Shooting hits close to home

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Peace activist acquitted

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

AUDREY Tobias, the 89-year-old peace activist and parishioner of St. Cuthbert, Leaside, was found not guilty of violating the federal Statistics Act.

Ms. Tobias was charged for refusing to fill out the 2011 census form because the government awarded the contract for the census information technology to Lockheed Martin, the American arms giant.

Her trial was held on Oct. 3 and Judge Ramez Khawly delivered his verdict in a 45-minute ruling on Oct. 9 at Old City Hall in Toronto.

When she heard the verdict, Ms. Tobias said her first reaction was, “Oh, goodness gracious.”

Shelby Collier paints in St. Peter, Erindale. Her winning creation was inspired by a passage from the Gospel of Luke. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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BY SUSAN MCCULLOCH

SHELBY Collier is an irrepressible 12-year-old whose favourite subjects in school are science and math. She also enjoys swimming and gymnastics and is active in her Sunday school at St. Peter, Erindale. But it is her artistic ability that brought her to the attention of Archbishop Colin Johnson, who selected her watercolour painting to be the design for the 2013 FaithWorks Christmas Card (see ad, Page 3).

Shelby has been studying painting with her neighbour, Mary Doern, since she was six. Ms. Doern helped her choose the subject for her painting by reading passages from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Shelby went home to pray and found her inspiration in Luke 1:35: “The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.’”

It was Shelby’s use of colour and artistic expression that caught the attention of Archbishop Colin Johnson and the other members of the selection committee. Shelby explained that, “The sky opens up with bursts of colour to allow the dove, representing the Holy Spirit, to descend. The dove also represents peace.”

Shelby’s card is one of three offered by FaithWorks this Christmas, along with traditional and contemporary Christmas scenes. Proceeds from the sale of the cards benefit FaithWorks Ministry Partners.

As the artist whose image was selected for the 2013 FaithWorks Christmas Card, Shelby will receive a $100 contribution toward her Registered Education Savings Plan, while her Sunday school will receive a $100 contribution toward the purchase of art supplies.

Shelby is especially looking forward to meeting Archbishop Johnson, who will present the award to her at St. Peter’s on Nov. 19.

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Girl’s painting chosen for Christmas card

Greetings raise funds for FaithWorks

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Movie night draws crowd

Commuters turn out

BY THE REV. RYAN SIM

REDEEMER, Ajax, is a new church community forming in Ajax, where more than 80 per cent of working-age adults commute and spend little time at home. To connect with this busy, mobile population and their families, Redeemer launched a mobile app, website and social media presence last year with free marriage, parenting and discipleship courses. Since then, the app has been installed on mobile phones and tablets almost 1,000 times, and the course enrolment is accessed hundreds of times a month. The community’s leadership is thrilled about these numbers, since they are great indicators of potential for a local Christian community to form in Ajax.

The next step is to begin hosting some community-building events to assess online users’ interest in face-to-face gatherings, and to reach new people. On Sept. 27, Redeem the Commute hosted a free Outdoor Family Movie Night at Lakeside Amphitheatre on the Ajax waterfront, surrounded by commuting households. The event offered scattered mobile users a chance to gather and meet other members of Redeem the Commute’s online community. It was also an opportunity for Redeemer to share what it does with an entire neighbourhood.

The team of volunteers expected about 100 people to attend, and had popcorn donated from the local theatre to feed 200, just in case people were hungry. By the end of the evening, almost 400 people came out. Admission was free, and the organizers collected hundreds of non-perishable food items for a local foodbank.

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WHAT’S THE POINT OF TWITTER? – SEE PAGE 5
Parish responds to streetcar shooting

Play prompts reflection, dialogue

BY THE REV. GARY VAN DER MEER

The midsummer shooting of 18-year-old Sammy Yatim on a Toronto streetcar was a shock to the people of Toronto, especially for the parishioners of St. Anne. St. Anne’s ministry of weekly prayers for local community organizations has resulted in a developing relationship with Toronto Police Division 14, in which the shooting took place. The video clip of the shooting prompted a visceral response from parishioners questioning this relationship.

Recognizing that parishioners needed to make a thoughtful and helpful response, St. Anne’s organized a reading of the play Vincent, by Toronto playwright Terry Watada. “We knew we needed to address the issue staring us in the face,” said Shauna Cairns Gundy, the church’s pastoral assistant. “We worked hard to prepare an opportunity for reflection and dialogue.”

The play, based on the true story of a young schizophrenic man who was shot by a police officer, was presented by parishioners on Sept. 30 in the parish hall. It was followed by an open discussion with Deputy Chief Mike Federico of the Toronto Police and Jennifer Chambers of the Empowerment Council, which is affiliated with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Mr. Federico holds the mental health portfolio for the Toronto Police, while Ms. Chambers advocates on behalf of clients of mental health services. Together, they responded to questions from the community about police training in mental health, family support, housing, and the use of tasers. The discussion, respectful in tone, was also animated and challenging.

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The Rev. Gary van der Meer is the incumbent of St. Anne, Toronto.

New church reaches commuters

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Correction

A story in last month’s issue of The Anglican incorrectly identified Audrey Tobias as a pacifist. Ms. Tobias actively works for peace but she is not a pacifist. The Anglican apologizes to Ms. Tobias for the error.
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GREETING INSIDE EACH CARD:
May the Spirit of God be born anew in your heart that God’s love for you might overflow abundantly in love for your neighbour.

Image by Shelby, grade 5, St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Erindale

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Nothing for ‘them and us’

Invitation is alive and well

Our daughter was married this summer. Kathy and I were thrilled for her and her husband. We had not known of each other when we were married, she was the first of our children. We were thrilled for the two of them because she was the first of our children to marry and we were thick as thieves as parents of the bride.

We had heard that weddings and other important events in the lives of family and friends are special occasions for prayer and celebration. But we did not make contact until, in response to the wedding invitation, he called me up to get together for a meal and a cup of coffee. But even that did not work out because he was on a new job and already we were busy with other things.

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**Comment**

By STUART MANN

Twitter creates collegiality

BY HENRIETA PAUVOK

who may not have a lot of background with any religion that we care about the church and about other concerns, and that we are having fun.”

Martha Holmen, the volunteer who manages Twitter for St. Philip's Church, has a similar strategy, and she has evisc ularly that you want to see Jesus. (If you think his appeal is fading, go to the beach at Port Dover on a hot day and count up the number of crosses and scriptural passages people have tattooed onto their arms, backs, legs and bellies. I can assure you, he’s right up there with cascading stars, skeletons on motorcycles and Betty Boop.)

A little while ago, a priest said to me, “We don’t talk much about Jesus” at her church. I was shocked, but I understood exactly what he meant. You can poke at Herod. Maybe I’ll get healed. But if an account administrator leaves, you have to enter their password, you also have to enter a numeric code that is sent to your mobile phone. It sounds like a hassle, but so is having your account hacked.

Second, keep a central record of the usernames and passwords for all your church’s social media accounts. That way, if an account administrator leaves, you can pass the log-in information to the next person.

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More than an hour each week. If you cannot find the right volunteer but you are still curious about Twitter’s potential, then set up a personal account, follow people and organizations of interest to you and start tweeting. Use Twitter in your personal capacity for a couple of months and see what you think.

The most important point about Twitter is that it really doesn’t work when it’s simply used as a bulletin board. In addition to gathering followers and tweeting year-round, you should be talking back and retweeting their content, if it’s appropriate for your audience. Reply to everyone who tweets at you and tweet a thanks when people retweet your content.

Use hashtags so your content is seen by more people.

Two final tips that apply to all social media use, not just Twitter. First, consider taking advantage of the two-step authentication process so you don’t have to worry about your password being stolen. This means that in addition to entering your password, you also have to enter a numeric code that is sent to your mobile phone. It sounds like a hassle, but so is having your account hacked.

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We should invite newcomers to give

E arlier this summer, a friend of mine—
we’ll call him John—shared with me his experience of mov-
ing to a new parish. He ex-
plained that from the very beginning, he was made to feel welcome. The parish priest came out to meet his wife and children. They were introduced to programs in the parish, told about service times and given a calendar of annual events and activities. At church, the volunteers were hospitable and they encouraged him to take part in the vari-
ous opportunities for ministry.

Surprisingly, though, John was never asked to consider supporting the parish financially. I believe that John’s experience was not unusual. Many clergy and lay volunteers feel uncomfortable raising the topic of giving, treating it as taboo for polite con-
versation. John thinks it was because the parish is afraid that if it asks for their finan-
cial support, he will be put off and leave. The parish might also feel that if it im-
merses him in all sorts of volunteer op-
portunities, the monetary giving will sim-
ply happen as a matter of course.

Fortunately, John believes that the act of giving is an important part of Christian discipleship, and he enrolled in Pre-Au-
thorized Giving (PAG) within two weeks of attending his new parish. He couldn’t help but ask why any parish would leave giving to chance.

Three important lessons come to mind from this experience. First, the invitation to give in support of ministry should be made to all attendees. The invitation can be as subtle as including a PAG enroll-
ment form in an orientation package, or as direct as a personal request during a house visit. Secondly, parishes cannot survive on gifts of time and talent alone. It is wishful thinking to expect that the operational needs of parishes can be maintained exclusively on the energy of volunteers or the benevolence of a few generous givers. Thirdly, there is a need for ongoing and regular stewardship edu-
cation.

We are assured of God’s mercy

The Bible and our church services re-
peatedly insist on the necessity of re-
penting of our sins. For some believers, though, this repetition—intended to confront the unrepentant sinner—can be a cause of ongoing unease, as they wonder whether they have truly been for-
given for past sins they genuinely regret.

In Jesus’ parables, he gives reassur-
ance of God’s mercy to those who see how they have erred and wish to be reconciled with God. Maybe the best known of these is the story of the prodigal son. In this parable, Jesus emphasizes the love of the father in heaven for those who have turned aside from walkwaydness. The father even runs to em-
brace the repentant son when he sees him approach from a long distance!

Although they truly desire to live a life totally within God’s will, many Christians remain conscious of an ongoing cause of their lack of full righteousness. I once heard a sermon in which it was said that while we may continue to sin, we can be assured of salvation if we really do not wish to sin anymore, and are allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us to bring us toward perfection.

We know that we can be confident of God’s forgiveness through the many scrip-
ture passages which tell us so. God wants us to know that when we actually repent, our sins are completely removed and that he no longer even remembers them ( ISA. 43:25). Indeed, few passages are clearer in de-
 livering this message than 1 Th. 1:9: “If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteous-
ness.” First, it is necess-
ary for us to acknowl-
edge our sins to God. But when we do so, he will forgive them. He will even cleanse us from any unrighteousness associated with them. We need not keep confessing the same old sins over and over and wonder if we have really been forgiven.

The Anglican Church, in continuance of the practice of the apostles and the Chris-
tian church throughout its history, also provides a service for reconciliation. It is found on page 166 of the Book of Alterna-
tive Service. Not as frequently used as it might be, it is sometimes said of the serv-
tice that, “all may (make use of it), none must, but most should.” In this service, God assures us of forgiveness through his church.

For the many times in scripture when we are warned of the consequences of un-
repented sin, we are promised forgive-

ness when these sins are repeated. Even when we are at our weakest and God’s mercy seems unattainable, we can re-
call the words of Psalm 6:2: “Be gra-
cious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; when my soul is in sore distress I will praise thee.”

We do genuinely have a merciful and forgiving God. And this earth is only our temporary home. We live in the world for now, but Jesus reassures us that he has al-
ready conquered the world (Jn. 16:33).

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Seán Madsen

The Steward

BY PETER MISIASEK

In the service of Holy Communion in the Book of Common Prayer, we are ini-
tially told that we are “not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under his table.” However, we are then immedi-
ately assured, “But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy.” In this way, the prayer (tradition-
ally called the Prayer of Humble Access) addresses both the need for humility and the consoling knowledge of our God’s ever-present mercy towards us.

The prophet Isaiah also speaks to this situation directly, when he says, “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like white as the wool” (Isa. 1:18).

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ance of God’s mercy to those who see how they have
The Very Rev. Matthias Der, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Toronto, is the Dean of St. John’s Cathedral, Hong Kong.

Time flies. It has been more than 13 months since I left Toronto, a place that I called home for almost 30 years. After serving for 20 years as the incumbent of the Chinese parish of St. Christopher, with locations in High Ridge Hill and North York, I responded to the call to become the dean of St. John’s Cathedral, Hong Kong. It was then that my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would come to Hong Kong to serve the church. Hong Kong was my birthplace but a “home” that I was unfamiliar with, having lived there only seven years during my childhood.

After my predecessor was elected bishop of the neighboring diocese, St. John’s Cathedral commenced a global search for their next dean. Though I knew about the vacancy, it never occurred to me that this would be something of interest until one day I received a phone call from a friend from Hong Kong urging me to apply. It came as a complete shock, and my response was one of strong resistance. I was enjoying my ministry in Toronto, and Canada had been home for my family and extended family for the past three decades. Why should I go through such a major change?

After several persistent calls from my friend, I finally agreed to pray about it, just to allow the exploration to go deeper while my gut feeling was saying no. Surprisingly, within a very short period of time, the Search Committee offered me the position, selected from 12 applicants from all over the world.

It took another four months before I, a most reluctant candidate, accepted the deanship of this great cathedral. My initial stage of discernment was marked by tremendous hesitation, out of a sense of inadequacy and a resistance to move to the other side of the world. Yet, through much prayer, reflection and consultation with many trusted friends and God, I decided that it was time to embark on it. It was then that my gut feeling turned from rejection to confidence, from fear to peace.

St. John’s Cathedral, started in 1843, was first established to serve the expatriate community — British sailors who sailed from Hong Kong became a British colony. It was then the mother church of the Diocese of Victoria, which at one point encompassed not only Hong Kong but the whole of China and Japan and was the largest diocese in the world. Built on the only freehold land in Hong Kong, the cathedral was completed in 1849 and is the oldest Anglican church in the Far East and the oldest western ecclesiastical building in Hong Kong. Located in the central business and government district, the iconic St. John’s Cathedral has been the focus of spiritual, cultural and civic events, witnessing the transformation of Hong Kong from a small fishing village to a bustling cosmopolitan harbour.

In addition to the daily eucharist, the cathedral offers eight worship services in English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Tagalog on the weekends and gatherings more than 1,500 regular communicants weekly. Besides worship under the pastoral guidance of 16 stipendiary priests and a score of dedicated lay people, the cathedral carries out a wide range of nurturing programs, pastoral care and outreach ministries such as prison visits, radio broadcasts, an HIV education centre, ministry for migrant workers and a professional counseling centre staffed by two dozen counselors. Off site, three daughter churches are associated with the cathedral, and I visit one of them once a month.

Last year, 222 baptisms were held at St. John’s Cathedral, of which about 50 percent were adult baptisms. It is our joy to nurture more than 200 children in the Sunday school. The cathedral is actively serving the international and local Chinese population, as well as a large contingent of Filipino domestic helpers working in Hong Kong. With the doors open daily, we welcome literally hundreds of visitors for quiet contemplation or tours. One of our challenges is how we turn this major tourist attraction into a sacred space for pilgrimage for Christians and non-Christians alike. This is an active faith community full of vibrancy and potential for further development.

Moving from a local parish priest to the dean of such an active cathedral is certainly a big learning curve for me. With 14 priests within the cathedral with diverse churchmanship and different nationalities is most rewarding and yet interesting, to say the least. One major difference from my previous ministry is the scope and size of the ministries. It is not uncommon to have 30 to 40 adults in the baptismal preparation classes. The composition of the congregation is also significantly different. In my past experience, most events were attended by parishioners of the local parish with occasional visitors. Here, on the other hand, many activities held in the cathedral are attended by the general public as well as the cathedral congregation. As a result, I get to meet people from all walks of life, which I have found very enriching and, more importantly, it creates many opportunities for evangelism to a wider audience. Needless to say, it is also a challenge to make what we offer relevant when the audience is so homogeneous.

With such a wide scope of ministries, proper planning, coordination, communication and management are very much part of my ministries these days, and they are all critical. Liturgical leadership and preaching remain important duties of the deanship. I continue to enjoy making pastoral visits and leading nurturing programs whenever I can. Maintaining good relationships with the international community is an important ministry here. Attending receptions at the consulates of different countries and welcoming overseas church dignitaries have been a great privilege for me.

Many are interested in how my family and I are adjusting to life in Hong Kong. Hong Kong’s lifestyle is very different from what we were used to in Toronto, and we are still experiencing cultural adaptation. Compared to Toronto, Hong Kong Island is very hilly and is filled with steep and winding streets. With more than seven million people, the crowds, noise and fast pace become a normal part of life. The city is cramped, with high-rise office and apartment buildings erected next to each other. We are still adjusting to the climate, as it is very humid and hot and summer is exceedingly hot. The work culture is intense, with many still at work at 7 or 8 p.m., when we were used to going home on most days. School is demanding and very competitive. Children at the age of two are sent to workshop after workshop in preparation for school interview, along with numerous tutorials for academic and interest learning. With the volatile economy, the high cost of living, the skyrocketing housing market, the gap between rich and poor and a strong demand for political reforms, grievances and frustrations from different quarters are expressed very publicly in society. Increasingly, the church is called upon to play both a prophetic and pastoral role in this much divided society.

The past year has been a time of tremendous learning for me and my family here in Hong Kong. It has been full of challenges and also full of opportunities. Clearly, God has been gracious to us and has sent many angels around us. Everyday, we see God’s guidance and provision, and it has been a journey of widening and a strong demand for political reforms, grievances and frustrations from different quarters are expressed very publicly in society. Increasingly, the church is called upon to play both a prophetic and pastoral role in this much divided society.

Come and worship with us at St. John’s Cathedral, Hong Kong, the oldest Anglican church in the Far East; the Hong Kong skyline; Dean Matthias Der in the cathedral. PHOTOS BY SHUTTERSTOCK AND ST. JOHN’S CATHEDRAL.
Creation care takes root in diocese

Survey shows churches trying to be green

BY ELIN GOULDEN

The Creation Matters, the diocese’s environmental working group, asked parishes to complete an online survey of their commitment to, and practices of, creation care. Sixty-three parishes responded. The results indicate that concerns over climate change have become part of the life of the church in many ways, although much progress remains to be made.

More than half of the parishes said they were committed to creation care, either through a green committee, the influence of active individuals, or incorporated into the general operations of the church. “It is part of our stated values and vision and therefore part of the life of the church, and of course it makes decisions,” wrote St. David, Orillia.

More than half of the parishes have taken steps to measure and reduce their impact on the environment, either through a formal building audit or a more informal survey. Almost all of the parishes had taken steps to improve their energy efficiency, from simply turning off the heat and lights when not in use to making major upgrades in heating, lighting and insulation. Several parishes said they were starting to take seriously God’s call to care for the earth, and the changes they have made were woven into the life of the church.

Respondents said their greatest challenge was the need for greater education and awareness of the issues. They also noted the cost of upgrades to their buildings, the age of church buildings, and the need for greater engagement.

Overall, the results showed that churches around the diocese have started to take seriously God’s call to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. By identifying the challenges that remain and the areas in which we can help each other, we can move more effectively strengthen this aspect of our mission.

A full report, from bulletin inserts, newsletter articles and sermons, to special events, discussion series and workshops, is available online at www.toronto.anglican.ca/environmental-issues.

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

EARLIER this fall, St. Stephen in-the-Fields, Toronto, and Trinity College’s chaplaincy collaborated to stage a mini-festival that looked at the intersections between faith, art and social justice activism.

Events were held at Trinity College Chapel, St. Stephen’s and nearby Alexandra Park. They included poetry readings, art installations, prayer and music.

At the start of the festival on Sept. 14, the Rev. Jesse Parker, former lead singer with the Crawling Kingsnakes and now the incumbent at St. Andrew, Scarborough, talked about the connections between punk and monasticism.

“He’s this person who’s an ordained priest in the church, not only talking about his time in straight-edged punk but saying that, as he understands it, Christianity is profoundly anti-authoritarian,” says the Rev. Maggie Helwig, the priest-in-charge of St. Stephen’s and one of the organizers. “That’s the kind of thing you don’t often hear clergy saying.”

Sculptures of Jesus, entitled Jesus the Reggge and Jesus the Prisoner, were on display at the church and the college chapel throughout the festival, which ran until Oct. 6. The chapel also featured a night of chant from eastern and western religious traditions.

Other events included a discussion by artist Robin Pacific on the tensions between art, faith and politics, and readings and a discussion about the theology of unknowning. The festival ended with a multi-voice performance installation at the chapel and an all-night reading of bpNichol’s Mar-tology and related texts at St. Stephen’s.

The idea for the festival came out of conversations between Ms. Helwig and the Rev. Andrea Budgey, the chaplain at Trinity College and an honorary assistant St. Stephen’s. The two priests hoped for several outcomes to the festival. For St. Stephen’s, it was a way to build engagement with the community. In particular, the church wanted to make itself visible to students and show that it was open to the interests of the world and concerned about justice.

For Ms. Budgey, the festival allowed her to show students that engagement with faith was not merely going to church, but also about engaging with aesthetic, political and ethical questions. The mini-festival took about three months of planning and was supposed to be a one-off, says Ms. Budgey. But, she adds, “the more we work on it, the more potential there seems to be for making a recurring or ongoing business of this combination of areas.”
Brothers explore future of priory

More room needed for overnight guests

BY STUART MANN

VIEWED from the sidewalk, the Order of the Holy Cross Priory in Toronto is the picture of permanence. Formerly a grand Victorian house, the priory is a delightful sandstone and brick building with a deep porch and a tower. It is located in one of the city’s most beautiful and affluent neighbourhoods, just a short walk from High Park.

But looks can be deceiving. The priory is entering a time of transition. “It’s a lovely place to live, but it’s not adequate,” says the Rev. David Hoopes, one of six monks from the Order of the Holy Cross who live in the house. “It’s simply not big enough. Despite being an ample Victorian house, it was built as a family house, not as a monastery.”

With the help of an advisory committee, the order is exploring the future of the priory. One option is to sell the house and buy a bigger building elsewhere. Another possibility is to purchase a piece of land and build a monastery on it. A third option is to fix up the existing house and put an addition on the back for guests.

Should a decision be made, the brothers want to stay in the Greater Toronto Area. “We really do want to honour our commitment to an urban ministry, if possible,” says Brother David.

The Order of the Holy Cross is a monastic community of men in the Anglican tradition. It was founded by an Anglican priest, the Rev. James Huntingdon, in New York City in 1884. Its name, monastery, affectionately called the “mother house,” is in West Park, New York, on the banks of the Hudson River.

At the invitation of the late Archbishop Lewis Garnsworthy, the order came to Toronto in 1972 and opened its first house, located off St. Clair Avenue in the parish of St. Michael and All Angels. “Archbishop Garnsworthy wanted an order of men to establish an urban monastery in the diocese, and we were very eager to do so,” says Brother David. “We had some Canadian brothers in the order, and we had enjoyed a very warm relationship with the Anglican Church of Canada.”

A little more than a year after their arrival, the brothers moved to a new house on Humewood Avenue. They remained there until 1984, when they bought the current priory, located at 204 High Park Ave. The house was owned by St. John, West Toronto, which is located next door.

Since their arrival in Toronto, the brothers have served the diocese in a number of ways, including as parish priests, mission leaders, teachers, and spiritual directors. Six brothers currently live in the priory and a seventh, the Rev. Brian Youngward, lives in the parish of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, where he is the incumbent.

In addition to their duties outside the priory, the brothers are expected to take part in four prayer services and the Holy Eucharist daily and devote an hour to private meditation and an hour to studying scripture and theological writings. They take part in the chores of the house, including cooking, and attend meetings of the order.

As Benedictines, one of their most important tasks is to provide hospitality. “St. Benedict taught that every guest was to be received as though he or she were Jesus Christ,” says Brother David.

In their current house, that is proving ever more difficult to do. Like many monasteries across North America, the priory has experienced a surge in interest from individuals and groups who want to go on retreat. With space for only two overnight guests, it cannot keep up with demand.

“Get requests all the time from people wanting to stay, and I have to tell them that we can only take two,” says Brother David, who, in addition to being the prior, is also the house’s guest master. By contrast, the order’s three other monasteries (there are two in the United States and one in South Africa), each have room for 20 to 40 guests.

Brother David says people want to go on retreats at monasteries and convents because “there’s a hunger for spirituality and a desire to be in community.”

He says the Order of the Holy Cross appeals to people because it is diverse and inclusive. “We are of different backgrounds, races, ages, cultures and even churchmanship. People assume we’re all Anglo-Catholics, but that isn’t the case. We also try not to be judgmental.”

In addition to providing hospitality, the order also hopes to attract more men to the monastic life. “That means we have to be very intentional in our recruitment, including having adequate facilities,” he says.

He describes the Benedictine tradition as “very down to earth. It’s not exotic. It’s grounded in the here and now, but it’s enriched by centuries of steady prayer and involvement in society.”

As the brothers discern a way forward, they are supported by about 300 men and women across Canada, called “associates,” who follow a rule of life that involves prayer, study and retreat. They pray for the brothers and provide financial assistance as they are able. The brothers also work with the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in Toronto and the Community of the Sisters of the Church in the Diocese of Niagara.

As they explore the future of their priory, Brother David feels confident that the order will continue to serve in the diocese for years to come. “We’ve always felt very welcomed in the Diocese of Toronto and the Anglican Church of Canada, and we’ve always felt that we’ve been wanted here and to be part of the life of the church here. We want to do everything we can to ensure that that happens.”

The Order of the Holy Cross Priory, located near High Park in Toronto, provides room for monks and overnight guests. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

The Rev. David Hoopes speaks at a celebration of the order’s 40th anniversary in Canada at St. John, West Toronto.

From left, the Rev. Brian Youngward, Jacqueline Daley of St. John, West Toronto, the Rev. Canon Leonard Abrahah and the Rev. Richard Vagene enjoy the order’s 40th anniversary celebration.

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We’re getting into the habit of inviting people to church

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made me very curious, and I pestered my brother-in-law with questions. The one thing he informed me provided, I guessed that St. Timothy, North Toronto, is the church they now attend. So I got on the phone, called the incumbent, the Rev. Canon Greg Symons, and asked if he knew my nephew (I am withholding names) had decided to move to Toronto. He said yes, and that St. Timothy, North Toronto, was the church my nephew and his girlfriend had decided to try. I asked if he could get in touch with my nephew and his girlfriend. He said yes, and I was able to get in touch with them. They invited me to church services, and I attended. I was impressed. It was a beautiful church, with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The service was well-organized, with clear and concise instructions on how to participate. I was impressed by the quality of the music, and the sermons were thought-provoking and inspiring. I was also impressed by the diversity of the congregation, with people of all ages and backgrounds. I felt welcome and at home, and I decided to become a member of the church. I have been attending church services regularly since then, and I have found that they have helped me to grow in my faith and in my understanding of the world. I have found that they have helped me to become a better person, and I am grateful for the role that they have played in my life. I believe that churches are important institutions, and I am committed to supporting them in any way that I can.
**Suits help ex-inmates find work**

Prison ministry teams up with men’s clothing chain

*By Susan McCulloch*

Through a partnership with Moores Clothing for Men, the Bridge Prison Ministry in Brampton helped to distribute more than 800 items of clothes in September to 250 men who are making the transition from prison and unemployment to the workforce.

Earlier this year, Moores issued a challenge to its customers to drop off new or gently-used suits, sport jackets, pants, shirts, ties and accessories. The clothes would be given to men in job training and employment readiness programs offered by about 80 agencies across the country, including The Bridge. In exchange for their donations, customers received a discount toward their next purchase of clothing.

“When our guys are released from prison, they come out wearing the clothes they were arrested in,” says Garry Glowacki, the executive director of The Bridge. “Nobody is going to take a chance and hire someone who isn’t appropriately dressed for an interview. New clothes make a world of difference, especially to those who have never worn or owned a suit. The men’s self-confidence is boosted and prospective employers respond very positively to that. We are grateful to everyone who donated to this program for helping to give our guys a second chance.”

The clothes were given away on Sept. 13-14 at Grace Place City Church in Brampton. The event was hosted by The Bridge, Regeneration and the John Howard Society.

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The Bridge is supported by FaithWorks, the diocese’s annual outreach appeal. To make a secure online donation in support of The Bridge or any of the 16 FaithWorks Ministry Partners, visit www.faithworks.ca.

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**Cathedral Centre wins award**

*By Carolyn Purdon*

The new Cathedral Centre has been named a winner of the 2013 Toronto Urban Design Awards. The glass-and-brick building, located beside St. James Cathedral at 65 Church Street, won an Award of Excellence in the Public Buildings in Context section.

The judges commended the building as a thoughtful response to the changing demands of community and ecclesiastic life in the heart of the city. “Set back from the street, the project introduces a layering of landscape elements to accommodate pedestrian arrival and parking, and sets the new building elegantly within the St. James Cathedral complex,” they said.

The Cathedral Centre is becoming known not only as a meeting and special event venue, but as a conference destination as well, thanks to significant promotion by Tourism Toronto. In the summer, the organization brought 160 conference and event planners from across North America to the building to show it off. They not only requested that their evening start with a tour of the cathedral, but they also made a donation to its outreach programs.

Dean Douglas Stoutle was interviewed about the Cathedral Centre in Ignite Destinations, a Toronto guide for meeting and event planners. “It’s a tapestry, and it’s reflective of life in the city” he said of the building. He ensures that everyone—from the corporate executive to the homeless person—is treated with equal dignity and respect under this roof.

Janet Hogan, venue coordinator for the Cathedral Centre, notes that when the building was being planned, it was intended to generate revenue for community programs. Since it opened last year, its rooms have been booked by groups from across Canada and even as far away as Australia. “All the activity at the Cathedral Centre is the cathedral’s vision about the space coming to life,” she says. “It’s very exciting.”

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November 2013
Archbishop Carey in Thornhill

The Most Rev. George Carey, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, will be the celebrant and preacher at Holy Trinity, Thornhill’s Sunday morning service on Nov. 3. The service begins at 10 a.m. and everyone is invited, says the Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, incumbent. Archbishop Carey will be the guest of Holy Trinity School, Richmond Hill, during November. He was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1991 to 2002. For more information, visit Holy Trinity’s website, www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca.

Bishop’s new ministry celebrated

There was a sense of excitement in the air at All Saints, King City, on Oct. 15 as a large crowd gathered from across York-Simcoe to celebrate the new ministry of Bishop Peter Fenty. The home choir was swelled with singers from five other churches and the rafters were raised for some of the finest Anglican hymns. As presider and preacher, Archbishop Colin Johnson reminded the congregation of the role and duties of a bishop, and encouraged them to support and uphold Bishop Fenty in his new ministry among them. There was a huge turnout of clergy. Bishop Fenty’s wife Angela and their children were also in attendance and were introduced to the congregation. Afterwards at the reception, Bishop Fenty reiterated his own excitement about beginning his ministry in York-Simcoe. He also made light of the joys of finding his new parishes with the sometimes inaccurate help of a GPS.

The regional deans presented Bishop Fenty with a gift certificate from The Globe Restaurant in Rosemont, one of York-Simcoe’s finest, so that he might get a night or two out with Angela and experience the joys of rural ministry. He is in the prayers of all of his new parishes as he leads them in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Uxbridge church busy over summer

St. Paul, Uxbridge’s outreach committee had a very busy summer. Two members organized volunteers to act as guides for Open Doors. This event helped to share the church, built by local craftsmen in 1887, with visitors. On Aug. 14, the third annual barbecue for Stonemoor Day Care Centre’s students, parents and teachers took place on the church grounds. The parents appreciated being fed while the children were entertained by a clown. Each child received a balloon and a bookmark.

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A clown makes balloon creations for young people at St. Paul, Uxbridge’s barbecue in the summer. In other church events, volunteers guided visitors on tours of the church and parishioners held a car rally.

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Day equips Angolians for outreach work

Speakers, workshops focus on social justice

BY BOB BETTSON

As a nurse at Sanctuary, a Christian outreach program in downtown Toronto, Keren Elumir helped care for people at drop-in programs on the street and at weekly health clinics, whether it involved washing feet, doing new dressings or stitching up wounds.

A member of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, she believes outreach means going outside of our comfort zone. “Jesus didn’t just wait for people to come to him,” she said.

Ms. Elumir was the keynote speaker at the diocese’s annual Outreach Networking Conference, which brought together about 150 people on Oct. 5 at Holy Trinity Church on Bloor Hill. Participants came from across the diocese, and one even got up at 5:30 a.m. to drive from Huntsville.

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BY BOB BETTSON

Teams keep peace

WORKSHOP ON COUNTRY PUBLIC JURISDICTION

BY BOB BETTSON

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BY BOB BETTSON

Groups feel chill from federal government

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ONE of the challenges facing churches as they pursue justice issues is the atmosphere of “chill,” particularly with the Harper government, said Joe Gunn, executive director of Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ).

The ecumenical Christian group, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary, moved its offices from Toronto to Ottawa to increase its efforts to influence the federal government.

Mr. Gunn told a workshop that since the Conservatives won a majority in 2011, it has been difficult to do advocacy because there has been less consultation with the government than in the past.

He said Christians are needed more than ever to address social and economic justice issues, but church groups like Kairos have lost federal funding, and the Canadian Revenue Agency has been given $7 million to audit environmental groups to make sure they aren’t “too political.”

Mr. Gunn said he took two CPJ interns to Parliament Hill recently and they observed scientists, some with their mouths symbolically taped, demanding support for scientific study in the interest of the public good.

CPJ has worked hard on poverty and climate change issues to bring Canadian concerns to federal legislators, he said. However, the current government believes it can ignore churches because their leaders don’t represent their members’ views.

That’s why Mr. Gunn believes educating parishes about advocacy is necessary. The church should encourage local faith communities to work on links between faith and social justice.

Within parishes, there seemed to be four different attitudes towards justice work, he said. One group believes it is “insidious,” believing faith and politics don’t mix. Another, larger group, believes social justice is “irrelevant” and not a core issue for the church. A third group sees justice as an “incidental” part of mission. The final group includes those who believe justice is an “integral” part of the Gospel. The task of the fourth group is to connect with parishioners who fall into the second and third groups.

Workshop participants agreed that social justice work was challenging in the current political climate, but that it can move forward with prayer and with efforts geared to a particular community.
Looking Ahead

NOV. 1 - All Saints’ Day Procession and Solemn Eucharist at St. Thomas’, 10 a.m. 11:15 p.m. Choral music: Mass for Double Choir by Frank Martin; motet “O quam gloriosum” by Tomas Luis de Victoria. Organ music by Marcel Dupré. Call 416-979-2076 or visit www.stthomas.ca.

NOV. 1 - All Saints Evensong at St. Olave, Swansea, 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto, at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:30 p.m. From 7 to 8 p.m., Linda Dixon, new Executive Director of the Toronto Ecumenical Community Ministry, looks at what can be done to alleviate poverty, inadequate housing, literacy challenges and the lack of food security in the Stonegate area of south Etobicoke. Contributions appreciated. For more details, call 416-769-5866 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

NOV. 1-13 - The Most Rev. George Carey (Lord Carey), the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10 a.m. service at Holy Trinity Church, 140 Brook St., Thornhill. For more information, visit www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca.

NOV. 1-3 - The Advent Choral Evensong at St. Benet Paul's, 383 Huron St., Toronto, at 4 p.m. With St. Olave, Swansea, 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto, at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:30 p.m. From 7 to 8 p.m., Linda Dixon, new Executive Director of the Toronto Ecumenical Community Ministry, looks at what can be done to alleviate poverty, inadequate housing, literacy challenges and the lack of food security in the Stonegate area of south Etobicoke. Contributions appreciated. For more details, call 416-769-5866 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

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NOV. 1-29 - The Christmas Story, a Toronto traditional pageant at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square. Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m. Saturday matinees, 4:30 p.m. Sunday evening, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees, 4:30 p.m. Sunday evening, 3 p.m. Saturday, December 22nd only, suggested donation: $20 adults, $5 children. To reserve, call 416-598-8979. The Church is accessible for wheelchair users. The Christmas Story is based on a unique craft sale and bazaar at the church, lunch, children’s entertainment, Sign Language interpretation at selected performances.

NOV. 1-2 - All are invited to a fundraising dinner in support of Emily’s House Children’s Hospital, 1150 Bayview Ave., Toronto, at 6:30 p.m. Roast beef and apple crisp. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Salminen, executive director of the Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care. Tickets are $40. Call 416-485-0329.

Advent

NOV. 5 - 10th Annual Advent Luncheon for Threshold Ministries at the Richmond Hill Golf & Country Club, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. A special celebration of Bruce Smith’s 37 years of ministry. RSVP by Nov. 1 at 416-485-0329.

NOV. 6 - 8 - St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto, will hold its annual “Advent” Carol Service at 8 p.m. by Music of Rachmaninoff, Causton, Batten, Bach, Byrd, Walton and Chilcott, will be presented by the choir of St. Martin’s, under the direction of conductor and Trumpet accompaniment. Collection will be taken and donated to an outreach facility in our parish. Call 416-767-7491.

Drama/Poetry

NOV. 1, DEC. 6-8 - St. Matthew, Islington, 380 Bloor St. W., Toronto, is holding a CAIDENCE for the community on Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, 8–9:30 p.m. in the gym. The events will celebrate many different kinds of artistic expression, including music, painting, poetry, and baking and in a coffee house setting. The admission fee is $5. If you are interested in performing/submitting your art for a Cadence event, contact 416-231-4014.

NOV. 15 - The St. Thomas Poetry Series marks its 25th anniversary. All are invited to a reading at St. Thomas, 383 Huron St., Toronto, at 7 p.m. For more information, visit stthomaspoetryseries.com.

DEC. 6-8, 15-17, 20-22 - The Christmas Story, a Toronto traditional pageant since 1938, celebrates its 76th season. Professional musicians and a volunteer cast present this hour-long pageant at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square. Friday evenings, 7:30 p.m. Saturday matinees, 4:30 p.m. Sunday evening, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees, 4:30 p.m. Sunday evening, 3 p.m. Saturday, December 22nd only. For more information, visit www.theclassicchristmasstory.ca or masstory@holytrinitytoronto.org, call 416-922-1167.

NOV. 5 - Holy Trinity School, 11360 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, presents Lords Carey of Clifton as part of its annual Speaker Series, at 7 p.m. He will reflect upon the remarkable experiences he had and the compelling personalities he encountered during his tenure as Archbishop of Canterbury. RSVP by Oct. 31 at cccft.on.ca/lord_carey.

NOV. 8-10 - If you are a Christian person seeking fellowship with other Christians, come to the Flame 2013 Conference at Jackson’s Point Salvation Army Conference Centre. Three days of small group discussion, praise and worship, thematic talks and meals. For more information, visit www.fountainoflivingwater.ca and contact Robert Hardisty at robert.hardyisty@ Rogers.com or 905-225-1002.

Educational

NOV. 2 - You are invited to attend a quiet day entitled the Satisfied Soul at St. George, 113 Cactus Ave., North York, presents the fifth annual reading of “A Christmas Carol,” at 7:30 p.m. Start your Christmas Season with Dickens’ classic story of redemption. Music by “The Tunes” Instrumental Ensemble. All proceeds to benefit North York Harvest Food Bank. Tickets $10 at the door or call 416-223-2461.

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NOV. 2 - St. John, 11 Temperance St., Bowmanville, is holding its annual Snowflake Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch room, silent auction, bake sale, handmade crafts and knits, afghan treasures, jewellery and white elephant table. Call 905-697-2460.

NOV. 9 - Christmas Bazaar at the Church of Our Saviour, 1 Laurentide Dr., Don Mills, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baking, jams, preserves, soups, knitted items, gingerbread house and raffle and hostess baskets raffle. For more information, call 416-385-1665.

NOV. 9 - “A Faire to Remember,” a unique craft sale and bazaar at St. Peter, Erindale, 1748 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knit人造M 织, baked goods, preserves, jewellery, Christmas crafts and decorations, wood working, silent auction, food, and music. Free admission. Donations of non-perishable food for the Deacon’s Cupboard food bank are welcome. For more information, call 905-628-2095.

NOV. 9 - Grace Church, 19 Park Ave., Markham, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Antiques and collectibles, baking, coffee, tea, crafts, knitting, new and nearly new, pets, preserves, sewing, surprise packages and grab bags. Lunch will be served. Call 905-284-3184.

CELEBRATION

St. John’s Church, operated by St. John the Baptist, Norway, in Toronto, celebrated its 180th anniversary on Sept. 15. The celebration included a service at the church, lunch, children’s entertainment, a historical presentation and music. Enjoying the festivities are Archbishop Terence Finlay, who looks at what can be done to alleviate poverty, inadequate housing, literacy challenges and the lack of food security in the Stonegate area of south Etobicoke. Contributions appreciated. For more details, call 416-769-5866 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

NOV. 2 - St. John, 3712 Kingston Rd. (east of War- den), Toronto, will hold its St. Barnabas Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle, bake table, tea room, jewellery, books, toys. Call 905-765-9028.

NOV. 2 - St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, 1312 Kincaid St. (east of War- den), Toronto, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle, bake table, tea room, jewellery, books, toys. Call 905-765-9028.

NOV. 2-5 - St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, 1512 Kincaid Rd. (east of War- den), Toronto, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle, bake table, tea room, jewellery, books, toys. Call 905-765-9028.

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November 2013
Monarchy has twists, turns

The advent of the monarchy in Israel was never popular among the Deuteronomic historians who were the final editors of the Hebrew Bible. As they brought together a variety of sources, they seemed to alternate between pro-monarchic and anti-monarchic stories. The portrayal of Saul suggests the anti-monarchic view prevailed. The proper use of Saul was reluctant to anoint Saul as the first king, but he felt compelled to do so by God. The Israelites believed that God was their king and an earthly king was unnecessary. However, if they were to be united and survive as a nation, they would need a monarch.

There are three occasions in Samuel where Saul became king. The first occasion was a private anointing by Samuel in 1 Samuel 9. Saul’s election by lot occurred in 1 Samuel 10. The third instance was in 1 Samuel 11, when Saul was victorious in battle over the Ammonites and was elected by popular demand. These may have been complementary ways of securing the office, or they may have been competing accounts from different sources.

In the second story, Saul is still alive. In the second phase, Saul was anointed by Samuel at Gibeath-Arnon, and then his popularity decreased. His ecstatic utterances were wonderful told. It has love, loyalty, and faithfulness. Saul was a popular choice until David appeared on the scene, and then his popularity decreased. His ecstatic utterances appeared as the ravings of a madman. Saul became depressed and defensive and was insanely jealous of David. He even tried to destroy him.

There are three different passages describing Saul’s downfall and eventual appearance. In the first account, Samuel secretly anointed David as the new king of Judah (1 Samuel 16:13). He does this while Saul is still alive. In the second account, David is summoned to play music for Saul, who is suffering from depression. Finally, we see David as the youth who volunteered to slay the giant Goliath (1 Samuel 17).
NOV. 9 – Big Bazaar at St. Matthew the Apostle, Oroville, 90 George Henry Blvd. Will start late, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jewellery table, baking, silent auction, vintage, electronics, toys, games, baked luncheon. No tax. Call 416-484-7020.

NOV. 9 – Christmas Fair at St. Catharine’s, Leaside, 1359 Bayview Ave., Toronto, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring Tod’s Art Gallery, boutique, church calendars, crafts, home baking, cheese, electrical items, knitting, jewellery, kitchen items, paperbacks, odds and ends, quilt raffle, sewing, silent auction, toys, gift basket raffles, treasures lunch. For more information, call 416-845-0129.

NOV. 9 – Christ Church, 155 Markham Rd., Scarborough Village, will hold a Christmas Bazaar from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bake table, Granny’s attic, vintage jewelry, needlework, unique scarves, silent auction, raffle and lunchrooms. Call 416-410-3489.

NOV. 9 – St. James the Apostle, 3 Cathedral Rd., Brampton, will hold its annual Holly Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during home-made soups and sandwiches, silent auction, candy house, raffle, door prizes, Christmas baskets, and bake table. For more information, call 905-453-7711 or visit www.stjamesbrampton.ca.

NOV. 9 – Holy Family, Heart Lake, 1046 Kennedy Rd. N., Brampton, will hold its Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Crafts, bake table, lunch room, treasures tables. Call 905-459-7159.

NOV. 9 – St. Martin’s, located downstairs in Whiteduff Terrace Retirement Residence, 1401 Highland Way #2, Courtice, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tea room, bake table, treasures table, crafts, vendors, books, and games. Visit www.stmartinsanglican.ca.

NOV. 16 – Christmas Craft Show and Coffee House at St. Olave’s, St. Olave Ave., Toronto, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unique crafts, book fair, coffee house with festive treats and music. A free bag gift for the first 100 attendees. Proceeds to support the Hunger Patrol. For details, visit www.stolaves.ca.

NOV. 16 – All Saints, Whitby, 300 Lawrence Rd., will hold its annual bazaar from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Preserves, sweets table, classic treasures, silent auction, Christmas crafts and decor items. Tea Room, in home-made soup, sandwiches and baked goods. For information and directions, call 905-665-5000.

NOV. 16 – Christmas Fair at Christ the King, 475 Rathburn Rd. Blvd., Mississauga, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jewellery, accessories, baking and deli table, antiques and collectibles, crafts, and Christmas décor. Call 905-661-3630.

NOV. 16 – St. Martin, Bay Ridges, 105 St. Martin Dr., Pickering, will hold its Holly Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baked goods, preserves, chocolate, Grand’s Attic, sewing, jewellery, silk scarves and face painting and ballons for the kids. Visit www.stmartinsanglican.ca.

NOV. 16 – Christmas Fair at St. Clement, Eglinton, 70 St. Clement’s Ave., Toronto, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffle for hand-made queen-sized quilt. Home-made lunch, pictures with Santa, silent auction, jams and jellies, baked goods, gluten-free goods, tombola, youth fair, books, like-new clothing, fruit cakes, and baked households. Contact Donald Holmes at 416-327-9000.

NOV. 21 – St. Jude, Weston, will hold a Craft Sale at Parkway Mall during mall hours. Craft and Christmas items, plus a raffle. Call 416-441-6107.

NOV. 23 – St. James, 38 Peter St. N., Orillia, will host a Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale, featuring fair-trade coffee and chocolate, plus unique hand-crafted items by artisans in developing countries throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. For information, call Kate at 705-328-9622 or email orillia kale@hotmail.com.

NOV. 23 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill, will hold its Festival of Christmas from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hand-made gifts, decorations, bake sale, raffle, and festive lunchroom. For more information, call 905-869-5851.

NOV. 23 – Holly Berry Fair at St. Luke, East York, 604 Cowell Ave., at Cosburn, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tea room, crafts, knitted goods, baking, quilt raffle, books, Christmas items, attic treasures. Call 416-421-8978, ext. 21.

NOV. 25 – Holly Berry Bazaar at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft vendors, baked goods, lunch room, gently used children’s toys, fine china and crystal, and raffles. For information, call 416-280-1448.

NOV. 25 – Nutrunner Fair at St. Martin in the Fields, 131 Glenlake Ave., Toronto, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Silent auction, bake table featuring homemade pies and preserves, holiday baking, gifts, knit, and crafts. Peamal Bacon Branch, Lunchtime Café. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 416-767-7491 and leave a message, or visit www.stmartininthefields.ca.

NOV. 25 – Christmas Treasures Bazaar at St. Andrew, Scarborough, 2333 Victoria Park Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Huge bazaar featuring gourmet gifts, jams, shortbread, international food, tea room, silent auction, collectables, home baking and loads of handcrafted items. For more information, call 416-447-1481.

NOV. 25 – Holly Bazaar at the Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Woodbine Ave., Toronto, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Home baking, jams & preserves, Victorian Room (linens, lace & fine china), jewelry, books, silent auction, tea room. For more information, call 416-429-8836.

NOV. 25 – Christmas Bazaar at St. Leonard’s, 23 Wanless Ave., Toronto, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle, baked goods, frozen meals, crafts and vendors’ tables. For more information, call 416-495-7276, email stleonard@primus.ca, or visit www.stleonardstortonto.org.

NOV. 26 – The Belles of St. Timo thy, Agincourt, are ringing in Christmas from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unique crafts, one-of-a-kind snowperson, preserves, jewelry, festive baking, glass/brass/silver, treasures, Christmas décor and fashion accessories. Elevation, free admission. Lunch tickets $10 available at the door. For more information, call 416-299-7765, ext. 238.

NOV. 30 – St. Timothy, 100 Old Orchard Gr., North Toronto, invites you to its Christmas Kitchen, from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Home baking, tourtières, preserves, silent auction and lunch. Santa photos and Young Shoppers Room for kids. Visit www.sattimothyca or call 416-488-0879.

NOV. 30 – St. Hilka, Fairbank, 2533 Dufferin St., Toronto, invites you to a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Toys, games, jams, cakes, and lunch. Call 416-787-7911.

Music

NOV. 7, 14, 21, 28, DEC. 5 – Lunchtime Chamber Music, Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at Christ Church, Deer Park, 1750 Yonge St., Toronto. Admission free; donations welcome. For more information, visit the music page of the church’s website, at www.christchurchdeerpark.org.

NOV. 9 – All Saints, Kingwood, 2850 Bloom St. W., Toronto, presents the concert “The Writer’s War,” at 7:30 p.m. A tribute to war correspondents, with the Amadeus Choir of Toronto featuring Vaughan Williams’ Dona Nobis Pacem, Eleanor Daley’s Requiem, Glick’s final movement of Messiah, and more. Tickets are $20 each, seniors $10; students $15. Call 416-233-1125.

NOV. 16 – Ascension, Don Mills, 33 Overland Dr., Toronto, invites all to an evening of gospel music with the Toronto Mass Choir; at 7 p.m. Admission fee is $40 for adults, $15 for children 12 years and under. Tickets can be purchased through the church office (416-444-8881) or at www.eventbrite.ca (search category “Concert,” location “Toronto”).

NOV. 16 – All are invited to a Steel Pan Concert featuring the Gemini Pan Grove at St. Luke, East York, 904 Coxwell Ave., at 6:30 p.m. Soup and dessert beforehand. Tickets for this fundraiser are $20. Call 416-735-8384.

DEC. 8 – The Caribbean Chorale of Toronto, under the direction of Amy Lee, invites you to a Christmas concert at 4 p.m. at St. Hilda, Fairbank, 2533 Dufferin St., Toronto. Tickets are $20 each and can be obtained by calling 416-614-1184.

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