGING HIS PRAISES: (L) TO (R) Brad, Michael, Landon, Emanuel, Mike, Bradley and Jasson from Teen Challenge offer a musical selection at a service held at Christ Church, Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday, January 31, 2010.



GREAT GRANDMA: “Rev. Mrs. Georgina” carries Carleigh Lizzie Beaver down the aisle to “show her off” to the congregation at an ecumenical service held at St. Paul’s, Thunder Bay on January 17, 2010.

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Sunday, March 7 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
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All Saints', Gore Bay
St. Peter's, Silverwater
St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong

The Rev. Beth Topps
Sunday, March 14 - 4th Sunday in Lent
Northern Lights Parish
St. Paul's, Haileybury
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Christ Church, Englehart

The Ven. Linda White
Sunday, March 21 - 5th Sunday in Lent
St. George's, Thunder Bay

The Ven. Mark Conliffe (Interim)
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Interview team impressed by enthusiasm and knowledge

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The interview team was impressed not only by his enthusiasm and the depth of his knowledge, but also by the record of change and

growth in the parishes in which he has served. I know that Dr. Koyle looks forward this new challenge and to meeting many of you throughout the year to come.

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From the Anchorhold



By Sister Mary Cartwright

All of March is taken up with Lent (which began February 17th with the ashes of our mortality). I suggested a few ways of keeping Lent, and hope you thought about it! Jesus' time in the desert, driven there by the Holy Spirit after His baptism, is an example, we are told He was in the desert for forty days (the length of Lent) with wild beasts, fasting and prying, and seeking what it is that His Father wants Him to do and how. The temptations of Satan are an attempt to turn this seeking the wrong way, make stones into bread for Himself, worship evil instead of good, use power for the wrong purpose in acts to get public attention. Jesus rejects them all. Later He will do more and greater things but **never** for Himself. We learn from this to go steadily on our way, helping and healing as we can, never seeking reward or fame but only to please God. We follow Jesus this month right up to the last three days of His earthly life. We join in the Hosanna of Palm Sunday, the increasingly urgent talk with the Disciples who still do not grasp what this is all about. The first days of next month will tell us! We do well to do as He asked us, to watch and pray.

We remember the March saints - Joseph of Nazareth, husband of Mary, foster father of our Lord; Bishop David of Wales; Chad; Gregory of Nyssa; Patrick of Ireland; Cyril of Jerusalem; Keble, priest and teacher; and John Donne, beloved priest and poet.

The major feast of the Annunciation, when the message of the Angel come to the young and humble Mary: will she consent to bear God's Son? What a terrifying thing to be asked. But she answers "Behold the handmaid of the Lord be it unto me as You have said." Her self giving love of God and her obedience gives us our Saviour who will give His life for all. Thank God for Mary! So fasten your eyes on God, then other things become peripheral. Stop insisting on being right and listen to others. To many people Christianity is irrational. That is not a bad thing to be, sometimes.

Here is a Madeleine L'Engle poem on the Annunciation:

*This is the irrational season
When love blooms bright and wild
Had Mary been full of reason
There would have been no room for the Child.*

May you have a blessed and profitable Lent.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*



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BEAUTIFUL WORKS OF ART: A.C.W. President Nora Jennings (L) and Marian Birkinshaw (organist/warden) of St. Peter's, Sault Ste. Marie, model scarves presently being sold by the A.C.W. The scarves, which can be also worn as a shawl are made in India by women raising funds to provide basic needs for orphanages in Nepal and India. The scarves sell for \$15.00 and can be purchased by contacting Marilyn Schmidt at 705-254-3974.

MY PSALM OF PRAISE

I will worship you all the days of my life,

I will honor you forever.

Wealth or poverty make no difference to me,

Good times and difficult are the same.

If I am in poor health or good, I will pray to you,

Illness and well-being are equal to me.

For the worst times in my life I give thanks to you,

Cruel times are strengthening so I praise you for them.

For the blessings you have bestowed, I am eternally grateful,

Thanks be given for the bounty you have provided.

I will worship you all the days of my life,

I will honor you forever.

By Alva Wood



'BOONLETS': Simone de Verteuil (L) and Joanne Cunnington are pictured selling 'boonlets', a special gift for Valentine's Day, at All Saints', Huntsville. "Boon" means 'a Blessing; a timely and welcome benefit' something to be thankful for; something beneficial bestowed upon one.' Inspired by a gift in Bogota, Columbia, the bracelets, anklets, and necklaces, have 10 wooden beads representing the decade of rosary and a hand-made cross. They were created by Ms. de Verteuil, who blesses the cross of each piece of jewelry, asking God to draw the person closer to HIM and to bless them.



HAVING FUN: The children of St. Peter's, Callander decorated cookies and participated in craft making activities at the 'Kids Monthly Movie Night' held last December. The event was organized by parishioners Connie Swannell and Cheryl Boissonneault.

Susan Tier ministered to children in Madagascar

By Eleanor Swain

It was some time last year that Susan Tier, a parishioner at Christ Church, first heard God call her to missionary work, and in particular, to Madagascar and the orphanage that Mary Sherwood was instrumental in founding many years ago. After contacting Ms. Sherwood and initially being given the opportunity of making her own way there for the month of February, Ms. Tier began talking about this dream becoming a reality. She needed to fund raise for the airfare of over \$3,000, and her daily food while in Madagascar. She was given permission to have several bake sales in the foyer of the apartment where she lived.

Yvonne Hicks, another parishioner from Christ Church, suggested a fund raising pasta dinner, which took place on Friday, January 15, 2010. Many of the Church ladies helped Ms. Hicks, and many other parishioners supported the event by purchasing tickets and attending the pasta dinner. A total of \$1,200 was raised at this event. There were donations of money from many sources, some anonymous. Even Christ Church Sunday school children became involved, saving their pennies and raising \$53 for Ms. Tier. By the time that she left Sault Ste. Marie, the entire cost of the mission trip had been paid.

On Susan Tier's last Sunday at Christ Church on January 24, 2010

before she left Sault Ste. Marie on January 27, she was commissioned for Christian Service during the morning service. After making her promises, the congregation pledged to support her by prayer especially while she is away.

Ms. Tier's departure from Sault Ste. Marie was not without difficulty. Yolande Charland collected her at 3:45 a.m., and they then drove to the Greyhound Depot. They were at the Greyhound bus depot around 4:00 a.m., ready for her 4:45 a.m. departure, only to find that no one in the office and a notice pinned up stating that the bus would leave at 7:30 a.m. Ms. Tier took this in her stride and both ladies went to have coffee at the nearby Tim Horton's. It was there that Ms. Tier gave Ms. Charland an envelope containing, amongst other things, the key to her apartment. She asked for this to be given to Donna Haddon who was to keep an eye on things while she was away. To her surprise, Ms. Haddon came into Tim Horton's at that very moment! She was accompanied by her daughter, Donna Ouellette, and other Christ Church parishioners, Gloria Cardinal, Betty Porter and Cheryl Vallée. Then Fr. John Swain and his wife Eleanor arrived. It was a fitting group of friends who said, "God-speed!" to Susan Tier on behalf of all the parishioners at Christ Church, Sault Ste Marie.



HELPING CHILDREN: Susan Tier, far right, is joined by, (L) to (R), Donna Haddon, Betty Porter, Gloria Cardinal, Cheryl Vallée, Donna Ouellette, Yolande Charland and Eleanor Swain as she set off on her journey to Madagascar. Ms. Tier helped Mary Sherwood in her work with children in this nation.

Get up, get out and go and become a volunteer

By Charlotte Haldenby

Volunteers!
Where have they all gone? Every place where I volunteer wants to know. We are dwindling with the obituary pages. Who is going to carry on?

Check the charitable organizations you contribute to. Some of them are totally volunteers. Soup kitchens and food banks may have paid coordinators, but much of the cooking and sorting is done by volunteers.

Who is doing the door-to-door canvass for heart and stroke? Or has that faded in your neighbourhood to become a postal appeal, because there are no volunteers?

How many museums and art galleries and theatre groups survive only because of volunteers?

Who are those friendly people routing you around the hospital or giving you special activities at seniors' residences?

How do those local and provincial gymnastics and figure-skating competitions go on, right up to the national Scotties curling tournament in the Sault last month or the Olympics as I write? With lots of volunteers!

Remember when all kids were Girl Guides or Boy Scouts; or girls were JA and GA; and teens were AYP, all in your church hall. Our school population is dwindling in Northern Ontario so maybe we don't have enough kids for each church to have a group, but also where are the leaders? Or if you do volunteer are you stuck for life? (Hurrah for Nora Jennings and Erin Hernden!)

The government is trying to get

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teens on board by insisting on 40 hours of volunteer work before high school graduation, so we do have kids who help with fundraisers or after-school programs, but will they continue?

Most volunteers today were either brought up in the Depression when everyone had to help everyone to survive, or are children of these people brought up in the same mode.

So, what has changed?

One thing is family patterns.

About 25 years ago my sisters and their little guys attended some big anniversary at my dad's church in Newcastle. The local people were trying to figure out which was Ruth and which was Esther, and someone took Esther to task for being a stay-at-home mother and putting her children at such a disadvantage! This to the person who organized the baby-sitting course for her community and was often the only Block Parent home at crucial hours! Esther was upset. So was my dad, but as he reminded her then and later the person concerned, ten years earlier they would be attacking Ruth for going back to work six months after Alain was born. Our society and our government now just assume that women are working (and being paid!)

Another change is that work-

ing patterns have shifted. My nephew Stephen who makes parts for airplanes does his shift and he's done. This year he has had fewer shifts, but then has had to find a part-time job to keep up with expenses. His partner Carol works in retail and it's the same. But David, the computer engineer seems to work the regular hours and then be on call to troubleshoot at any time. And Alain, as Human Resources manager for a company that now has operations coast-to-coast, has to reconcile contracts involving the same work at union and non-union plants. He is often so exhausted that we used to tease him that

"To be a good neighbour is to love your neighbour as yourself."

the main reason he came to see Grandma was so he could flake out on her couch and get some sleep. He does have weekends off, but that's when he and his new wife Estelle have to do all the shopping and housework. I'm sure you know the drill.

(And I hope and pray that you people on all sides of the Vale Inco issue have finally come to a settlement! What a terrible cost to all families and the community!)

Thirdly there's the change in technology. Cell-phones, the internet, Blackberry's, iP-ods. Multi-tasking is expected although studies have shown it's

not all that effective. Everyone is on call 24/7. Everything must be done sooner if not yesterday! Who has time for real in-the-flesh friends? My early January birthday meant going out for lunch mid-February, and my late March/early April friends and I celebrate their birthdays in May as they're off to Florida now! And we're retired! No wonder people turn to Facebook to have friends. After all, 1 AM may be the only down time today!

That's just a start at figuring out what has happened to the volunteers. My next door neighbours, athletes themselves, coach their children's teams (hockey and soccer). Parents teach Sunday School to make sure their kids have that experience.

But my, it's hard to find the time to fulfil your work and family quality time needs, let alone volunteer!

I'm reading really old science fiction anthologies about the world in 2000, when all the new labour-saving devices will release people from eight hour work days, when food will be in abundance, when everyone will have enough. What happened to those dreams? Why is everyone so stressed out?

Maybe that old idea of the Sabbath has been lost.

Maybe we as a society have become so obsessed with having more (because it is possible) and having it right now (because it is possible) that we haven't thought out all the consequences for

ourselves and our families. In our efforts to become strong independent individuals, we may have lost out on community, where you know your neighbours, where a gallon of good thick soup arrives when you're so exhausted you can hardly think about food, or when you won't be getting home for another week, your neighbour says "Don't worry, we'll look after it!"

Volunteering can be just as simple as that. Just neighbourliness, because we're all in this together! A visit to your grandmother's friend, even with a little kid in tow can make her day, and smiles are everywhere! Even one shift a month at the library book store helps fill in the calendar, and you do meet interesting people.

To be a good neighbour is to love your neighbour as yourself. What are your interests and talents? How can you use them to make your neighbourhood (these days almost the world) a better place for all?

WOW! Thank you to all who have contributed to PWRDF in the past month to help Haiti. We raised over one and a half million dollars, now to be matched by the government!

If you want to see the churches continue together in action for human rights around the world, please go to www.kairoscanada.org and sign the petition to restore our government funding.

And while you're there sign the petition on debt relief for Haiti!

World-wide neighbours, yes!