

## Barbara Sherwood honoured in Sault Ste. Marie



**WELL DESERVED:** Rev. Pamela Rayment presented Barbara Sherwood with the ACW Certificate of Recognition on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at St. John the Evangelist, Sault Ste. Marie. Mrs. Sherwood has served in a number of capacities, in particular as a leader in the Girls Auxiliary for over 24 years.

### By Megan Sherwood

Barbara Sherwood grew up in the Church. It was quite simple really, her parents began attending the St. John the Evangelist, Sault Ste. Marie shortly after they were married in 1937; and it was quite natural for them to bring along their four children. Barbara Sherwood was baptised in 1942, confirmed in 1955, and finally married in 1961, all at St. John the Evangelist. And just has her parents had

done before her, she brought her three sons to Church as well, and then her grand children. St. John the Evangelist became for Barbara Sherwood, not just a church, a place for worship, a place for companionship, a place for community and collaboration, but also a place for family.

In this time, she has watched St. John's Church grow, and participated in many of the groups that enable it to do so. As an ac-

tive member, she participated in Sunday choir, adding to the joyous chorus of much beloved hymns and also performing Bible readings and in more recent years the Prayers of the People from the *Book of Alternative Services*. But before this, she was a member of the GA, Girls Auxiliary, a group for young Christian girls to join together in fellowship and learn as a group about essential life skills and of God's glory.

Similarly she was a member of the AYP, Anglican Youth Peoples Association. With the lessons from these groups Barbara Sherwood grew into the loving faithful woman she is today, and understanding the importance these groups had had on her life, in February 1962 she became a leader in the Girls Auxiliary and continued in this role for the next 24 and a half years. While maintaining her

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## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2016

### Bishop Stephen Andrews invites you to join him

St. Michael and All Angels  
2015

*'Behold, our feet now stand/  
within thy gates, O Jerusalem'*

(Psalm 122: 2)

Dear Friends,  
In his comments on Psalm 122, Eugene Peterson says:

The great worship festivals to which everyone came at least three times a year were held in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem everything that God said was remembered

and celebrated. When you went to Jerusalem, you encountered the great foundational realities: God created you, God redeemed you, God provided for you.

This coming Spring, I wonder if you will consider joining Dr. Bob Darrenbacker and me on a pilgrimage to Israel. March 11-21, 2016 will find us standing within

the ancient gates of Jerusalem, reflecting on 'the great foundational realities', realities that will become more profound as we visit a number of other sites associated with the sacred biblical story: Cana, Mount Carmel, the shores of Galilee, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Gethsemane, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River.

Bob and I will bring some colour commentary to the tour from our disciplines of New and Old Testament studies. This means that it is also possible for students to receive academic credit for the experience. Thorneloe University also has bursary money to help students with the costs.

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DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

A few years ago when I left England for Canada, I traveled with just three suitcases, a laptop and hand luggage. How did I decide what to carry with me and what to discard? Other than essential paperwork, a few clothes I chose to bring some pictures, two or three books, a handmade glass cross and my most precious possession. I received it at birth so it is nearly seventy years old and shows its age. Every scar, every worn down area reminds me of our life together.

The ear was ripped off by my brother and sown back on with green darning wool. The eyes were also pulled out by him. How angry I was but it didn't matter at all now: he died at 36. His paws wore out and were replaced numerous times. He is very threadbare and his sawdust stuffing is beginning to leak out. But it is these signs of his life's journey that make him even more loved. We share so much; times of pain and times of joy. He was my constant companion and comforter for my life's entire journey too.

As I looked at him recently I began to muse over how God loves us in a similar way. He loves us at our near perfect cre-

ation. He loves us through all the silliness of childhood. He loves us through all the turmoil of youth and young adulthood and he still loves us in our latter years when we are scarred by our life-long mistakes and poor decisions. He loves us whether we love him or not. God loves us so much that he has promised to make all things new. God loves us so much that he readily forgives us and holds no grudges. God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to live and die here on earth. God loves us so much that he provided a new counsellor and guide after Jesus' resurrection and ascension: the Holy Spirit.

And so we come to the handmade glass cross which I was given by a nine year old child in my class. I was head of religious instruction, and more importantly, the spiritual side of faith. My class bore the brunt of my experiments although I also taught the whole school also. God was leading me in a way I had never really experienced before but through him I reached a number of children and their parents. But this one child had taken everything on board and asked her

father to make me a glass cross. He designed it with a fancy glass stand which his daughter rejected. "No!" she said, "Faith in Jesus is simple; through love he died for us, we don't need any frills etc." The Father redesigned it with a plain simple base. "That is better," she said, "now nothing detracts us from Jesus. We can look through and see God clearly and his love for us."

Wow! It changed my life and I began to accept that whatever I had done when brought to the cross was forgiven and forgotten. God, in his mighty love, saw me as my resurrection self not my scarred and fraying earthly body. His love is so great it is bigger than anything we can possibly imagine.

Let us pray:

Father God,

Let us put behind us our vision of our earthly selves and bask in God's love, secure in the knowledge that He sees us in our perfected state and will always be there to help us attain it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pam Abraham

Diocesan ACW Devotions Chair

Upcoming  
ordination in  
Bracebridge

Bishop Stephen Andrews is pleased to announce the upcoming ordination, God willing, of The Reverend Barbara Graham to the Priesthood. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at St Thomas Anglican Church in Bracebridge beginning at 4:00 p.m. The preacher will be the Most Reverend Caleb Lawrence, retired Bishop of Moosonee and past Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario. Lay readers and clergy are invited to robe and process. The liturgical colour will be red.

Barbara is a retired Registered Nurse and has completed an Associate in Theology Diploma and a Bachelor of Theology Degree from Thorneloe University and a

Master of Theological Studies Degree from the University of Trinity College, Toronto.

She was a Diocesan Lay Reader and is presently the Deanery Warden of Lay Readers for Muskoka Deanery as well as Deacon Associate at St. Thomas, Bracebridge. She volunteers with the Inuit Offenders and other Anglicans at Beaver Creek Medium Security Institution and is also involved in Pastoral Ministry at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital. She spent time serving in the Diocese of the Arctic with her late husband, the Venerable W. A. Graham.

Barbara has three sons, four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.



**OFFERED UNTO GOD:** Gunta Towsley is pictured reading the epistle at the service of Holy Eucharist at St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River in celebration of the harvest on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Trip will be a first-  
time adventure for  
Bishop Andrews

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But this will be a first-time adventure for me. While I am very much looking forward to sharing the tour with others, I will be conscious of being on a journey traced by three millennia of pilgrims, and of sharing, with them, the hope of a deeper faith. As Eugene Peterson put it, 'In Jerusalem all the scattered fragments of experience,

all the bits and pieces of truth and feeling and perception are put together in a single whole.'

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# EDITORIAL

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## Letter from the Bishop

### Theft in the Church

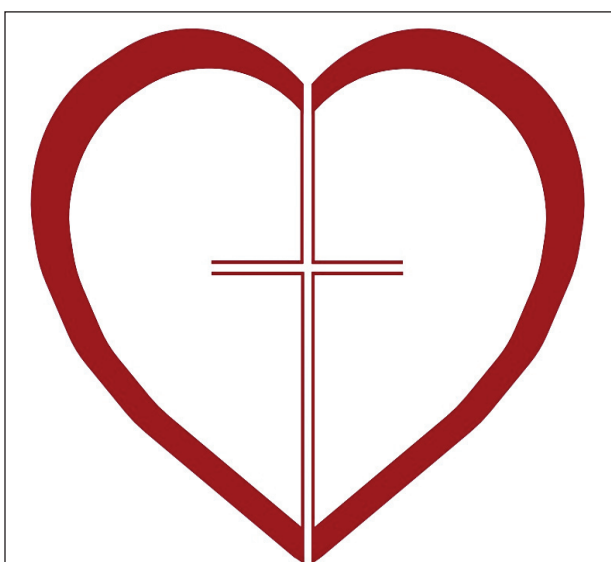
There is a Presbyterian preacher in the United States who concluded one morning worship service by informing the congregation that a theft had been uncovered in the church. He explained that he and the elders of the church had been aware that this was taking place, and that they had monitored the situation closely for some time. He said gravely that although the thieves had been clever to conceal their crime, he and the elders had managed finally to identify the individuals involved, and that next Sunday he had been asked to release their names. Needless to say, the congregation was at once alarmed and intrigued by this news, and throughout the week people in that community were preoccupied with speculating on who the culprits were, how much money they had pilfered, and how they had gone about the crime. The following Sunday the church was full. Everyone fell to a hush when the preacher announced, 'Ladies and gentlemen, it grieves me to have to identify publicly those who have been stealing from the Lord's work, but the plain fact is, that you have all been robbing God!' Whereupon he turned to his text, from Malachi 3: 'Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings!' (v. 8).

Is it possible that we are stealing from God? The answer to this depends entirely on what it is we think belongs to God in the first place. Intellectually, we may agree that 'all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee', but deep down we feel that what we have was bought by our own sweat and ingenuity. We are rather like the character played by Jimmy Stewart in the movie, 'Shenandoah', when he prays: 'Lord, we cleared this land, we ploughed it, sowed it and harvested. We cooked the harvest. It wouldn't be here, we wouldn't be eatin' it if we hadn't done it all ourselves. We worked dog bone hard for every crumb and morsel. But we thank you Lord just the same anyway Lord for this food we're about to eat. Amen.'

I can relate to the sentiments of that prayer, can't you? I feel a strong sense of ownership of my property; I feel a deep sense of pride in what I've accomplished (and it irritates me that not more people take notice!); and I resent anyone else telling me what I have to do with what is mine.

But a moment's reflection will reveal the short-

comings of this attitude. A few courteous questions of Mr. Stewart's character would make a good start, like, 'where did this land that you ploughed come from?' and 'where does this seed, which you plant, come by its capacity to grow and provide food? Indeed, where did you come by your own strong back



Lift Up Your Hearts  
celebrating God's generosity

and mule-headedness?' These things (along with our relationships, possessions and abilities) find their source in God, and we hold them in sacred trust. As much as we may admire the rugged individualism and self-reliance which carved out the New World, it must be admitted that these are the hallmarks of the spirit which also makes for war, economic disparity and pollution of the environment. All that we have and are is on loan to us, and it is important for us to treat them respectfully and responsibly, for be ye sure that their true Owner will one day require them from us. Do we rob God? We do if we regard God's property as our own. And the true test of our experiment with gratitude over the course of the last few weeks is whether it makes us sit more lightly to what we regard as ours.

In the earliest days of my episcopacy, when the fin-

ishing touches were being put on the draft Strategic Plan, I was asked for my appraisal of the document. I tendered an observation to the architects that there was no mention of stewardship in the draft. It was explained to me that the diocese had had some difficult experiences with financial campaigns in the past, and that the attempt to identify a strategic goal around fundraising had the potential to become divisive. This made me wonder whether we should consider an unconventional stewardship strategy, perhaps launching something more like a 'stewardship un-campaign', an initiative that rather reverses the psychology of traditional fundraising drives. What would a project look like that did not have pledge cards or targets or home visitations by campaign workers? What could a strategy that preferred to talk about 'gifts' rather than 'money' achieve? And how would we think differently about stewardship if we imagined what a proper use of our resources would look like in connection with God's mission, rather than our own?

In the follow up to our Lift Up Your Hearts initiative, I am interested to see how our focus on God's profligate goodness might have shifted our perspective on all that we possess, and I look forward to hearing stories from across the diocese about how we ourselves have grown in generosity. In the face of the challenges that present themselves to us as in a marginalised and contracting church, I am convinced that a significant measure of our spiritual growth and maturity as a diocese is how reckless we are with the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Gratefully in Christ,

Stephen Andrews  
Bishop of Algoma

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# I was astounded this morning

**The Rev. Richard White**

I was astounded this morning. I had the first session with a confirmation. I don't know what I expected, perhaps to see a handful of individual teens sitting there in the closed position. I wasn't ready for what I saw. Nine, nine young people, enthusiastically retelling the story of the Mount Sinai event and flawlessly giving me the Ten Commandments. All I had asked was, "What do you know about the Ten Commandments?" Plenty. But then, their parents are biblically sharp too. I continue to be amazed at the Biblical knowledge of the parishioners at St. Martin's, Anglican Church, Sharjah. It flows forth quite naturally in our meetings, and many pray with confidence.

I was astounded this morning. This church begins the service with half an hour of contemporary worship led by one of the finest contemporary teams of musicians and singers I have ever heard. An appointed worship leader called the people to a time of thanksgiving. A total of 15 plus members in the praise group, on key, harmonizing, and outstanding instrumentals. As I stood at the back at the centre of the aisle I observed, I sang, I became choked up.

During the service a young mother led the Prayers of the People. They were fresh, carefully written, and so, so heart-felt. At communion time most came forward bare-foot to receive the Eucharist, and most of the Indian women had put colourful shawls over the heads to receive communion. Coming for communion is the holiest moment in the service they have told me: they need to acknowledge that outwardly. I am humbled, deeply humbled.

I was astounded this morning. There seemed to be a line-up of people wanting to talk with me after the service. A young professional came to ask for spiritual counselling, could he see me tomorrow? One of the musicians reminded me that he does an evening service for a group of African immigrants, I had promised to go and preach. A middle aged mother talked to me about the Teen Sunday School and the meeting I have with them tomorrow. A doctor wanted to be assured that I would be giving the same sermon for the next congregation: that message on James 3 had hit home apparently. And a few parents lined up to tell me how much their children got out of the morning Confirmation class and thanking me. Someone offered to drive me home, even offered to carry my bag. These are servants.

Oh, this church in Sharjah UAE has its warts and its issues. They know that. Their short-comings and interpersonal conflicts trouble them very much. But these acts of piety are genuine. And if you were to ask them why they do any of this, wait patiently. You see, they would look at you for about 15 seconds, and then answer "We are Christians." It's that simple.

My heart aches to return to Canada and return to my wife and family, and my friends. I will rejoice when that day comes. Some days I can heat the jet engines! Still, my spirit has tasted sweet-waters in an Arabian desert, and my spirit will find it hard to leave those sweet-waters behind. I know I will say, thank God for Christians like these, wherever they are found.



**GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT:** Lois Clark has been a member of St. Mark's, Emsdale, Parish of the Good Shepherd, most of her life. She has held a number of positions in the church and shared the many gifts given to her by God.

## In honour of Lois Clark

**By Wilo Smith**

Lois Clark was born and has lived in the Emsdale area most of her life. At present she is a member of St. Mark's in Emsdale which is part of the Parish of the Good Shepherd. She attended Sunday school at when she was 11 years old. Ms. Clark was baptized during that time and was confirmed when she was 12 years of age. She later became a Sunday school teacher with Dorothy Gray and she started a Junior Auxiliary group. Ms. Clark has helped to organise and work at numerous church dinners, luncheons, rummage sales, bake sales and summer festivals.

She has served as a church warden, a member of the cemetery board, altar guild, envelope secretary, ACW and parish council. She also helps to clean the church and become well known for her flower arranging and dedicated work on the church flower garden. If all of this is not enough, Ms. Clark still finds time to be a reader and helps serve during the service. The people of St. Mark's would like to honour Lois Clark for all the work and time she has dedicated to making St. Mark's a wonderful place of worship. The members wish to thank her and wish her all the best.



**SUMMER SPROUTS IN STURGEON FALLS:** Summer Sprouts, better known as VBS, Vacation Bible School, was held at St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls from August 24 to the 27, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. Eleven participants, 8 teen helpers and 9 church members worked together to make sure that all had a good time. This year's theme was "Jesus is the Way". Each day began with a Bible story followed with singing which the children truly enjoyed. Then some physical activities, inside on rainy days and outside on sunny days, and then a scrumptious meal was enjoyed by all. After lunch, there were crafts based on the theme and if time permitted additional physical activities. Summer Sprouts was again a success, thanks to the ACW's sponsorship.

**The Monday Women's Bible Study at Church of the Epiphany has been meeting for nearly two decades! We have studied many books and subjects in this time. Some of the members have donated their books to form a bit of a lending library for other groups who might want to use them in the future. Quantities vary. A full list of these books, and the quantity of each, is available by e-mailing Barbara Bolton at [boltonrb@persona.ca](mailto:boltonrb@persona.ca) or by calling her at 705.674.1691.**



# Canada Briefs

## Rebuilt after blaze, historic N.B. church opens its doors

Less than a year after being ravaged by fire, Edmundston, N.B.'s oldest church, reopened with a dedication service on August 30.

Within two weeks in fall 2014, the church of St. John the Baptist and its nearby church hall were severely damaged by fire. Both were victims of arson, committed possibly by the same person. The 140-year-old church's roof and interior were destroyed, and virtually nothing from the inside could be salvaged.

"We lost everything in the fire—all our records, our vestments and holy vessels," said the church's deacon, the Rev. Fran Bedell.

Its foundation and walls, however, still stood.

"The walls survived," the diocesan bishop of Fredericton, David Edwards, told the congregation during the dedication. "This was God's grace, his intention to say, 'God's word is to be proclaimed in this place!'"

The same church building is also home to St. Paul's United Church. Over the following year, St. Paul's leadership committee met in the basement of a parishioner, planning the new church. They decided that the new building would keep the 19th-century appearance of its predecessor, and that as much of the reconstruction work as possible would be done by local people.

The rebuilt church occupies the same space as the old building, using the same walls and foundation. Its interior has been substantially redone, with a new meeting room behind the altar and seats instead of pews.

*The New Brunswick Anglican*

## In Ontario's 'Chemical Valley,' hundreds march against pollution

An estimated 500 people, including representatives from Anglican, United Church, Mennonite and Roman Catholic congregations, took part in a march to raise awareness of environmental issues near Sarnia, Ont., September 5.

Dubbed the "Toxic Tour" by its organizers, the protest involved a walk through Canada's "Chemical Valley"—which is home to 40% of Ontario's petrochemical industry. Chemical Valley also abuts Aamjiwnaang First Nation Reserve, and the Toxic Tour was spearheaded by youth of the reserve.

According to one organizer, Lindsay Beze Gray, residents of the reserve consider chemical spills and warning sirens part of everyday life: children have been sent home from daycares with rashes and burning eyes, and people frequently die from rare forms of cancer.

"We have a very big crisis. We have a very big change to make," Aamjiwnaang resident Kelly Kiyoshk told participants. "I don't know what's going to happen [to] these kids if we don't."

"We not only have to learn to stand up, we have to learn to be kind to each other, to share with each other. That's what the Creator gave us."

Activists are also planning tests of the soil and water in the area and working to oppose plans by energy company Enbridge Inc. to carry diluted bitumen from the tar sands through its Line 9, which runs through the area.

Last February, a group from the reserve launched a lawsuit against Shell Canada over a 2013 chemical spill involving toxins the reserve alleged made local children sick and potentially caused other long-term health problems.

*The Anglican*

## Diocese of Montreal consecrates first female bishop

Mary Irwin-Gibson was consecrated bishop of the diocese of Montreal at a ceremony on September 29, becoming the first woman to hold the position.

Elected to the position last June, Irwin-Gibson had spent about a month before the consecration preparing for her new role, working as "commissary," or representative, of the former bishop, Barry Clarke, who retired in late August. The work involved, among other things, preparing for the consecration and for the diocesan synod slated for October 16-17, and going over the diocese's finances and property.

Irwin-Gibson, 59, was born in Sarnia, Ont., and grew up in a family of six children. Her family moved to the Montreal area when she was three, and she attended mostly French-language classes at a school affiliated with the United Church of Canada. She considered a career in social work, but decided she wanted to help people worship God. She was ordained as a deacon in 1981 and a priest in 1982—the third woman to be ordained in the diocese. After serving three years in the parish of Vaudreuil, she moved on to the parish of Dunham-Frelighsburg, where she served seven years. She was then priest at Holy Trinity in Ste Agathe for 18 years before moving on to Kingston, Ont., where she served as dean of St. George's Cathedral.

She also received a master's degree in business administration from the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2005.

*Anglican Montreal*

## Thousands attend fundraiser for Nepean food bank

Nearly 3,500 people took part in the inaugural "West End Food Truck Rally" in Nepean, Ont., this summer, to raise awareness and money for a local food bank.

The rally, which featured food from 10 local food trucks, was in support of Family Service Association of Churches (FAMSAC), an emergency food assistance program that services West Nepean. Participating food trucks donated 15% of the proceeds of their sales from the rally to FAMSAC.

"I wanted to help a local food bank, since it's easy to forget that not everyone has the luxury to go to bed on a full stomach each night," said Sifa Kalinda, a food truck owner.

Participants were also encouraged to bring one non-perishable food item to donate to FAMSAC. By the end of the day, event volunteers had collected and delivered about 4,000 food items to FAMSAC, and organizers passed on to the food bank nearly \$6,000 in donations given by the food truck owners, a local community association and members of the public.

FAMSAC, which originated in 1969, now supports up to 80 families per month. Since a flood earlier this year at its permanent location at St. Martin de Porres, a Nepean Catholic church, FAMSAC has been renting storage space at a nearby strip mall. To stay in this temporary space, the food bank has had to divert almost its entire monthly operating budget from food purchases to rent payments.

*Crosstalk*

## Diocese of B.C. among new owners of Vancouver Island retreat centre

A financially troubled Vancouver Island spiritual retreat centre will continue operating, thanks to a deal struck over the summer involving the Anglican synod of the diocese of British Columbia.

On July 15, the Bethlehem Retreat Centre, previously op-

erated by the Benedictine Sisters of Nanaimo, was handed over to the Friends of the Bethlehem Retreat Centre Society. The society is leasing the centre from a newly-formed corporation, which is 25% owned by the diocese.

The Benedictine Sisters founded the centre in the 1980s, but had put it up for sale for \$2.18 million in 2014, most of the sisters having retired by that time.

Under its agreement with the corporation, the not-for-profit society is undertaking a long-term lease of the centre and continuing the legacy of its original owners. The society's plans for the centre include increasing its annual occupancy by marketing it to faith groups and ecumenical users.

The facility can host gatherings of various sizes and has room for up to 65 overnight guests. It features a chapel, main building with dining and meeting rooms, a library, offices and residences. Its buildings are spread over a 2.4-ha wooded site on the shores of Vancouver Island's Westwood Lake, and the site connects with 6.4 km of hiking and bicycling trails.

*The Diocesan Post*

## St. John's-area parish starts community garden

A community garden in Mount Pearl, Nfld., was blessed by Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Bishop Geoffrey Peddle at a special ceremony August 16.

The garden was established by Mount Pearl's parish of the Good Shepherd and sits behind the church. It includes 14 garden plots, some of which are raised to make them more accessible. Two of the plots will be used to grow vegetables for the church's weekly café ministry; another is reserved for children, since one of the goals of the garden is for it to involve people of all ages working and growing together. One plot is for parish or community groups, and the others are available to local families or individuals to use on a first-come, first-served basis. There is currently a waiting list to use these plots.

The garden was launched with financial help in the form of a grant from Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development. The City of Mount Pearl also supplied the services of its "Green Team" staff at the beginning of the project.

The garden sits next to the church's Labyrinth Park, an area intended for meditation and prayer. Both garden and park abut the Mount Pearl walking trail system.

*Anglican Life*

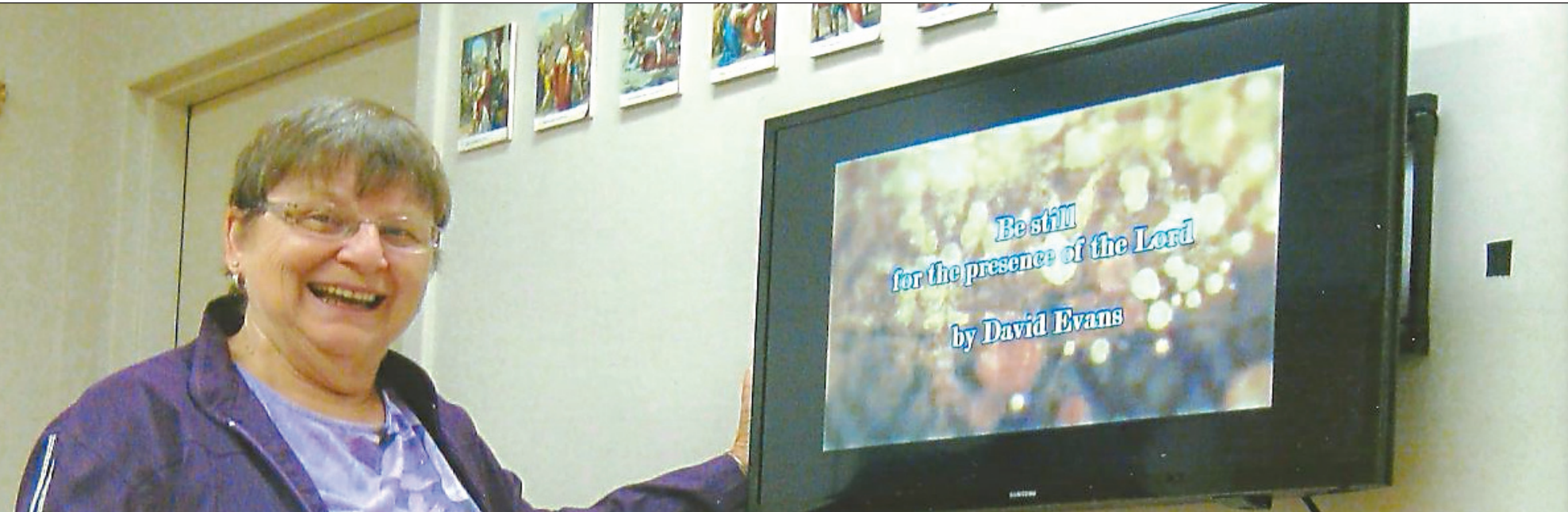
## Diocese of Edmonton, Canadian Blood Services launch blood drive

The diocese of Edmonton and Canadian Blood Services have launched a partnership encouraging Anglicans in central Alberta to donate blood.

Under the program "Partners for Life," the diocese has pledged to donate 100 units of blood by the end of 2015. Bishop Jane Alexander has challenged members to take part both through donating blood and prayer.

Blood and blood products are used not only in major surgeries but also in other medical procedures, cancer treatments and the management of disease. Donors can give blood as often as every 56 days—the time the body needs to replace its red blood cells. The body replaces its plasma and platelets much more quickly.

*The Messenger*



**NEW TELEVISION FOR HOSPITAL:** Pictured is Maria Leclerc-McAdam, President of the ACW at St. Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls with a new television purchased by the ACW for the West Nipissing Hospital. The new monitor will be utilised at a service of Holy Eucharist held at the hospital by Rev. Michelle Ferguson. Older participants were having difficulty seeing the old smaller screen on which the service is shown. On July 18, 2015 the ACW held a bake sale and yard sale at which \$600 was raised for purchase of the monitor.



# Things that go bump in the night

By the Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

“From warlocks, witches and wurricoes,

From ghosties, ghoulies and long-legged beasties

From all things that go 'bump' in the night

Good Lord deliver us!”

For all my detractors out there who claim that I never read anything that hasn't got a centerfold and haven't touched a religious book since seminary, I'd like to say that I found the above quote in *Prayers, Praises, and Thanksgivings* by Sandol Stoddard and, according to her it is taken from an Ancient Cornish Litany. Admittedly she writes mainly for little kids but still, it qualifies as a religious book and I read it so take that, you detractors! I guess I showed you!

With Halloween just around the corner I thought some Ancient Cornish Litany might be just the ticket to grab the kids attention at the children's talk on All Saints' Day. Then I remembered some previous episodes involving kids and Halloween and 'things that go bump in the night' that didn't work out quite so well. We once had a Church Family Halloween party at our house and to add to the fun I filled the bathtub with leaves and had a straw-filled dummy lying face down in it with a ketchup covered arm hanging over the edge of the tub. It looked awesome and the adults thought it was great until they discovered that their children wouldn't go near the bathroom which caused some distress and several accidents as the night progressed. Who knew?

My kids enjoyed it but then again my kids grew up hiding in closets and behind doors and under beds and jumping out and scaring the bejabbers out of you when you least expected it. Maybe other kids didn't do that. It seems shortsighted to me, a bit like raising children in a germ free environment in which they don't acquire any immunity to stuff that's in dirt. My kids are loaded with immunity and they've also learned to look over their shoulder when they walk through a room. Its good training for life!

I certainly produced a chip off the old blockhead in my youngest boy. When he was about fourteen he was made a cabin leader at good old Camp Gitchigomee and things went well for the first day or two until the camp director noticed that the boys in his cabin tended to walk a bit funny. I was sent to investigate and discovered

that the ongoing saga of “The Biffy Monster” was being told every night after lights out. It seems that “The Biffy Monster” lived down the hole in the biffy and when you came there he reached up and well, you get the idea. Needless to say Chaplain Bob got to give the final episode of the Biffy Saga which ended with the demise of the monster who was never seen or heard of again. Things more or less got back to normal in the cabin and most of the boys came back the following years so there didn't seem to be any permanent effects.

It isn't just kids who get scared of things that go bump in the night. Sometimes it even happens to adults who should know better, to people like, me! For years we had a cabin down at Jackfish, a ghost town on Lake

## Letter from Bob

Superior where they used to bring coal for the trains back before diesel engines came along. When diesel came in the coal went out and the town died. When we had our camp there were only three others camps and some abandoned shacks and a bunch of old foundations. There was no electricity, no plumbing, no nothing really but we thought it was heaven and used to escape there whenever we could. I've spent many a happy few days just reading and eating and watching the sun go down on Superior. And then I discovered Stephen King! I loved his books and lugged them out to camp and happily stayed up half the night reading It and the exploits of Pennywise the Dancing Clown. At 3:00 a.m. when I couldn't keep my eyes open any longer I put my PJs on and prepared to visit that little old shack out back and got thinking of Pennywise, and Biffy Man and the body in the tub, and the old ghost town of Jackfish, and went and found an empty bucket. No way I was going outside! Then I crawled into bed, recited my versions of...

“From warlocks, witches and wurricoes,

From ghosties, ghoulies and long-legged beasties

From all things that go 'bump' in the night

Good Lord deliver us!”

....and nodded off. Happy Halloween everyone!



**HIGH TEA:** On Thurs. Sept. 10, 2015 the ladies of Christ Church, Lively hosted High Tea at Meadowbrook Village, a local retirement community. The event was to honour Queen Elizabeth on the celebration of being the longest reigning British monarch. A tempting array of fancy sandwiches and sweets were enjoyed by residents and parish visitors alike. Several of the women in attendance were decked out in fancy hats or fascinators for the occasion. The smiles and conversations were an indication that everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea and special occasion.



**MUSKOKA DEANERY ACW ANNUAL:** On Thursday, September 10, 2015, the ACW met at Trinity-St. Alban's, Bala. Pictured are the newly installed members of the deanery executive. From, left are Joy Gervais, Family and Social Life Action Chair, Elsie Eilke, Treasurer, Pat Rimmington, Secretary, Donna Oliver, Vice President, Linda Smith, President, Rev. Margaret Johnston, who was Celebrant at the service of Holy Eucharist and Rev. Heather Manuel, Diocesan ACW Chaplain. After the servic and meeting, the ladies partook of a lovely lunch of soup, sandwiches and goodies. Kathy Sauro, guest speaker, gave a presentation describing the country, auberges, people, and special feelings. involved in the challenge of her walk across Spain on the Camino de Santiago.

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# Algoma Cycle of Prayer

**Sunday, November 1 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints' Day**

**All Saints, Huntsville**  
The Ven. Dawn Henderson  
**All Saints, Coniston**  
The Rev. Canon Genny Rollins

**Sunday, November 8th – 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Remembrance Sunday**

**Parish of St. Stephen**  
**Church of the Redeemer, Rosseau**  
**St. Thomas', Orrville**  
**St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River**  
**Christ Church, Windermere**  
The Rev. C. Peter Simmons  
The Rev. Robert Clubbe (Hon.)  
The Rev. Canon Rudy van der Hiel (Hon.)

**Sunday, November 15th – 25th Sunday after Pentecost:**  
All Diocesan Committees and Social Service Projects

**Sunday, November 22nd – Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ**

**Christ Church, North Bay**  
The Ven. Marie Loewen

**Sunday, November 29th – 1st Sunday of Advent**  
**St. Mark's, Heyden**

Mr. Henry Gaines - Lay Pastor

# Dedication to the faith is endless, energy ceaseless and compassionate

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leadership she became the GA Chairman in Algoma Diocese from 1975 until 1981. Barbara Sherwood has held many positions within the Anglican Church Women, ACW. Her membership beginning prior to 1962, Mrs. Sherwood is ACW Life Time Member of over 53 years; and has been the acting St. John's ACW treasurer for the last 35 years. But her dedication goes far beyond simply being the treasurer. She helps to organise all of the church functions, including the dinners, the Christmas tea, and the meat pie fundraiser. You can often find her at the church preparing the meat pies, or finishing up some special diabetic baking for the tea tables, or sitting around a sewing machine on craft night putting the finishing touches on a hand-made purse or potato baker for the craft tables. Her dedication is endless, her energy is ceaseless, and her compassion always present. Barbara puts forth the same

attitude to any of her activities with the church, including her term as Rectory's Warden 2008–2013, Vice President of ACW Deanery, 2010–2012, President of the ACW Deanery, 2012–present, and Deputy People's Warden, 2014–present). St. John the Evangelist has changed a lot over the years; it has grown, just as each child will do, just as Barbara Sherwood has. From an infant, to child, to young lady, Barbara Sherwood has grown with the church, and the church as grown with her. St. John The Evangelist would be very different without Barbara Sherwood and members just like her. I, for one, am very happy she has shared her gives in the light of Gods Glory.

- Information regarding Barbara's involvement in the Church was provided by Sylvia Sherwood (daughter-in-law of Barbara Sherwood)

# John Wyclif and his times

**By the Rev. Peter Simmons**  
The 14th century was an unhappy time, in a number of ways, for England. There was a deep sense of anxiety and insecurity as a result of weak government, few leaders, the ravages of the plague, heavy taxation and periods of insurrection. Edward II succeeded his father in 1307, at a time when the Church in England was at a low and deeply divided. Anti-papal feelings continued to rise. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Winchelsey was in exile and the overall character of many of the bishops was low, both in strength and merit.

The papacy had abandoned Rome for Avignon in France, leading to increased French influence, to the dislike of the English. When the Pope moved to suppress the Knights Templar, the religious and military order founded in the 12th century, the people of England saw this as distasteful. The papacy continued to place great emphasis on financial gain through taxation and increased military ventures. This was too much for the English people. Parliament moved to limit the influence of the Pope through the passage of a number of statutes.

The *Statute of Provisors*, 1351, declared invalid all papal provisions to benefices in England. The *First Statute of Praemunire*, 1353, made it a criminal offence to appeal to any court outside of the realm, thus securing the sanctity and independence of the English courts. The *Second Statute of Provisors*, 1390 and the *Second Statute of Praemunire*, 1393, reinforced the provisions of the earlier statutes. Nationalist sentiment was on the rise. A divide was opening up between the people nation and the Church.

A good majority of the population lived in poverty, while those in the hierarchy of the Church were awash in wealth. The Pope, who professed poverty, lived in opulence. The Poll Tax of 1381 pushed many in the nation over the edge. Rebellion was in the air. Wat Tyler led the Great Revolt in 1381. His group, some of who were disgruntled clergy, marched

was formally imprisoned at Oxford. He appealed to Parliament and was put on trial in March of 1378. The trial ended, having never gotten off the ground. He left Oxford to become rector of Lutterworth in Leicestershire.

John Wyclif was a strong voice, firm in his beliefs. He believed that all persons were under the dominion of God, not the Church, or any other entity. He argued since each person was responsible to God alone, there was no need for hierarchy in the Church as all men were equal. He was critical of the wealth of the Church, both in money and property. As the Church was corrupt and abusive of trust, he believed, by being in this state, the Church had no claim to its property or power. He claimed the Pope was worldly and filled with shameless greed. He went after secular clergy, negligent priests and bishops. The doctrine of Transubstantiation would also fall under his criticism. To Wyclif the belief that with the words of Consecration the bread and wine actually become Christ's Body and Blood was shocking both logically and practically. John Wyclif made two important contributions to the Church.

Under his leadership, the Bible was translated into English. All who were literate would be able to read the Word of God for themselves. He also assembled a group who became known as the "Poor Preachers". This group consisted mostly of priests and some scholars. They were intent on preaching the Gospel wherever they might be heard. John Wyclif, a man who had inspired many during his life, died of a stroke on December 31, 1384.

More to come.

## Anglicanism

on London, intent on confronting Simon Sudbury, Archbishop of Canterbury. Sudbury, who was also Chancellor of England, was seen as the greatest oppressor of the people. A mob would put him to death on Tower Hill. Enter John Wyclif.

John Wyclif was born in the north Riding of Yorkshire in 1328. As a boy he attended Oxford. In 1358 he was appointed master of his college, leaving in 1361 to become the rector of Fillingham in Lincolnshire. In 1362 he was provided to Aust at Westbury-on-Trym, before taking a leave of absence to return to Oxford. From 1365 to 1367 he was Warden at Canterbury Hall. In 1368 he was on the move once again, this time to the benefice of Buckinghamshire. He was called to the service of the Crown in 1372 and in 1374, he was sent to a peace conference in Bruges as a Royal Commissioner. It was at this gathering disputes between the king and pope were discussed.

Upon returning to Oxford, Wyclif began to question the Church, critising it for various abuses and corruption. In 1377 Pope Gregory XI issued five papal bulls in condemnation of Wyclif's views. He



**CELEBRATING THE QUEEN:** On Wednesday, September 9, 2015, Christ Church, Port Sydney celebrated Canada's longest reigning monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A solemn prayer service was to be held outdoors when some surprising visitors joined the group. The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, his wife Lynn and their dog Joe were spending some quiet time at the summer residence of the Sisters of St. John the Divine which is just across the street from Christ Church. Stories were shared of Royal encounters including the Hiltz family having tea with the Queen. After the service tea, scones, raspberry preserves and clotted cream was shared by all.

## Letters to the Editor & Submissions Policy

Letter writers and authors of unsolicited submissions are reminded to include a signature and phone number for verification purposes. Letters will be reviewed and may be edited for length and content. While letters expressing opinion are welcome, all letters and other submissions are subject to approval before publication.





GUEST SPEAKER: Kathy Sauro was the guest speaker at the Muskoka Deanery ACW Annual held at Trinity-St. Alban's, Bala on Thursday, September 10, 2015. Ms. Sauro spoke of her experiences while on a walk across Spain on the Camino de Santiago.



IMPORTANT SERVICE PROVIDED: On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 the ladies of the Sunshine Club of All Saints, Huntsville welcomed from left Dottie Barber, Centre Director and Dr. Laura Lewis, Executive Director of Christine's Place. The new service is housed in All Saints' newly renovated 'Francis House'. Christine's Place provides loving care, needed information, security, practical needs and confidence-building assistance to young women who find themselves alone and unsupported in an unplanned pregnancy.

# Seeking peace and cooperation is a necessity

By Charlotte Haldenby

Seventy years ago World War II ended. The eager young men who went out to save the world from Adolf Hitler and for democracy are close to 90 now. Wasn't it great to see them welcomed in Holland earlier this year, where even the smallest schoolchildren know they are heroes? I'm sure more than his parish family at St. John's here in the Sault told Ken Hocken how proud they were of him when he was recognised as a Knight of French National Order of the Legion of Honour in September 2014 for his service way back then. Isn't this how we Canadians see ourselves, especially as we now have people from every other nation in the world living here? We are the people you can count on in a crisis, with bad guys on your doorstep.

It is interesting to note that Lester B. Pearson, was from Manitoulin Island. It was his idea for the United Nations to have Peace-Keeping Forces, realising that yes, there is a conflict here but can't the two sides just step back a bit and try to talk things out for a peaceful solution. We'll just stop this turmoil on the ground right here and now while you all calm down. It is true that some ethnic groups have been brought up to hate each other for some event many years ago. They find it really difficult to give up that rivalry, but at least there is minimal violence right now and the people on both sides can breathe somewhat easier and get on with school and farming and the business of life.

Well, that's the way it's sup-

## Looking at the World

posed to work. But if you read Samantha Power's book *Sergio*, based on the life of Sergio Vieira de Mello, a Brazilian peace-maker and troubleshooter for the UN, you'll realize right from the beginning, by giving the 1945 big powers permanent seats on the Security Council, and veto power, there would be problems. Trying to get the diplomats at the UN and their people on the ground to agree what the real facts of life were in the war zone, and getting all factions of government troops and rebel armies to even meet, or peacekeepers and refugee workers to actually have the people and support they need to keep the peace was not easy. Today sometimes things get way out of hand before the UN can get the basic issues figured out.

The International Baccalaureat program at Korah Collegiate in the Sault Ste. Marie will have a new unit on genocide in its History of War course next year. I have been reading my books on Rwanda to pass on to the teachers. Rwanda is in the centre of Africa, near the headwaters of the Nile. A century ago very few people from the outside world had ever heard of the farming Hutus and the cowherding Tutsi. Some explorers came by, following the Nile, but there was much more accessible territory for the

European colonial powers to claim down on the coasts. Some Europeans were even trying to claim this area without having anyone actually set foot there.

It is true that the Hutu and the Tutsi had different lifestyles and there had been skirmishes here and there, but most of the time things were alright with a king and a council of chiefs. But the Europeans with their "discovering" this area with these "poor, benighted heathens" wanted to make sure that they were now in charge and encouraged the rivalry. This was a long process over several generations as recounted by Louise Mushikiwabo in *Rwanda Means the Universe: A Native's Memoir of Blood and*

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*Bloodlines*, which tells the story of her own family as well as the political history of the country. She includes pictures of her own extended family, so we actually see the real people. She can write these stories to the sad conclusion, as at the time of the genocide she was actually a translator in New York, coming home later to find most of her family gone, even Malaika who was in those family pictures from a baby, growing to a beautiful teenager, killed for nothing more than her ancestry.

To see how this works, I'm

writing this before the election, but use your imagination. Suppose Justin Trudeau wins, and he goes to a conference in New York, and his private plane blows up while landing at Trudeau airport in Montreal. Within days, appeals go out on national radio for every French Canadian across the country to kill every English-Canadian as a traitor, even your best friend, or your neighbour next door, or the students you teach, to show your loyalty to your people! And if you don't you're a traitor too! Isn't that hard to even think of? Back to Rwanda.

Hey guys, stop it! Stand back and think about what you're doing! Here come Romeo Dallaire and the UN Peacekeepers. You may have read his *Shake Hands With the Devil* or remember him sitting on that park bench in Ottawa, broken by PTSD, and more, feeling he had failed in his mission for lack of support.

It is interesting, however, that the people who lived there see him as a man trying to do his job properly as best he could and blame the continuing trouble on the UN not backing him up enough.

Many of the Tutsi escaped to refugee camps in the Democratic Republic of Congo or Uganda, and when the tide turned, many Hutu became refugees too. Then they tried to go home and put their lives back together when every building left standing reminded them of family gone forever. How do you ever get

over the fear that it could happen again?

Tracy Kidder in *Strength In What Remains* follows the path of a young Tutsi man from Burundi next door, facing the same situation. He comes to the hospital where he is working one day to find all the staff gone and a patient warns him his life is in danger. He travels all over to escape and finally some friends sponsor his move to the United States. But he has no money and lives a life on the edge until some people "adopt" him and get him back into medical school. He does well, but is never completely into what's going on here, when he doesn't know what's happened to his family.

But now, as Tracy Kidder writes in 2009, he is back home; he has set up a clinic open to all people, working with the local people of both groups to build the clinic and the road to access it, with good American financial and personnel support. As he says to a Hutu patient who apologises for what happened, "What happened, happened. Let's work on the clinic. Let's put the tragedy behind us, because remembering is not going to benefit anyone."

How many of us would have that strength to move ahead and rebuild? Surely our prayers now go to all refugees trying to escape the horrors besetting their homelands, and hoping that some day they can go home to peace. And pray that all of us at home here and in the war-torn regions can find a way to that peace.