



**GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING:** The churches of the Parish of Powassan which includes St. Mary's, Powassan, St. Peter's, Callander, St. Alban's, Restoule and St. John's, Chisholm, held a farewell party for Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark on Sunday, February 6, 2011. Rev.

Cavanaugh-Clark was appointed as incumbent of the parish in 2008. Pictured above with her husband Allan, she has now taken up her new position as the incumbent of the Parish of Minden-Kinmount. The parish is located in the Haliburton Highlands in the diocese of Toronto.

## Parish bids a fond farewell to Joan Cavanaugh-Clark and family

By May Seguin and Darlene Coulter

On a bright Sunday afternoon, February 6, 2011, family, friends, colleagues, and clergy of various denominations gathered at St. Alphonsus' Roman Catholic Hall in Callander to bid farewell to Rev.

Joan Cavanaugh-Clark. From the speeches given, it was evident that Rev. Cavanaugh-Clark was a well-respected member of the community, appreciated for her wit, compassion and ability to speak with everyone who she met. Her husband Allan, and their children

and grandchildren were able to attend, which made the occasion even more special.

Rev. Cavanaugh-Clark is a graduate of Thorneloe University, Sudbury. She obtained her Master of Divinity degree from Trinity College in Toronto. She was ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood in 2006 by Bishop Ferris. She began her parish ministry in Schreiber and Marathon, Ontario.

In 2008 she was appointed to as incumbent of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Powassan, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Callander, St. Alban's Anglican Church, Restoule and St. John's Anglican Church, Chisholm. It was through Rev. Cavanaugh-Clark's guidance that the Outreach Committee was formed at St. Peter's Church. The Outreach Committee, in conjunction with St.

Peter's Anglican Church Women, supports various individuals and organizations both locally, domestically and internationally.

St. Peter's Outreach movie nights occur monthly, involving children ages 4-11 who share in pizza, viewing of a movie, crafts, and socializing. The Talent Show, featuring the St. Peter's Sister Act, was introduced in 2009, and is a special community highlight.

She not only has had a very heavy commitment to her parish, but Reverend Cavanaugh-Clark has also been very involved in ministering to the nearby communities by regular monthly visits to Nipissing Manor, Corbeil, Eastholme Nursing Home, Powassan, and Lady Isabelle Nursing Home in Trout Creek. She was also the

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**GIFTS OF APPRECIATION:** The Pastoral Care Team at All Saints', Huntsville created trays of homebaked goods to deliver to members of the community who provide important services year round. Diane Noon created beautiful cards with a message conveying the love and appreciation of the people of All Saints' for the service of these various groups. Members of the Ski Patrol, pictured, were one of the organisations to receive this special gift.

## St. James', Gravenhurst is a place of fun and fellowship

By Lois Beiers

Since the beginning of the secular New Year of 2011, the Parish of St. James has been a place of worship, fellowship and fun.

On January 9, 2011 the Revitalization Team, led by Pam

Thornton, hosted a Parish Pot Luck Lunch after our 9:30 a.m. service. Not only does this Team regularly host the coffee hour once a month giving individual volunteers in this capacity a break, they meet to plan events

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## Diocese of Algoma Anglican Church Women

### DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY

We have been discussing how the most amazing creation of our God, our physical bodies, is likened to that of our spiritual body; the Church, and how we each belong to, and depend on each other to make the whole under the Head, Christ. We've seen comparisons between our 'physical' and 'spiritual bodies', between the Spiritual Head, Christ and our physical brains, and between our lungs, physical breath and to the Spirit's breath, the breath of life for example.

Let us see how hormones and our endocrine system have spiritual parallels. They can be compared to the oil that keeps our organs running smoothly. Without them we would really be in trouble. An excellent example is adrenaline, the 'fight or flight' hormone. Dr. Brand describes a situation in which he was driving along and an animal ran across the road. In a matter of seconds, literally, his brain received a message from his eyes, his foot tapped the brake, his hands tightened on the wheel, he corrected a skid, avoided the animal and carried on. His adrenal gland had released adrenaline to respond to the crisis, his pupils dilated, his heart raced, blood sugar was sent to his muscles and his respirations increased. The 'fight or flight' response caused blood flow to non-essential organs to slow down, such as digestion and elimination. Externally, in those few seconds, there is not much to see, but internally, adrenaline had accomplished a huge job re-coordinating all the cells involved. Adrenaline affects us every day, when we are startled by a loud noise, stumble or hear bad news. It works with the nervous system to reach every cell in our bodies.

There is a parallel to all this in the spiritual body as well. There are directives from the Head, Christ, to respond to certain situations, a prompting, a heightened awareness,

a nudge to our consciences to obey a command. We have different gifts as pastors, teachers, administrators and other callings, and at the prompting of the Head, we 'cells' are to spring into action. The Spirit moves as adrenaline, by bringing to mind the will of the Head, to mobilize the entire body. Glands, and enzymes act as agents of the brain in the physical world and in the spiritual body, the Church is held together under its Head, Christ, in order to grow and build itself in love as each does its part (Eph. 4:15-16).

Our physical bodies have the most amazing capacity to seek the most favourable conditions for itself. This is called homeostasis. Essentially, it corrects imbalances in fluids, salts and mobilizes whatever it needs to. It heals wounds or infections, regulates heart rate and oxygen intake amongst other functions. The natural group of cells known as the pacemaker is far more efficient than its electronic counterpart. It gets instruction from the vagus nerve to increase oxygen requirements and adjusts heart rate as directed by the presence of adrenaline. Our pulse rate and blood pressure readings fluctuate constantly, changing with rest, activity, even a hearty sneeze!

Our kidneys are tireless at working to maintain homeostasis, adjusting fluids, sodium and waste as necessary. Respiration is our body's very efficient cooling system. Because of this, the temperature of our internal organs remains constant even in very hot weather. We have the most efficient cooling system of all mammals. All these things, heart rate, fluid control, perspiration are all ways our body uses to maintain homeostasis. Other situations may need drastic measures from our body, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, are ways the body uses to rid itself of unwanted intruders that threaten its homeostasis. There is a parallel in our spiritual body, the Spirit expresses the needs of the

Body to the Head. He intercedes on our behalf to God. As Paul says in Romans 8:26: "We do not know how we ought to pray but the Spirit Himself, intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express", and in verse 27: "He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the Saints in accordance with God's will."

The Spirit achieves homeostasis by awakening our response to needs in our neighbours and shifting resources from a section of plenty to a section of need. It can be as simple as sharing food, sitting with a grieving person or even cleaning a bedpan! The Bible says we are to accept one another, serve one another, confess to one another, comfort one another, pray for one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens and most of all to love one another.

Physicians and nurses do not heal, they merely coax the body to heal itself. Without the body's help, then, efforts are futile. God of course, is in charge of it all! So it is with our spiritual body. We have to allow the Spirit to move in a direct the process for healing and growth in our various hurts and needs. As we enter the season of Lent, let us pray that we keep a Holy Lent with more Bible reading, more prayer and more awareness of the Spirit's urging us to do as we have just read; "To accept one another, serve one another, confess to one another, comfort one another, pray for one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens and most of all to love one another."

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By Ingrid Koropeski, ACW Devotions Secretary

## Group reaches out to both the parish and community

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and activities particularly those with an outreach focus including "Back to Church Sunday", and the Blessing of the Animals Service.

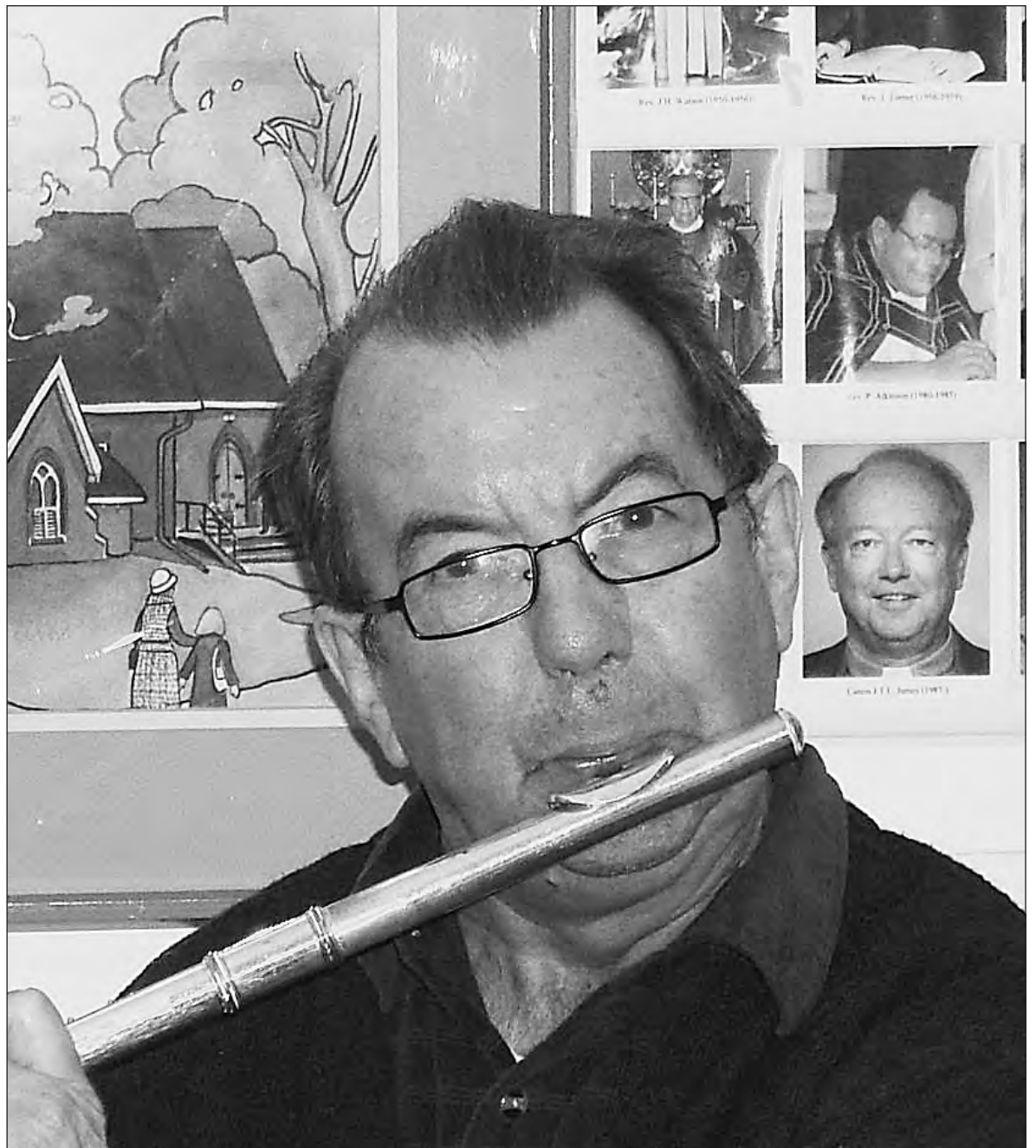
January was also the beginning of the annual Easter Egg Project. Several ladies of the parish, under the leadership of Helen Flavell and Judy Marriott, spent two days preparing and freezing the egg centres. These will be dipped in chocolate, decorated and wrapped in time for distribution during the week before Easter. There are just over 1200 eggs waiting to be finished and ready to go.

In February, St. James hosted two Valentine's Day Celebrations. The Ladies of St. James hosted a Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, February 10 to which they invited all the men to show appreciation for the times the men have been servers at the various events held during the past year. Entertainment was provided by one of many in house musicians, Derek Shakespeare. On Monday, February 14, a "Friends Inviting Friends Din-

ners" was held, coordinated by Helen and Bill Flavell along with many helpers. Over 80 dinners were served in the parish hall and five home deliveries were made by Incumbent Rev. Tom Cunningham and Bill Flavell to Parishioners who were not able to attend. These dinners are an outreach project that St. James has offered to the whole community of Gravenhurst where anyone is welcome to come for good food and fellowship.

Plans are already underway for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper which will be coordinated by Helen and Bill Flavell. Two sittings are expected with entertainment from the Gravenhurst Saxophone Quartet led by Derek Shakespeare. A "Simple Supper" of soup and biscuits to be held prior to our Maundy Thursday service is being organized by Pam Thornton and the Revitalization Team.

St. James is fortunate to have such a willing group of workers ready to reach out to both the parish and the community.



**ENTERTAINING THE LUNCH CROWD:** Derek Shakespeare, who is a layreader at St. James', Gravenhurst, entertained those in attendance at the church's Valentine's Potluck Luncheon held on Monday, February 14, 2011. One of the pieces chosen by Mr. Shakespeare was, appropriately, *My Funny Valentine*.

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## Letter from the Bishop

# Thorneloe University celebrates 50th anniversary

Dear Friends,

I know that you will want to join me in offering congratulations to Thorneloe University as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of their founding. A schedule of the celebratory events can be found on their web site ([www.thorneloe.ca](http://www.thorneloe.ca)), and I hope that many of you will find an occasion to participate in the festivities. I rejoice in the service that Thorneloe has offered both to the community and to the Church, and I pray that God will continue to bless her mission as an 'interdisciplinary centre of teaching, learning and research in the humanities, the arts and theology' (from their mission statement).

The primary impetus for the founding of the institution, in the words of Archbishop William Wright, was a vision for 'a fine, non-denominational university – well-staffed, with excellent facilities – where [our Northern Ontario people] may seek knowledge much closer to their homes with the many attendant benefits which this will bring'. But beyond the practical advantages of a local place of higher education, the establishment of Thorneloe had an ecclesiastical purpose as well. One of the great ecumenists of his generation, Archbishop Wright was energised by the collaborative effort of the Roman Catholic, United and Anglican Churches in bringing Laurentian into being. 'Ecumenical dialogue should be encouraged on the university level and such dialogue must be marked by a growth in charity,' he wrote in 1964. 'The human contact of an ecumenical dialogue, where we try to see other's points of view, often has such a profound influence that we will never again speak carelessly about those from whom we differ.'

Archbishop Wright's devotion to the Thorneloe project mobilised the entire diocese. A massive fundraising campaign was undertaken with a target of \$1.6 million (an amount equivalent to over \$12 million in 2011 dollars), and one dinner event brought out over 1000 people. While the College continued to struggle financially over the course of the next thirty years or so, the Diocese of Algoma was a significant source of both leadership and financial support. Today the provincial government and tuition account for most

of the College's income, and the Board of Governors has broad and capable representation from across the non-Anglican community. But Thorneloe's President continues to be an academic in Anglican Orders, and for many the place of the Church in a modern secular university is a curiosity.

This is because our memories are too short and our world too horizontal. It has been largely forgotten that the very idea of the university and the liberal arts curriculum came from the Church. Moreover, much of the ancient secular literature which forms the core of the disciplines of science, philosophy and history has been preserved to us through the work of Christian scholars and monastic communities. The reason for this is the fundamental Christian conviction that all truth is God's truth, and that the pursuit of truth will eventually lead to God, who is the Truth. It is therefore a privilege for Christians to be a part of this truth-seeking enterprise.

If this strikes you as altogether too pious, I would like to point out how truly integrative such an approach to education is. For while a secular institution may see its mandate as the efficient dispensing of knowledge, the object of the Christian academic enterprise is not actually knowledge, but wisdom. This is not to denigrate knowledge, which is an important component of a liberal arts education, to be sure. In its most general form, knowledge consists in the accumulation of information, and success in the classroom is measured by how well one remembers, synthesises, evaluates and relates various facts, ideas and theories.

But knowledge is of little benefit to anybody until it is somehow applied to life. An engineering student may well claim to 'know' how to ride a bicycle, for

instance, and then merely describe the mechanical operations required. Such knowledge is wonderful (and, I understand, complicated), but it is deficient, and we shall refuse to admit a student's claim to 'know' how to ride a bicycle until we see a physical demonstration. Even so, it may be claimed that education has not been achieved until what we have learned influences for good our decisions and actions. Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has rightly challenged institutions of higher education by asking: 'Is it enough to teach law, if we are not also concerned with questions of justice? What value is a study of philosophy, if it is not informed by ethical considerations? How can we be obsessed with logic or with the intricacies of language and have no regard for truth or the meaning of words?' If, as Christians believe, truth is derived from and leads to God, then we have an obligation to apply learning in a way that is consistent with what we know of God's nature and intentions.

The Thorneloe crest, developed by Father F.W. Colloton, combines the shield of Archbishop Thorneloe's family with the arms of the Diocese of Algoma. Underneath is the College's motto: *Initium sapientiae timor Domini*, 'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom' (the quotation is drawn from the Latin translation of Psalm 111.10). This is the vision of a Christian liberal arts education. Thorneloe's calling is to tread the path which leads to wisdom. May they be granted grace to live up to this calling as they apply learning in the 21st century to the welfare of our world and in the pursuit of God.

Yours in Christ,



+ Stephen Andrews

Stephen Andrews  
Bishop of Algoma

## The synod against games

By the Rev. Richard White

From time to time the synods of the Diocese of Algoma have debated the issue of lotteries, which for some might seem a waste of good time. At other times we have addressed complex social issues as well, such as our concern for those who suffered in the residential schools. This balance seemed to have escaped the Synod of Worcester (1240). It was literally preoccupied with games at a time when the Church was complicit in the racism, prejudice and violence of the day.

It was the era of pilgrimages and crusades into the Holy Land.

These took on mythic proportions but underneath the romantic notions around either of these pursuits was a disconnect between

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the piety people practiced quite openly, and the reality behind the mask. Pilgrimages were holidays for many. Crusades were a vicious land-grab for others. Perhaps because of the disconnect two games were popular, "Confession" and the "Pilgrim Game." "Confession" required game players to repent

of the most absurd and outlandish sins to the amusement and horror of the observers. The player who got the biggest response, won. In the "Pilgrim Game" one of the players was the saint of the shrine, and the rest had to pray to him or her using whatever bodily contortions and lewd gestures they could to make the "saint" giggle. The Church would not be mocked, and the Synod of Worcester was quick to forbid good Christian men, women, boys and girls to participate in any way.

It was an age of death. Public executions and maiming, the

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# Priest served faithfully in community

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Padre of the Callander Legion, Branch 445.

Reverend Cavanaugh-Clark, was a strong, devoted member and participant of the local Multi-Faith Committee, and shared in a Cursillo Weekend Retreat in Sudbury. She also continued to attend Ultrea monthly meetings. She was involved in the opening of the Callander and District Food Bank and

was also a committee member.

No matter what was going on, Rev. Cavanaugh-Clark was present and willing to serve and become involved. In 2008 she represented the Diocese of Algoma at the International Anglican Women's Network in the Marketplace at the Lambeth Conference. Most recently she attended conferences to improve her ministry skills and leadership in Paris, Ontario and

Syracuse, New York.

Rev. Cavanaugh-Clark has accepted an appointment in the Diocese of Toronto in the Parish of Minden-Kinmount. She began her ministry there on February 15, 2011. Everyone will miss Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark and her husband Allan, but, wish them God's blessing as she takes up her new charge in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands



**NEW ROAD AHEAD:** The Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark is pictured at a farewell party held for her on Sunday, February 6, 2011. Rev. Cavanaugh-Clark has taken on new responsibilities in the Parish of Minden-Kinmount in the diocese of Toronto.

# Unusal vestry meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls

By Carole Anne Friedrich

Over the past several years the author has had the sometimes pleasurable experience of attending our church's Annual Vestry meeting. In any given year the experience evoked various responses from yours truly, not all of them pleasant. And if everyone who has ever attended these meetings on a regular basis were completely honest, no doubt they have also felt periods of boredom, frustration, pain, friendship, peace, and, yes, relief at some point in the proceedings.

This year one was surprised by an overwhelming feeling of JOY! Yes you read that right. Vestry 2011 at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sturgeon Falls was an exciting and joyful occasion for all in attendance. The author knows its true having felt the need to know if others present were stricken with profound joy.

To begin, interim Incumbent, Rev. John Stennett, who had forgotten his alb borrowed the alb belonging to Rev. Grahame Stap from the clergy's closet. As a result he also borrowed Rev. Stap's Sunday persona, and proceeded to preach from the aisle extemporaneously. Now anyone who knows Rev. Stennett will recognize that this is not in character as he is usually speaking from the pulpit with

well-prepared notes, to which he will sometimes refer. The congregation was surprised at this unusual departure but joined in with laughter when he referred to his ability to function equally well from the pulpit or the floor and then proceeded to do so.

Following the service which was attended by a large number of members, almost all present headed downstairs to the church hall to attend Vestry. Now I don't know about your church but often in the past, the church congregation at St. Mary Magdalene's on Vestry Sunday seems to be reduced in numbers to start with and frequently individuals seem to leak away prior to the meeting, reducing the number of Vestry meeting participants even further.

Not so this year. Soon tables and chairs were filling up with those ready and anxious for the meeting to begin. Everyone came, including a group of six young people between the ages of seven and fourteen. They remained through out the meeting, were respectful, attentive and appeared to be interested in the proceedings. This was evident in the various questions they asked of particular members of the congregation following the meeting. This alone gives hope for the future of this little church and the members who are being nur-

tured for that future.

The Vestry meeting continued with out a hitch. Church positions were filled by individuals with great ideas and interested in doing the job. Newer church members volunteered and committed to participate in the 2011 Church Council because, according to Sylvain Piquette, "This church has a wonderful spirit and I know God has great things planned for here, I can feel it!" We feel honored that he and other newer members want to join and be a part of this spirit filled church

Following the meeting, you couldn't scrub the smile off my face. The author looked around at certain members of this congregation who have worked and prayed and planned at St. Mary Magdalene's over the past few years, and could see that same joy and wonder on their faces.

Last Autumn yours truly sat in a church pew listening to Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle talk about the required elements for a church to be successful. He cited JOY as one of the main ingredients of a successful church congregation. Happily, St. Mary Magdalene's in Sturgeon Falls has an abundance of Joy and that will not be changing anytime in the near or distant future.

# Article conveyed unanimous warnings of climate scientists

Dear Editor

My contribution to the February issue of the *Algoma Anglican* ("Silent Partners") appeared under the heading "Frank's Opinion."

The article conveyed the advice of Anglican bishops at the 1988 Lambeth Conference (p. 162 of their report) that scientists and Christians should share a "partnership" in service of truth.

The article represented also the conclusions of 1,360 scientists from 95 countries, reporting in 2005, that "almost two-thirds of the natural machinery that supports

life on earth is being degraded by human pressure."

And the article conveyed the nearly unanimous warnings of qualified climate scientists, via a

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reference to Tim Flannery's recent book *Now or Never*, that climate change is a reality and that it is likely to eventuate in a "catastrophe for humans and other species."

I offered the observation, which could be challenged, that "most church leaders, together with most politicians and business people, are silent" in the face of this developing crisis.

In no case did I offer mere opinions, though I have opinions. My opinion is that politicians, business people and church people should respond more realistically and more compassionately to the ecocide which is going forward.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Thompson

# Worcester synod led many to question faith

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horrific tales brought back from the crusades, the unspeakable oppression of the poor and the shortness of life pushed people to deal with death in the only way they could: to mock it. The wake became the stage for such fun. Most wakes began with solemn prayer, but the so-called "late wake" or "liche-wak" as Geoffrey Chaucer called it in his "Knight's Tale" was a party from the start.

At a late wake fiddlers, bagpipers, and other musicians paraded to the home of the deceased. A friend or relative of the deceased would meet them at the door and escort them to the body, all the while dancing and wailing violently. This invariably morphed into laughter, which, along with the dancing and the ale, led to silliness, mischief-making and licentious excesses which went on for hours around the corpse. The Church was not amused. The Synod decreed that songs, games, and "loose and foolish" amusements had no place at wakes, which, if held at all, were to be times of solemn devotion.

Then the Synod looked at the May Day celebrations. It forbade the "May Day Game", which custom said had been invented by Robin Hood, a common man of the times who may or may not have been a role model depending on where you stood. King John was on the throne, and Robin Hood was no friend of his! Then the Synod took aim at card games. It disciplined clergy who played "disreputable games of dances," or cards, especially the game "King and Queen" which might have had occult overtones.

While little of the above has stayed a part of our Anglican heritage, one thing has. The Synod of Worcester instituted the practice of having three Godparents for a child's baptism, two of the same sex and one of the opposite, which remained the norm up to the present. In the matter of confirmation it toed a hard line, decreeing that parents whose children were not confirmed could not enter the church. The age of confirmation was also stipulated as being in the first year after the child's birth! A later synod in Durham (1277?) extended the age of confirmation to 7 years.

At a time of rabid anti-Semitism and expulsion of the Jews, of feudal tyranny, of public torture and execution, of oppressive taxes, of attacks overseas against the Christians of the Orthodox Faith, and of blood violence championed against peaceful Muslim states in the name of Christ, the Synod of Worcester fussed about the sinful of games. It became a sad example of what happens when a Church loses its prophetic voice. For the oppressed and marginalized, for those outside the Christian Faith synods such as the Synod of Worcester must have left them with one of only two conclusions; either a "Christian" is someone whose faith is so personal that they are blind to human suffering, or worse, a Christian is someone who regards suffering and violence as normative. In either case, the Church was more upset about the games people played for pure escape, rather than about the help their people needed to escape the tragic game of life being played against them.



# It's a mystery to me

By the Rev. Bob Elkin

I started some deep theological reading the other day (ancient *McLean's Magazine* article at the doctor's office) about a growing movement that is trying to de-mystify Christianity. The logic goes something like: "More people would believe if they didn't have to accept miracles and things that go against the natural order that they know to be true." It sounded a bit like trying to take the chocolate out of M&M's to me but hey, I'm always up for a challenge, so I read the whole thing. (By the time I got to see the doctor I could have read *War and Peace* too but that's another story!) I was not impressed with the arguments but it could be that I am not an unbiased subject when it comes to the topic of miracles. Anyone involved in helping to run churches on the money that shows up in the collection plate is likely to be a strong believer in miracles I find. I found a few other things to ponder too though.

The idea that everyone knows "the natural order" and cannot accept any deviation from it strikes me as a puzzling line of thought. So God can't talk through the mouth of an animal like he did in the story of Balaam's donkey because donkeys don't talk? I've been at a lot of meetings that seem to refute that.

So God can't take a rib bone from someone to use at creation because it couldn't happen and yet a doctor can take a heart from a dead body and put it in a living person's chest and that's quite understandable? Personally I find the heart business more incredible than the rib bone story. Maybe the objection is that God thinks He's a doctor which doesn't bother me because I've certainly seen doctors who thought they were God so it seems only fair. Maybe it's all just a union/labour thing.

It was also pointed out that the Church sometimes imbues articles with meaning that isn't obvious

or just isn't there. Thuribles and monstrances and the pyx confuse people and turn them off according to the writer. And the Host, well really! "This is my body" in a lump of bread? Impossible! Again, I guess it is all a matter of outlook. I've got a lot less trouble seeing Christ's body in the wafer than I do in seeing the wafer as bread. I'm with the kid who walked away from the rail one Christmas and asked his mother in a loud voice: "Why did he give me Styrofoam to eat?" He didn't seem to have much trouble with the body image but the bread imagery gave him a hard time.

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We've probably all heard some version of Jesus's feeding of the five thousand turned into something else. In most revisions the kid with the fish and bread gives it to Jesus who shares it with those around him. Other people in the crowd who had brought lunch that day see this, feel moved (or ashamed) and haul out their lunches and pass them around and everybody has enough to eat. Give me a break! A God and people story dynamic is changed into a Hallmark moment. "Our God is an awesome God!" becomes "Let's do lunch!" I'd rather have the awesome God.

So don't take the mystery out of anything on my account for I've got no trouble with it. Life is full of mystery! Why did the Liquor Store stop selling Communion wine when it was guaranteed every church in the land as a customer? Why does it always rain on church picnic day? Why do we keep cats?

It's a mystery and if it's good enough for Liquor Stores and picnics and cats then it's good enough for faith too. I'll stick with the Awesome God thanks.

# New incumbent welcomed at St. Alban's, Capreol

By Valerie Tryon

Candles cast a warm glow on the freshly painted sanctuary walls and excitement and anticipation filled the air. Douglas Charles Prebble was about to be ordained to the diaconate and installed as the incumbent of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Capreol, on February 2, 2011, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The evening service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma. He was assisted by the Ven. Anne Germond, Archdeacon of Sudbury-Manitoulin, along with members of the local clergy, lay readers and parishioners. Bishop's Chaplain was Jackie Higgins, Lay Reader. Rev. Lyn Fisher acted as gospeller. The church was filled to capacity as the parish family, and members of local

churches joined with Mr. Prebble's family and friends in celebration and to support Rev. Prebble as he embarks on this next step in his ministry.

The musical gifts of Rev. Glen Miller, litanist, Heather Charsley, psalter and soloist, and the Capreol Community Choir added to the joy and solemnity of the service. St. Alban's ACW hosted the reception which followed in the parish hall, where well wishers gathered to congratulate Rev. Prebble and to greet Bishop Andrews. This occasion marks the beginning of another new era and ignites the hope that St. Alban's will grow to become a strong and vibrant presence in the Capreol-Valley East communities. Thanks be to God.



**WELCOME TO CAPREOL:** The Rev. Douglas Prebble was ordained to the diaconate and installed as the new incumbent of St. Alban's, Capreol on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. Pictured with Rev. Prebble are, from left, Bishop Stephen Andrews, Jackie Higgins, People's warden and Jim Rorison, Rector's warden.



**THAT WAS GOOD!:** Bob Lindsay rises from the table, his plate empty after enjoying lunch at Valentine's Day Potluck Luncheon held at St. James', Gravenhurst.



**EVERYTHING LOOKS SO GOOD:** The ladies of St. James', Gravenhurst invited the men to a Valentine Potluck Luncheon and let the men serve themselves first. Pictured from left are, Roy Kerr, Cliff Flavell and Ken Calvert.



# DIOCESE OF ALGOMA ACW SPRING CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

in Sudbury ~ May 31 and June 1, 2011  
[Board Meeting Monday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.]

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[She liaises with grandmother groups across Canada,  
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to visit projects supported by the Foundation  
and to attend the African Grandmothers Gathering  
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# Algoma Cycle of Prayer

**Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday**

**Eucharistic Assistants:** Pray for all Eucharistic Assistants throughout the Diocese whose ministry it is to share in the distribution of the most precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Friday, April 22 - Good Friday**

Pray for the lonely, unemployed, homeless, suffering and dying in our Diocese.

**Saturday, April 23 - Holy Saturday**

The Diocese of Algoma  
Bishop Stephen Andrews  
The Executive Archdeacon  
The Synod Office Staff

**Sunday, April 24 - The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

**St. Brice's, North Bay**

The Rev. Richard White  
The Rev. John Stennett (Hon.)

**Sunday, May 1 - 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Lay and clerical delegates to the 45th Diocesan Synod

**May 5, 6, 7, in Sault Ste. Marie**

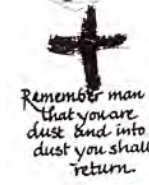
**Sunday, May 8 - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Parish of Wawa, White River and Hawk Junction**

St. Paul's, Wawa  
All Saints', White River  
St. Giles', Hawk Junction  
The Rev. Bonnie Rayner

**Parish of Marathon and Schreiber**

Trinity, Marathon  
St. John's, Schreiber  
The Rev. Joan Locke



# From the Anchorhold



By Sister Mary Cartwright

March already! I can't believe how time passes! This month sees our preparation for, and the beginning of Lent. But first let us look at our Saints: David of Wales; fellow Bishops; Chad, Patrick of Ireland (though he was English), Cyril of Jerusalem, Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Cranmer, Ken, Gregory the Illuminator, and Brent. Not to forget Perpetua and her Companions, martyrs. We also have Gregory of Nyssa and the Wesleys, priests and evangelists; John Keble; and priest-poet John Donne. A feast of Saints indeed. And last but far from least, we remember good Joseph, patron of workers, husband to Mary, foster father of our Lord. "A just man" as scripture calls him and a loving one too.

Our Lenten pilgrimage begins on Ash Wednesday with ashes, the sign of our mortality and repentance: "Remember man that thou art dust and to dust you shall return." We begin the Lenten work of looking hard at our lives, past and present. Honestly asking God to show us what we need to see. We do a good sorting out of lives keeping the good things, mending what is damaged, discarding trash and harmful clinging things that are holding us back on our journey. This is never an easy task or pleasant task but it is needful. Take on some new disciplines of prayer and reading, study a good book if you can, from ashes to Easter, we can make strides and find true joy in offering them at Easter. Try to eat more simply and put the money saved to feeding others, maybe our Lord.

The major feast is the Annunciation when the light-clothed Angel Gabriel brings God's message to a young and poor girl. It brings tremendous honour but also terror, a life changing decision, she may lose her reputation, even her life as well as her coming marriage. Yet she finds the courage to reply, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, Be it unto me according to your word." Would you have that courage; would I? God is sometimes asking heart-wrenching decisions of us too, to be prayed and pondered on. Lent is a good time to do it.

Here are some thoughts from Lawrence Houseman. Ponder them well.

Light looked down and beheld darkness  
"Thither will I go," said Light  
Peace looked down and beheld war  
"Thither will I go," said Peace  
Love looked down and beheld hatred  
"Thither will I go," said Love  
So came Light and shone  
So came Peace and gave rest  
So came Love and brought Life  
And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us.



The Bishop has a blog!  
It is called  
'benedictus benedicat'  
You can find it  
at  
<http://stephenalgoma.typepad.com/benedictus-benedicat/>



**WONDROUS CROSS:** Snow falls gently on the Church of St. Thomas, Orrville early on a Sunday morning. The church is one four in the Parish of St. Stephen.



**DELICIOUS!:** From left, Jeannette Wilcox, Fred Petsura, Marilyn Tierney-Petsura, Carol Hunter and Sandra Borneman are pictured enjoying various Valentine treats at a Valentine Potluck Luncheon held at St. James', Gravenhurst on Monday, February 14, 2011.



# Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon preparing to celebrate 125th anniversary

By the Rev. Roberta Wilson-Garret

Have you worshipped in this church? Do you know someone who attended this church during its long history? The Church of The Redeemer in Thessalon is preparing to celebrate their 125th anniversary and a number of events are currently being planned. An evening of food and fellowship is scheduled for October 8, 2011 with Holy Eucharist the following morning at 11:30 a.m. Many more special moments are in the planning stages. A facebook page has been set up at "Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon, 125 years!" for those who would like to be in touch with the planning committee or to visit with old friends, or e-mail

Margaret Hornby MacKay at mmackay\_4@hotmail.com. If all else fails, snail mail still works, Box 88, Thessalon P0R 1L0.

If you're just passing through, this heritage church celebrates Eucharist every Sunday at 11:30am. If you're the family historian, the church is rich with tidbits of local history and a number of parishioners who would be happy to talk with you and share their knowledge of the history. If you are passing through when the church is closed, just stop anywhere on the main street and ask to be put in touch with someone from the church. That is the joy of a small town. Everyone knows everyone and is happy to help. Hope to see you soon!



**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY:** The Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2011. A number of events are being planned in celebration of this milestone.

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# Are we really getting the whole story?

By Charlotte Haldenby

Quick! Here's a map of Canada! Can you label all the provinces and territories? I should hope so!

Okay! Here's a map of the United States! Can you label all the states? Well, Alaska's up there and Hawaii's out there; there's Florida and California, right; and Michigan and New York of course. Well this part's New England, and there's The South, and that's Texas, but all those sort of rectangles in the middle, not so hot?

Latin America: Well, there's Mexico and that's Brazil, and Argentina and Chile, we know that from World Day of Prayer coming in March, but those little ones? And those islands in the Caribbean, and the little countries in Central America, not so good?

Now off to Europe. If you long ago took the compulsory Canada in the Twentieth Century course in Grade 10, you'll do all right on Western Europe, because you had to study WWII, but eastern Europe? And all the new states after the USSR broke up?

On to Asia: Well you know India and China, and then there's Pakistan and Afghanistan! Oh, and Japan.

And finally Africa! Do you realize you could fit all of China and all of the USA in and still have lots left over! There's South Africa and Nelson Mandela, but just where were Jane Goodall and the chimps? You do know Egypt, of course. How could you avoid it this week? I start writing the day after Hosni Mubarak stepped down.

Your grandparents probably had to memorize maps at school.

## Looking at the World

The new generations would probably tell you, "You don't have to memorize anything, just look it up on the internet."

But we're still only looking at the geography, the land! What about the people who live in these countries?

Ploughshares, a peace group in Waterloo, sent me a map of the 21 armed conflicts going on in the world in 2009. That's right 21. After Afghanistan and Iraq, and the Israelis and the Palestinians, and the troubles in the Sudan, how many more can you name? And why not? Could it be that if we, or the Americans, don't have troops there, therefore just doesn't count enough to get on the TV news!

We heard about the tsunami a few years ago and we all jumped in to help. There were pictures and live coverage each night, new places being swept over! Those people needed us!

We knew about the earthquake in Haiti last year. Right there, different parts of Port-au-Prince each night to show the damage, and someone rescued after 4 days and maybe there's hope! And it's nearby. And our then Governor-General was born there! And that guy who played hockey for Montreal! And we could almost understand the French! So yes we were there.

But when it came to the floods in Pakistan later, there was hesitation. What do we know about Pakistan? Isn't that where

Benazir Bhutto was assassinated, and don't we hear about the Taliban going there to regroup to get back into Afghanistan? Besides, flooding with waters rising over days and days and receding over days and days isn't quite as picture worthy as an earthquake. Your PWRDF was there right away with the other churches, but there just wasn't that same back-up.

And this month's PWRDF bulletin shows we are responding to floods in Sri Lanka. What do we know about Sri Lanka? Isn't that where that boat came to Vancouver from, filled with people paying to get in here, without any papers? Oh, yeah! And aren't there those Tamil Tigers, that terrorist group according to our government? BUT there are

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people in need!

According to one American critic of TV news "The more you watch, the less you know."

Because it's television, we had better have good pictures and lots of action! We want chanting! And fists pumping! When the CBC reporter found Nawal El Saadawi in the crowd she could have arranged a really interesting discussion with this woman, who was once Egypt's Director of Public Health, until she started talking about women's issues, and had her books banned and was even put in prison. We could

have found out a lot about the background causes of this whole revolt. But we just got two sentences and the camera moved on. After all, when we're in television mode, we want action.

Sunday night is the Grammys, so of course Friday the CBC carried a story on who was nominated from Canada. Well, actually two stories: Justin Bieber was releasing the documentary on his life this week so that got the two minutes allotted any story, and then after the commercial Peter Mansbridge told us fast-fast the other names and categories. Is it just because Bieber is from Stratford too? Or because you can show teenage girls screaming? Check that fast-fast against the three pages on Arcade Fire in *Maclean's*. A lot more information in print.

In the last American election we had a lot of coverage of Sarah Palin urging on the Tea Party. Would her comments that sometimes baffle the mind be carried if she looked like Susan Boyle, the British woman with the beautiful voice? All day on TV we have beautiful people. Do politicians have to be beautiful too?

Remember 2009 when Jason Kenny was announcing in Israel that Kairos had been denied funding for being anti-Semitic. Kairos is an ecumenical group sponsored in part by the Anglican Church of Canada and PWRDF, and works on human rights issues around the world. That comment soon got squelched. So then Bev Oda said the proposal didn't match the terms of reference for CIDA.

Good for TV news for a few days. But now there is a House committee investigation about how a mysterious handwritten "not" appeared in the application, and the Speaker is getting involved too, according to the *Globe and Mail*. Will this new information make the TV news?

YES! By the time I complete this article, on Monday, the CBC is carrying as their banner story, the fact that Minister Bev Oda is now finally admitting her personal responsibility for the cancellation of the Kairos application. All the CIDA people had approved the application, so it must have met their terms of reference.

And later on in the telecast, we have Jian Ghomeshi, from CBC morning radio's Q, in his earlier taped interview with the Grammy Award winning Arcade Fire. They actually donate part of their ticket sales to Haiti, where Regine Chassagne's family comes from.

Maybe someone was reading over my shoulder.

Still when you watch TV news, keep asking questions. Are there other points of view not covered? Are we getting the whole story? Check out the panels on TVO and CBC. "Talking heads" may not be so boring, after all! Read the papers and magazines.

Then when you do have a chance to take action, by petition, or phoning your MP, or joining a group, or voting, go ahead!

Now where is Yemen? And what happened to Bev Oda?