



'LIVING THE MISSION': Rt. Rev. Rob Hardwick, Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, is cycling across Canada praying for unity, healing and reconciliation and raising money for The Anglican Healing Fund. During the week of June 21 to June 27, he found himself in a number of communities including Garden River. In the above photo, Bishop Hardwick and his wife Lorraine, who is driving the support vehicle, receive a gift of a wall hanging from George Pine and Lana Grawbarger. The image on the wall hanging, created by Mr. Pine, is that of Chief Shingwauk.

Anglican bishop cycles across Canada to foster reconciliation

By the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle

Rt. Rev. Rob Hardwick, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, is cycling across Canada praying for unity, healing and reconciliation whilst raising funds. With the companionship of his wife, Lorraine, along the whole journey, and various others as he moves from place to place, Bishop

Hardwick aims to raise \$2 million to support indigenous ministries within the Anglican Church of Canada (\$800,000), build a medical centre in Muyinga, Burundi, help construct a Habitat for Humanity home in Regina, Sask., and conduct evangelism and mission work in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, which is located in southern Sas-

katchewan (\$1.2 million).

Bishop Hardwick was in Sault Ste. Marie until the morning of Wednesday, July 25. An event was held Saturday, June 23 that included a welcome to the Sault at St. Luke's Cathedral, followed by a group cycling to Garden River with Bishop Hardwick, a banquet at the Garden River Community

Centre, and a tour of the building of St. John's Anglican Church, Garden River.

According to the original schedule, Bishop Hardwick would be cycling as far as Blind River as of June 25. However, as a result of a road accident near Wawa on Friday, June 22 in which they lost

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Thunder Bay church celebrates 90 years

Young and old are participating in the celebrations

By Diane Swayze

St. Stephen the Martyr, Thunder Bay has been enjoying its

90th year! Plans are underway for a Celebration Dinner taking place on December 7, 2018 at the Current River Community Centre at which Bishop Anne Germond will be in attendance. It will be taking place early in September.

The 90th Anniversary Committee also helped the Sunday School

children celebrate all of those people in their lives who care for them with special handouts on both Mother's Day and Father's Day. In June a wonderful outdoor picnic and church service and picnic were held at Birch Point with amazing church shaped cookies for dessert! It was an opportunity

to bring the church service into the outdoors and share it with the community. Canada Day was celebrated with a BBQ in the rain which did not dampen our spirits! It was a wonderful time of fellowship with the parish family and guests.

There are more events planned

with a Ladies' Night Out dinner and craft night in August and a Potluck Dinner on September 15. The Potluck Dinner will also see the launch of some of the historical pictures and items which have been gathered. It will be an opportunity for the community to come

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We are the stories we tell

By the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle

We are the stories we tell. The stories we tell shape and change us. For better or worse, they can eventually change the world itself, too.

This wisdom was not lost on the ancient Hebrews. For example, at the giving of the first fruits of the harvest, faithful Israelites were not simply to rattle off a quick prayer of thanks. Rather, their offering was to be linked to the history of how God had acted to save them, hearing the cry of their ancestors in bondage and acting to set them free. They were given words so they could make this confession. In offering choicest fruits with story, their hearts were shaped to share God's blessings with those who were vulnerable and displaced just like their ancestors in Egypt. They rehearsed this memory to engender worship and spark acts of gracious sharing. (Deuteronomy 26.1-11)

We are the stories we tell. The stories we tell shape and change us, and can change the world itself.

This wisdom is embedded in our Liturgy, too. Its words and actions are like a great rehearsal in which we practice parts to become the characters God beckons us to play in life's drama. Like the ancient Hebrews, we are given words to say when making our offering.

As we offer bread and wine, our resources, and our very selves at the Table, we tell a story, confessing, "It is right to give you thanks and praise. You created all things, formed us in your own image, remained faithful when we sinned, opened a path of salvation for all people, made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah for all nations, led your people from bondage into freedom and, in the fullness of time, sent your Son Jesus Christ."

The words are not our own, at least not at first; they are given to us. But they have the capacity to shape us and change our world.

In Morning Prayer, during

baptisms, and frequently following the sermon at Eucharist, we stand and repeat the confession we first spoke, or that was first spoken for us, when we passed through the waters of the Font and possessed the promised land of God's Kingdom: "I believe in God the Creator, Jesus Christ crucified and risen, the Holy Spirit who animates the church." These words are not an interruption of the service with a doctrinal statement, but rather an eruption of thanksgiving for our baptismal



deliverance.

When we voice the Prayers of the People, we are telling the story of our world to God. The God who heard the cry of the ancient Hebrews and acted to liberate, has heard cries and liberated in every generation. So we tell the story of our world to God, trusting that as God has acted so God will act again.

From generation to generation, faithful believers who have repeated the church's words of thanks and confession have added to them their own witness, and found their lives and their world transformed as a result.

In 1636, amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, German pastor Martin Rinkart is said to have buried five thousand of his parishioners in one year! War, death, and economic disaster ravaged his parish. Yet, in that darkness, he sat down and wrote this table grace, this confession of faith for his children: "Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices..."

Thinking of that hymn reminds me of a dearly loved woman in the parish I served in London. Years ago, as a single Mom with little kids, she was diagnosed with cancer and given three months to live. What would become of her children? Understandably, she was deeply concerned. Yet, in the midst of it all, she trusted God.

Thirty years later, yes, thirty!, the cancer returned. Eventually, it was clear the condition was terminal and she went into hospital. When it appeared the end was near, her family and I were called to her side. We said the prayers of the church. We waited. Over the course of the night, however, she rallied once again, not a lot, but enough. So about 1:30 a.m., with her family and me around her bed, she started to lead us in a hymn sing. One by one she'd point to someone and ask, "What's your favorite hymn?" Then she'd point to me to get it started and we'd sing.

Days later, during what proved to be our last visit, I told her I was amazed at how thankful she seemed to be. Her response was to recount the story of Christ's passion, dying and rising. She said that, over the years, she had found God to be always faithful. She had learned at the Lord's Table to offer her life, good and bad, as part of his suffering, trusting that she would also share in his new life. "How can I not be thankful?" she said.

Down through the centuries, some of the most thankful people have been those whose circumstances easily could have made them grumblers, and yet they were not. Why? Because in the repetition of story and offering, they came to fathom a deep truth: Thanksgiving begins not with our success, or an abundance of money, or a freezer full of food, or good health, or any part of ourselves; Thanksgiving begins with God. They discovered that in any circumstance there is the pervasive and persistent presence of the liberating God!

Bringing love to our neighbour

By Charlotte Haldenby

Every one of us has suffered through some depressing times when the world just seems to be going wrong. Maybe it's our problem, what we did, but it may also be the world we encounter. We need some seed of hope to keep us going.

When Henri J. M. Nouwen was asked to help just such a friend in crisis, *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* became the extended result of his work, to help all of us get back on track. A chapter a day for eight days. Reading, meditating, praying, all building from God's blessing at Jesus' baptism, "You are my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." How can we become the Beloved? Or are we already beloved and need to recognise that, in all our brokenness, we have a chance to grow into the deep inner peace God is so ready and willing to give us. And as we grow, we are called to spread the blessings we feel to others.

Craig Davidson's writing career was going nowhere, and he was broke. Then he answered the ad for a school bus driver and wound up the driver for five Special Education students He wanted to know them, to help them be their best, to make their day start out well: Jake, confined to a wheelchair, due to cerebral palsy; Vincent with speech problems, but he does know all of Star Wars; Oliver, hyperactive and hypersensitive; Gavin, autistic and non-verbal; and

Nadja with a speech impediment, who sees the world as "everything nice", with always some wonderful family event happening.

As Craig becomes a friend, not just a bus-driver, he grows himself. It may be as crazy as driving dressed as Elvis on Hallowe'en, or as a superhero as standoffs with some other kids who bully "his kids" as they come off the bus. He is building their sense of belonging and they are getting him back on track. Read it all in his book *Precious Cargo*.

Craig may not have read Henri Nouwen's book but he demonstrates in this school-bus year how we can expand our growing sense of being loved to everyone we meet. And as students, teachers, administration, bus-drivers, and care-staff meet in schools again in September, don't we hope this is happening for the betterment of our students?

We are already chosen by God. We have to open up to His blessing. We can be guided by His blessing through every step of our lives. All of us may feel broken in some way, especially in our fragmented and commercialized world. But our broken-ness is a chance to strengthen our self-discipline and purify our lives. And then we can pass forward our blessings by being helpful and supportive of others.

As God has loved us, so we must love our neighbours here and all around the world.



GIFTED MUSICIANS: On Sunday, August 5, 2018, Fado artists Jessica Lloyd and Louis Simao, performed in the second Gazebo Concert at Christ Church, Windermere.

Music and more at Christ Church, Windermere

By Joey Brown

The great gift of music continued to enrich the lives of parishioners, friends and families at Christ Church, Windermere this summer with the second in the Gazebo Concert series, held on August 5th under the direction of Wayne Strongman, Director of Music-in-Residence.

This concert featured the Art of Portuguese Fado and was an exceptional musical experience hosted by the church. More than 80 people were in attendance to listen to the talented vocalist Jessica Lloyd and her husband Louis Simao, a gifted instrumentalist and guitarist. They presented the soul of Portuguese music in a most melancholic interpretation of daily life in that country.

Jessica Lloyd's genre-crossing vocal abilities never fail to impress whether she's singing in a concert hall, a night club or with an opera company. When she is not on stage, Jessica is the Head of Music at Havergal College. Louis has been composing, performing and recording as a multi-instrumentalist in a variety of genres for over 20 years. In November 2017, he was named World Solo Artist-of

the-Year by the Canadian Folk Music Awards, and in April 2018, he was nominated by the Independent Music Awards for 2018 World Best Artist of the Year.

At the August 5th concert, the church garden was filled with an appreciative audience who also were treated to tasty Portuguese pasties de nata (custard tarts) and lemonade.

On August 12th, the celebrant at the church's annual Heritage Sunday was Rt. Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma. Following the service, a free community lunch and final concert in the Gazebo series took place. Performing familiar music from the Canadian-American Songbook that day were Catherine Morrow, soprano and Norman Nurmi, pianist.

And before the summer ended, the church hosted a free Family Campfire Singalong on August 22nd. The Singalong was open to everyone, including the families and children the church supports through the YWCA's Quest Program. A focus of Christ Church's Outreach Program are the children who attend Watt Public School. Hotdogs and drinks were served to the refrains of Kumbaya.



MUSIC FILLED THE AIR: On Sunday, August 5, 2018, an appreciative audience enjoyed an evening of Portuguese Fado music in the garden of Christ Church, Windermere

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Letter from the Bishop

The stewardship of words is important

Dear Friends,

Whilst browsing through an old edition of the *Algoma Anglican*, searching of titbits of news about some of our summer congregations who I would be visiting this July and August, I came across one of Archbishop Wright's letters to the diocese. It was May 1966 and he felt compelled to write about money, more specifically about the timely payments of the apportionment to the Synod Office. He was concerned that many parishes were withholding monies owed until the end of the year instead of paying them on a monthly basis. The result of non – payment of apportionment meant that the diocese had to borrow money from the bank in order to meet its financial obligations.

Archbishop Wright had some firm words for Algoma and an expectation that things would change in the very near future: "We are challenged to give more in return in proportion to how God has blessed us. Therefore, it is necessary that all wage-earners give to God that which is His due. The Diocesan Executive meets at Copper Cliff on May 17, and I expect at that time to receive a report from all parishes within the diocese stating that they are paid up one hundred percent to that date. This may appear to be a first glance a rather cruel demand, but I don't think so. I am doing what I believe you wish to be told. Let us gird ourselves to the task, not only in our Christian worship, but in that witness which may mean sacrifice but also love."



I smiled when I read Archbishop Wright's letter as I realized that some things have not changed in 52 years. At the March Executive Committee I urged members to return to their deaneries and parishes with a request that apportionment and stipend owing be sent to the diocesan treasurer in a timely fashion so that clergy can be paid and the diocese does not have to go into overdraft doing it. I am pleased to say that by the June Executive Committee meeting there had already been an improvement in the accounts receivable department.

Reading the Archbishop's letter led me to reflect on my Charge to Synod in 2017 and the four 'seeds' of discipleship, stewardship, reconciliation and community building that I asked us to carry in our sacred bundle in the two years between synods. We are nearly half way through that period, and if your congregation has not taken some time to look at these seeds, I ask that you do so in the coming months. In my letters over the next few months I will be writing to you about each one of them, beginning with these thoughts on stewardship.

At the heart of stewardship is the notion that all good things come from a good and loving God, and thus are linked together in a beautiful web of relationships. In addition to this is the idea that all things belong to God and that we are only stewards of what we have been given. The word 'steward' is linked to the idea of a household. Luke and the Epistle writers coined the Greek word 'oikonomos' as someone who was the manager of household affairs. Those of us who have ever had responsibility for a household know that there is more than just one aspect to running a home, such as taking care of finances or the building. A steward is someone who has oversight over all aspects of life in the home, including family members, our elders, teenage sons and daughters, as well as babies and small children. A good steward cares about them individually, and collectively as members of his/her household.

There is something relational about the steward's role and this is the kind of stewardship I would like us to think about in Algoma as disciples of Christ. As stewards we ought to be as much concerned with our relationships with one another, and also with creation, as we are about our possessions, time and treasure. We hear a lot about the latter in 'churchland' but we don't often think much about the stewardship of things like the written or spoken word and how we use these

in our relationships with other people. As Christians who have been 'raised with Christ' (Col. 3.1) we are called to a new way of being in Him. The gospels are full of Jesus's encounters with people and He always used words with care and spoke the truth with love.

The speed of communication through the internet and on platforms like e-mail, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter can be marvellous tools for us to hear from colleagues, parishioners, family, friends, and acquaintances. In an instant we can 'like' or 'love' a post, get news, and give our feedback in the comment box. Sometimes though, it's easy to respond to something or someone we disagree with in harsh words that can hurt or harm. And once those words are posted they are there for everyone to see, and are very difficult to take back.

I am convinced, having been the recipient of some very critical letters, that words have the potential to build someone up or possibly to destroy them completely. "The Message" is a modern translation of the Bible and Psalm 18.21 says this about the power of words, "Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose." The decision about how we use our words is in our hands.

Nelson Mandela would have turned 100 years old this year. He spent almost three decades of them in prison and was seldom quoted because of the repercussions he might face if he did. Upon his release he said this: "It is never my custom to use words lightly. If 27 years in prison have done anything to us, it was to use the silence of solitude to make us understand how precious words are, and how real speech is in its impact on the way people live and die." We all know that following his release from prison Madiba used his words to offer forgiveness and open the way for the birth of a new South Africa.

Gary Chapman in his book, *Love as a Way of Life* likens words to bullets or seeds.

We use words as bullets, he says, when we:

- Speak harshly
- Criticize deeply
- Spread lies

Words used in this way have the potential to kill or destroy our fellow human beings who are made in the image and likeness of God.

But we plant seeds with words when we:

- Speak love
- Encourage
- Give grace

Words used in this way open up the possibility to building bridges, forging new relationships, and for us Christians to be peacemakers and living reminders of our baptismal promise to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

I'm only in the second year of my episcopacy, but may I be as bold as Archbishop Wright in the 22nd year of his and say that I expect all members of the Diocese of Algoma to be good stewards of their words, and to use them with care at all times.

And may this be our constant prayer....

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

With deep affection in Christ,
+Anne

Anne Germond
Bishop of Algoma

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Journey is bringing attention to healing and reconciliation

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their vehicle, their camper trailer, and Bishop Hardwick's spare cycle, they spent a few extra days in the area to make arrangements for carrying on the trek across Canada. We are thankful Mrs. Hardwick only sustained minor injuries in the crash.
His journey is a very positive and timely story, particularly given the local and national attention given presently to the work of healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. You can reach Bishop Hardwick

directly via his mobile phone, 306.531.6104.
Pictures and further information about Bishop Hardwick's ride are available at the following links:
<https://quappelle.anglican.ca/ministry/p/bishops-ride>
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SERIOUS ACCIDENT: On Friday, June 22, 2018, Lorraine Hardwick, wife of Bishop Rob Harwick, was involved in an accident which badly damaged the van and trailer used in support of Bishop Harwick's initiative to ride across Canada to raise money for the Anglican Healing Fund. Thankfully Mrs. Hardwick did not sustain any serious injuries. The pilgrimage continues with a rental vehicle.



SUPPORTING THE MISSION: People gathered for a meal at the Garden River Community Centre and to support Rt. Rev. Rob Harwick, Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, and his wife Lorraine as they make their way across Canada bringing attention to healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Canadians. 'Living the Mission' aims to raise money for the Anglican Healing Fund.

Rt. Rev. Rob Hardwick is 'Living the Mission'

By the Rt. Rev. Anne Germond

Dear Algoma friends,
Last week we celebrated National Indigenous Peoples' Day and I was pleased to hear about several initiatives across the Diocese where people gathered for prayer and to foster good relationships with our indigenous brothers and sisters.
I would like to tell you about an important mission that is taking place right now in the Anglican Church of Canada in the hopes that you might be able to support its cause: Unity, Healing and Reconciliation. Some of us are already partners in this mission.
It's called 'Living the Mission' and is the initiative of Bishop Rob Hardwick of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle in Saskatchewan. Bishop Rob is riding a bicycle across Canada this summer. He's travelling west to east across the Trans-Canada Highway through 21 Anglican dioceses, a distance of 7877 kms.

Bishop Rob is travelling with his wife Lorraine, she is driving the support vehicle, and they are stopping along the way to gather with supporters for prayers, services, fellowship and food. As he rides, Bishop Rob is praying for unity, healing and reconciliation across our land and in the Anglican Communion. He is also raising money for the Anglican Healing Fund and hopes to raise a million dollars. The Diocese of Algoma has made a generous donation and it is my hope that congregations, ACW groups and others in Algoma will 'Live the Mission' with Bishop Rob and make a contribution too.

During the week of June 21 to June 27, Algoma hosted Bishop Rob and Lorraine in Thunder Bay, Nipigon, Wawa and Sault Ste. Marie. Folks gathered to pray with them and to hear about their trip so far. They were moved by the warmth of our people. Thank you for meeting them and for providing opportunities for Bishop Rob to share stories of his ride.

Unfortunately, on Friday June 22, Lorraine was involved in a serious accident just outside Wawa and the van and trailer were badly damaged. We give thanks to God that she did not sustain any serious injuries. They initially thought that they would return home to Regina but they received so much encouragement from family and friends they'd only just met that they decided to continue the pilgrimage with a rental vehicle. Such is the desire to Live the Mission!

On Saturday 23 of June, just 24 hours after the accident, Bishop Rob joined six Algoma cyclists on a bike

ride from St. Luke's Cathedral to the Garden River Community Centre for a meal, prayers, time of stories and worship. We exchanged gifts and spoke about healing, unity and the desire to be a people reconciled to God and to one another. In Christ we are one. On Sunday morning Bishop Rob was warmly welcomed at St. Luke's Cathedral and preached at both services.
Colin and I hosted Bishop Rob and Lorraine at Bishophurst for a few days while they sorted out the practicalities of the next stage of their journey. I give thanks for the generosity of our parishioners in Wawa, the Synod office staff and Dean Jim Shane who went above and beyond to assist in this time of need. Please join with me in praying for Bishop Rob and Lorraine as they continue their pilgrimage. You can follow him on Facebook 'Living the Mission – Bishop's Ride' or on the Diocese of Qu'Appelle website.

Want to contribute to the Anglican Healing Fund for reconciliation and healing? Here's how.

Cheques made payable to 'Anglican Church of Canada' 80 Hayden Street Toronto M4Y3G2. Please reference Bike Ride. If you wish to donate to the actual mission and all the practicalities, including the need to rent a new vehicle and cover overnight motel costs, please make cheques payable to Diocese of Qu'Appelle 1501 College Ave, Regina, SK. S4P 1B8

"Bless the Living the Mission campaign with a deepening devotion to prayer, a growing commitment to service, and an increased level of generosity as we work together to advance the mission of every parish across Canada, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Amen.

Wishing each of you God's richest blessings as you live the Mission God is calling you to.

+Anne

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Bishop Rob's Prayer Diary – https://quappelle.anglican.ca/assets/docs/Prayer_Diary_FINAL..pdf
Diocese of Qu'Appelle – <https://quappelle.anglican.ca/ministry/p/bishops-ride>
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Churches participate in global prayer initiative

By Bonnie Shipston

Editor's note: In the following, Bonnie Shipston, Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery Associate for Congregational Health, writes of various activities churches took as part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's global prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come" which took place from May 10 to May 20, 2018.

St. Thomas', Thunder Bay
When we first talked about "Thy Kingdom Come" and checked out the website, there was a world map showing pin points of light which signified praying people and churches that had been part of the movement last year. There were no lights in Thunder Bay. As we planned and prepared for this prayer event between Ascension and Pentecost it was exciting, uplifting and truly miraculous to think that Christians throughout the world could be united in prayer for advancing God's kingdom here on earth and praying for people to come to know Jesus. We set out to glorify God and become a pin point of light on the map of the world for "Thy Kingdom Come".

Our group worked to set up multiple prayer stations each with a specific purpose: one, praying for our city, our deanery, our province, our country and the world; two, praying for forgiveness or letting go; three, praying for those on our hearts and for people to come to know Jesus; four, a meditation station with specific prayers and soft music and; five, a quiet meditation room to pray thoughtful through the Lord's prayer.

All stations were set up with prayer shawls, suggested scriptures, bibles and booklets of suggested prayers with a few stations having activities to enhance the prayers or meditation. One station had a tree with lighted flowers on the branches where tags could be attached to represent those we were praying into the kingdom or in need of prayer. On Pentecost Sunday the tags were removed and placed on the altar as an offering to God. There were over 150 tags

with one or more names on each!

On Ascension we began our journey through "Thy Kingdom Come" with a short service followed by a community prayer walk. Throughout this special time there were two opportunities each day to come into the church and pray. Each session began with a short service including songs, the scripture of the day and a short video reflection from the web site. This centered our hearts and minds prior to beginning our prayers and meditations.

Attendance during our prayer vigil consisted of a small loyal group, but we also knew there were others faithfully following along at home with the "Thy Kingdom Come" App or on Facebook. One day a gentleman from a non-church group, meeting in the church basement, joined us and followed along through the stations. The Holy Spirit was tangible during the prayers and we knew seeds were being planted for a His Kingdom. What a blessing and a gift.

At the debriefing following the conclusion of "Thy Kingdom Come", we were excited and inspired and filled with ideas and plans for next year. The overwhelming thought was that this event was just the beginning, a starting point for God to work in and through us and for His Kingdom to flourish here on earth. Now, checking out the "Thy Kingdom Come" website there are at least four beacons of light in Thunder Bay. We are on the map to glorify God and advance His Kingdom! Hallelujah! We are looking forward with renewed hope and are now planning a workshop for June 26th Thy Kingdom Come - How to Spread the Seed - from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Come learn to plant!

The news of this event was spread throughout Thunder Bay - North Shore Deanery which participated in "Thy Kingdom Come" for the first time this year. Following are reports from the churches that held events between May 10 and May 20, 2018.

St. James, Parish of West Thunder Bay

We had a small service of even-song with a couple of prerecorded songs and then quiet time for reflection on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. We began our time together with a 30 minute service and then we sat in quiet prayer. We had a small group participate but we look forward to next year's event.

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay

"Thy Kingdom Come" is about bringing people to Jesus. That is why we felt it was important to bring this initiative to people in the parish. Our parishioners needed to be able to pray for the people they desired to be touched by the hand of Jesus.

On Sunday, May 13, 2018, the Seventh Sunday of Easter and the Sunday after Ascension Day, we asked people to write down first names, one per piece of paper, of people they are praying for. The pieces of paper were then pinned on ribbons on the cross in the Narthex.

On Thursday, May 17, 2018, we met and invited the congregation to join us. We lit candles outside in the labyrinth. We then proceeded to divide up the names and walked the labyrinth as we read out loud each person named on the pieces of paper on the ribbons and prayed for each person.

It truly was a moving example of how God is working through us!! It was an honour to be involved in the "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative.

St. Mary's, Nipigon

We met every day for about an hour. Each day we chose five people to pray for. One day that was mostly quiet contemplation with scripture readings. The rest of the time we used the material off the website. Short motivational stories were read each day and we talked about where God was leading us in those stories of ministry to others. Our focus was thanksgiving to God, motivation for ourselves and inspiration for serving God by serving and praying for others.



PRAYING FOR THE KINGDOM: A group from St. Thomas', Thunder Bay participated in a global prayer initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury. "Thy Kingdom Come" took place from May 10 to May 20, 2018. One of a number of prayer stations had a tree lighted with flowers upon which were attached tags to represent those being prayed into the kingdom, or in need of prayer.



CATCHING UP: Doug Parrot, one of three chaplains at Beaver Creek Correctional Institution in Gravenhurst, was the guest speaker at a gathering of the Deanery of Muskoka Layreaders in Bala in June. Pictured in conversation are Doug Parrot and Rev. Canon Barbara Graham.

Muskoka Layreaders gather in Bala for dinner and presentation

By Caroline Skoloski

In June, at the invitation of Nancy Houghton, Muskoka Deanery Layreaders met in the Parish of Trinity-All Saints in Bala. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Houghton and her husband Jim. The church's bright, sunny community room was a lovely setting for casual conversation over dinner.

The guest speaker for the evening joined the group for dinner and then gave a very interesting overview of his work. Doug Parrott is one of three chaplains at the Beaver Creek Correctional Institution in Gravenhurst. Without disclosing any personal information, Mr. Parrott described the demographic, religious affiliation, and general lifestyle of the Beaver Creek inmates. Every world religion is represented in the population; from Wiccan to every stripe of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist etc. Besides Doug Parrott and the two other full time chaplains, each religious group has the opportunity to worship with their spiritual representative once a week.

As diverse as the religious affiliation, so also is the reason each man has been incarcerated. The length of time each man will spend at Beaver Creek ranges all the way up to 'he will never get out'. Regardless of his background, profession, wealth or fame, he will have to get along with his neighbours.

The prison is arranged in 'pods'. The men must live as an extended family, cooking and eating together, a 'shopper' is chosen and the funds are allocated by law to each man and used to collectively purchase groceries and supplies. A single bunk must be 'earned' and cleaning, laundry and other responsibilities are not provided by civilian staff.

The Chaplaincy programme offers many programs. Each man is assigned programmes he must complete. This may be obtaining a Grade 12 diploma or participating in a restorative

justice or other course. Mr. Parrott and his volunteers are responsible for providing all the programmes. Volunteers are integral to the work of the Chaplaincy in providing these activities and education.

Some of the men qualify for temporary absences which may be escorted or unescorted. Some men are actually working in the community and groups of inmates frequently help with community events. Nancy Houghton noted that for many years a team from Beaver Creek has assisted with set-up for the annual Bala Cranberry Festival. Certainly other Muskoka communities have benefitted from assistance of inmates.

As part of 'giving back', Beaver Creek inmates donate generously to community charitable programmes. Doug Parrott spoke of the inmates genuine enthusiasm for Christmas boxes. Each year, using their own money as, they do earn a tiny daily wage and are allowed to have a 'bank account', inmates fill hundreds of boxes.

The impression should not be left that Beaver Creek is a haven of tranquility, the reality is a very tense atmosphere. There is no camaraderie between inmates and guards and the very make-up of the population can lead to friction. An unpaid debt, usually canteen items, can be lethal. The suspicion of a broken confidence is sure to ruin any relationship built up between chaplain and inmate. Even being a volunteer is a beauracatic minefield. Corrections Canada regulations are beyond an obstacle course and even when an individual has been visiting Beaver Creek for years, entry is never guaranteed. Yes, even Canon Barbara Graham, who for decades has led services for the incarcerated Inuit, has been turned away at the entrance.

Thank you to Doug Parrott for his informative presentation and to Nancy Houghton for her and Trinity-All Saints, Bala' hospitality.

Play nice

By the Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

A man opened a business, didn't do very well and closed it about a year later, owing a lot of money to various creditors. He called them all together and without showing the slightest remorse or offering any apologies said: "Well the business has no assets and I've got no money so I'm afraid you're all just on the hook for what I owe you. There's nothing you can do I guess except maybe get a knife and take a piece of me as your payment!" The creditors sat there in stunned silence until finally one of them said: "I vote we do it. I'd like his gall!" Gall is the ability to irritate, annoy and vex and there sure does seem to be a lot of it around these days.

Near my place are several of those 'in your face' billboards which claim religious status that I find galling. "Prepare to meet thy God!" they say or "While we were yet sinners Christ died for our sins". I'm curious as to who these things are aimed at. The Christians don't need them since they already know the message and the non-Christians view them as propaganda which most people find annoying. I once asked a guy who had these kinds of signs all over his property and in his windows why he did it and he told me he did it to disturb the complacency of non-believers. For what its worth he disturbed the complacency of several believers too. I thought he was nuts and his neighbours could just see their property values sink as would be buyers mulled over living beside such a quasi religious eyesore. If you want to put up a sign, make them witty and thought provoking. I passed a church one hot, hot August day that had a sign out front saying: "You think it's hot here?!!!" I laughed my head off and I never forgot that sign.

You don't need a sign to show the world what you believe. I've got a couple of restaurants I go to because the food is OK but the staff is awesome. They talk to you, remember your name, keep your coffee cup filled, care whether you enjoyed your lunch or not and are just darn nice, friendly people. What church do they go to or what do they believe? I have no idea and I could care less because as far as I'm concerned they are living out their beliefs by the way they treat others and that's got to be the most effective way there is.

I've also met people who do a lot of God talk and are quick to tell you what you need to believe but who are wanting when a helping hand is required or a bit of assistance could help improve someone's situation. Given the choice between words and actions I'll take the actions every time and so will most people I've discovered.

Alexander Pope wrote: "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" and in many cases he was right. We've all met people who have a little power, a little authority or a little knowledge about something and who expect the rest of us to be suitably humble and beholden to them when they do whatever it is that their power and authority



entitles them to do. I've been to Customer Service Departments that deliver anything but customer service and I've encountered public service people who seem to have a great dislike for the public. On the other hand I've seen shining examples of very knowledgeable people who couldn't do enough for you. Last month I went to Wycliffe College's Commencement to watch someone I know graduate and while looking for them at the reception encountered Dr. Stephen Andrews who we all know. He's a doctor, he's Algoma's former bishop and he's the principal of Wycliffe. It was a busy night for him but he greeted me warmly and when I asked if he'd seen my graduate he dropped what he was doing and went all over the hall checking and looking for them. He didn't have to do that. As an Anglican Priest I do have a pretty good idea of what a bishop believes and that evening I saw it worked out in the world. It impressed me.

My favorite definition of Evangelism is 'One beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.' We've got that bread and there's certainly no shortage of people who need it. Share nicely!



PREPARING TO LAND: Mike Coomes captains the boat bringing Lutheran minister Rev. George Gaiser to the dock for the annual service of the Blessing of the Boats held at St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

Blessing of the Boats annual service held in Kagawong

By Mary Buie

The annual Marine Service at St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong held on Sunday, July 22, 2018, is always memorable as different marine history stories from the area are focused on. The church bell is also tolled for those lost on the water. The boats at the marina are blessed and a prayer for safe voyages is offered.

St. John's on Mudge Bay is unique and is visited by hundreds of people every year because of our pulpit, the bow of the RHU, a memorial to four people lost in the boating tragedy of August 24, 1965. This year was especially poignant as Pauline Biggley, a sister of Shirley Huffman who lost her life that day, came to share her testimony and give herself closure.

Pauline Biggley's story to come to Manitoulin started in 2012 when she heard that a church on Manitoulin

had the bow of the RHU as the pulpit. She picked a town on Manitoulin Island, Gore Bay and addressed it to a church and priest anywhere where the bow of the boat was a memorial. Her letter was forwarded to Dianne Fraser at St. John's who has been corresponding with Pauline ever since. This year Mrs. Biggley and husband Bill made it to the service coming from Maryland, U.S.A. Pauline is also an accomplished artist and she brought up three watercolours of the two children and their mother lost that day to share at the service on Sunday, July 22, 2018. She also presented St. John's with two photographs of her nieces along with the poem "To All Parents" by Edgar A. Guest.

Being out on the water is always unpredictable but Jesus as our Saviour can always guide us into a safe harbour.



A VERY PERSONAL STORY: Bill and Pauline Biggley are pictured in front of the pulpit in St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong. The pulpit is the bow of the RHU. It is a memorial to four people who lost their lives in a boating tragedy on August 4, 1965. One of the lives lost was that of Shirley Huffman, the sister of Mrs. Biggley. As guest speaker at the annual Marine Service held at St. John's, Mrs. Biggley told the story of the events of that tragic day.

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Elizabeth and Roman intrigue

By the Rev. Peter Simmons

Within one year of her ascension to the throne, Elizabeth faced developing problems in the life of the English church. These difficulties involved Roman Catholics in England and beyond, who began to explore ways to reassert Roman theology and practices.

Many bishops who were in office during the reign of Mary found themselves removed from their episcopacy and incarcerated. For the most part they were not ill treated unless they were suspected of being a participant in Roman intrigue. Those who had sympathies with Rome had, in the majority, obeyed the law and were attending services in their parish church. The pot would be stirred with greater vigor by outside forces, especially Pope Pius V. He encouraged and supported dissent in the realm. He found an accomplice in Mary Queen of Scots.

Mary was the granddaughter of Henry VII. She had married James IV of Scotland. She returned to England in 1568 prepared to ally herself with those who were in harmony with the position of Rome. Many believed Mary to be the rightful heir to the crown, given that the marriage of Anne Boelyn to Henry VIII was never recognised by Rome. The Earls of Westmorland and Northumberland were so convicted in this belief they supported open rebellion in November 1569. This did not succeed. Ultimately Mary Queen of Scots was executed in February of 1587.

Pope Pius V made a fateful decision on February 25, 1570 when he issued the papal Bull *Regnans in Excelsis*. It declared Elizabeth to be guilty of heresy and she was excommunicated. Furthermore because of her heresy the Bull said she had given up her right to the crown which meant her subjects were no longer obligated to remain faithful to their oath of loyalty to the queen. If they remained faithful they would suffer the same fate as Elizabeth and be excommunicated. The issuance of the Bull was a disaster for Roman Catholics in England, making

them all potential traitors. They were forced to choose between the pope and the crown. In response, laws were strengthened against individuals who did not remain loyal.

Pius was determined to continue the struggle, seeking support to launch a crusade to bring down Elizabeth. There was no support for such a venture from the catholic princes of Europe in view of the strength of the English fleet. If military conquest was not possible, perhaps a new approach would succeed.

In 1568, William Allen founded a seminary at Douai in France.

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Young men were trained as missionaries in the discipline of counter-reformation and Roman Catholic doctrine. The training was severe and if the situation warranted the individual could be expected to give his life. It was not long before religion and politics became intertwined. If the opportunity arose to assassinate the queen, the missionaries to take it. Many of these followers belonged to the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits.

In 1580 two such men, Edmund Campion and Robert Parsons landed in England. Campion was an intelligent and fearless missionary, gaining the respect of those he met. A few months after his arrival Campion was captured, tortured and executed. This was the last straw. Jesuit seminary priests were ordered to leave England.

A final papal effort to get rid of Elizabeth was undertaken. In 1588, having received the backing of Spain, an Armada sailed up the English Channel. They were met by an overwhelming fleet of warships of the English navy and a severe storm, which led to their quick defeat. This was the end of Roman interfere in England. Now on to a new challenge: the Puritans.

More to come.

New appointment to Trillium parish

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the appointment of Joan Morris to Trillium Anglican Parish as their Lay Incumbent which became effective on effective July 1, 2018.

Joan Morris is a recent graduate in the M.Div program at Wycliffe College and has a specific interest in rural ministry. Prior to attending Wycliffe, she had a long career in banking so parish ministry is a new experience for her. Ms. Morris enjoyed the parish placements which were part of her coursework, and in her final evaluation at the Parish of Ida and Omeme, Rev. Peter Mills

wrote about her excellent communication skills which helped put people at ease and created a positive learning environment for parishioners who attended the small group sessions on prayer.

Ms. Morris is at the very early stages of the postulancy process in the Diocese of Algoma. Trillium is her first parish placement and she will be working closely with the Archdeacon of Temiskaming.

We wish Joan Morris well as she prepares to begin this new ministry in the Diocese and ask that you uphold her and the parish during this time of transition.



ALMOST READY: On Saturday, June 23, 2018 the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore held a barbeque for the community at Shelter House in Thunder Bay. The facility provides basic needs, dignity and comfort for people living in poverty and stimulates actions to address the root cause of homelessness. Pictured getting the burgers ready are, from left Scott Martin, Rev. David Knudson, Rev. Canon Dr. George Porter and Dale Sparkes.



Diocese of Algoma

Lay Readers' Conference 2018

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Friday, Sept. 28, 2018
To
Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

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Friday, September 28th

St. Paul Anglican Church – 808 Ridgeway Street

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| 6:00 pm | Registration & Social |
| 7:00 pm | Bishop Anne Welcome (via video) |
| | Evening Prayer |
| | Bishop's Reception |
| | o Hosted by Archdeacon Deborah Kraft |

Saturday, September 29th

St. Thomas Anglican Church – 1400 Edward Street, South

Breakfast on your own (Days Inn provides)

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| 8:30 am | Registration |
| 9:00 am | Morning Prayer |
| 10:00 am | Morning session – break – reflection |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | Afternoon Session – break – reflection |
| 3:30 pm | Mission to Seafarers |
| 5:30 pm | Symposium ~ Banquet |
| | Bishop Anne's Presentation |

Sunday, September 30th

Breakfast & Check out (Days Inn provides)

St. Paul Anglican Church – 808 Ridgeway Street

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| 9:30 am | Welcome – Robe |
| 10:00 am | Eucharist Service – Fellowship |
| | Lunch Fellowship |



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PWRDF: helping where help is needed

By Tom Chambers

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is the Canadian Anglican Churches' response to those whose lives have been harmed by crisis situations, to help them rebuild their shattered lives. The problems are caused by human conflict and natural disasters such as hurricanes. It is working in North and South America, Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia.

The fund belongs to Act Alliance a coalition of over 140 organisations with similar goals. It helps people in need in over 100 countries, mainly in the developing world, who lack the finances and resources to deal properly with their countries' problems.

The need for the PWRDF and Act Alliance is very great in the world today. There are a great many crises, only a few of which are mentioned in the news. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 65.6 million people have been forced to leave their homes. There are also around 23 million refugees in the world and the number is growing every day. The solutions to these problems seem insurmountable even with the help of the Primate's Fund and the other members of Act Alliance.

The Fund is now seeking donations to help Palestinians in the Gaza Strip who are suffering from the recent conflict between Israel and Hamas. Thousands of Palestinians are injured and hospitals are in urgent need of medical supplies and medicines.

Will wars and the suffering of humanity ever cease? The answer

sadly is no. Therefore, the Fund and its associates will continue to need our support. Many Anglicans are aware of these problems and have been very generous in their support of the Primate's Fund. This is obvious in the Diocese of Algoma. Even with declining congregations \$111,225 was donated in 2017.

Most of the Fund's efforts to help those in need are in the developing world where the need is greatest. But it does give support in Canada as well. In 2016 for example, a wildfire in Fort McMurray Alberta destroyed 1,500,000 acres and forced members of the community to be evacuated. The damage was extensive and the Fund donated \$280,000 to help the community.

Much of the Fund's recent international support has gone to help refugees from South Sudan forced to flee their homes as a result of the civil war. Since 2013, two million people fled their homes to other villages and another two million have become refugees in Ethiopia and Uganda. Both of these countries are very poor and unable to give much support. Therefore, assistance from the Primate's Fund is very great. Famine is the biggest problem facing refugees. In March 2017 Act Alliance warned that nine million American dollars were needed to feed the refugees for one year. To help, the Fund contributed \$70,000. In addition to food the refugees were given seed and tools for farming to help grow their own food. No one knows how much assistance will be needed in the future.

Numerous activities are being held in celebration

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and share stories. Retro Sunday will be held on September 16, 2018 and everyone is invited to dress in clothes from their favourite era or wear St. Stephen/Deanery crested clothing as the church celebrates the past, present and future as a member of the Current River Community. St. Stephen's is also gearing up to offer ALPHA this fall. It will take place on Wednesday nights beginning September 12 and will provide a further opportunity to share our love of Jesus with the Current River family.

As part of 90th year celebrations, the Committee also has a limited supply of St. Stephen's 90th Anniversary Mugs available at \$7.50.

If you are interested in more information, please don't hesitate to contact the church at office@ststephenanglican.com! For the most up-to-date information about all of the events, including ALPHA, please check out the webpage at www.ststephenanglican.com or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ststephentbay. We look forward to seeing you there!



FULFILLING THE MISSION: The Mission Committee, on behalf of parishioners of Christ Church, North Bay, supports ten missions as part of their ministry in living out the Christian faith. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is one such mission. Pictured from left in the back row are Fran Wilson, Barb Hodgson and Tom Chambers. On the front row from left are Grace Weeks, Bev Brownlee and Ven. Joan Locke.



COME AND CELEBRATE: St. Stephen the Martyr, Thunder Bay is celebrating 90 years in 2018. A number of activities have been held in celebration of this milestone and more are to be held throughout the remainder of the year.

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