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Alex Neve, Sec. Gen. Amnesty International Canada

Parties need to commit to human rights protection

By Art Babych

As Canadians go to the polls in the federal election May 2, Amnesty International hopes they'll reflect on Canada's position on the protection of human rights at home and abroad.

The organization says Canada's standing as an international human rights champion has dropped and that all parties "must make concrete commitments to help restore its leadership role."

Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada, was the Cathedral Arts Dinner-Lecture speaker March 28. He said Canadian foreign policy should be such that it is "abundantly clear where we stand."

Democratic reforms and stronger human rights protection have been long-standing priorities in Canadian foreign policy, said Mr. Neve. Mass, popular protests demanding democratic reforms should be championed by Canada. "But it has not been that obvious," he said.

"In fact, Canada's voice was

among the world's most cautious and unenthusiastic when Egypt's protests were at their peak," he said. "Long after virtually every other government, including the United States, had abandoned the initial lines of calling for a slow and careful transition from (Egyptian President Hosni) Mubarak to a successor" Canada maintained its stance.

"There was a strong perception that what lay behind Canada's reticence was that our top priority was to align Canada's policy with that of Israel's, because the Israeli government, nervous that Mubarak's departure might imperil the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, had taken a decidedly go slow stance. And so did Canada." But, said Mr. Neve, "It meant that we weren't where we should have been – unequivocally on the side of those calling for democracy and human rights.

The "relative" silence does not set Canada up well to play a key role now in helping solidify democracy in a post-Mubarak Egypt."



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TWLOHA offers hope and help

Jamie Tworowski, founder of 'To Write Love on Her Arms' (TWLOHA), a non-profit movement dedicated to give hope and help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide, speaks to a gathering of about 250 people at Dominion-Chalmers United Church in Ottawa April 1. The event was organized by 'Open Table' an ecumenical Christian Community of young adults in Ottawa, whose partners include the Diocese of Ottawa. Mr. Tworowski, from Florida, has been featured on CNN, NBC, the New York Times, and other news outlets. He was inspired to take action by writing on Myspace to raise money for the treatment of a drug-using suicidal friend who had carved words of self-hatred onto her arms. As a movement since 2006, TWLOHA has responded to 150,000 messages from over 40 countries and given \$500,000 directly to treatment and recovery. For further information go to: www.twloha.com/



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Churches speak on climate change

From left, the Rev. David Selzer, Executive Archdeacon for the Diocese of Ottawa, the Rev. Lillian Roberts, Ottawa Presbytery Minister, United Church of Canada, and Roman Catholic Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, of Kingston, Ont., discuss climate change from a moral perspective. (See article on page 4)



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A Reflection upon my Return from The Consultation of Bishops In Dialogue, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2011

Oh, how we Christians must learn to listen! I thought that thirty plus years of ordination, a lifetime of prayer, 35 years of marriage and 31 years of parenting would have taught me how to listen. I was wrong. In Tanzania, with colleagues from Canada, Africa, the U.S. and Britain, we reminded each other how to embrace *holy* listening. It was like reminding us how to pray the psalms – how to speak with prayerful utterance and how to listen to sacred words.

In the psalms, the words and images are not to be interpreted literally; what we read is seldom what they say. Rather, the poetic images of emotion must be discerned with a critical heart. The heart must discern them, for it is from the heart that the psalmist speaks truth to God.

... the psalms propose to speak about human experience in an honest, freeing way. This is in contrast to much human speech and conduct, which is in fact a cover up. In most arenas where people live, we are expected and required to speak the language of safe orientation and equilibrium, either to find it so or to pretend we find it so. For the normal, conventional functioning of public life, the raw edges of disorien-

tation and reorientation must be denied or suppressed for purposes of public equilibrium. As a result, our speech is dulled and mundane. Our passion has been stilled and is without imagination. And mostly, the Holy One is not addressed, not because we dare not, but because God is far away and hardly seems important. This means that the agenda and intention of the psalms is considerably at odds with the normal speech of most people, the normal speech of a stable, functioning, self-deceptive culture in which everything must be kept running young and smooth. (W. Brueggemann, Praying the Psalms)

The psalms draw, from the one who prays, a certain honesty that elevates the quality of prayer beyond mere petition or “off the cuff” comment directed toward God. When entering the “world” of the psalms, we walk a path that is intertwined with the faithful humanity of the past, present and future. Our prayers now command power! Power, because they are truly honest. Honest, because the speaking or singing of these prayers reflects the angst that all of humanity shares. In other words, there is no place to hide. The psalms draw us plainly into



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Bishop John Chapman

the rage, corruption, sadness, joy and exultation that lives in the hearts of each of us.

I believe that we Bishops gathered in Dar es Salaam entered the world of the psalmist. We entered a world of *Holy* listening and honest utterance in the presence of the Spirit. And, my friends, that experience was sacred to me and to all of us.

We listened to the heartache

of the west as our culture recalled our intentional or passive collaboration in the sin of slavery. We listened to the heartache of African people as they recalled their participation with the ‘whites’ in the sale of their own people. We listened to the prayers of those dying from AIDS. We listened to the hungry and disenfranchised. We listened as each of us wrestled in

our own way with issues around human sexuality. Sometimes we listened to issues familiar to all of us, but, because we were in a new place, and with different people, we were able to hear a different tone or an old comment nuanced in a new way, which made it fresh and vital again.

We also spoke lovingly and gently of our Anglican Communion, the mission we share and the collective prayers we utter day after day.

I would say the one common reaction to our holy deliberation in Dar es Salaam was the shared understanding that, when Christians gather and share faith, prayers and bread together, Jesus is in our midst, fully and completely with the promise of hope and joy in believing.

If you wish to read, A Testimony of Grace from the Consultation of Bishops in Dialogue, please find it on the Anglican Church of Canada Website at

(<http://www.anglican.ca/>)

† John

Clergy News

Bishop John Chapman has appointed the Rev. Canon Robert Heard as Priest in Charge of



The Rev. Canon Robert Heard

the Church of St. John the Evangelist, effective April 3.

“Robert is a long-serving skilled, wise and Spirit-filled leader,” wrote the bishop in a letter to parishioners of the church. “He holds an exemplary record of priestly service in our diocese for more than thirty years,” he added. “He is a valued colleague to me and I am honoured that he has agreed to serve you and the diocese in this delicate time of transition.”

The bishop has appointed the Rev. Mark Whittall as the incumbent of the Parish of St. Alban’s Church



The Rev. Mark Whittall

effective July 3. In a letter read April 3 at worship services in the Parish of Huntley, where Mark is priest, the bishop called Mark “an extremely gifted and talented priest” who can provide leadership for St. Alban’s community “as they reestablish themselves as a worshipping community within our diocese.” The church building is to be returned to the diocese July 1 by clergy who left the diocese and national church and attempted to take the building with them.

The Rev. Wanda Dillabough, Coordinator of the Diocese of Ottawa Marriage Education program for 11 years, and a psychotherapist at the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre (a diocesan community ministry), was ordained as a priest at St. George’s Anglican Church in Lennoxville, Que. (Diocese of Quebec) March 27.



The Rev. Wanda Dillabough

The choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa, sang at her ordination. Wanda was Christian Education coordinator at St. John’s for 10 years.

NOTICE

The Nominations and Committee Development Subcommittee is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations for the following bodies:

- Diocesan Council
- Provincial Synod
- Trinity College Corporation
- The Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments

If you are interested or have questions, please email Anglican.Nominations@gmail.com or contact the Synod Office at 613-232-7124 ext. 224.

Nomination packages will be mailed to Synod members in April and will also be available on the diocesan website and at the Synod Office.

Completed nominations forms are due May 27 at 4:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) puts parishes first



By Jane Scanlon
Diocesan Stewardship and Development Officer

Our diocese-wide financial campaign, to be called *Growing in Faith Together* (GIFT), is focused primarily on outcomes that will benefit parishes. Bishop John Chapman notes that “our parishes are the best places for ministry to unfold, and they are truly our first priority. Indeed, this is where the real work of sharing the good news and living out the gospel message unfolds, reflecting the heart and soul of our mission and ministry.”

Growing in Faith Together is a campaign involving 70-plus parishes. With 50 per cent of the goal of \$12,000,000 to be directed to parishes for the work God is calling them to do, this group is the single largest beneficiary of the campaign.

There are many built-in campaign benefits for parishes in addition to the parish share of 50 per cent. Ten per cent of the campaign goal will cover expenses, administration, campaign materials, and professional training and support for parishes. These campaign costs will be provided from the diocesan share of the campaign funds so that parishes are guaranteed to receive their full share of \$6,000,000. The broader case

for support for the remaining \$4,800,000 is based on our strategic planning initiatives and, out of this amount, \$2,900,000 in new funding will also benefit parishes directly in areas such as strengthening congregations, ministries for children and youth, leadership development for clergy and lay people, and local parish outreach initiatives, to highlight a few. This new funding, combined with the parish share of \$6,000,000, amounts to approximately 80 per cent of campaign funds being focused on nurturing and supporting parish life. The remain-

ing funds are for focusing ministry outward in areas such as our community ministries, child poverty, and ministry in the North.

With the help of our campaign consultants, Martha Asselin and Murray McCarthy, stewardship staff, and trained volunteers, each parish will have the opportunity to have a conversation with its leadership to develop and approve a case for support

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– Bishop John Chapman

detailing its own unique needs for mission and ministry and for capital requirements. Now is the time for your parish to begin giving some thought to identifying the financial requirements of the ministries God is calling you to over the next five to 10 years and to evaluating the capital requirements for your church building. Throughout the campaign, parishes will receive professional guidance, training and support. This training and support will continue to be of benefit to parishes as they use some of this new knowledge in their annual stewardship ministries. Our

Bishop, Campaign Leadership Team and Case Development Task Force have given a great deal of prayer, thought and consideration to structuring this campaign for the benefit of parishes.

Campaign Update

The broader case for support has been developed, and our Campaign Communications Committee is developing a DVD as well as other communications materials. This Committee is chaired by Jamie Tomlinson and includes Ron Chaplin, the Rev. Jim Collins, Cathy Kent, Andrew Stephens-Rennie and Jane Waterston.

Our campaign consultants, stewardship staff, and volunteers have been meeting with archdeacons, clericus groups and the clergy and leadership of individual parishes to introduce them to the campaign and to address their questions and concerns. They will continue these intro-

ductory meetings with all of our parishes until the end of June 2011.

Synod delegates will have the opportunity to learn more about the campaign at the Spring Great Chapters meetings in May and June 2011.

A number of parishes have now stepped forward for our pilot phase, and they are each developing their own cases for support to be integrated with the broader case.

In September, we will begin the active phase of the campaign by rolling it out through 10 to 15 pilot parishes with two other parish phases to take place in 2012.

If you have any questions about *Growing in Faith Together* (GIFT), please do not hesitate to call Jane Scanlon, Stewardship and Development Officer, at 613-232-7124, ext. 225, or email to jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca.

Growing in Faith Together – Campaign Goal Summary

- For Parish Cases: \$6,000,000
- For the Broader Case: \$4,800,000
- For Campaign Expenses, Training and Support: \$1,200,000

Total Campaign Goal \$12,000,000

CORNERSTONE/ LE PILIER NEWS

Campaign report – *A Journey of Hope*

By Betsy Clarke
Campaign Director



Betsy Clarke

The established pattern for these articles has been to begin each one with words of gratitude to the many donors who have been so generous to *A Journey of Hope*, many for longer than the campaign has been operational. The first donors made gifts as early as 2008 when it seemed there was hope for a new facility for homeless women. Where it would be built, its capacity, its design, and its funding sources were all to be decided.

Looking back on what has been truly *A Journey of Hope*, those who were with this project at the outset and who remain an integral part of it, can be justifiably proud of all that has been accomplished: a site, a building with 42 living units, funding from three levels of government, and a capital campaign nearing its ambitious goal of \$2.3 million. Our support from the community has been remarkable, outstandingly generous, with gifts of all amounts, but all

given from the heart.

Donations and grants from several funders in our community have contributed to the success of the campaign. Nine foundations have made grants: J.P Bickell Foundation, BMO Charitable Foundation, Community Foundation of Ottawa, Harold Crabtree Foundation, the Ganz Family Foundation and The Sahara Foundation. Grants were also made possible by the Community Foundation of Ottawa through the following

funds: Friends and Family Fund, Kelly Family Fund, and the Minto Foundation Community Fund.

Community service organizations, non-profits and other charitable organizations continue to exemplify their objective of helping those who need their support - financial, volunteer or as a service provider - by contributing to the campaign. We have received donations from the King’s Daughters and Sons, the Rotary Club of West Ottawa, the Optimist Club of Nepean, Carefor Health and Community Services, the Kiwanis Club of Bytown, the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee, and Women on Skis.

The corporate community in Ottawa has been generous as well. Two Royal LePage Real Estate firms – Gale Real Estate and Team Realty - their owners, managers and agents have donated in many ways. There is a logical connection between their work in the community helping individuals and families find a home and Cornerstone Foundation’s man-

date of providing housing for homeless women. Some of the funds have been raised through special events such as the annual golf tournament, often with a silent auction as part of the event. Individual agents have arranged for a cheque-off to support the campaign. Others write cheques, or arrange to give through our pre-authorized debit (PAD) program.

Donations are often made as the result of the leadership of Gail Buchanan and Mary Browne, co-chairs of the Corporate Committee. Gail and Mary hold management positions in Royal LePage Gale and Team and are committed to shelter projects in the local community as part of the national Royal LePage Shelter Foundation mandate. They have committed their contributions to the dining room and its furnishings. They also provided leadership with our application for funding from the Ottawa Real Estate Board.

Other businesses have supported the cause of providing a safe

and secure home to the homeless women who will soon call 314 Booth Street their home. The Miller Corporation, Desjardins Health Group, ABI Business Interiors, D. Edwards Consultants, and the Karson Group have been generous in their support. Urbandale Construction was the first corporate donor to the campaign with a contribution to fund the Board room in the new building.

The Applause Party to be held on May 3 is being very generously sponsored by the Morley Hoppner Group, contractors for the new building and the sub trades. We’ll be writing more about them in the next issue of *Crosstalk*.

For information about any aspect of the campaign please contact the Campaign Chair, Carol Burrows at 613-746-1763 or at cjrburrows@sympatico.ca or Betsy Clarke, Campaign Director, at 613-722-3304 or at betsy@betsyclarke.ca

All inquiries are welcome.



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STEWARDSHIP AND LAY LEADERSHIP

Workshop: Energizing Church Volunteers

Be prepared to 'walk out the door with a plan'

By Art Babych

It's been said that volunteers are seldom paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless! All too often, however, the work of those "priceless" volunteers goes unsupported, unrecognized and uncoordinated. Suzanne Lawson and Marilyn MacKenzie want to change that.

The pair, internationally recognized leaders in the field of volunteer management, will be sharing proven principles for nurturing volunteers at a workshop at Christ Church Cathedral Sept. 16-17 entitled, "Energizing Church Volunteers."

Parish teams, stewardship councils and other church-based groups are invited to start making plans for the workshop now, but be forewarned. You will be expected to leave there with a clearly identified plan for action.

"It may be that the plan is to develop the position of volunteer coordinator for their parish," said Ms. Lawson, in a *Crosstalk* interview. "It may be that you want a volunteer administration audit of how volunteers are dealt with elsewhere and then make your plans, or the plan may be to set up a volunteer ministries' task force."

Whatever plan is identified by the teams, "they will walk out the door with a plan, and that team will then have a meeting planned that will begin to make the plan happen," said Ms. Lawson, President of Suzanne Lawson and Associates. A seasoned professional consultant in the Canadian and international voluntary sector, Ms. Lawson was executive director for the ALS Society of Canada and for the Ontario Arthritis Society, and director of volunteer resources for Toronto's Sick

Children's Hospital. She was also Executive Director of Program for the Anglican Church of Canada. She is also the only Canadian to be given the lifetime achievement award from the International Association of Volunteer Administration and has been awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for her lifelong work in the voluntary health sector.

Marilyn MacKenzie is an author, trainer and consultant in volunteer administration. Ms. Lawson said Ms. MacKenzie is "one of the most highly respected people in volunteer administration in North America."

Both women have a background of being professional administrators of volunteers in secular organizations. With their understanding of the skills and techniques needed to work with volunteers, they wondered why those weren't being applied in church settings.

"Both of us as volunteers in the church have been badly treated to the point we could have easily been lost to the faith because it was so hurtful," said Ms. Lawson. Learning how to "steward people appropriately" is one of the most important things that parishes and church organizations can do, she said.

"Each of us is given gifts by God," she said. "How often do we take the time to discern what the gifts are in an individual or what their gifts might become if they were nurtured and actually helped to find a comfortable and caring place in a church setting or para-church organization?"

Parishes often recruit people only to fill slots rather than matching the gifts they have with the growing needs they have to respond to God's mission, said Ms. Lawson. "How can we put those two things together and



Photo by Art Babych

Suzanne Lawson

make sure that people grow and the church grows in the way that it needs to?" It's about matching the job with the person, she said. "The mistake is often not taking enough time to do that well." Another mistake, she said, "is not recognizing, not saying 'thank you' or not using the results of the work that has been done."

People who come to the Energizing Church Volunteers workshop will likely come in teams from parish or para-church organizations, said Ms. Lawson. "We have over our experience, realized that unless you're working on a team in your parish or para-church organization, for example, Cornerstone, you can't accomplish what you need to accomplish. You need a group of people to work together. There has

to be clergy/lay teams in a parish."

Participants can expect to learn how to expand volunteer engagement in their parish and be given practical tools, templates and techniques to do the job.

For more information about the workshop contact:

- Lisa Chisholm-Smith (Baptismal Ministry Formation) at lchisholm-smith@ottawa.anglican.ca or 613-233-6271 ext. 231.

- Jane Scanlon (Stewardship and Development) jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca or 613-232-7124 ext. 225.

- Register online at www.ottawa.anglican.ca

Climate Change

Faith groups need to be knowledgeable, says Archdeacon

By Art Babych

Christians and other faith communities can't rely on governments alone to sound the warning bell when it comes to the environment and climate change, said the Ven. David Selzer, Executive Archdeacon for the diocese. "They're not going to do it."

"We need to be educated and knowledgeable so that we can sit at the table with the scientific community, with governments and with corporations," he said. As well, faith communities "need to look at professional audits and commit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our own corporate houses, both individually and in terms of the houses which we



The Ven. David Selzer

inhabit," he said. Faith communities need to challenge themselves to examine their current lifestyle, the Archdeacon added. "The

Gospel calls us to radical discipleship and an ethical care for all of creation."

Noting that the federal election was called for May 2, David asked rhetorically if anyone had heard of climate change being an election issue. "We need to keep raising awareness, not only as citizens but as people of faith," he said.

David was speaking from an Anglican perspective as one of three church panelists at a round table discussion March 29 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Ottawa entitled, "Environment & Climate in Peril: How People of Faith will Care and Advocate for Creation."

He pointed out that at General

Synod 2010, the Anglican Church of Canada passed a resolution on climate change that included a call for joint action with other faith communities and secular groups to press the federal government to adopt a comprehensive climate action plan with firm targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions of 25-40 per cent by 2020 based on 1990 levels.

Another panelist, Roman Catholic Archbishop Brendan O'Brien of Kingston, Ont., outlined his church's stand on climate change. Various pronouncements and documents by the Catholic Church have common principles, he said.

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YOUTH

Permission to Fail



By Andrew Stephens-Rennie
Youth Ministries Development
Coordinator

It's sad, but for many churches, the most referred-to youth ministry book is entitled "Single-Digit Youth Ministry." Perhaps it's because all too often we can see ourselves in its title. It has clear and broad applicability for small churches like ours.

This is a book that's been recklessly promoted throughout the Anglican Church. You'll find it at conferences, featured on the shelves of well-meaning booksellers, and recommended on many youth ministry blogs. As for me, I wish it would just go away.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, there's something about this situation that doesn't sit well with me. It's a bit too bleak for my taste. When

I spend too much time thinking about the future of a church that celebrates books like "Single-Digit Youth Ministry," I get depressed.

Is this all we're shooting for? Is this all the imagination we can muster? Are we really that defeatist? Why do we set our mental barrier at nine young people? Have we forgotten how to dream? Have we forgotten why we're doing this in the first place?

I have no trouble affirming that youth ministry is about more than numbers. Yet whether there's one young person in a congregation, or whether there are many, we are often slave to numbers. We either use them to tell ourselves that "everything's alright," or that there's "something rotten" in the state of youth ministry.

We are not our numbers. We need not be captive to them. We find our primary identity in Christ, and the mission to which God has called us. What we are called to, beyond the numbers that enslave us, is to enable people to know Jesus Christ, live and

share the good news, grow in faith and serve God's world.

We are called to minister to young people in our midst, and to take the gospel to all who might be in need of a little good news (whether they happen to come to our churches or not).

Forgive my bout of evangelical fever, but if there is good news to be shared, why are we not sharing it? If this is good news for all people, why are we so frightened of ministering to more than the few children of families who currently attend our church? What is it about our understanding of the gospel that leads us to be so reserved?

We may not have tens and hundreds of young people flocking to our churches on a Sunday morning, but that shouldn't stop us. It shouldn't stop us from exercising our ministry (as if Sunday morning worship is the only place where ministry happens).

As Christians, our mission and ministry ripple outwards from the Eucharistic table. If these ripples do not go past the walls and doors of our church buildings, I fear we

have somehow missed the point.

Ever since Bishop Sean Rowe's visit to our diocesan synod in October 2010, people have been actively talking about "flipping dilemmas." Our next step is to take the risk, and do something.

But if we try something new, we might fail. That scares us. It holds us back. Yet we worship a God of extravagance who sows far and wide. We read the story in Mark's gospel of seed being cast with wild abandon on all kinds of seemingly inhospitable soil.

Doesn't the farmer know he will fail? He probably does. He knows not all these seeds will take root and grow into healthy plants. And yet he spreads the seed anyway.

I wonder what it might be like if we ministered amongst young people with such wild abandon. I wonder what would happen if we were willing to sow the seeds far and wide, and refused to limit ourselves to the boundaries of yesterday's models for youth ministry.

What might happen if we, like

the sower, spread the good news with such reckless abandon? What if we saw our ministry as existing beyond the few young people who currently show up on Sunday morning?

Do we have in mind the possibility that our ministry amongst young people could expand? Are we willing to invest time and energy and money in more than babysitting the few youth who come? Are we willing to focus our ministry outwards?

The good news is, there's plenty of help out there. You're not alone. We have one another. I've seen parishes working together to accomplish more than they can ask or imagine. I've seen youth ministries that go into the wider community to connect with young people through cooking classes and drum circles and bible study and social justice.

Maybe your church is dreaming new dreams. Maybe you're asking how your youth ministry is good news for the community in which you live. That's a great place to start! Whatever help I can bring – whether as a sounding board, a connector, or someone with fresh ideas – please be in touch. I can't wait to dream with you as we plant seeds for an

Prepare for Peace, Not War



By Debbie Grisdale
Ottawa Diocesan Centre for
Peacemaking

It is hard to imagine what you could buy with \$1.5 trillion – but we know that in 2009 the global arms trade spent that staggering amount on guns, bullets, bombs, bombers and tanks, among other deadly hardware. April 12 was the Global Day of Action on Military Spending – a day to pause and reflect on how we are constantly preparing for war.

Despite the global economic recession, the total arms sales of the Top 100 of the world's largest arms-producing companies increased by \$14.8 billion (8%) from 2008 to reach \$401 billion, according to new data on international arms production recently released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

In the months before the

fighting in Libya started and western countries began dropping bombs on forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi, the U.S. government was moving to sell military equipment to his regime on an increasing scale. A \$77 million dollar deal to deliver at least 50 refurbished armored troop carriers to the dictator's military was quietly approved. In fact, western countries have been happily pocketing profits from selling arms to Gadhafi for years. Recently, U.S. sales were dwarfed by a tide of arms sold by European allies. European Union nations approved sales of \$470 million in weapons to Libya's military in 2009 alone.

Among the perverse results of those sales is the fact that those same weapons Col. Gadhafi uses on his own citizens and that NATO aircraft are destroying, are the ones sold to him by western countries. To what extent could lives have been saved in Libya if arms sales to its dictator had never happened in the first place?

Turning our gaze to Canada, we see billion of dollars of defence expenditure waiting on the runway for take off in the shape of fighter jets. Project Ploughshares, the ecumenical peace centre of the Canadian

Council of Churches where an Anglican sits on its board of directors, was one of the first organizations to research and question the government's announcement of its intention to spend billions of dollars on these F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft. This issue was front and centre in the recent election and deserves continued close examination.

As overwhelming as the global arms trade is, we need to find hope and possibility where progress is being made. In the past 12 years, unprecedented international treaties have banned two classes of weapons – anti-personnel landmines and cluster bombs – thanks to the persistent and visionary work of nongovernmental and faith-based organizations working with like-minded governments. Nuclear weapons abolitionists are making gains on the idea of a treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

We need to transform our thinking from needing guns, bombs and fighter jets to protect ourselves to how some of the threats and conflicts that lead to war can be prevented from emerging in the first place. By redirecting dollars spent on the arms trade and using them to help decrease poverty, provide education and



Photo by Art Babych

health care, promote just development, and learn ways to address conflict nonviolently, we can make the world a safer place. If even a fraction of the money spent on hardware designed to kill and maim was used to address some of the causes of war, it would help promote peace.

While the decision to spend billions and billions of dollars on weapons of war is ultimately a political one, the church does have a contribution to make in informing that decision; promoting peace is part of our calling. But this isn't an easy task. According to the World

Council of Churches, building peace requires the creation of a tough spirituality for a long difficult struggle. The Church must contribute to the formation of a peace mentality and spirituality that grounds itself in justice and that rejects violence as a solution to conflict. And because the arms trade has a direct bearing on how peace is to be promoted, the question must be asked – how do we as Christians engage in a constructive debate about the arms trade? And what role does the Gospel of Jesus play in informing that conversation?

PARISH NEWS

St. James, Carleton Place

Hugging the children of Haiti



Photo contributed

Dieudonne Batrville, the director of Centre Vie in St. Marc, Haiti, one of two organizations supported by St. James, Carleton Place, poses with the children at the centre.

By Ronette Vines

Shortly after the devastating earthquake of Jan. 12, 2010 in Haiti, we at St. James, Carleton Place, decided to create a new mission project. This mission is to provide ongoing support to the future of Haiti's children and have two-way communication between Haitian and St. James families.

After making enquiries through PWRDF, we were connected with St. Vincent Center for Handicapped Children and its director, Fr. Sadoni Leon, in Port-au-Prince. We were told this

Center was desperately in need of help. Many parents, having no resources to help their physically challenged children, had abandoned them at the doorstep of this facility. Before the earthquake there had been a clinic for children with bone deformities, a workshop for making prostheses, a club-foot clinic, physiotherapy clinic, dental- and eye-care clinic, plus a school for handicapped children and an orphanage. Much of this was damaged by the quake. St. James has taken a particular interest in helping restore the Brace

Shop as this also provides employment training to young handicapped people living nearby. We have sent money toward restoring this building and are happy to hear that it is functioning again.

The second organization supported by St. James parish is

“Centre Vie” in St. Marc, Haiti directed by Dieudonne Batrville, a native Haitian with close ties to Almonte. This is an integrated Community Development Project which aims to assist communities, especially women, to organize and access resources to help improve their situation. Priority is given to Education, Health Care, and Community Development. Dieudonne founded this home in Haiti for children who were alone and orphaned after the earthquake. She and her volunteers care for the children and are searching for their relatives so that they may be reconnected to their families. Dieudonne does not call this home an orphanage, they are a family. To quote Dieudonne, “I empower people. Every change for the better, every group of women who organize, every building that is built, every child who is vaccinated, every child who goes to school, is a result of this empowerment and shows us development in action.”

Centre Vie has over 30 children at present and is doing well. Over the past year, St. James has provided funding (some of which was used to buy beds for the children) and school and medical supplies.

We are fortunate to work with Jeff Mills and other great volunteers in Almonte who organize a container to be filled with needed items and shipped to Haiti each Fall.

One major Fundraiser for our Hugs for Haiti initiative was a supper followed by a Talent Night.

All entertainment was provided by parishioners, including our priest, the Rev. David Andrew. This idea was presented by Ross Peter, one of our youth. Other projects included family movie nights, and a garage sale by a parishioner who donated the profits and one third of the proceeds of a Mission Luncheon which supported Madagascar, Northern India as well as Haiti. Envelopes are provided to parishioners for donations to *Hug the Children of Haiti* on the third Sunday of each month. Over \$6,000 plus many donations of supplies have been sent to Haiti so far.

On Feb. 27 of this year we had the privilege of having Dieudonne with us at St. James. It was inspiring to hear her comments regarding the children and how much it means to them to have our support. We have been most fortunate to receive letters from some of the children, giving us a personal



Photo contributed

Celebrating in style at Holy Trinity, North Gower

A small but determined group of people braved the snowstorm on Sunday, March 6 to celebrate ‘Dimanche Gras’ (Mardi Gras on Sunday) at Holy Trinity in North Gower. The masks they made to dance with are easier to lay down than the masks we invite God to get behind during the season of Lent.

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PARISH NEWS

Westboro partnership raises profile and potential of community programs

By Shirley Taylor

At the outset of 2010, the people of All Saints' Westboro, took stock of two vital community support services that operate out of the buildings they share with First United Church. The Westboro Region Food Bank (1993) and the Westboro Youth Centre (1997) are dedicated to serving the people of Westboro on a non-sectarian basis. They had managed over time to do

so, remarkably well, on less-than-robust funding.

Now the tide was turning, sweeping in its wake the debris of a serious economic downturn. All Saints', for over a decade the provider of space, volunteers, administrative oversight and the lion's share of funding, could no longer battle the pressures of burgeoning demand. Even the combined resources of a sustaining not-for-profit partnership* were

stretched to the limit. Unless additional access to funding could be tapped, both Food Bank and Youth Centre faced an uncertain future.

The broader community, especially its business component, seemed like a logical place to begin. A team was formed to develop strategy for a campaign, draft tools and products for its launch and recommend the target group to be approached. They called it Westboro Community

Partnership Campaign. They discovered that the programs they sought to promote languished well under the radar in terms of profile.

Who knew that the Westboro Region Food Bank served 250 people monthly in 2009, 40 per cent of whom were children? That it is operated entirely by 35 volunteers who donate some 100 hours of time every month? Who knew that the Westboro Youth Centre attracts an average of 25-30 youngsters ages 10 to 17 each Friday? That their enjoyment of sports, crafts and the arts is coupled with practical development of social skills: respect for others, acceptance of responsibility and selflessness?

It was time to shine the spotlight on Westboro's best-kept community benefit secrets.

Eighteen stalwarts from ASW and First United signed up as canvassers. They received professional training and were equipped with professional materials, all provided by volunteers. The goal was to ensure sustainability of the two programs by raising \$35,000 annually over five years. In mid-October, 2010, the canvassers hit the streets.

Less than three months later, the campaign had generated pledges from financial partners of \$15,468.40 or 44.2 percent of the first-year financial goal. Currently, the total stands at \$16,043.40. Meanwhile, the Food Bank had experienced an unprecedented abundance of food, donated by in-kind partners, that significantly reduced funds normally expended to purchase replacement supplies.

Coordinator Virginia Miller notes with enthusiasm that the campaign has put the Westboro Region Food Bank in a positive situation, financially. The good news gets better with a recent grant of \$10,000 from the Government of



Photo by the Ven. Chris Dunn

Mondays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursdays from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., volunteers at the Westboro Region Food Bank provide sustenance to needy neighbourhood households.

Ontario through its agency, the Ontario Trillium Foundation. "This funding will enable us to buy a new refrigerator and freezer," says Ms. Miller, "thus realizing our long-held dream to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to our clients each month."

The Westboro Youth Centre is breathing a deep sigh of relief, having been threatened with closure due to lack of funding. Michelle Jodoin, who chairs the Youth Centre Advisory Board, credits the campaign for raising the Centre's visibility. "Sponsors have been more than willing to give support," she states. "The kids are thrilled. The Youth Centre is very important to them, their families and their friends."

Considering its zero-based beginning, the campaign steering committee is pleased with results to date, but will continue efforts to achieve its first-year financial goal of \$35,000. Anyone interested in becoming a partner should contact campaign@allsaintswestboro.com

*The sustaining not-for profit partnership includes All Saints' Westboro, Carlington Community Health Centre, Dovercourt Recreation Centre, First United and the Ottawa Food Bank.



Photo by Michelle Jodoin

The development of social skills spawns fast friendships at the Westboro Youth Centre.

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GROWING IN FAITH

The Resurrection



By the Rev. Canon
Stewart Murray

The Great Fifty days mark the time between Easter Day and the Feast of Pentecost, when God poured out the fire of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. During these 50 days, the lec-

tionary readings focus on the opening drama of the first days of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles. At the heart of the stories are the efforts of the first believers to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection and to bring others into the fellowship of the Risen Christ. It is often during this time that I, and other clergy, are approached by people asking about whether the resurrection really happened. There are no end of books and sites on the web that cast doubt on the reality that is the heart of the Christian faith. They like to suggest that Christ was not really dead but overcome with the pain of the cross, or that the poor disciples were deceived –

they were simple folk after all! The other argument that one encounters is that the message that Jesus spoke about lived on but that He did not. It is good to recall that none of these ideas are new or novel. They have been around since the time of the first Easter. When asked these questions, I like to encourage people to go back to the Scriptures and read the accounts of those who were there. The first question that needs to be explored is who were these witnesses? It is good to remember that the men and women of the Scriptures were flesh and blood, not works of fiction. They struggled with the same issues and concerns that we face in our day – questions

of meaning, caring for family and concerns about the future. We must not fall into thinking that some how they lived in a simpler time and were not as sharp or as sophisticated as we are with all our technology. In some ways they were much more grounded in the harsh realities of living. They knew the realities of poverty and of death. Indeed, death was ever present. Death did not happen in isolation from daily life in hospitals or hospices but in their homes and also on the roads they traveled everyday. They knew what death was. And when they took Jesus down from the cross they would not be fooled by someone who had fainted. The Scriptures tell us that they were bereft. The women on that first Easter day went to the tomb to anoint His body and to weep over Him. One of the other powerful pointers to the reality of the resurrection is that the apostles tell us often how many people had seen the Risen Christ – not just a select few – but thousands. One of the key passages for me is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-8. St. Paul, as can be clearly seen from his letters, was no fool. In this pas-

sage he mentions that Christ after His resurrection was "... seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present ..." (KJV). St. Paul is not speculating about the possibility of the Resurrection, he simply states the facts and with the mention of the many witnesses the clear implication is that one could go and ask them to verify what St. Paul was saying. The other great proof of the Resurrection is the transformation of the lives of those first believers. They went from being fishermen, carpenters and tent makers to people who risked everything to go out and share by word and deed the presence and power of the Risen Christ. If someone is struggling with the idea of the Resurrection, may I suggest that he or she shares their doubts with others in their parish community, so that they might learn of others' experiences of the power and presence of the Risen Christ in the world today.

The Rev. Canon Stewart Murray is the incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa.

Baptismal Ministry Formation

Upcoming Events

For more info about these events and related resources contact: Lisa Chisholm-Smith at 613 233-6271 ext 231 or lchisholm-smith@ottawa.anglican.ca

Sat., May 7

How to Complete the Charities Annual T3010 Return & Gifting and Receipting / Fundraising Legislative Changes

An Information Session for Parishes
Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
Presenter(s): Canada Revenue Agency
Time: ½ day session from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Coffee & Check in at 9:30 a.m.)
No charge to attend.

Location:

St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church
2345 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa
To register contact Neil Gorman at neil-gorman@ottawa.anglican.ca or 613-233-6271, ext. 22

Fri., May 13

The Way of Prayer Pre-Conference Workshop with Jane Vennard

For clergy and prayer ministry leaders.
Registration is limited to 40 people and includes a copy of *The Way of Prayer* book.
The Way of Prayer is a 10-week small group resource designed to help people expand their understanding of the nature and practice of prayer. Jane Vennard co-authored this book with Stephen D. Bryant and will introduce participants to this study series.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person (includes a copy of the book and refreshments)

Location: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 105 Church Street, Merrickville, Ontario

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Deadline for individual registrations: Monday, May 9

Advance Notice

Fri., Sept. 16 & Sat., Sept. 17

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Location: Christ Church Cathedral, 439 Queen Street, Ottawa

Early bird fee & deadline: \$20 per person by June 15.

Regular fee & deadline: \$30 each by Sept. 9.

For more info contact:

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Sat., October 29

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Presenters:

The Rev. Nancy Rowe (Anglican Diocese of Niagara) and Sue Kalbfleisch (Fresh Expressions Canada)

Location: St John's Anglican Church, March (Kanata)

Contact: Lisa Chisholm-Smith (see contact info above)

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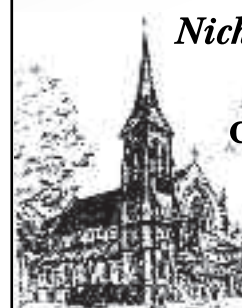
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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

A Rich History of Names.

Fenaghvale was not Fenaghvale when a community of Anglicans began worshipping in a schoolhouse at the west end of the fifth concession of Caledonia Township circa the end of the 1860s as a mission of the parish of VanKleek Hill. In fact, for what was described in 1981 as “a dispersed rural community” Fenaghvale has had a rich history of names. Very rich.

We are told that when a post office was established here in 1851 the locale was named Croxon’s Corners, only to be renamed Caledonia Slate and connected to what were known as the Caledonia Flats. The ‘Slate’ reference is unclear, except perhaps to underline amid the larger flatness of Caledonia Township, that the land here was so remarkably flat as to resemble the ‘smooth flat plates’ of slate from which blackboards were made. At any rate, the name Caledonia Slate did not stick. The name of the post office was changed to Fenaghvale in 1859, and is reputed to be named after the Irish estate of the ancestors of John Downing, an early inhabitant of the settlement.

Other early settlers in the Fenaghvale vicinity included John Stephens, Robert Nicholson, James Proudfoot and William Bradley. This last name brings us back to the emergence of an Anglican community, for construction began on what is presumed to have been a frame house of worship on a site given by William and Flora Bradley. Saint Paul’s Church, Fenaghvale,



The original church on this site was consecrated in 1878 but later burned to the ground. This red brick church replaced it in the early 1900s.

opened for worship on Jan. 10, 1878 and it was consecrated by Bishop John Travers Lewis on Sept. 15 1879. Unfortunately, no photograph of the original Saint Paul’s Church is known to exist today.

Fenaghvale was shunted around from one mission parish to another for the next half century. In 1879 it was transferred to Plantagenet with Alfred. In 1881 it was transferred back to VanKleek Hill. In 1883 it moved back to the parish of Plantagenet, with congregations at Maxville and Caledonia Springs added for

good measure.

At the turn of the century St. Paul’s Church burned to the ground, only to arise anew, phoenix-like, from the ashes in brick and with an improved parsonage. The new red brick St. Paul’s Church was consecrated by Bishop Charles Hamilton on Nov. 22, 1910. It was an understated design of building, with chancel, porch and vestry wings distinct from the main building. It was enriched by pointed windows, buttments to strengthen the walls, and ornate arches in the belfry below the fleche spire. Unlike the

octagonal form of most church spires, this one is unusual for having only six sides.

By 1917, Fenaghvale was the centre of a multi-point rural parish with out-stations at Alfred, Plantagenet and Ross’s schoolhouse, but from 1921 to 1943 it reverted to the parish of VanKleek Hill, which came over time to include worship communities at East Hawkesbury and Maxville (after 1938).

The Diocesan Archives (613 232-7126, ext. 234) collects Historical Information on all churches, no matter how large or

small, including booklets, anniversary leaflets, large published volumes and newsclippings.

If you would like to help the Archives preserve the records of the Diocese and its parishes, consider becoming a Friend of the Diocesan Archives. Your \$20 membership brings you three issues of the Friends *Newsletter*, and you will receive a tax receipt for all further donations above that amount.

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Three diocesan parishes taking part in PWRDF’s refugee sponsorship program

By Caroline Fitzpatrick

A challenge was issued by the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) two years ago to mark and celebrate the organization’s 50th anniversary. Parishes were invited to sponsor 50 refugee families. As an encouragement, PWRDF offered to contribute an amount of money to the sponsoring group, an amount with which they arranged a matching grant from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). The amount varies depending on the size of the sponsored family and is designed to encourage sponsorships and to help defray the costs of being financially responsible for a family for one year.

At the time of writing this article there have been 42 confirmed sponsorships. A few parishes are also awaiting refugee profiles to be provided by CIC. The refugees are from Colombia, Burma, Eritrea, Sudan, Iraq, Sri Lanka,



The Karen family of Bay They Cel Lah and her husband, Sel Ter Moo, were sponsored by Refuge NOW and are well settled into their new life in Ottawa. The Karen is a minority ethnic group in Burma, that was forced to flee to neighbouring Thailand in following a major offensive by the Burmese military regime in the 1990s.

Dominican Republic, Congo, Liberia, Somalia, Iran, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. Fourteen dioceses have participated thus far,

Ottawa being one of them. Three sponsorships have been undertaken in this diocese, two by Refuge Now, an ecumenical grouping of

five churches three of which are Anglican and two United, and one by a Kanata Stittsville Refugee Sponsorship Group (KSRSG) with six churches, three Anglican, two United and one Presbyterian. KSRSG sponsored a Karen family of four from Burma who arrived in February. Refuge NOW also sponsored a Karen family of four in 2009 – who are now well settled into their new life here – and a Kachin family, from northern Burma, who arrived in April. The Karen community in Ottawa is thriving, its members contributing much to the fabric of the city.

Those parishes that may be interested in this form of ministry should know that the rewards far exceed the outlay of time and money, and that it is a task which can well be undertaken ecumenically, thus involving and educating a larger number of people about the continuing and, unfortunately, by no means diminishing plight of millions of refugees throughout the world. It is often

mentioned by Christians involved in refugee work that Christ himself was a refugee and that he urged his followers to welcome strangers. The value of the opportunity to help those in genuine need and to meet and learn to love people of different cultures, backgrounds and life experiences cannot be underestimated. Like so many other endeavours where one helps others, the work is very gratifying. What we do together in faith and love makes a world of difference in the lives of people in need.

The Diocesan Refugee Working Group (DRWG) can provide names and information about refugees needing sponsorship and also offer advice and help in the planning and preparation for a sponsorship. Also if you would like to know more about DRWG or are interested in being a part of the group, please get in touch with Rosemary Anderson at 613-25-9233 or rc.anderson@sympatico.ca

DATEBOOK

Crosstalk reminds readers that events listed here are not necessarily under the auspices of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa or authorized by it. Phone numbers listed are area code 613 unless otherwise indicated.

Cathedral Events

(Christ Church Cathedral, 420 Sparks St., Ottawa)

May 14

Victorian Tea: At 2 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. For tickets call 236-9149.

May 27

Labyrinth as Sanctuary Series: At 7:30 p.m. Please arrive at 7:15 p.m. if you are a first-timer and would like some guidance and your questions answered. Instructional brochures are always available, and no experience is necessary. This will be the final Sanctuary event of the season. John Burke, pianist and distinguished innovator in Canadian classical music composition, creates a sonic dialogue with Antonia Pigot, a one woman improvisational choir. Refreshments, expressive art tables, "Wordbox" and conversation add to the experience. Admission by donation defrays costs and a percentage goes to the Cathedral community outreach program, which maintains the labyrinth space.

April

April 30

Giant Yard Sale: From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St John's, South March, 325 Sandhill Rd., Kanata. Parish Office 592-4747 or www.parishofmarch.ca.

April 30

Spring Flea Market: From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthias, 555 Parkdale Avenue at the Queensway. Books, sporting goods, household articles, toys, jewelry, collectibles, and good used clothing. Bargains for all.

May

May 1

The Royal Wedding Cream Tea Party: From 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John's South March, 325 Sandhill Rd., Kanata. Come and enjoy light sandwiches, homemade scones with cream, homemade jam, cake, tea and coffee while watching the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton! Tickets \$10 each, available at the door. All funds raised will support building a school in Nicaragua. Parish Office 592-4747 or www.parishofmarch.ca.

May 1

Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner: From 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Metcalfe. Tickets \$12. Info: M. Stanley at 233-1556

May 1

St. Luke's 2010-2011 recital series: At 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's, 760 Somerset Street West, Ottawa. Ottawa Celtic Choir (Ellen MacIsaac, conductor) present *Bright May Day*, a concert celebrating the coming of summer. The choir and invited guests will perform music pertaining to May Day and the Celtic festival of Bealtaine. Admission by donation. Info: 235-3416 or www.stlukesottawa.ca

May 3

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program Continuing Education Event: From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. OR from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Avenue. Cost \$10.

Reflections on Alienation in Pastoral Care, Dr. Elspeth MacEwan. Drawing from clinical cases, her psychiatric knowledge, and interweaving Biblical wisdom, Dr. MacEwan will guide this exploration on the theme of alienation in pastoral care.

May 6

St. Luke's monthly guided public labyrinth walk: At 7 p.m. at St Luke's, 760 Somerset Street West, Ottawa. Please use the Somerset Street entrance. The focus is on relaxation, integration, and self renewal. Introduction to the labyrinth as a form of walking meditation will include a few simple techniques that help release tension, calm and focus the mind, and create an inward intention for the walk. Stay for tea and fellowship afterwards. Free Will offering.

May 6

BAC Scholarship Dinner: The Dinner will take place at St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa, at 6 p.m. The evening will start with Evening Prayer, followed by a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m., and ending with a good old fashioned Hymn Sing. Parking is in the rear of the church. Wheelchair accessible. The dinner is the annual fund raiser for a scholarship for a postulant in the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. Tickets: \$35 with a \$15 tax receipt. Info: Lorne Bowerman at 225-7904.

May 7

The Great Cookie Caper: From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St John's South March, 325 Sandhill Rd., Kanata. Choose from a huge selection of homemade cookies at this popular sale. Parish Office 592-4747 or www.parishofmarch.ca.

May 7

St. James Annual Spring Garage Sale: From 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at St. James, Bridge St., Manotick. Something for everyone.

May 7-8

Mother's Day Weekend Art Show: Holy Trinity, North Gower welcomes the North Gower Artists' Society for their second annual

Spring Art Show with the theme: 'Mother and Child'. Doors are open for the show both days from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Details at www.holytrinitynorthgower.ca

May 14- 8 p.m.

May 15- 2 p.m.

Voices of Angels:

The Strings of St John's Chamber Orchestra welcomes Julie Nesrallah, mezzo-soprano, as guest soloist for the final concert of the season. This concert will benefit The Well/La Source at The Church of St. John the Evangelist. Both performances will be at The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Elgin at Somerset West. Tickets \$20; Senior (60+) and Student \$15; Family \$50. At the door and at: The Leading Note, 370 Elgin; St John's Church office, 154 Somerset W. Contact: George Martin or RoseMarie Morris at 730-0108 or manager@stringsofstjohns.ca www.stringsofstjohns.ca

May 15

Solemn Evensong and Benediction: At 7 p.m. May Festival of Our Lady at the Church of St. Barnabas, 70 James Street, Ottawa. Sung by the Parish Choir, directed by Wesley R. Warren.

All welcome! A reception follows the service. Info: 232-6992 <http://twitter.com/stbarnabasmu>

May 15

St. Luke's 2010-2011 recital series: At 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's, 760 Somerset Street West, Ottawa. Thomas Brawn (flute) and Jonathan Bayley (flute) with Robert Jones (organ). Music for two flutes and organ to round out the 2010-11 recital series at St. Luke's. Admission by donation. Info: 235-3416 or www.stlukesottawa.ca

June

June 4

Victorian Tea: From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Metcalfe. Silent auction. Wear your hat, entertainment. Info: M. Stanley at 233-1556.

June 10

Retreat for Clergy: One Thing Necessary: Contemplative Spirituality in an Active Ministry. Led by Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Venue: Saint Paul University Amphitheatre, 223 Main Street, Ottawa, Ontario. Cost: \$20. Includes a light lunch. All clergy are welcome. Please register by May 31 with Charlotte Gupta at cgupta@rogers.com or 841-2894. For more information visit www.meditatio.ca

June 19

Solemn Evensong and Benediction: At 7 p.m. Trinity Sunday at the Church of St. Barnabas, 70 James Street, Ottawa. Sung by the Parish Choir, directed by Wesley R. Warren. All welcome! A reception follows the service.

FEATURE

European Tour July 2011



Photo by George Stuetz

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa Choir of Men and Boys to tour England and France in summer

By Holly Shipton

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, under the direction of Matthew Larkin, is planning a three-week tour of England and France this summer. Over its century-old history, the choir has embarked on a number of ambitious and remarkable singing trips to regions of Canada which, in many cases, had never heard cathedral music by a choir of its type. Its first visit to England took place in 2009. The choir secured invitations to Cambridge colleges and city cathedrals alike, and took up residency at Ely Cathedral, with visits to St. John's and Selwyn Colleges, Great St. Mary's Church (Cambridge), and to St. Paul's Cathedral (London). Over the course of that visit, the choir sang nine choral services of Evensong, a concert, a choral Eucharist, and a choral Matins. The repertoire varied from seven settings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, a large-scale *a cappella* Mass by Palestrina, twenty anthems and motets, four settings of the *Versicles and Responses*, a *Te Deum* and *Jubilate*, innumerable hymns, and literally hundreds of verses of psalmody.

In July 2011, the choir will return to the UK where it has been

invited to sing in Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey, and again, St. Paul's Cathedral. Additionally, they will spend a week in France, singing in (amongst other places) Notre Dame Cathedral (Paris), and Chartres Cathedral. The experience of these tours is at once life-affirming and life-changing for adults and children alike. Matthew Larkin has noted that, "Ours is a tradition that is centuries old, but at the same time it is brand new. Every note of music we sing, and every service of worship at which we lead God's praises, is a new page in the eternal book of witness to which all persons of faith are called to contribute."

In order to allow as many choirsters as possible to participate in this historic trip, the choir is undertaking a series of fund-raising concerts and other events. Please watch the events calendar for up-to-date information on the choir's activities. Donations are also accepted. You may address a cheque to Christ Church Cathedral (noting in the memo portion that it is a "EU2011 Choir Trip Donation"), and send it to the Cathedral at 439 Queen Street, Ottawa, ON K1R 5A6, Att: John McBride. The choir counts on your support and encouragement!

Info: 232-6992 or <http://twitter.com/stbarnabasmusic>

June 11

Strawberry Tea: At 2 p.m. at St. Helen's, 1234 Prestone Drive, Orleans. Tickets - \$10. No tickets will be available at the door. For tickets call Vicky Swinburne-Kennelly at 613-824-2010.

June 26

Strawberry Festival: St. Mary the Virgin parishioners will be holding their third annual Strawberry Festival at the Community Centre (beside the arena) in Blackburn Hamlet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come and have a wonderful fill of fresh strawberries and whipped cream and listen to the great stylings of the Bytown Beat chorus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anglicans encouraged to learn more about residential schools

I receive *Crosstalk* from friends here in Tangier and I enjoy reading it. I was particularly interested in the "Focus on Women" page in the March issue.

Bale packing has been going on for many years in the Anglican Church. As a former staff member of the Indian Residential Schools (IRS), I saw what the women of our Anglican Church did for disadvantaged Aboriginal children in these private schools. The beautiful quilts, handmade slippers, shirts

and pyjamas, knitted mittens, caps and stockings are a testament to this wonderful charity that went on for many years.

Professor James Miller of Saskatoon wrote in the Canadian encyclopedia that the children of these schools were put out in the cold without warm clothes. This is absolutely false, as are many other statements that are being made about the schools.

Anglicans would do well to learn more about the IRS era so

that they can defend the wonderful work that women did years ago (most of the staff were women) and not tear the schools apart as so many people are doing today. A good place to start would be to read Bishop Eric Bays' [retired Anglican Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Sask.] wonderful book *Indian Residential Schools: Another picture.*

– Mrs. Bernice Logan,
Tangier, N.S.

NEWS

Climate change panel ...

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They include a call to responsible stewardship, respect for the gift of God's creation, concern for the impact of climate change on the poor in Canada and elsewhere and concern for the impact of climate change on future generations.

However, some important questions arise when discussing issues like climate change, said the archbishop – a former president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. "How do we interpret Genesis about exercising dominion over the earth? How do we take a balanced approach when not everything is clear about climate change?, and "How do we consider all of these issues without absolutizing nature?"

In the public square, faith communities "need people who can help us interpret and critique detailed proposals so that we may be able to present responses."

The third panelist, the Rev. Lillian Roberts of the Ottawa Presbytery of the United Church



Archbishop Brendan O'Brien



The Rev. Lillian Roberts

of Canada, said her church believes "each part of creation reveals unique aspects of God the Creator." The United Church has also joined with other churches in making statements about the concern for climate change, she added. "We have said this is an ethical and moral dilemma of our time to which faith communities must speak and respond."

She also quoted from Mardi Tindal, the current Moderator of the United Church of Canada, saying, "Climate change is the

key ethical and moral challenge of our time." The earth and creation are not only resources to be used, observed the Rev. Roberts. "They are a gift that we are called to care for." She concluded, "We're not only called to be good stewards of the gift but in fact to work to repair the gift"

The round table was hosted by the "Back to Our Roots" group of St. Joseph's Church.



Photo by Art Babych

John Dennison, Chair of Cathedral Arts Program of Christ Church Cathedral, was one of 47 individuals and groups honoured at a recent United Way Wall of Inspiration luncheon as volunteers who have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others in the community. Police Chief Vern White was named 2010 Community Building of the Year.

Correction

In the April issue of *Crosstalk*, the Rev. David Lajeunesse was incorrectly identified as the incumbent of St. Stephen's, Buckingham. As there is no incumbent at that church, the editor apologizes for the error.


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FROM THE EDITOR



'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'

(Matthew 5:4)

This column is usually the last article to go into each edition of *Crosstalk*. But as this issue was being finalized before going to press, we learned of the passing of Barbara Brush, who had worked for the Diocese of Ottawa for 22 years before retiring. She was a woman who accomplished much in the service of her parish, the diocese and the community-at-large.

Barbara died peacefully April 9 at Peter D. Clark Centre at the age of 78 after enduring the ravages of Lewy Body Dementia (a form of dementia similar to Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases) for over a year.

A comprehensive obituary for Barbara – a suster, a mother, a wife, a grandmother – appeared in the Ottawa Citizen newspaper on April 10, 11 and 12. Some of the highlights of a life well-lived:

- Active parishioner at All Saints' (Westboro),
- Church school superintendent for many years, a perpetual participant in stewardship programs, and a member of the choir.
- Member of the Canadian Bible Society, including being a valued member of the national executive.
- Former president of the Family Council at St. Patrick's Home.
- 60-year commitment to the Girl Guides of Canada, first as a Guide, then as a troop leader and camp leader, then as district commissioner and division commissioner,
- Awarded the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada for her volunteer work.

Barbara leaves to mourn her husband of 55 years, Maurice Hamilton Brush; her children, William Ernest (Judy), Patricia Anne (Beverly) and Bruce David (Faith); her grandchildren, Derek and Allan Brush, Lisa Laughton (Alex), and Sarah and Julia Bonell, all of Ottawa; and her sister Eleanor Patricia Malcomson (James) of Minden, Ont.

Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:5)

ACW Annual Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2011
from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: St. John the Baptist, Iroquois
(Lakeview Drive, Iroquois)

Theme:

'All are welcome in this place'

- 9:30 a.m. Registration, coffee and muffins (Registration \$12, includes noon luncheon)
- 10 a.m. Eucharist with Bishop John Chapman
- 12 noon Luncheon
- 1 p.m. Guest speaker and afternoon program

Please register by May 6. Call Shirley at 613-592-9034, or Cathy at 613-727-9331 or email shirley_jim_smith@yahoo.com

FOCUS ON WOMEN

Past ACW Annual Meetings remembered



By Alix Delahaye

Dear Friends;

The month of May sounds like spring – the robins are back (as I write this on March 31, I saw my first one for 2011), the roads are better and we think the snow is over. I paid off my snow-plow man, so why are my windshield wipers still clearing off snow on April 4? It's because I live in Canada and where else could I possibly want to live, even if our seasons and weather are unpredictable.

May is the month of the ACW Ottawa Diocese Annual meeting. In the last 10 years or so, we have moved it north and south every second year. From Mattawa and Rutherglen, it is a long way to the St. Lawrence and vice versa. When the Annual is held close to them, everyone has a chance to attend easily. This year we meet at the southern end of the diocese, in

Iroquois. It is a lovely town on the St. Lawrence River. I grew up 13 miles north of this river and it is my beautiful blue river. When my Aunt Katie moved back east after living 11 years near the greyish Saskatchewan River, she had my uncle drive her to see 'her river.' She looked at it, satisfied that it was as blue as she remembered, and made me see it for the first time and find out how blue rivers can be.

Reminiscing this way leads me to remember past Annual Meetings.

I recall a two-day Annual held at the Cathedral in Ottawa, voting the Extra Cent-a-Day money, hundreds of dollars, to many projects around the world. We had many WA-supported missionaries then, and they sent in requests for funding. Their projects included snow tires in the far north, sun protection in Africa, and transportation for missionaries. Often missionaries in distant places requested a monetary fund source to be used for emergency trips home. One lady, who lived at the time in the frozen Arctic, asked for "real china cups," like she had in England as a girl!

The WA sponsored groups for women's entire age span: Baby Band, Little Helpers (toddlers and mothers), Junior Auxiliary (J.A.), Girls' Auxiliary (G.A.), then adult groups. These were often age-appropriate as well: younger work-

ing women, and older retired women, who preferred to meet in the afternoon.

Things are different today. The Woman's Auxiliary has become the Anglican Church Women. We don't directly pay the missionaries' salaries any more, but we still pray for them. We don't have an Annual Meeting over two full days, but we still have a good day. We organize our year, present and approve motions and leave feeling satisfied with our progress.

Try to come to the Annual Meeting this year, held May 18, at St. John's Iroquois from 9:30 – 2:30. See the box ad on Page 11 for registration details.

We welcome Stormont Deanery's new Vice President, Melody Praine, who will chair the meeting. We also thank Rita Canough, retiring after many years as Contact.

Hope to see you there – pray for a nice sunny day and come early to spend time looking at the blue water and the river. With luck, you may see an ocean-crossing boat, or a long Great Laker (a grain boat from Lake Superior).

Alix Delahaye, is VP for Pembroke Deanery, and May president.

ACW bale-packing kicks into high gear

By Evelyn Presley

At this writing it's April 1, still time to pick up more items for the Bales program. Each 40-pound bale costs \$100 to send to the Anglican churches in northern communities.

But, of course, we pack the bales ourselves and are always looking for people that would like to help on bale-packing

days in their communities. As well, cash donations to help pay the bills involved in the program are always welcome.

The bale-packing days are:

- May 4 – Holy Trinity, Pembroke, Ont.
- May 9 – St. John the Baptist, Richmond, Ont.,
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MEDITATION



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The Lily Pond

*On this little pool where the sunbeams lie,
This tawny gold ring where the shadows die,
God doth enamel the blue of His sky.
Through the scented dark when the night wind sighs,
He mirrors His stars where the ripples rise,
Till they glitter like prisoned fireflies.
'Tis here that the beryl-green leaves uncurl,
And here the lilies uplift and unfurl
Their golden-lined goblets of carven pearl.
When the grey of the eastern sky turns pink,
Through the silver edge at the pond's low brink
The little lone field-mouse creeps down to drink.
And creatures to whom only God is kind,
The loveless small things, the slow, and the blind,
Soft steal through the rushes, and comfort find.
Oh, restless the river, restless the sea,
Where the great ships go, and the dead men be!
The lily-pond giveth but peace to me.*

– Virna Sheard
(1865-1943)

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