

From St. Francis', Mindemoya to St. Paul's Cathedral: Esther Anstice is living a dream



MEETING THE QUEEN: Esther Anstice, left, Deputy Virger at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, U.K., smiles at Queen Elizabeth Friday morning as the Queen and Prince Phillip, right, chat to cathedral staff during Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday thanksgiving celebrations. Ms. Anstice is wearing her formal virger's robes and carries her sterling silver 'virge.' To her right is Chief Virger Charles Williams, Dr. David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral (maroon robes, between Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillips) introduces the Queen to Ms. Anstice and her colleagues. Photo courtesy of the CBC.

By Isobel Harry

LONDON, ENGLAND--It's a long way from being a server at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church in Mindemoya--and Esther Anstice herself calls her new job at St Paul's Cathedral in London "surreal"--but the determined young woman who grew up on her parents' dairy farm in Tehkummah and last weekend met Queen Elizabeth II during the monarch's 90th birthday celebrations takes it all in stride.

Born in Mindemoya, Esther Anstice attended public school there and then onto Manitoulin

Secondary School before obtaining a teaching degree from Nipissing University in North Bay. She returned to the Island and got her first job at The Expositor as circulation manager, which she held for four years. After her stint in the newspaper business, Ms. Anstice resumed studies at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario, thinking she'd become a paramedic. (She had worked in a volunteer capacity as a member of Tehkummah's unique First Response Team and felt the urge to take formal paramedic training.

But Ms. Anstice felt the pull of England, the birthplace of both her paternal and maternal

forebears, and in 2010, as a newly graduated paramedic, she moved to the UK on an 'ancestry visa.' "I have Yorkshire and Somerset roots," explains Ms. Anstice. "My maternal grandfather was born in Shrivensham, my paternal great-grandparents were born in Axbridge, Somerset and arrived on Manitoulin in the first years after WWI. So, in a way, the UK was already a family home when I got here!"

She had visited before, "regularly travelling to the UK many years ago as part of a choir, conducted by noted organist Ian Sadler. We would fill in

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Ministry internship experience in Bracebridge

Ministry interns spent four months at St. Thomas'

By the Rev. Kelly Baetz

St. Thomas', Bracebridge tried something new this year. Two young women, both in their 20s

and both with strong connections to the parish, found themselves with some unexpected spare time. So, with the agreement of the St. Thomas' Vestry and Bishop Stephen Andrews, and with financial backing from a generous Christmas gift to the parish, St. Thomas' decided to hire them for four months as ministry interns.

Rachel Wardroper and Alexa McQuillan grew up at St. Thomas' and in more recent years have travelled, between them, to Brazil, Nepal, Hawaii, Kansas, Victoria, and other places, taking training in various forms of Christian mission and service. They brought many gifts and talents to the table. This was not a traditional

"student internship" but many aspects of that kind of learning and teaching were used throughout the four months. Rachel and Alexa each wrote a report to our Parish Council, and we thought they were worth sharing. Please pray for these two young women as they continue to serve God in their generation!

Rachel's Reflections

In the four months Alexa and I were employed as interns at St. Thomas' Anglican Church we had a wide variety of involvement that gave us a well-rounded experience of what it's like working within a church. One of my favourite things to do was to help

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DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER

I hope you all enjoyed the warmer months as much as I did. I made time for sewing, painting, colouring, writing my life story and rereading the Bible systematically in a different version; *The Message*.

After essential chores like walking the dog, reading the Bible was my next occupation. Generally, I sat outside on my balcony with my breakfast. At first I had planned to read both the Old Testament and then the New Testament, but after the first five chapters of the Old, I found myself wondering how God had hung on so long. The history was a repeating cycle of disobedience, repentance and salvation. How I found myself asking did the Hebrews who were first-hand eye witnesses to some mighty works of God, ever fall off the true path again and again? In

the quiet of the early morning I let my mind become receptive to whatever lesson God wanted me to learn. He reminded me that we are living over two thousand years later, have Jesus' own life and sacrifice as an example and yet we obviously still went wrong.

Take time this week to really think about the churches progress in general and your own in particular. You may be surprised at what you come to realise.

My New Testament readings were much more uplifting until I finished the Book of Acts and began to see the first signs of things not being quite right. After that, all Paul seems to do is try to pull the fledgling Christians back to the simplicity of the Gospel. Just like in the Old Testament if God/Jesus was not the only focus of life, things soon went astray.

Take more time this week to think on this and try to view your church with the eyes of a stranger, an alien perhaps who has no past experience to cling to. What message would he take home from meeting with many Christians today? Fundraising, bazaars, dinners, and the roof fund. Yet if he was introduced only to God the Father who cares so much for him that he gave his Son Jesus to die for him, wouldn't he find different priorities? Love is the answer, love for all of God's creation. It is measureless and yet we often have little time to pass that on to others outside our closely knitted circle.

Think on that!

Pam Abraham Diocesan ACW
Devotions Chair

St James', Gravenhurst will celebrate 150 years in 2017



PREPARING TO CELEBRATE: Anticipation is mounting at St. James Anglican Church in Gravenhurst as 2017 will mark its 150th Anniversary. Left to right are Peggy Lapierre, Lois Cooper, Judy Marriott, secretary, Cliff Flavell, chairman, George Clendenan, Rev. Heather Manuel and Derek Shakespeare displaying some of the crosses on sale to raise funds. Photo by George Clendenan.

By Lois Cooper

St. James' Anglican Church, Gravenhurst is preparing to celebrate 150 years of service in 2017. A committee has been struck to lead the planning chaired by Cliff Flavell. Members include Judy Marriott, secretary, Rev. Heather Manuel, Mary Cook, Mary Leger, Carol Fraser, Pam Thornton, Derek Shakespeare, George Clendenan, Peggy Lapierre, Betty Shakespeare and Lois Cooper.

St. James Gravenhurst was fostered by St. James Orillia in 1867 first meeting in homes and then in a small church located near the St. James Cemetery on Muskoka Rd. S. In about 1882, Dugald Brown donated a piece of property at the corner of Hotchkiss and John Streets where it continues to serve the community today. That building burned to the ground in the great Gravenhurst fire of 1887 and the present brick building was built.

Celebrations will include guest ministers each month in 2017 and a special service on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at the Graven-

hurst Seniors Centre. A commemorative book is also in the works.

Funds in support of the 150th celebrations are being raised by the sale of crosses made from remnants of oak from unused pews and by the sale of a deacon's bench also made from an unused oak pew. The provenance of these items makes them very desirable.

The crosses were made by Cliff Flavell assisted by Norm Lapierre and come in four sizes priced accordingly at \$5, \$8, \$10 and \$20. To purchase crosses email Peggy Lapierre at: peggy.lapierre1@gmail.com or call her at: 705.644.0091.

The deacon's bench was made by Cliff Flavell from a St. James oak pew from 1888 and is being sold by auction with a reserve bid of \$700. Bidding will be open until December 1, 2016. To place a bid email Pam Thornton at: cpthornton@bell.net, or by post to: Pam Thornton, Rectors Warden, St. James Anglican Church, 191 Hotchkiss St, Gravenhurst ON P1P 1H6.

Sudbury church sets out to better know their indigenous neighbours

By Trish Hennessy and Erma Howe

Editor's note: In the following Trish Hennessy and Erma Howe detail how Church of the Ascension, Sudbury, is living of a process of reconciliation with indigenous peoples

If Canadians are to keep the promise of the apologies made on their behalf, the promise of 'never again', then we must guard against simply replicating the assimilation policies of the past in new forms today. As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Honourary Witness Wab Kinew writes, "the truth about reconciliation is this: It is not a second chance at assimilation. It should not be a kinder, gentler evangelization, free from the horrors of the residential school era. Rather, true reconciliation is a second chance at building a mutually respectful relationship."

At the Church of the Ascension, Sudbury, we decided to live this second chance by getting to know our Indigenous neighbours. We wanted to meet the Indigenous people in our neighbourhood, our city and our institutions. We asked them to help us get to know their history, their everyday reality, their dreams and their aspirations.

At the time of contact, European settlers and the indigenous people of the Great Lakes territories, where we now live and prosper, were firmly settled in communities, raising families, harvesting the rich resources of the land and water, and in commercial and diplomatic relationships with neighbouring tribes. The settlers and the indigenous peoples began their relationship in peace, friendship and respect. To reinstate that respectful relationship at the community level is the foundation for national reconciliation. The work of reconciliation is up to all of us.

The TRC Call to Action no. 48 asks faith communities to commit to reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples. The Anglican Church of Canada has declared their commitment to this Call. Over the last 16 months, at the Ascension, we have gathered as a group of parishioners to host, listen to and speak with our indigenous neighbours.

In June 2015, we met with our first guest, Brock Pitawanakwat. Mr. Pitawanakwat is a member of the Whitefish River First Nation on Birch Island and a professor at the University of Sudbury where his current research projects include Anishinaabe resurgence and cultural revitalization. He holds a Ph.D. in Indigenous Governance. Prof. Pitawanakwat gave a personal and scholarly talk on the historical context of residential schools and the enormous and enduring devastating consequences that colonization and residential schools had on Indigenous people.

In October, Elders Julie and Frank Ozawagosh from Atikameksheng Anishnabek, previously known as Whitefish Lake First Nation, came to tell stories of their life journey. We acknowledge that we in Sudbury now occupy the territory that was once inhabited by the people of Atikameksheng. When Julie and Frank arrived, we gathered in a circle outside of the church to begin with a smudge ceremony and a brief teaching on the sacred medicines. We moved into the church and sat together in a circle and listened to Frank and Julie as they shared personal experiences which illustrated struggle, healing, and growth. They showed us how they live the values and beliefs of their culture in every day ways, in their relationships with each other, their children, their community and beyond upholding love, respect and truth.

Ghislaine Goudreau visited us this January. She was raised in New Sudbury, very close to our parish, by her Indigenous father and non-Indigenous mother. It was only during her university years that she began learning about her Indigenous culture and traditions. She is passionate about Indigenous health and well-being, and is a role model for Indigenous youth. She completed her Master's thesis in Health promotion on hand drumming and its role in promoting women's health. Over ten years ago, Ghislaine brought the Water Walk to Sudbury, which brings together Anishinaabe people and supporters in a walk around Ramsey Lake. During the walk, there are ceremonies and teachings about water, the relationship of the Anishinaabe people to the water and the special role of women as caretakers of the water. The walk is followed by a community feast. Members of the parish expressed a great interest in participating in the walk. We were blessed by Ghislaine's voice and drum during her presentation.

We were very honoured when acclaimed artist Leland Bell visited us in May 2016. He is a member of the Wikwemikong First Nation but lives much of the time in walking distance from the parish. Leland talked about his experiences growing up in Wikwemikong, and in Toronto, of going to an art school with Anishinaabe people and making his art, including depictions of the Last Supper and a commissioned work for Catholic Churches of the Ten Commandments. He depicts people in ceremony and in relationships that reference the four directions of the medicine wheel. Leland is a student of Midewin, and very learned in ceremony and sacred teachings of the Anishinaabe people. Leland ended his session with a song he wrote and a prayer, in his own language. Many

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Cremated remains or full body burial?



By the Rev. Richard White

Anglicans have long had an uncomfortable relationship with cremation. Through most of Christian history, believers have associated cremation with paganism or with the grizzly executions of heretics. Being buried “full-body” was considered almost a sacred act, with the women in the family prayerfully washing and dressing the body, a ritual that expressed love for the deceased. Theologically it was believed that the body had to be as intact as possible, ready to rise from the dead at the Great Resurrection, an event initiated by the Second Coming of Christ. The Church of England inherited the rationale for full-body burial.

Cremation challenged all that. In the 19th and early 20th centuries two very different public figures elected to be cremated and the option of cremation walked onto the public stage. The first was a larger than life Welshman and self-styled Druid. The second was a bishop whose visionary episcopacy changed the role of women in ministry.

Dr William Price, 1800-1893, lived in Llantrisant in the south of Wales. He was a successful and respected physician who promoted a diet high in vegetables and famously lectured those who smoked. He was also very odd and seemed to relish being peculiar. He turned his back on his Anglican heritage and pursued Druidism with a passion. He grew a waist-long beard, braided his un-

kempt hair, wore colourful robes, draped fox skins around his head and neck, and rode around his village in a cart pulled by goats. He also had numerous photographs taken of himself for posterity.

Price opposed marriage and had several illegitimate children. One was through his teenage house-keeper, a son he named

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Jesus Christ. The boy died in his infancy. True to his understanding of Druidism, Price built a cremation bier, laid his son on it, lit the torch, and illuminated the neighbourhood. Then the police showed up.

The partially burned remains of young Jesus were seized and Price was arrested. However given there was no law on the books forbidding the burning of a human body, yet anyway, he was freed, given the scorched remains, and returned to the task. We can imagine the audience for that! Price died in January 1893. His funeral instructions said his body be cremated on top of nine tonnes of coal and that tickets be sold for anyone who wanted to watch the fireworks. Over 20,000 did so. But it wasn't a totally Druid event. In fact it seemed oddly Anglican.

Price's housekeeper/common-law-wife, never fully embraced Price's passion for Druidism. When he died, she got into talks

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Biographical sketches of the candidates for bishop

Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore

Since 2005, Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore has been the incumbent of Christ Church, Brampton, Diocese of Toronto. Dr. Gilmore was made deacon on May 31, 1994 and priested on April 3, 1995. In 1986 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carleton University, and in 1987 he received an Ontario Police Certificate from the Ontario Police College. He received his Master of Divinity from Wycliffe College, University of Toronto in 1994 and his Master of Theology from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in 1997. Rev. Dr. Gilmore received his Doctorate of Ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation in 2000. He served as a Ontario Police Officer, was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and worked in the mining industry as an underground miner in order to finance his university education. He has served in the dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Niagara and Algoma.

Rev. Dr. Gilmore has been involved the church and broader community in many activities, serving on boards and committees. He has continued his education and professional development in numerous areas. His interests include spending time with his family, movies, exercise, reading and staying connected with friends and he loves to learn.

Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle

Since 2010, Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle has served as the Congregational Development Officer for the Diocese of Algoma. Dr. Koyle was made deacon on May 28, 1987 and priested on December 18, 1987. In 1984 he received a Bachelor of Music, with Honours (Music Education) from the University of Western Ontario. He received his Master of Divinity from Huron College in 1987 and his Master of Arts in Theology from University of Notre Dame in 1996. Rev. Dr. Koyle received his Doctorate of Ministry from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in 2008. He has been involved in the ministry of the Church for much of his working life. He has served in the dioceses Huron, and Algoma.

Rev. Dr. Koyle has been involved the church on many levels. He has continued his education and professional development in numerous areas. He has been a lecturer and presenter and various universities conferences and workshops. His interests include music, listening, performing and composing, theatre, visual arts, wine and whiskey tasting, cooking, astronomy and space exploration, snooker, sports and politics.

Rev. Dr. Patricia McCarthy

Previous to becoming the incumbent of the Saskatchewan Gateway Parish, Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Rev. Dr. Patricia McCarthy was the incumbent of All Saints Anglican Church, Regina, Saskatchewan. Dr. McCarthy was made deacon in 1992 and priested in 1993. In 1980, she received a Bachelor of Arts from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. She received her Master of Divinity from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto and her Master of Theology from Trinity College, University of Toronto in 1995. Rev. Dr. McCarthy received her Doctorate of Ministry from University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee in 2004. She previously worked as an admitting clerk at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, Toronto and as a life guard in the summers of 1981 and 1983 at the University of Toronto. She has served in the dioceses of Qu'Appelle, Toronto, and Calgary.

Rev. Dr. McCarthy has been involved the church on many levels. She has continued her education and professional development in a number of areas. She ministered in chaplaincy and pastoral care, been a lecturer and served on various committees and boards in the church. Her interests include reading, cycling, hiking, swimming, jogging, horse riding, horse driving and sewing.

Rev. Patrick McManus

In this year of 2016, Rev. Patrick McManus serves as the incumbent of Emmaus Anglican Church Sault Ste. Marie. Emmaus Anglican Church came into being as the result of the amalgamation of the Anglican churches of St. Matthew's

and St. John's. Rev. McManus was made deacon in January 2008 and priested in May of 2008. In 2002, he received his Bachelor in Theology from Master's College and Seminary, Peterborough. He received his Master of Theology in 2004 from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. He is currently studying for his Doctorate of Theology, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. He previously worked at CRUX Theological Books, Toronto and was a Personal Support Worker at Christian Horizons in Sudbury. He has served in the diocese Algoma since 2006.

Rev. McManus has spoken at a number of conferences for Lay Readers and represents the Diocese of Algoma in various organizations. His interests include reading, hiking, running, cycling and playing sports with his two boys. He writes poetry, likes to square dance, likes good coffee and enjoys reading the latest edition of the *New Yorker* magazine.

Very Rev. James McShane

Since 2011, Very Rev. James McShane has served at St. Luke's Cathedral as Dean of the Diocese of Algoma. Dean McShane was made deacon on May 16, 1999 and priested on December 18, 1999. In 1981 he received a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Western Ontario. He received his Master of Theological Studies from Wycliffe College, University of Toronto in 2008. He worked as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor, ministry of Community and Social Services and Coordinator, Family and Support Program, Family and Children's Services of Lennox and Addington Counties. He has served in the dioceses of Ontario and Algoma.

Dean McShane has been involved the church on many levels and is involved in the community in Rotary and as a chaplain for Scouts Canada in Trenton, Ontario. His interests include reading, travel, photography, sailing and scuba diving.

More in depth information on the candidates can be found on the diocesan website www.dioceseofalgoma.com

St. John's, Kagawong: a place of history



CALM AND RESTFUL OASIS: Every year St. John's, Kagawong may welcome some 2000 visitors, many taking time for personal prayer.

By Mary Buie

Editor's note: In the following Mary Buie writes of the life of St. John's, Kagawong.

God works in amazing and exciting ways if we only let him! This year we St. John's, Kagawong became a bus tour destination. Our doors are always open and we may welcome 2,000 visitors a year. Kagawong has Bridal Veil Falls and the pulpit in our church is a memorial to a boating tragedy that occurred in 1965 when four people, including two children, lost their lives. We hold an annual marine service when we remember those lost on the water.

Our little church can be a calm restful oasis for our visitors where they can sit and be still, meditate or have personal prayer time away from their stressful lives.; as so many of the comments in our guest book reflect.

Great Spirit Circle Trail is a First Nation tourism initiative that attracts many international visitors. They approached us as they want-

ed to show non native as well as native culture on Manitoulin Island for some of their older visitors. We had three days of bus tours this summer when we welcomed visitors from USA and southern Ontario.

One morning I had 66 people in church. I tell them about what it means to be a hawewater. This means being born on Manitoulin Island. I show them haw tree branches, give them a history of the church and let them ring the bell. Our church and stained glass windows reflect our boating fishing theme and show boats and a lighthouse from Jesus' time.

Our Memorial window shows a boat coming in to harbour at life's end under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I finish with a poem prayer about that composed by our former minister Rev. Beth Willems-Topps. As a Layreader I very much enjoy having this special outreach opportunity for our little church on the bay St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong.



FOND FAREWELL: On Sunday, June 26, 2016, the Deanery of Thunder Bay/North Shore hosted a farewell get together at St. John the Evangelist, Thunder Bay for Bishop Stephen Andrews and Fawna Andrews and to mark the retirement of Rev. Doug McClure. Pictured are Bishop and and Fawna Andrews receiving a farewell gift.



FLIPPING BURGERS: On Saturday, June 25, 2016 churches of the Deanery of Thunder Bay/North Shore came together to host a barbecue at the Thunder Bay Shelter House for a day of fun and food for the hungry. Bishop Andrews was in charge of the barbecue.

Celebration of Queen’s birthday was a busy time

Continued from Front for the regular cathedral choirs when they were on holiday and sing the services in their place. I suppose that's when the real attraction to working in a cathedral started. On one of the trips we sang services at St Paul's itself, and of course it was an overwhelming and wonderful experience.”

Living in the UK, Ms. Anstice worked first for eight months at Oxford University, digitizing mediaeval manuscripts before applying for a job as Liturgical Administrator for Weddings and Baptisms at St. Paul’s Cathedral (prompted by mom Dorothy, who is still St. Francis of Assisi’s organist while dad Jim is a former church warden, who saw the posting on the Cathedral’s website). She snagged the job handily and worked in London at the famous church for the next four years. When the post of Deputy Head Virger (spelled verger in Canada) became vacant 11 months ago, she applied and got that one, too.

“I liken the job of virger to that of a stage manager,” says Ms. Anstice by way of clarification, “and St. Paul’s to a theatre. We ‘put on the show,’ we’re responsible for the props, sets and costumes. That includes the ceremonial plate and furnishings, the candles, vestments and the order of the service.”

St. Paul’s Cathedral, however, is no ordinary stage: the massive Anglican Cathedral sits on a site that first saw a church built there in 604 AD; the current cathedral was rebuilt by the prominent architect Christopher Wren after the great fire of London in 1666, opening its doors for worship 30 years later. Its spectacular dome, at 365 feet high, was the tallest building in London until the 1960s.

In addition to daily services, the church continues to play a seminal historical role in the national life of the country, hosting significant services for the jubilee celebrations of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, the peace services at the end of both world wars (St. Paul’s survived the London Blitz despite being bombed twice, in 1940 and 1941), the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer and the funerals of Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington and Winston Churchill, who are buried in the enormous crypt beneath the church.

“St. Paul’s is a very busy cathedral,” says Deputy Head Virger Anstice. “There are four services a day and five on weekends, plus baptisms and weddings. There are 70 or 80 special services a year, and concerts and recitals, with 200 employees who carry out all the necessary functions. A regular weekday might start with five to ten people attending a small morning service while Palm Sunday will bring 2,700 to 3,000 people into the church.”

The Cathedral began planning the June 10 national service of thanksgiving to mark the Queen’s 90th birthday one and a half years ago. “There were multiple meetings with the Palace and 10 Downing Street,” says Ms. Anstice. “Also with the BBC, the musicians, and with clergy from all over the UK. “ In addition to the pivotal roles of the members of the Cathedral’s Chapter (including the Dean, the Very Reverend David Ison and the Precentor, responsible for music and liturgy, the Reverend Canon Michael Hampel), the six virgers are in charge of “ensuring the order” of the day’s service.

The day before the Big Day, there were two rehearsals held at the Cathedral, one at 2:30 for the readers and other participants and the other, a full-dress rehearsal with stand-ins, at 5 pm for a full walk-through with timings.

On the morning of Friday, June 10, with the service scheduled for 11, the Royal Family entered through “the Great West Doors, the ones Charles and Diana came through on their wedding day” at 10:20 and first were introduced to the staff of the Cathedral, walking along a long line of employees and greeting each in turn. More than 50 titular Royals attended the service, including Princes Charles, Edward, Andrew, William and Harry, the Duchesses of Cambridge and Cornwall, and of course Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Esther Anstice stood in line with her colleagues, dressed in the traditional virger uniform for special services: “a black



HELLO: Sharing a moment of levity with the heir who is second in line to the throne is all in a day’s work for Deputy Head Virger Esther Anstice of Tehkummah, who has been in the job a scarce eleven months. To Prince William’s right is the Duchess of Cambridge, and to Ms. Anstice’s right is the Reverend Canon Mark Oakley, Diocesan Chancellor. (Published with permission of Graham Lacado, cathedral photographer.

floor-length cassock with a gown that goes over top trimmed in red velvet on the front with red tassels down both sides. I carry a virge, a traditional thin silver rod that is about 32 inches long. Mine is 310 years old.” On her feet she wears “Doc Martens, very comfortable.”

“We were introduced to all the Royals by the Dean. When he came to me and the Dean’s Virger, we were introduced and it was mentioned that my boss Charles Williams has worked at St Paul’s for 31 years, and that I’d been the Deputy Head Virger for a few months. The Queen remarked that this will all be very new for me, and I said that it was but that it was a lovely day indeed. We exchanged a smile and she was then introduced to the Diocesan Chancellor to my right. It was a very quick moment, but one to remember!”

During the service, as Ms. Anstice led the Archbishop of Canterbury to the pulpit and the Bishop of London to the altar, among other duties, her mobile phone silently buzzed with comments from more than 50 friends and relatives who had seen her on television.

“I can’t think about how I feel when I’m working,” says Ms. Anstice. “I need to focus and do my job. St. Paul’s cathedral is a machine and my job is to make sure everything goes according to plan.” Which it did, with 2,200 guests in attendance, pomp, circumstance, very strict protocols in place and a 28-page program.

“When I do stop to think about it, I feel incredibly honoured and privileged to have participated in this historical event for England’s longest-reigning monarch, and proud and humble.”

While Ms. Anstice finds it difficult to be away from her family in Tehkummah, and misses the “fresh air and open spaces” of the Island, she tries to return home once a year. “I’m still a country girl at heart. I enjoy the English countryside, the people are lovely, but once an Island girl, always

an Island girl. I’ll always be a Haweater.” Her parents, “real Anglophiles,” visit every 18 months or so. Despite the challenges, her “exciting, tiring, diverse” job is “a unique and special opportunity” that she is thrilled to hold.

“This is not a job for me, it’s a vocation,” Ms. Anstice confides. “I’ve always been interested in history, liturgy, music and architecture. What better place to combine all four interests? St. Paul’s, and many other cathedrals in the UK, bring these wonderful things all together, and I’m very blessed to work in a place that speaks so deeply to and represents in such a beautiful way these things I love.”

Back home on the form, however, other priorities also prevailed.

Because the Queen’s 90th birthday thanksgiving event was televised worldwide, anyone watching got to see Ms. Anstice too.

Bill and Mary Caesar from White’s Point were among these early-risers last Saturday. “Mary got me up at 6 am to watch the Queen,” Bill Caesar told The Expositor.

“And there was Esther at St. Paul’s.” Ms. Caesar said she was particularly interested as she is a graduate of St. Paul’s Girls’ School.

Mr. Caesar tried to call Ms. Anstice’s parents Jim and Dorothy Anstice right there and then, he said, but there was no answer.

That would have been, Dorothy Anstice explained matter-of-factly to The Expositor on Monday, because she and her husband Jim were in the barn milking their 48 Holsteins as usual between 5:30 and 7 am as their daughter was live on television.

“We watched it later on YouTube,” Ms. Anstice said. *This article appeared in the June 15, 2016 edition of the Manitoulin Expositor. It is reprinted with permission*

Cremation became legitimized by state in 1902

Continued from p. 3 with the diocesan bishop. A modified Anglican service was written up which included, for the first time in Anglican history, the words ‘We commit this body to fire.’ Price’s cremation had inadvertently become the first Anglican service of its type. Cremation was on our radar screen, and Price was memorialised for it. He became a folk-hero. In 1947 the Cremation Society put up a plaque in his honour in the Welsh town of Llantrisant. In 1982 the town erected a statue showing Price in his Druid robes, fox skins and outstretched arms. Images of Price and the statue can be found on the internet.

Less than ten years after Price’s cremation, The Crema-

tion Act of 1902 legitimized cremations. Fewer than 1% of the populous opted for that. Full-body burials remained the preferred way to go for the next three decades.

In 1932 Bishop Charles Gore, 1853-1932, died. He was the Bishop of Oxford. Gore was somewhat enigmatic, he was different. He was a celibate bishop, an academic, a theologian, a critical biblical scholar, and part of the new Anglo-Catholic movement. He founded the Anglo-Catholic, Community of the Resurrection, for celibate priests, dedicated to pastoral, evangelistic, and educational work. In 1911 he licensed twenty-one women as lay readers, possibly the first female lay readers in the Church of England. And when he died it was clear that even his funeral ar-

rangements were “outside the box” so to speak. He said his remains were to be cremated.

Gore’s cremation caused a furor. One member of the House of Lords said he wanted to shake some sense into him. By then, it was a little late for that. Gore’s ashes were interred in Mirfield, Yorkshire where his Community of the Resurrection was based.

While popular acceptance of cremation would take decades, Gore’s prominence had loosened resistance to the practice. Today in the United Kingdom 60% of all funerals involve cremated remains. In Canada that number is 70%, a choice often made for practical rather than religious reasons.

Half full or half empty?

By the Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

A thrifty Scot is approached to buy tickets for a raffle which cost three dollars each or two for five dollars. Recognizing the better value, and obviously not being an Anglican from this diocese, he buys two tickets for five bucks and as luck would have it he wins the prize. His friend congratulates him but can't help noticing that he seems rather downcast so he challenges him a little saying: "What are you sad about? Your ticket won!" The Scottie nods his head dejectedly. "I know" he says, "But for the life of me I don't know why I wasted my money on this other ticket."

Have you ever met people like that? No matter what happens, big or small it's viewed as life conspiring against them. Car doesn't run right? The dealer sold them a lemon. Computer sent the report they were working on somewhere into the atmosphere never to be seen again? How could anybody do good work when their employer buys garbage computers? Their kid gets sent home from school for fighting? The school's always picking on their kid and it's the teacher's fault for not maintaining any discipline. No matter what's at issue it isn't their fault but they're left holding the mooky end of the stick. Continuing to beat on the Scots I'll just mention that "mooky end of the stick" is an ancient Scottish expression that comes from a time before toilet paper was invented and a stick was used to, well, you can figure out the rest. Such people are tiresome, such people are downers, such people are to be avoided because such people give me a pain in the duff! Give me the optimist every time.

I think the greatest optimist I ever heard about was a very elderly lady quoted as saying: "I only have two teeth left in my mouth, one in the top and one in the bottom but praise the Lord they meet!" Now there is a lady that I would like to know. Your own aches and pains have to seem smaller when you are with her. You have to see the silver lining in every cloud when you visit her and if they happen to serve peanut

brittle while you're visiting you are very likely to get the bigger piece. Win, win, win! What's not to like?

It seems to me that our world would rather push the pessimistic than the optimistic. I turn on the nightly news and what do I see but Donald Trump assuring everyone that the world is full of terrorists, robbers, rapists, crooks and all other manner of evil that only he can protect us from. "Build a wall! Deport them all! Keep them out!"

Letter from Bob

Whatever happened to "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free?" Lincoln said "the best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend." That's optimistic and I think Canadian government policy is closer to that ideal than American but that doesn't get much air time. Bad news sells.

Pessimism has even invaded the church which is the last place I would expect to find it. If we believe that a loving God is unfolding His plans as we profess to, then what are we worried about? If a church closes because it doesn't have a viable congregation anymore than maybe it is time for it to close. Maybe the resources can be used in a better way. Maybe something better is in the middle of being born and birth is always accompanied by change and sometimes pain. I once heard a climate-change scientist being interviewed who was asked: "Aren't we in danger of destroying the world?" He smiled and said: "Don't worry about that. No matter what happens the world will go on." Before the interviewer grew complacent however he added: "Of course, we may not be on it." Well the Church will go on too. It's survived all manner of change for over two millennium and it will survive what's happening in our day too. The Church may change but God stays constant and so should His people. In the words of Bobby McFerrin, "Don't worry, be happy!"

Interns worked closely with parish priest



A SUMMER OF FUN AND LEARNING: Pictured are Rachel Wardroper and Alexa McQuillan who spent four months as ministry interns at St. Thomas', Bracebridge. During their time as interns, Ms. Wardroper and Ms. McQuillan were involved in many aspects of the life of St. Thomas'.

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Rev. Kelly Baetz with the service at James St. Place, a retirement home in Bracebridge. We helped set up, tear down, and did some of the readings. We enjoyed getting to know the many beautiful ladies that attended that service. There was a palpable sense of fellowship during our time there. The ladies, for it was 99.9% ladies that attended, kept saying how much they loved having us with them. I don't think they'll ever know until eternity how much they gave to us, or how much we enjoyed them.

We also got to accompany Rev. Baetz on her weekly home visits. The one that I did was with an elderly lady in a retirement home. The lady has dementia and so we kept things light. We conversed and asked how she was doing, I watched and learned from Kelly how she would encourage the lady's involvement, in talking and if she couldn't find the right words Kelly would smile and let her know it was okay, we would celebrate the little things in this ladies life like her grandchildren and her cat. In that interaction there was so much encouragement, simplicity and celebration of simple connection. I was glad to be able to watch Kelly's example and learn how she comfortably maneuvered through what could have been a difficult time and instead made it an affirming and blessed time. At the end we asked if we could pray with her and for her. It was a very special experience for me, it felt as though we had touched a piece of God's beautiful, still and strong heart. There was a gentleness yet strength to the time we had spent with this woman that when we left I felt as though we floating.

An unexpected experience came when Kelly suggested we join her

while she met with the family of someone who had just died. So with the family's permission we sat in and listened to how it was done; the topics covered, the things needing arranging, the things Kelly would bring into discussion and way that different members of the family would talk and react to things like liturgy and hymns based on their own comfort or lack of it with faith and death. We showed them the sanctuary and then Kelly asked me to pray for them. To be put on the spot to pray for others has been one of the best things to cause me to grow in area of ministry and in bearing another's burdens. This also, was an unexpectedly sweet time.

Probably one of the biggest focuses for Alexa McQuillan and me was *Messy Church*. We loved it! It was exhausting every time, but the vitality we got from working with the kids was incomparable to anything else. Each month there would be preparation beforehand, helping the team to vision cast the theme, the message, researching games and meal ideas. What an exhilarating experience it all was! Before working with the church I hadn't had a lot of interaction with children at all. After working with *Messy Church* I feel so prepared and richly experienced with children of various ages, I cannot begin to say how blessed I am because of it!

A big portion of Alexa's and my time was taken up with projects we started ourselves, the biggest one being a Sunday evening service. It took us a long while to figure out the full function of this service and over the span of time that we ran it many things evolved and changed. The heart of it was that we wanted to have a space for those who wanted spend time in a very peace-

ful atmosphere to focus on quiet reflection of prayer and personal worship with the Lord. It was an incredibly rewarding and challenging thing to do. The amount of time it takes to do the most basic set up or preparation of material for a service is so much more than I expected! I gained an enormous respect for the people making everything run smoothly on Sundays.

Saving the best for last, the Parish Council Retreat that Alexa and I got to attend as staff members was the highlight for all we have done. The group that came to the retreat were the most beautiful group of people. In my years of attending St. Thomas', from when I was 11 until before I left after high school, and then in the time of this Internship, I had never seen so much passion and real love for Jesus in an Anglican Church as I did in these few people. The hardest part of ending the internship was not being able to continue alongside those beautiful people. I am so excited for their hearts, for their drive and their love of Jesus that is so pure.

Thank you so much to Rev. Kelly and the Diocese of Algoma and the staff of St. Thomas' for trusting me and challenging me to join in the ministry! I have been greatly blessed and am so grateful!

Alexa's Reflections

One of the first things I did was to accompany Rev. Kelly on a visit to the home of a couple who was preparing to baptize their second child. One thing that was cool was that it was someone I went to high school with, and it was great to see her and the way she and her family have grown in faith in God. I didn't realize, for one, how much they had gotten involved with the church during the baptism of their first child. I thought that it was cool how they attended Bible Study,

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Interns involved in many facets of parish life

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how they chose sponsors, and how they are beginning to start a relationship not only with God, but with people in the church. I really enjoyed seeing more of the behind-the-scenes baptismal work!

One thing I really learned was how much work takes to put on a service. It's something that I didn't think about before, so when we started our Sunday evening service, it was something I had to learn. It takes time to get into the groove of planning but I am glad that I got to be able to grow in this skill. It's one that will come in handy for the future.

Another new thing was being more involved in *Messy Church*. I used to be intimidated to lead an activity with the kids, but as soon as I shared that with Rev. Kelly, she threw me right in! I am so glad that she wasn't afraid to challenge me, because until I face my challenges, I will never grow. I got to lead a few crafts, do the volleyball time, and even bring in a parachute! It was great to be involved because the more I went the more "normal" it seemed. And I want to give a shout-out to all of the volunteers who make St. Thomas' *Messy Church* such a joyful time and such a worthwhile ministry.

I was happy to attend the Parish Council Retreat. Before it started, Rev. Kelly asked me to interview some people in their 20s about what they think of God and the church. I was able to interview two people, one who is a Christian and attending church and one who isn't. I asked them specific questions like, "What would church have to be like for you to give it a try?" It was awesome to get a real answer and feedback on what people are want-

ing. Both had really good responses and it was good to really hear why the one person went to church and what made him go back. I think what it comes down to is having an ear to hear and this through asking people these questions it made me a lot less scared of hearing what people are truly wanting. Here was the answer I got from the question, "What would church have to be like for you to give it a try?"

"I think, for me, church would have to be less structured and more open to the people. I enjoy informality and I don't get that feeling when I'm there, it's always from this to that and then it's over. I understand that maybe more group discussion things would only work for a smaller congregation but to feel included and listened to would be a good feeling during a service."

In less than a week now I will be returning to Kona, Hawaii to begin a course called Leadership Track. I did this last summer and it was great and I'm looking forward to being a part of Youth with a Mission again. This time I have applied to staff a Discipleship Training School, and if all goes well I will begin doing that in the fall. I will be part of an outreach team and be a leader for the students that will come!

Once again, I would like to thank Rev. Kelly, for not only these four months but for her friendship and support all throughout my life. We've known each other 10 years now and I'm so thankful for her and all the love and support she shows to me. Thank you St. Thomas' family, for supporting me through this internship and throughout my life. You all are gems and I will miss you in these coming months.

Hearts and minds have been opened

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Parishioners who attended were familiar with his work. A reproduction of his Last Supper piece hangs in the sacristy.

To each of our guests, we offered tobacco and asked for a teaching. We also gave them a gift of bread, our symbol of hospitality and welcome. The tobacco, a sacred medicine, is given to symbolize our questions, and our emotional and spiritual need to learn. The offering of tobacco is a powerful expression of gratitude, humility and sacrifice as the learner's time is given to receive the teaching. In receiving the tobacco, the receiver binds their commitment to share a teaching. We are bound together through this exchange and we say

"Miigwetch" which means thanks.

Generally we had 35 to 40 people attend each of these evening gatherings. We believe that the exchanges between our guests and parishioners have opened minds and hearts. Maybe individuals will be inspired to nurture these relationships or develop their own relationships with our Indigenous neighbours.

As a parish, we also hope to take next steps, inviting more guests and asking them to give us a teaching, providing opportunities for parishioners to connect with and establish their own respectful relationships. Ultimately we hope we can establish a new and respectful foundation with our neighbours, individually and as a community.

School supply drive held in Thunder Bay



LENDING A HELPING HAND: Volunteers from St. Thomas Anglican Church and St. John Ambulance, Thunder Bay oversaw the booths selling hot dogs and sausages in support of the Family Giving Centre School Supply Drive at St. Thomas'.

By Diana Sustawenko

Shopping for new school supplies has always been a memorable end-of-summer tradition for families across Canada. However, when the school bells ring in September, many families struggle to provide their children with the supplies they need to succeed. Purchasing even basic school supplies is a challenge for many families, which is why Staples and St. John Ambulance in Thunder Bay has passionately rallied behind this school supply drive for the third year in a row.

Simple things like a new backpack, pens, pencil crayons, or a lunchbox mean so much to students on the first day of school. For children and teens, these items are not just tools, but a way to start the school year with confidence and enthusiasm.

Staples and St. John Ambulance held two School Supply Drive's on August 30 and Sept. 3, this year and were encouraged by the generous support of so many in the community. The School Supply Drives were held in the format of a BBQ where the community came out and purchased hot dogs, sausages, chips, pop and water, all for a good cause. A few people purchased school supplies for and dropped them off on their way out of the store and many people didn't stop to eat, but affectionately got up close with the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog's and gave a generous cash donation.

All proceeds from the BBQ's go directly to the St. Thomas Anglican Church Family Giving Centre (FGC). The FGC not only provides food, clothing, housewares, linens, toys, pet supplies and a free

community lunch to those in need twice per month, but they will now also be able to supply backpacks full of school supplies for over 110 children from families in need for the 2016-2017 school year from the proceeds of the school supply drives. Principals and teachers advise the FGC where the most need is and in turn the FGC is happy to supply the backpacks and school supplies in that manner, ensuring every child has the ability to start the school year off successfully and be given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The St. Thomas Church Family Giving Centre looks forward to continuing our partnership with Staples and St. John Ambulance to help encourage success for "tomorrow's future!"



COMING TO KNOW EACH OTHER: In May of 2016, as part of their living a process of reconciliation with indigenous peoples, the Church of the Ascension, Sudbury was honoured to welcome acclaimed artist Leland Bell. Mr. Bell is a member of the Wikemiknog First Nation who lives much of the time within walking distance of the Ascension. Pictured from left are Trish Hennessy, Leland Bell and Archdeacon Anne Germond.

Anglicanism will return in November



THE BARBECUES ARE READY: On Saturday, June 25, 2016 churches of the Deanery of Thunder Bay/North Shore came together to host a barbecue at the Thunder Bay Shelter House for a day of fun and food for the hungry. Pictured are Fawna Andrews and Rev. David Knudson, who helped to make this day a success.



AWARD RECIPIENT: On Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, the Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group, Thunder Bay, presented Isaiah Bryson with their fifth \$5000 bursary. Mr. Bryson is a graduate of the Link program, who also received Confederation College Bursary for City of Thunder Bay High School Entrance Scholarships and Bursaries. Pictured from left are Barbara Williams, Marion Poutanen, Pat Kaukola, Isaiah Bryson, Helen Kyle and Fran Faubert.



A TIME OF TRANSITION: On Sunday, June 26, 2016, the Deanery of Thunder Bay/North Shore hosted a farewell get together for Bishop Stephen and Fawna Andrews as they leave for Toronto. It was also an occasion to wish Rev. Doug McClure and his Lesley health and happiness as he retires, having been the incumbent of St. Thomas, Thunder Bay.

Young people have an abundance of potential

By Charlotte Haldenby

WOW! She is sixteen, half way through high school. She has been chosen to go to the Olympics, but just as a growing experience to prepare for further world competition. She won four medals, and she's chosen to be flag bearer for Canada at the closing Ceremonies. As I write in late August she is flying high, but when Penny Oleksiak gets back to school, and writes her math exam postponed for training, what will happen? Will she be rushed by other students to take selfies with our hero? Or have a special ceremony to show off her medals? Or be scorned by someone who thinks they should be queen of the world "Who does she think she is? Anyone can swim?"

And Andre de Grasse, back in high school, was once athlete of the week for basketball, would you believe? A little guy in comparison to all those six-footers. Aren't we glad someone spotted his talent at track at the end of the year! Three medals! How calm and responsible. I'm sure many others, now back home are having great celebrations, but he's taking time off this fall to get caught up in his college studies. Their dedication to their sports has paid off but they are also great examples to our youth of development of strong character. The teenage years can be a lot of fun, with entering high school; new subjects, more

Looking at the World

sports, more dances, new friends to meet face to face, getting your driver's licence and maybe a part-time job.

It also can be a hard time if you break your leg and are told no sports for a whole year, or you don't fit the current ads for great clothes or the prettiest face. And not many of us would look great in those beach volleyball bikinis! How come the girls have to wear them, but the guys wear T-shirts and baggy shorts? And then there's the problem of dealing with how to drink just one beer the whole evening when your friends are intent on clearing out their parents' liquor cabinet! "Maybe I can say I'll be the designated driver!"

It is the time when you explore your abilities and figure out what you want to do with the rest of your life, not completely perhaps, but the next few years at least, enough to figure out Apprenticeship? College? University? with a good look at long term. It's a time for growing up, and away from your parents, but still deep down wanting them to understand and still be there for you.

What if everyone else is dating, going steady, then even fur-

ther, but you're not quite ready for all that, or maybe just feel more comfortable with a group of friends? How do you say NO and make it stick when your boyfriend wants more? What if you feel "I'm such a nerd and no one will ever love me?" Or "I think I'm gay and how am I going to tell my parents?" Or "I have 100 friends on Facebook, and it's my birthday, and it's time to go to school already, and no one's wished me Happy Birthday yet." What if you're talented in art or music or writing and there's no outlet or contest or recognition for that talent?

"Maybe those kids on the fringe just need to see that church is relevant to their emerging identity."

The past few months I've been told by several people how difficult it is to keep their teenagers in church "Way back when we were young there was so much going on; choir, GA, AYP, Boy Scouts and you could even teach Sunday School, well help with the little kids anyway." Maybe those kids on the fringe just need to see that church is relevant to their emerging identity. Our local United Church presbytery had a program this summer for a week, spending the morning each day at a charity such as the

soup kitchen or the Salvation Army, WORKING alongside the volunteers and the afternoon in discussion of the church's role in the world. Oh, yes, some games too!

Last year a person at PWRDF headquarters was in a bike event around Toronto raising money. Imagine a tour of Sudbury churches, or churches around the new parishes in Muskoka, for fun. Seniors could check your card at each stop and making sure you have enough water all the while raising money for PWRDF!

You've heard of "messy church". How about "sweaty church"? The church next to my nephew Alain's in Mississauga has challenged them to a cricket match. Alain, born in Canada, has never played cricket before, but is learning

fast and making good friends with others in the congregation from the West Indies and India. Every practice the team is growing. Besides having fun, the church is establishing a broader image in a very new-comer community. Little kids can see the game their dads played when they were growing up, and teenagers can play in the game itself.

Or maybe "swinging church" where you start with some mediaeval chanting, then some classic hymns, and on to soul? You know those shows on Friday

night on Vision TV. I know there's a lot of professional staff on TVO's The Choir, but I love how people bond, just because they love music. Or even "acting up" church, like Dean McShane's troupe of players at the Cathedral, having great times preparing Bible stories for performance, and definite rounds of applause on presentation day.

How about encouraging youthful art work by displays in the vestibule, or in your newsletter? Get a writing/photography team to write parish happenings up for the Algoma Anglican, or press releases for your local newspaper. Check with the parents and grandparents on where their kids are at, and see if you can make a fit!

The activities you participate in, the friends you make, the standards you set for yourself as you work through the highs and lows of being a young adult can set you up for life. Every young person has so much potential we can encourage. And some have pressing problems that need listening ears and words of encouragement to just keep on keeping on. We can work together as friends, not "We're older and we know what's best!" 'cause hey! The world has changed a lot since we were young adults and we don't know everything! But we care and we're here for you! God can use their sparkle and our care and hope and bits of experience to be blessings for us all.