

## New organ for St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie

By Stephen Mallinger

1942! That's the last time a new pipe organ was installed in a Sault Ste. Marie church. But this is about to change. Through a generous gift from the Janet Short Estate, a pipe organ fund was established at St. Luke's Cathedral in June 2011. As everyone in Sault Ste. Marie knows, Janet and Perry Short were devoted to the arts and were instrumental in building and preserving this beautiful city's heritage.

In December, the organ building firm Rudolph von Beckerath of Hamburg, Germany was commissioned to build a new tracker organ. A tracker organ uses mechanical linkages between keys or pedals and the valves that allow air to flow into the pipes of the corresponding notes. There are no electronics. Beckerath is one of the world's finest organ firms, specializing in tracker organs.

Some pipes are made from a tin/lead alloy, some are oak and the pedal pipes are spruce. The case is oak and the keyboard has grenadilla naturals and bone sharps. The music desk has a walnut inlay. It will look as stunning as it will sound and will be housed in the Cathedral's wonderful new mezzanine, designed by Chris Tossell. This will be Northern Ontario's first tracker organ.

As well, this new organ will be a memorial to Captain Nichola Goddard who was killed in action in Afghanistan. Dr. Michael West, a former Medical Officer in the 49th Field Regiment, RCA, is Capt. Goddard's grandfather. Captain Goddard's mother Sally and Dr. West are very pleased to support this venture, as the West Family has a strong and long-standing connection with St. Luke's Cathedral. St. Luke's Cathedral is the mother church of the 49th Field Regiment. St. Luke's has had support from families of soldiers who have been killed in action in previous generations when new organs were installed after both WW1 and WW2, so there is historical precedent too.

Musically, this new organ will alter the cultural landscape in Sault Ste. Marie. St. Luke's Cathedral has a very fine acoustic. There-



**NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENT:** The new organ to be installed at St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie is pictured under construction at the Rudolph von Beckerath firm in Hamburg, Germany. The organ is now ready for shipment on Monday, April 23, 2012.

fore, the organ will be perfectly voiced to compliment the space. Please do visit St. Luke's to hear for yourselves what a unique new organ will sound like. The organ sails from Hamburg to Canada on April 23, and will be installed in

mid-May. Yes indeed, 1942 was a long time ago so this is an exciting, new adventure.

If you would like to assist with the fundraising, please consider the "Purchase a Pipe" campaign. All donors will receive a tax re-

ceipt and an invitation to a free thank you concert. Pipes cost \$100 each, and if you are able to help please call the Cathedral at 705.254.7144.

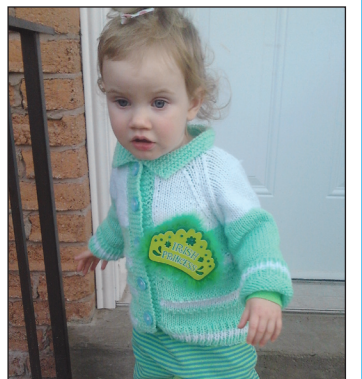
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## Good Friday service at St. Peter's, Elliott Lake

By Linda Wilkes Parker

Those who mourned the crucifixion of Jesus Christ at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Elliott Lake on Good Friday were not all Anglicans, but they were all believers who followed together the Stations of the Cross. Rev. Henk Willems, incumbent of St. Peter's, and Betty Trakas were joined by Cap-

tains William and Pamela Stanger of the Salvation Army Church and Pastors Glen and Alice Forest of Grace Christian Fellowship. They expressed how scriptural accounts of the events surrounding the end of the Saviour's earthly mission can have a personal message for every person. At each of the 'stations' along Christ's last journey,

there are those who betray Jesus, berate Him, condemn Him, deny Him, mock Him, brutalize Him, even find pleasure in His death upon the cross.

The ultimate lesson for everyone, revealed in both Old and New Testament scripture readings and their interpretations, is that any one of us might have been among

them. Whether through political or self-protection, a need to be part of the in-crowd, fear, distrust of prophecy or through plain jealousy and hatred, any one of us might have denied knowing him. Any one of us might have chosen a criminal friend to be freed rather than the son of God, might have looked upon His miracles with

scepticism, might have envied His power and glory even to the extent of welcoming His death. Indeed, such are the world's human weaknesses, which continue 2000 years after Jesus was nailed to the cross. Yet, all are saved by His blood and given the hope of His Resurrection.

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DEVOTIONS FOR MAY



Mother nature's change from winter to spring this year has truly been phenomenal. She blew warm winds from the south, over the ice laden lakes, producing miles of mist that when rolled ashore, allowed for amazing sights along our beautiful waterfront.

The change in the Liturgical year of the Church has also been phenomenal. The Gospels have covered the 40 days before Easter, the sacrifice and Resurrection and now address the 40 days after Jesus' Resurrection leading up to his Ascension. During this period, Jesus appeared to his disciples in various locations, but as we know the Gospel writers do not all cover the same events during his life. The book, *Synopsis of the Four Gospels*, helps us to follow Jesus' appearances during the 40 days after his resurrection:

1. Jesus appears to the women. All write about this appearance. Matt. 28.1-8, Mark 16.1-8, Luke 24.1-12, John 20.1-13.
2. The report of the guard – Matt. 28.11-15
3. Jesus appears to two on the Way to Emmaus – Mark 16.12-13 and Luke 4.13-35
4. Jesus appears to His Disciples when Thomas is absent – Mark 16.14, Luke 24.36-43, John

20.19-23

5. Jesus appears to His Disciples when Thomas is Present – John 20.24-29

6. Jesus appears to the eleven while they sit at table – Mark 16.14-18

7. Jesus appears to the eleven on a mountain in Galilee – Matt.28.16-20, Mark 16.14-18, John 14.23

8. Jesus appears to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias – Luke 5.1-11, John 21.1-14

While reading these accounts, one is amazed how Jesus appears out of nowhere, then when his meeting with his disciples is over, he disappears as mysteriously as he arrived.

While we were sitting on a hill overlooking our lake one evening, we were confronted with a somewhat mysterious appearance. As the on-shore breezes ushered in waves of mist, we heard the sounds of muffled drums and haunting voices. After concentrating for awhile, we realized three young aboriginal men, silhouetted against the icy lake and between two trees, all surrounded by mist, were drumming and singing. The effect was mysteriously moving and later encouraged us to a search of our Bible

for mentions of mist. We found four passages. One that seems to fit is from the book of James 4.14 which says: "Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."

The whole experience helped us to appreciate the harmony of man, nature and God and our participation in the change of life from winter to spring on this planet. The whole experience, at this time of the year also helped us to appreciate our participation in the Church's liturgical change from the gift of Easter to the much anticipated gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter at Pentecost.

Pam Handley, Diocesan A.C.W. Devotions Chair

*Synopsis of The Four Gospels.* Edited by Kurt Aland, United Bible Societies. 1946

P.S. Please do not forget to register for the A.C.W. Annual Diocesan Spring Conference, to be held May 15-16 at the Clarion Pinewood Park Resort in North Bay.

# Perhaps we need to dance once more around the maypole

By the Rev. Grahame Stap

In the early fifties my sister was Queen of the May. She got to wear a white dress with a sash that, if memory has not deserted me, was pink. She also wore a tiara and was led to a May Pole by many attendants who then danced around the May Pole, intertwining gaily colored ribbons. It was a glorious affair. The entire village came and milled around with smiles and laughs and a general sense of well being. It was indeed a time of celebration; a time of joy and sharing. This all took place on the on the first Saturday in May as most people worked and May 1 was quite often a weekday. After Saturday comes Sunday and we all tramped off to church with solemn faces, hushed voices, and for me school uniform filled with reluctance and dread, sit still; stop talking; take your cap off; etcetera.

When we split into adults and children, I skipped out of the side door taking with me a handful of little blue outlines of the service, which I promptly sold to friends for sixpence each. You see to get into the youth club, where the girls were, you needed to show you had been to the service by presenting a blue mimeographed outline of service. I loved the Mayday celebrations and, like most of my friends, was definitely not fond of church. This mainly came about because no one told me about the love of God, only about the fact that if I did not do what the Church said, God would get me. We have come a long way since then. The Church of today is a more human place we have fellowship hour after the service and children can be heard as well as seen.

But what about the service itself? It is still very much the same even when using *The Book of Alternative Services*. We say the same things each week and at times our minds wander. "I hope the coffee is not too strong;" "I must talk to Bill about ..." Well you know how it goes.

When I read in the *Anglican Journal* of March 2012, the

story of St. John the Evangelist in Thorold, I became excited what a wonderful transformation. What wonderful honesty. Imagine admitting that what might impress us may not impress others. Imagine admitting that new people might find our services leave them feeling lost and intimidated.

I suspect most skipped over the story, if it was read at all. It is a story that should be shouted from the highest building because it does two things. It gives people a service they can understand and

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feel and it honors God. What a unique thing to do.

The story starts with the church admitting it was going in the wrong direction. It was remarkable to read of such courage. The three principles of the new church direction are:

1. A determination to preach the word of God in a relevant way.
2. Develop leadership team from within.
3. Create a church kids want to go to.

I guess it was the last that got me after my own experiences of church as a child. Perhaps it is time for us to understand that the Church is not just for those that are in it but also for those that come with faltering steps to find something other than what society offers. And we need to ask the question. Can all who come find what they are looking for? Can we truly offer the type of service that people can not only understand, but also feel the love of God flowing through their veins?

Congratulations to all the church of Thorold for courage, or taking a risk and for leading us all where we need to go within our own demographics to a church that follows the footsteps of Jesus. Perhaps we need to dance once more around the May Pole.

As always it is only my opinion

# Nomination Commission seeks your views on the next Archbishop of Canterbury

2 April 2012

Dear Members of the Anglican Communion,

You will be aware that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is stepping down as Archbishop at the end of the year. Already the process for the appointment of a successor has begun.

The Archbishop of Canterbury exercises many roles: he is Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of the Church of England, and Focus of Unity for the Anglican Communion.

The process of seeking the next Archbishop is led by the Crown Nominations Commission of the Church of England and extensive

consultations within the UK have begun with various representatives of the Church of England, other Christian denominations, other faiths and wider church life. Members of the Church of England have also been invited to participate in this process.

The Commission wishes to offer the same opportunity to other members of the Anglican Communion. It is seeking your views on the priorities for the ministry of the next Archbishop in order that the members of the Commission have as rich a picture as possible as they carry out their work.

You may send your views to The Crown Nominations Commission via the Anglican Communion

website, [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org), or by post to the Crown Nominations Commission, c/o The Anglican Communion Office, St Andrew's House, 16 Tavistock Crescent, London W11 1AP, UK.

Please do pray for all involved in this process: for the members of the Crown Nominations Commission in their work, for the candidates, and also for Archbishop Rowan and his family at this time of transition.

Yours very sincerely,  
The Revd Canon Dr Kenneth Kearon  
Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

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## Letter from the Bishop

# May the sermon be an instrument of divine music

Dear Friends,

I came across a cartoon a little while ago which had a preacher slumped over his pulpit, fast asleep. One parishioner turns to the fellow next to him and explains, "This is one of those sermons he said he was preaching to himself."

There are a lot of jokes about preaching, and sadly most of them have some basis in reality. It may come as a surprise, therefore, to learn that at one time in the Anglican Church, preaching was regarded as being of equal importance to the sacraments. Our Anglican Article XIX makes the extraordinary claim that: "The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful people, in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments be duly ministered." It was the conviction of the Reformers that in preaching and the sacraments, God meets with his people in a special way. Subjectively, most of us can attest to this. For we have all heard sermons in which we feel that God has spoken a particular word to us and to our situation; a sermon, to borrow a phrase, "blessed by the Holy Spirit with the result that each one heard in his or her own language".

But there is still room to hone our sermon-writing and sermon-listening skills. This season of Pentecost, I want us to consider what is the role of the Spirit in preaching. How can we know when a sermon is genuinely the result of the Spirit's work of illumination? I want to suggest that there are four questions which we ought to ask of every sermon. These four questions accord with what Scripture teaches is the character of the Spirit's work in the world.

The first question we do well to ask is, Does this sermon exalt Jesus Christ? A sermon which bears the mark of the Spirit's witness will be one which above all esteems Jesus as deserving of love, devotion, and obedience. This is because it is the Spirit's own chief aim to glorify Christ. If the Spirit's foremost concern is to bear witness to Christ (John 15.26), those sermons which are anointed by the Spirit will also be in some manner testimonies to Christ.

The second question worth asking is, Does this sermon

promote holiness? I suppose it ought to be expected from that member of the Trinity we call the Holy Spirit that he should be interested in holiness. But it may be that our conception of him is that he simply sets the standards of Christian behaviour, much in the way that a referee at a track meet sets the height of the pole-vaulter's bar. The reality is, however, that he is more like the coach who takes an active part in our growth and development. He is an agent for change, as Paul relates in II Corinthians 3.18: "But all of us [. . .], contemplating the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed in ever-increasing glory into the same image; which is the work of the Lord who is the Spirit."

The third question to be considered in our Sunday morning checklist is: Does this sermon build up the Church? God's work among his people is frequently described as that of "building". Indeed, Paul often characterises his own ministry as that of building (or "edifying") the Church, and he warns others to take care how they themselves build (I Cor 3.10-15). There are, naturally, many ways in which we might find a sermon edifying. It may encourage us, or it may give us a firmer grasp on the truth of the gospel. But a hallmark of the Spirit's work in the Church is that he fosters a vision for the whole Church. Accordingly, it is right that we should expect such a vision to be proclaimed from our pulpits, and we ought to be wary of sermons which smack of party spirit or smug elitism.

This brings us, finally, to the fourth question: Does this sermon address the non-Christian? This may seem like an odd query to make of someone whose primary responsi-

bility is the pastoral care of a Christian congregation. But the Spirit was given to the Church in order to empower mission, and so it should not be surprising that a preacher responding to the promptings of the Spirit might be expected to say something which is appropriate for an unbeliever.

So, then, here are four key questions we might profitably ask of any sermon: does it exalt Jesus Christ? Does it promote holiness? Does it build up the Church? And does it address non-Christians? The extent to which a sermon meets these criteria is the extent to which it enjoys the endorsement of God's Spirit.

Many centuries ago, one of the Fathers of the Church was musing about the Spirit's operation in the writers of Holy Scripture. The metaphor he used was a musical one. He said that the biblical authors "uttered that which was wrought in them, the Spirit using them as His instruments, as a flute player might blow a flute". Won't you join me in praying that God's Spirit would also hallow our pulpits, and that the sermons which are proclaimed in our diocese might be the instruments of divine music.

Wishing you a blessed Pentecost,



+Stephen Algoma

Stephen Andrews  
Bishop of Algoma

## The priest of Cholera

By the Rev. Richard White

It was August 28, 1854. In Soho in London's west end, Sarah Lewis was desperately trying to keep her infant hydrated, but the little girl was fading. She washed the child's soiled clothes then dumped the waste water down the hole in the floor which served as the family toilet. Not long after, her baby died of cholera.

The waste water from Sarah's bucket had mingled with hundreds of gallons of filth from other houses in the slum. It had seeped into the shallow water table that fed the Broad Street Pump, a primary source of drinking and washing water for that part of the city. As over-heated inhabitants liberally slaked their thirst on that hot summer's day an epidemic was birthed.

That same August day, somewhere in the refuse and stench of Soho's alleys, 32 year-old Rev. Henry Whitehead, a popular priest, was cheerfully making his parish rounds. He chatted with

passers-by, and laughed with the dirty children in the street. His life would soon change. His parishioners began to complain of abdominal cramps, dry mouths, bottomless thirst, lethargy and fishy-smelling excrement. Signs of cholera were everywhere. Within days the stench of death was everywhere.

### History Byte

The majority who died became violently ill during the night of August 31st. By September 7th, the death toll was 127. By the 10th, the number was 500, and Soho was emptying out as residents fled. Whitehead continued to visit his parishioners as he traipsed hour by hour through the muck and mire, around foraging pigs, and hungry dogs slopping through puddles made murky white by chloride of lime being used to disinfect the streets. He

visited the fearful, and listened to horrendous tales of agony and death. He administered last-rites, prayed over corpses before they were carted off to a communal grave, and embraced faithfully the most taxing period of his early life in ministry.

The villain and cause of the epidemic was bad air, at least that's what the parishioners said. Their young priest believed it too, as did the authorities. The so-called "miasma theory" of disease was centuries old and while never tested, was universally accepted. Hospitals treated cholera with fresh air, steam and flower petals, the remedies for plague and cholera alike. Living and working among the noxious and putrid smells of his parish, Whitehead had no reason to doubt the cause was anything but bad air. But one doctor did.

Dr. John Snow, surgeon, pharmacist and family physician, was making observations of his own.

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# Passion Narrative heard at St. James', Goulais River

By Eleanor P. B. Swain

On Sunday, March 25, 2012, members of Saint James', Goulais River, presented 'The Passion Narrative' in words and song at the beginning of the Sunday morning Holy Eucharist. The words were those recorded in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapters 26 and 27. Words from the various songs which were sung included 'A Man there lived in Galilee'; 'My sin it was that bound Thee'; 'In memory of the Saviour's Love'; 'Though all men should forsake Thee, Yet will not I, O Lord'; 'When my love to God-grows weak'; 'Commit your ways to Jesus'; 'O Lord, who dares to smite Thee?'; 'Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended?'; 'They rise, and needs will have my Dear Lord made away'; and 'We sing the praise of Him Who died'.

The congregation joined in the Passion Narrative by calling out the name 'Barabbas' as the one whom they wanted Pilate to release, and crying out loudly and louder the second time, "Crucify Him!"

The Passion Narrative was an extremely powerful and emotional presentation. One member of the congregation said afterwards that all through it he could again see in his mind's eye the *The Passion of The Christ*. It was also said that the surprise sound effect of the rooster crowing brought relief momentarily to the Passion presentation. The sound effect of the earthquake was met in stunned silence, made all the more poignant by the Centurion's words, spoken in awe and wonder: "Surely, He was the Son of God!"

## Michael Harvey unlocks the growth

By Peter Simmons

There is much conversation in contemporary society regarding the state of the Church. Many would argue that belief in God is waning and faith is no longer of any relevance in the early 21st Century. Church attendance declined dramatically throughout the 20th Century to the point where the future of the institution seems to be in jeopardy. The challenges seem daunting, yet not insurmountable. Michael Harvey, the founder of Back to Church Sunday in Canada, certainly believes that in the midst of difficulty, opportunity is very much present. I recently had the opportunity to have a chat with Michael Harvey.

Michael Harvey, whose new book, *Unlocking the Growth: you'll be amazed at your church's potential*, will be available at the end of April, believes God wants to transform the Church. Mr. Harvey, whose background is in business and consulting, was approached by the Bishop of Manchester in 2003 to help shape some form of a Welcome Sunday. In 2004, some 160 church in the diocese were invited to participate in what became known as Back to Church Sunday. Eighty churches responded to this invitation which saw 2000 people come back to church. Mr. Harvey said he was simply "gob smacked" at the outcome.

He believes that this first step was evidence of the ability to overcome one of the greatest challenges the Church faces today. This is the fact that church members are hesitant to invite others to attend church services. Those who do the inviting don't want to suffer rejection. There is much fear in this possibility. Mr. Harvey argues that

such rejection is a reflection of the "heart of Jesus." He was rejected, yet was not deterred from His mission to "set the captive free" and "restore sight to the blind." Rejection is where Jesus is!

This FEAR, which stand for False (F) evidence (E) appearing (A) and real (R) must be overcome. Rather than taking "No" as "No", the person issuing the invitation should redefine this as "Next One." Fear is effecting contemporary society and culture in many and varied ways. God wants to take the believer beyond this fear, urging the person not to be afraid, but to see the potential for growth within this fear.

Mr. Harvey believes God has given members of the Church the opportunity to paint a picture of an abundant life in through living out Christian faith. Opportunities abound to see things in a completely different way. Having forgotten, having lost the elements of Faith which take believers beyond the two hour church service every week, there now exists the potential to regain the vibrancy lost over many years. There is the opportunity to paint a picture of abundant life in the Church should believers choose this path.

Clergy through the diocese will have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Harvey speak at the 2012 Clergy Conference being held in Sault Ste. Marie from April 30 to May 2. His presentation is entitled: "Are there figs on your fig-tree." Please read the June edition of the *Algoma Anglican* for a follow-up article.

Michael Harvey's new book *Unlocking the Growth: you'll be amazed at your church's potential* is available through Augsburg Fortress.



**PASSION NARRATIVE READERS:** Pictured are the readers from left, Ven. William Stadnyk, Pat Fisher, Orlando Vernile, Penny Elliott with her grand-daughter Brianna Elliott, Ellen Franks, Sean Simmons, Gary Boissineau, Frank Butler, Brian Elliott, Sarita Swain and Rev. Fr. John Swain. Not pictured is Faith Currie who also read a part. The reading took place at St. James', Goulais River on Sunday, March 25, 2012.



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# Henry Whitehead tirelessly cared for the dying

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Years before, in 1849, he theorized that cholera was caused by contaminated food or polluted water. Today we call this the “germ theory.” It was unheard of then, or considered a laughable idea. Snow saw an opportunity to test his theory. So, on September 7, 1854, while Whitehead was visiting the dying and bereaved, across town Snow walked into a meeting of a very anxious Board of Guardians, the men overseeing the health and safety of Soho.

These men weren’t educated, in fact some of its members may have been illiterate. They were shop keepers and small businessmen. Snow spread out a map. He identified the proximity of the cholera cases and deaths to the local Broad Street Pump. Then he asked his sceptical listeners to take a leap of faith. Remove the handle from the Broad Street Pump, he demanded ! A dozen other pumps serviced the region, so let people get their water from them! His eloquence trumped any argument that said otherwise, even

though most of the members were sceptical. The handle was removed and within days the epidemic subsided.

A week later a newspaper correspondent for the *Times* described what he saw. The outbreak of cholera in the vicinity of Golden Square is now subsiding, but the passenger through the streets which compass that district will see many evidences of the alarming severity of the attack. Men and women in mourning are to be found in great numbers... shop windows are filled with placards relating to the subject... shopkeepers have dismal stories to tell.

Most saw no connection whatsoever between the pump and the disease. Whitehead certainly didn’t. He shook his head as he read Snow’s conclusions and heard the complaints of his parishioners who saw the pump standing idle. He decided to disprove Snow’s conclusions. He started collecting his own data. The man who had tirelessly cared for the dying, now canvassed every household in Soho. There here was scarcely a household that didn’t welcome

him in or answer his curious set of questions about the age, relationship, habits, sanitary facilities and their use of the Broad Street Pump. Whitehead later said he “slowly” and “reluctantly” accepted Snow’s conclusion: the water from the Broad Street Pump was connected with the outbreak.

Whitehead shared his findings with Snow. The two men made formal presentations to London’s medical community. The evidence clearly linked sewage, water and cholera. The miasma theory had taken a death blow, and the names of Dr. John Snow and Rev. Henry Whitehead were given a prominent place in the history of epidemiology.

In 1865 cholera struck again. Snow had died years earlier. Whitehead had moved on. By then he was recognised as a leading authority on the disease. When his bishop called for volunteers to care for the dying, Henry Whitehead returned to the slums and to a ministry caring for the dying and the bereaved.

## St. Patrick’s Day celebrated at St. Thomas’, Bracebridge

By Caroline Sokoloski

In the past few years St. Patrick’s Day celebrations at St. Thomas’, Bracebridge were headed by former People’s Warden Russ Van Der Jagt and his parents. However, Mr. Van Der Jagt and his wife Bev were lured away to new careers: Russ to the Sudbury Fire Department and Bev to the ministry team at Christ Church, Lively and St. Mark’s Garson. However St. Thomas’ Deputy Warden, Peter May, took it upon himself to ensure the traditional celebration carried on.

It was only one week before March 17, but once announced, the event garnered talent from around the parish. Mr. May shopped for brisket and other supplies as he went about his regular employment. Professional chef and Parish Council member Rick Lees quickly volunteered to cook with Peter May and many others stepped up to ensure the parish would again celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

Early Saturday, March 17 morning, the church kitchen was abuzz with activity as members of the congregation joined the chefs. Potatoes and carrots were peeled and cut, cabbage sliced and brisket and onions set to roasting. Meanwhile other people hung decorations and balloons around St. Thomas’ Browning Hall, chairs and tables were set up and decorated. Still the work in the kitchen went on. Bowls of lime jello appeared, beautiful lime-coloured, albeit non-alcoholic drinks were prepared, bread was sliced, butter dishes and con-

diments set out, coffee and tea brewed. Finally all was ready for appetites to be satisfied.

By 5:00 p.m. eager diners, many who were very colourfully dressed and adorned, were settling around the tables. The servers were ready, each looking very festive, and service began. There was no official charge for dinner, baskets on the tables suggested a ‘free will offering’. No one needed to feel they couldn’t afford to attend.

Those in the kitchen continued to slice and plate meals. Servers called in requests; ‘another full dinner needed’, ‘two more jellies please’, ‘can I have one plate without cabbage’, ‘are there any more cups?’ On and on it went until finally the rush died down. As the diners left, some took leftovers sufficient for the next day, and so the blessing continued. All that was left was to wash and put away dishes and glasses, cutlery, pots and pans, cutting boards and to simply enjoy the knowledge that tradition lives on.

Fellowship was apparent as people enjoyed a good meal, laughed and chatted throughout the meal and the camaraderie was equally present among everyone working in the kitchen. Everyone succeeds when working together. Thanks be to God and to all who participated in a wonderful St. Patrick’s Day celebration. A footnote. Via instant messaging, we learned that Mr. Van Der Jagt was indeed heading up St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in his new church home!



**THE IRISH PRINCESS:** Claire Baetz, the youngest child of Rev. Kelly and Paul Baetz, was in attendance the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations held at St. Thomas’, Bracebridge on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Eager diners enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by professional chef Rick Lees, Peter May, and a number of other volunteers.

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# Bring it on!

By the Rev. Bob Elkin

I have a confession to make. After all these years of presenting the image of a beer drinking, blunt talking, manly man kind of priest, I can't keep it in any longer. Now that I'm retired and have nothing to lose. It is time to put my cards on the table, tell it like it is and come out! As scripture says: "The truth will make you free!" So here it is: I like poetry! Somebody check that the bishop's still breathing! Yep, that's it. I really like poetry!

Now I can hear people saying: "Oh sure. Elkin likes poetry. I can just imagine! There was an old girl from Nantucket." Hey, you do me wrong, although if you'd picked: 'There was a young maiden from Derry' you might have worked up a good case. I mean real poetry. Shelley, Frost and my absolute favourite, Tennyson. That guy speaks to my heart! He's right on to where I'm at. This piece from *Ulysses*: "It little profits that an idle king, By this still hearth, among these barren crags, Matched with an aged wife, I mete and dole Unequal laws unto a savage race, That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me." Best description of Church life that I ever heard! The only part he got wrong was the 'matched with an aged wife' bit. That's not my good lady of course and I'm not saying that because she's likely going to read this thing and I'm not stupid. I'm just not that stupid! But, like I said, Tennyson is right on to where I'm at!

The poem is about some old geezer who used to rip around in a ship with the boys and have all kinds of adventures but who's now grown old, gone home and taken on the role of responsible citizen. He's bored to death and misses the good old days. He looks up his crew and finds they're old too and wonders if they've still got what it takes. I can relate to that!

Forty years ago we went to Red Lake and then up onto the

reserves. We had the time of our lives. We worked hard, played hard and ran with the characters. One of those characters came to visit a few years ago, and like Ulysses, I found he'd aged. He spent an hour explaining why my roof venting was insufficient for my house. It was a long way from the time he'd stood his car straight up on its nose when he failed to make the curve coming out of town. He seemed a lot different from the guy who used to holler every time somebody slopped their drink: "Don't waste liquor! There are sober people in India!" Somehow an interest in roof vents

## Letter from Bob

didn't conjure up the same excitement. In Tennyson's words: "How dull it is to pause..."

But there's hope. Towards the end of *Ulysses*, Tennyson writes: "Come, my friends. 'Tis not to late to seek a newer world.' Right on! And opportunity knocks! My son recently bought a new motorcycle and phoned me up. "Dad" he asked, "Any interest in my old bike?" Any interest!!! In a thirty year old, beat up Honda 750? Of course I've got an interest: a great interest! So now it's in my garage, with valves adjusted and swing arm lubricated, waiting for the new tires that'll get it on the road. A new helmet and boots are on the shelf and the pants and jacket are hanging in the closet. And Tennyson is on my lips:

"We are not now that strength which in old days

Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are....

One equal temper of heroic hearts,

Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Boots Elkin rides again!!! Ya-hoooooooooooo!!!

# Hope shone through the sadness

Continued from Front

The words of one of the hymns sung between the Stations, describes it clearly:

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for every one, and there's a cross for me. The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free and then go home, my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me. Upon the crystal pavement, down at Jesus' pierced feet, joyful

I'll cast my golden crown and His dear name repeat. O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day! Ye angels from the stars come down and bear my soul away."

For the mourners at St. Peter's, that blessed hope shone through as they rejoiced in the coming together of three Elliot Lake parishes for this year's Good Friday service. As one said, "We need to come together more often. We are all Christians, after all."

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Make plans now to join us as we laugh and  
cry, sing, pray and have fun together !!!



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY: The Ven. Dawn Henderson extended warm wishes and many blessings from the people of All Saints', Huntsville to Mern Parker on the occasion of her 100th birthday. The open house, in celebration of Ms. Parker's 100th birthday, took place on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Roger's Cove Retirement Home in Huntsville. Many parishioners of All Saints' and former students of Ms. Parker were in attendance at the celebration.

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# Algoma Cycle of Prayer

## Sunday, May 6th - 5th Sunday of Easter

North Muskoka Pioneer Parish

St. Mary's, Aspdin

St. Paul's, Grassmere

Christ Church, Ilfracombe

St. John the Baptist, Ravenscliffe

The Rev. GailMarie Henderson

## Sunday, May 13th - 6th Sunday of Easter

St. John the Divine, North Bay

The Rev. Andrew Nussey

The Rev. Grant Churcher (Hon.)

## Thursday, May 17th - Ascension Day

Church of the Ascension, Sudbury

The Ven. Anne Germond

The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker (Hon. Assoc.)

The Rev. Rhonda Hirst (Hon.)

## Sunday, May 20th - 7th Sunday of Easter - ACW Sunday

ACW Executive and the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese

### ACW PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen

## Sunday, May 20th - The Day of Pentecost

St. Matthew's, Sault Ste. Marie

The Rev. Patrick McManus

St. John's, Garden River

Mr. David Jack - Lay Pastor

Bishop Fauquier Memorial Chapel

Ms. Lana Grawbarger - Lay Pastor

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**MOTHER'S UNION GROWING IN THUNDER BAY:** Four new members were formally inducted into the St. Paul's and St. Thomas' Mothers' Union in Thunder Bay on Sunday, March 18, which was Mothering Sunday in 2012. The new members are Lynda Viau, centre, second row, second from left Bev Gamble and beside her Kathy Deguns. The fourth new member in the group is Sandie Hastie, who is standing in the third row, second from left. The group processed up the church with their banners, participated in the service and handed out their delicious Simnel cookies after service. Rev. Doug McClure, pictured with the group, presided at the service.



## From the Anchorhold



By Sister Mary Cartwright

May, Mary's month, is full of feasts this year because of an early Easter. First, the Ascension, when Jesus, who has been coming and going amongst them, building in them a sense of constant presence, whether they can see Him or not and having promised that He will always be with them, to the end of the ages, is received into the cloud; the cloud that always signifies the presence of God. He goes home! The disciples stand there, gazing up, till an angel reminds them that Jesus will come again as He has left, and that they are to return home and wait in prayer, for the next step, the gift of power from on high. We are all much too busy. We need to pause. As Madeleine L'Engle says "Don't just do something, stand there!" But eventually we have to get going on the work God tells us to do as we stand and listen.

Then after days of prayer, we have Pentecost, which falls this year on May 27. It is the beginning of the Church as we know it. The Spirit comes with wind and fire to the disciples, Mary, and the other women and other disciples with them, and they are empowered. From fearful, hesitant followers they become the vital tellers of the Gospel, pouring out into the streets speaking in each person's own language, even if the disciples don't know them, the wonderful story of Jesus. They preach the word with confidence, even though some will soon die for it. How we need that kind of vocation today!

The next Sunday, June 3, is Trinity, the often neglected feast that is a central tenet of the faith. We don't have to understand it. Just believe it! It teaches us that love and community are at the very heart of the Godhead.

As the spring bursts out with trilliums, new leaves, new life all around us; so we have the flowering of saints: Phillip and James; St. John in Eastertide; Matthias chosen in Judas' place; the Lady Julian; Augustine (a favourite of mine); Dunstan and Athanasius; Bishops and teachers; and Bede, monk, historian and educator.

Lastly, we have a lovely feast, the Visitation of Our Lady to Elizabeth. Mary, awed and probably a little frightened in her total commitment to God, runs to her older cousin, pregnant in her older age with John the Baptist. Mary goes for affirmation: we all need that! She gets it, "Blessed is she who believed, at the sound of your voice the babe leapt in my womb for joy!" And Mary sings Magnificat. So do we, ever since, and all generations call her blessed.

Here is a hymn for Pentecost:

*"On thy faithful who adore  
And confess thee evermore  
In thy sevenfold gifts descend  
Give them virtues sure reward,  
Give them thy salvation, Lord  
Give them joys that never end."*



God ascends amid  
shouts of joy,  
To Alleluia



Pentecost



John



Julian



The Visitation

The Bishop has a blog!

It is called

'benedictus benedicat'

You can find it

at

[http://stephenalgoma.typepad.com/  
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**ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION:** Caroline Sokoloski, People’s Warden at St. Thomas’, Bracebridge was one of many who enjoyed diner on Saturday, March 17, 2012 during St. Patrick’s Day celebration at St. Thomas’.



**A LENTEN LUNCH:** Trinity Anglican Church, Parry Sound hosted one of a series of mid-week lunches hosted by churches in the community during Lent. The Ven. Dawn Henderson, Archdeacon of Muskoka, who led the day, looks to enjoy a simple, yet warm and comforting lunch.

# Get outside and experience God’s creation

**By Charlotte Haldenby**

When we moved into the rectory in Little Current, can it really be 60 years ago?, I think I horrified the parishioners as my new friends and I wore down a baseball diamond in the beautiful side lawn. So much better if we would play in that back field of tall grass. I soon found that field a fast short cut on the way home from the Bousquets and Cranstons, even if it did mean an encounter with a skunk once. Esther, born there, and I are now the older generation.

Next generation. Esther’s son David loved exploring, and even had his own “thinking place” carved out in their hedge. He loved to climb the Pinnacle in Alton all by himself, but within view of his house. He wanted to be a paleontologist, and there was a ravine near where they later lived in Barrie; such a great place to wander and find skeletons for his collection, just like Beatrix Potter who wrote *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*.

The future generation. Isabella from a baby has gone geocaching with David. Last summer was her first time camping out. She and Elianna have easy contact with cats, dogs and horses, but when that city girl, Sophia, Alain’s daughter comes to visit, she isn’t quite sure about that. Sure she has seen these creatures in books and on television, but she’s never thought they could be real and soft to touch.

For the good times my generation had, and even the scary times, it might seem to someone of the future generation that we had a lot of fun that might be missing in their urbanized life. We walked back and forth to

## Looking at the World

school, even if it was over a mile, and after the first week Grade 1 kids would catch on to who was keeping an eye on them on the way. It was a time when people knew who all the kids were and who to phone if there was a problem. Tori Stafford was murdered on the way home from school, and her mother was berated in court for allowing her to walk the few blocks home.

So we have become fearful, and lawsuit happy. Schools and parks take down playground equipment, for fear someone might break an arm and sue. But in a law case in the States, the judge asked if we must then cut down all the neighbourhood trees too, just in case someone might climb and break an arm? Our kids need green in their lives.

In *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature Deficit Disorder*, Richard Louv makes a great case for getting outside and into nature. This “disorder” is not found in the psychological journals, but the benefits of playing and roaming outside are definitely there. As many of us already know, being in nature can calm us down. And it has the same effect on kids suffering from ADHD and autism. When we take our little people on walks we know it will take longer, because they see things at their level that we usually don’t notice in our hurry to get somewhere. When we take Isabella down to David’s ravine,

she has to see all the flowers, and the animal tracks and even check out the stones. She doesn’t go on her own as there are two new subdivisions alongside; we’re lucky they left the ravine.

Physically sick people and mentally ill people do better in rooms facing open fields and forests, rather than the walls of the other wings. Same with prisoners in jail. Remember the prison farm in Burwash, where people could be out of doors, working, growing their own food, learning skills they could carry beyond their sentence. And now we have military vehicles tearing up the land. Which is better for environment and the society?

Even in school curricula, the environment and real-life biology is disappearing, along with physical education. And yet there

*“This summer go beyond Earth Day, and get your kids outside.”*

are studies that show that children who do have outdoor group activities and just running-around time out of doors do better, not just in science and physical fitness but also in the dreaded standardized tests. I hope your fourth-grader is not saying “I like to play indoors better ‘cause that’s where all the electrical outlets are.”

Why has nature been losing out in our interest? Could it be as James Sallis of the Active Living Research program says, because “there’s no major economic interest involved. If kids are out there riding their bikes or walking,

they’re not using fossil fuels, they’re nobody’s captive audience, they’re not making money for anyone.” Sad!

This summer go beyond Earth Day, and get your kids outside! And you too! Get to the city parks, the nature trails, the beaches, camp, into canoes, and take kids on trips and stop at the parks and viewing points! Get them talking about what they’re seeing. Turn off that video in the back seat! How did we get to that? By making wildflower books, weather observations, bird sightings, star maps, even their own little garden. We live in Group of Seven country; get them drawing and taking pictures. And writing about how it would feel to be a soaring eagle. You can have fun too. Louv’s book spends a lot of pages talking about existing “No Child Left Indoors” type projects, with the forty last pages filled with direct suggestions!

But there is another concern here. The First Nations encouraged thinking about the next seven generations when any crucial decision was made. How is our environment doing today? Will nature be there, for Isabella’s great-grandchildren? In a recent Australian election, they even had an eleven-year-old as a party spokesman to make this point.

Tzeporah Berman’s book *This Crazy Time: Living Our Environmental Challenge*, recounts her career as marshal of protestors to save the temperate rainforest of Clayoquot Sound and the Great Bear Rainforest, and then on to Greenpeace and now climate change! Wasn’t March break

different this year? In interviews she urges us to not just talk about polar bears and Amazon rainforest, but get active politically. I’m sure you’re already recycling, reusing, restoring, and walking whenever you can.

But protest when your local store closes down, and everyone has to drive miles to get to something that used to be in walking distance. According to Macleans April 2, 2012, the Harper government has lowered their expectations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 90%. Not really helping!

Let’s keep questioning our politicians, even on the budget. Does shortening the review time to a compulsory two years allow time for all parties to be heard? Don’t we still need roundtable discussions of environmental impact? If big business is there with all its hired scientists and lawyers, shouldn’t the people who care about the environment be allowed to raise funds to get the surveys and the research done so they can talk about their side of the story.

Finally, do we really need Google eye wear for walking instructions and the weather report! Just use your real eyes and look outside. Wow! Do you believe that? A little red squirrel just chased a big black squirrel right across my tree branches, the whole length of my house, and he’s running away in the yard next door! Atta girl!

Keep on doing your best to make sure all our generations can wake up every morning and say “This is the world our Lord hath made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”