New church for Scarborough

Building ‘geared for today’

BY STUART MANN

FOR Ryan Ramsden, four years of hard work finally paid off when Bishop Patrick Yu cut the blue ribbon to officially open the new Grace Church in Scarborough on Jan. 25.

“I think that was the moment when a lot of people realized, we’re here,” said Mr. Ramsden, who has helped the church at every step of the way, from the initial amalgamation of four parishes into one to the construction of the new building at 700 Kennedy Road.

“It was a special moment because it has been such a long process,” he said. “Everything seemed to be so far away, and now, all of a sudden, we’re here and the building is open and we’re all together. It’s a really good feeling to know that our efforts amounted to something.”

His relief and joy were shared by many who packed the church on Jan. 25 for an open house and a service of dedication.

“The place looks amazing,” said Bishop Patrick Yu, the area bishop of York Scarborough. “Kudos to all four congregations who came together to do this. They worked very, very hard.”

As natural light filled the entranceway of the church, Bishop Yu, following tradition, said, “Let the doors be opened” and banged his staff on the door leading into the sanctuary. He then cut the ribbon to officially open the diocese’s newest church.

The service that followed was rich with joy and thanksgiving. It featured singing, guest soloists and a Eucharist. Bishop Yu blessed a number of items, including the lectern, the font, the altar and a microphone.

As election approaches, Anglicans step up advocacy

BY MURRAY McCADAM

WITH a provincial election expected this year, Anglicans are increasing their efforts to ensure that poverty-related issues receive the attention they deserve.

A motion for vestry meetings calls for an increase in Ontario’s minimum wage from $11 per hour to $14.50 by 2015. The motion acknowledges the government’s recent increase to $11 per hour, but notes that this new rate still leaves a full-time minimum wage worker in poverty. A person working 35 hours per week at minimum wage receives only $20,020 annually, well below the $23,105 poverty line for a single person.

Anglicans are also working with community partners on poverty issues. For example, Kelly Ambrose, a member of the Social Justice and Outreach group at St. Mark, Port Hope, is active in the Northumberland Poverty Reduction Action Committee. It recently wrote to Premier Kathleen Wynne to urge her government “to become a leader in economic and social change,” through a substantial minimum wage increase.

“All in our small town community require assistance,” says Ms. Ambrose. “Many work at minimum-wage jobs that actually give them less income than social assistance. Use of food banks are part of their lives as they struggle for basic essentials. Their quality of life is severely compromised by a lack of affordable housing.”

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Local priest takes on dual role

BY STUART MANN

GROWING up in Uganda, the Rev. Canon Dr. Isaac Kawuki Mukasa wanted to be a diplomat. In his new role as African relations officer for both the Anglican Church of Canada and The Episcopal Church (formerly the Episcopal Church of the United States of America), his dream has come true.

“This is what I want to do—to build bridges and create opportunities for conversations between church leaders in Canada, the United States and Africa” said Canon Mukasa, who is a priest of the Diocese of Toronto.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Isaac Kawuki Mukasa

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Confirmation for any age, church finds

Candidates are all adults

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

ON May 18, St. Leonard, Toronto, will hold its first confirmations in 10 years. Even more remarkable, all five candidates are adults— and three are over 60 years old.

The unusual event shows a need to rethink our assumptions about the rites of Christian passage and when such events can distract people from the regular rites of passage, he says.

He says the confirmations have come about because of a number of steps he took after arriving at St. Leonard’s just over a year ago.

One of the first things he discovered was that the baptismal font was tucked away in the transept, behind a couple of pews.

“The majority of our congregation is 75-plus,” he says. “We have very few regular attendees under 40. When you have no babies in the congregation, you don’t use the font.”

He moved the font into a more prominent position, and one Sunday the entire congregation stood around it and everyone renewed their baptismal vows together.

Last September, he took another step. He encouraged congregants to practice devotion beyond the hour they spend in church, using tools such as morning and evening prayer at home and Bible readings.

Then in October, he began talking about the idea of having confirmation. “I was intentional to say that confirmation can be for people of any age,” he says, adding that there are people who, for a number of reasons, may never have been confirmed. He himself was not confirmed until he was in seminary and teaching a class for confirmation candidates.

For a lot of his congregation, the Second World War broke out when they were of confirmation age, and such events can distract people from the regular rites of passage, he says.

At first, no one responded to his suggestion of a confirmation class, but then a couple of people stepped forward. After that, others joined in.

“The confirmation, to be conducted by Bishop Patrick Yu, area bishop for York-Scarborough, is an exciting event for the parish, and it will be a celebratory occasion, says Mr. Fiennes-Clinton.

So far, the five candidates for confirmation range from a married couple in their 80s to a woman in her 20s. Others may step forward. Mr. Fiennes-Clinton has had other enquiries, including one from a woman with a teenage child.

“In our parish, we’re having to rethink confirmation as something for those in that teenage stretch of life,” he says. “For us here, at least this year, it’s not the norm.”

He reflects that it is never too late to step forward and make a personal intention. “I think there’s always a season for invitation and accepting an invitation,” he says.

BOOK LAUNCH

Sally Armour Wotton holds a copy of her new book at Wycliffe College on Jan. 29. The book provides examples and techniques for expressing deeply held beliefs through stories. Ms. Wotton teaches storytelling and writing at Trinity College. The book is available at Crux Books at Wycliffe College and at Amazon.com. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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Time for a renovation?

We are redecorating our apartment – luckily, only part of it. A power outage that year that caused the lights to go out for weeks prompted the owners to put back or not, and where. Will it ever end? Now that I think about it, we also need to factor in the time it took to figure out the style we wanted. But there were problems, rede some wrong choices, get the decor, block off the times when we would not be entertaining and coordinate it all with the decorator's schedule. We liked the choices we had made when we last redecorated, but there were some things that began to niggle. The lighter colours will bring more brightness into some dark spaces. The new flooring will clean up the well trodden carpet of (we think) more than 25 years. We hope it will reflect a home of peace and joy where people feel welcome and comfortable. It's already begun to show, but Oh we hope it's done soon!

Lent begins in March. You can approach the season of Lent a bit like renovating. Most of us will not be building something completely new but refurbishing a well worn pattern of life. Things that worked well a decade ago are wearing thin. Circumstances change over time: relationships, work habits, family responsibilities, health and interests. There are things that begin to nudge and maybe even some that demand immediate remedy. Some of your habits are well established and spiritually healthy – they might just need a light dusting. Other parts of your lifestyle might be like walls that need a fresh coat of paint. The walls themselves are fine. They don't need to be moved, torn down or even ripped off. But you need to give them with age or don't fit the colour scheme of the furnishings that now decorate the space, or they darken rather than bring light into the room. So, for instance, you may already be a reasonably faithful Anglican, but do you need to try to be a more regular church goer? A couple of times a week to add another colour to the Sunday worship? Or add five minutes of silence to subdue a hectic schedule? Or get some exercise regularly? Or spend some time with an old friend or a new one? Other things need to be removed, let go and not put back. Some of these things are just collecting dust and cluttering up space.

It might be an old routine that once was helpful but stopped being of use years ago. Perhaps it is something that is actually destructing or something that was highly tacked away mouldering on the back shelf, a behaviour that harms yourself or diminishes others, or a rut your thinking runs through that stunts your potential to grow or live well.

Sometimes the Lenten renovation is a do-it-yourself effort and sometimes it takes the advice of an “interior decorator” and the expertise of a professional carpenter to accomplish the results you need. A spiritual director, a priest, a counsellor, a wise friend can be of enormous help in pointing you in the right direction and then accompanying you through the process.

Like home renovations, these personal “renovations” take time, there is a cost and there can be considerable chaos in the process.

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Bishop's Opinion

By BISHOP PAUL J. MCNICHOL, VC

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If you go to the website and click on Parish Ministries, such as All Saints, Sherbourne Street or Flemington Park Ministry. Check out the excellent ministries supported by Pathworkshops and dedicate some of the savings from the luxuries you give up to these worthwhile causes, if you have not already done so. There is a new Lenten adventure. The national church has a resource for us to reflect on our own baptism in Lent and Easter called “Becoming the story we tell.” You can download it from the national church’s website (www.anglican.ca) and be one of the first groups to try this out.

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Our daughters—Sarah and Catherine—have been mesmerized by animals since they were tiny kittens. The volume of stuffed bears in their bedrooms attests to their affection. Sarah has an abiding concern for the plight of polar bears in the Arctic and has been mesmerized by animals since she was a little girl. Her favorite animal is the polar bear. She has always had a keen interest in this area of research, ever since she was introduced to a boy in her elementary school who suffered from a brain tumor.

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Order of Diocese of Toronto

Thank you for your extensive coverage of the inaugural presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. A number of members of the Church of the Nazarene at our regular monthly meeting talked about the experience. And there was a lot of buzz in our parish afterwards about the wonderful work that was being done by so many people in this church. It was inspiring to see the nominees’ stories in print in The Anglican; they capture a moment in the history of our diocese.

It’s in the interest of accuracy in history that I write to you with a correction to the record. Our nominee, Glorita MeClean, has been involved in both the Senior’s Lunch and the After-School Program.

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The new building is spacious, modern and full of light. “If you’re standing on street level, you can look through the glass doors all the way to the back-lit stained glass window behind the altar,” said Mr. Ramsden. “The front of the church is very transparent, so people can see what is going on inside and not be intimidated. The whole building has a great feel to it.”

One of its most outstanding features is the entranceway, which has a tall bank of windows facing the street. The space is large and welcoming and adaptable to any event.

The sanctuary is a mixture of traditional and contemporary elements. Striking contemporary stained glass windows from St. Giles, one of the four amalgamated churches, line both sides of the worship space. It has an excellent audio-visual system and large TV screens on either side of the altar. Downstairs, there is a multi-purpose room, a kitchen and a ball. “We now have a building that is geared for today,” said Bishop Yu. “It’s new, healthy and bright. It has all the right conditions to thrive. It says to the community, ‘We’re here for you.’”

The Rev. David Howells, incumbent, said the next stage of the church’s journey is to “enter the community on Kennedy Road.” He is already exploring ways the church can connect with the Second Base Youth Shelter, located next door. “They have a commercial kitchen, and at times they’ve thought about trying to set up a business model so the youth can gain experience,” he said. “We’d love to use our space at the front of the church as a kind of coffee shop where they could put their goods on the market.”

He said the church plans to reach out to seniors living nearby and also to members of the south Asian and Middle Eastern communities. “We’re already working with mission and evangelism support to reach out into those communities – how we can serve and help them, and to what extent we can offer them our faith, our faith practice and our church community, and invite them into that.”

He praised Grace Church’s congregation, which is largely made up of people from the former churches of St. Giles, St. George, the Church of the Epiphany and St. Crispin. “Grace Church really is one community now,” he said. “To use someone else’s phrase, we are a coalition of the willing. This is one of those remarkable moments in the life of the church where everybody on board is positive, open, willing to try things and are prepared to put their stuff aside for the sake of the life of the church. They’re willing to step forward, not knowing what the next step will look like.”

The Rev. David Howells says the next step on the church’s journey is to reach out to the Kennedy Road community.
Christians explore new forms of church

Fresh expressions of church growing in U.K., study finds

BY STUART MANN

MORE than 130 people, some from as far away as British Columbia, attended the eighth annual Vital Church Planting conference, held Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 at St. Paul, Bloor Street.

The conference, co-sponsored by the Diocese of Toronto and Wycliffe College’s Institute of Evangelism, focused on how to create fresh expressions of church away from the traditional parish setting.

“I think we’ve always been a little bit nervous about straying too far from the comfortable and familiar surroundings of our church buildings, of church as we know it, so this year we wanted to take a step into the unknown and really focus on what it looks like to do church in every context,” said the Rev. Ryan Sim, the conference leader: “We focused on church in the home and the neighbourhood, church in the workplace and church in ‘third spaces’, places like cafes and daycares.”

The keynote speakers were the Rev. Dr. Michael Moynagh, the director of research for Fresh Expressions in the United Kingdom, and Joe Manafo, a Free Methodist planter in Saskatoon and an experienced church planter. All of their talks are available on video at the conference website, www.vitalchurchplanting.ca.

In his opening address, Dr. Moynagh pointed out that fresh expressions of church are growing in the U.K. A recent study of 10 dioceses found that 20,863 people were attending fresh expressions of church, the equivalent of one new diocese. Fresh expressions of church accounted for 15 per cent of the total number of worshiping communities and nearly 10 per cent of attendance. (A fresh expression of church is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.)

Dr. Moynagh said it’s not enough for traditional churches to simply talk about reaching new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “Mission is not a second step for God, so it cannot be a second step for the local church,” he said. “We cannot gather to worship a missionary God and not practice mission ourselves. You cannot delegate it to a sub-committee.”

Secondly, he said, mission work should be done in teams. The current church model, he said, is for Christians to meet on Sunday in their churches and then to disperse for the rest of the week, trying to do mission on their own. “That’s not how God wants mission to be,” he said. “Mission is to be done in community.” He cited how Jesus worked with his disciples, and how Paul and the early missionaries worked in small teams to spread the Gospel and plant churches. He encouraged Christians to join up with others where they worked and played and listen to the needs of the people around them.

The Vital Church Planting conference has spawned two other similar conferences – one in Edmonton and the other in Nova Scotia. At the Toronto gathering were clergy and laity from several denominations, including United Church members, Presbyterians, Luthers, Christian Brethren and Anglicans.

Church helps feed Syrian refugees

St. Paul, Bloor Street has donated $40,410 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help feed Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. The church raised the money during its “Advant Ask” program, surpassing its goal of $25,000. The church also donated 1,100 pairs of socks to ministries that help homeless people in Toronto, and served up a Christmas dinner to people who had nowhere to celebrate the holiday.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 churches and church agencies that work together to end global hunger.

Archbishop honoured for ecumenism

The Toronto chapter of the Order of Saint Lazarus was established in 1098 to treat leprosy. Two of the priorities of the Toronto chapter are to help people in palliative care and to promote ecumenism. The order includes members from several Christian denominations.

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Archbishop Colin Johnson of the Anglican Church of Canada was honored with the Marjorie MacKinnon Award for his contribution to ecumenism. In conjunction with the award, a $1,500 bursary was given to Archbishop Bruce Myers, the coordinator for ecumenical and interfaith relations for the Anglican Church of Canada. Archdeacon Myers is studying ecumenism as part of his Doctor of Ministry degree at St. Paul University in Ottawa.
CANADA BRIEFS

New bishop for B.C. diocese

The Very Rev. Dr. Logan McMan- 
nie, rector of Christ Church Cath- 
dedral, Victoria, has been elected 
the 13th bishop of the Diocese of 
British Columbia, which is comprised of 
Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. He 
was elected on Dec. 7 and will be 
consecrated at the cathedral on March 2. “I’m excited about the 
possibilities in the life of the dio- 
cese,” he said. “It was over- 
whelming on the day of the elec- 
tion.” He will succeed Bishop 
James Cowan, who retired last 
year. The Diocesan Post

Single mom provides free clothes

Amy Johnson, a single mother of 
six, has started a clothing bank 
in the basement of St. Mark, 
Windsor. “I know what it’s like to go 
without,” says Ms. Johnson, 
who in 2009 fled a “really horri- 
fying marriage and family life” 
and needed donations of clothing 
and food for herself and her chil- 
dren. Today she is a full-time law 
student at the University of 
Windsor and runs Cuddles 
Clothing for Kids, located in the 
church’s basement, in her free 
time. The charity provides free 
clothing for kids up to 18 years 
old. Huron Church News

WORLD BRIEFS

Anglicans encouraged to share stories

SOUTH AFRICA – Anglicans 
throughout the Communion 
can now share their stories of 
peace and justice on a Facebook page 
dedicated to stories that inspire 
hope. The Anglican Peace and 
Justice Network launched its 
first Facebook page this year and 
has attracted 100 likes in the first 
24 hours of operation. “We want 
grassroots Anglicans to be able to 
communicate with the whole 
Communion from wherever they are 
during the work of Christ cen- 
tered peace-building and seeking 
justice,” said the Rev. Canon De- 
lene Mark of South Africa. “No 
story is too small or too local to 
share and inspire others.” The ad- 
dress is www.facebook.com/Ang- 
licanCommunionNewsService

Pacific villages washing away

SOLOMON ISLANDS – If skept- 
ics want to see the dramatic ef- 
cence of climate change, on one 
hand, they can look to the 
Solomon Islands, where Ontong 
Java, the most northerly of the 
island group, is literally being 
washed away. While people have 
lived there for thousands of 
years, the rising seas have eaten 
away much of the land, and 
growing food is impossible due to 
salt water damage. The Anglican 
Church and the government are 
involved in resettlement talks for 
2,000 residents, since little can be 
done to avoid imminent evacua- 
tion. The Anglican Church sup- 
ported innovative agricultural 
projects in recent years to try 
and continue production of food, 
but nothing has worked against 
the rising salt water. Anglican Overseas Aid

Primate hopes for advances against poverty

In his New Year’s Day address at 
Christ Church Cathedral, Ot- 
tawa, Archbishop Fred Hiltz 
said he hoped 2014 was bringing 
an “unprecedented advance” in 
tackling issues linked to poverty, 
and that the church becomes 
known as the church for the 
“poor.” I pray there be many more 
initiatives like your Bishop’s Ap- 
peal for Ending Child Poverty,” 
said Archbishop Hiltz, Primate 
of the Anglican Church of Cana- 
da. “I pray our faith and passion 
for addressing these is- 
ues will be unleashed diocese 
by diocese across the country.” 
In Ontario, 375,000 people turn to 
foodbanks every month and 
more than one-third of them are 
under the age of 18, he added. Crostalk

Friends party for 62 years

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

FOR the past 62 years, a group of 
former members of the Anglican 
Young People’s Association (AY- 
PA) has been gathering every 
Dec. 31 to see in the New Year to- 
gether.

They were all originally mem- 
bers of the AYPA at St. Michael 
and All Angels, Toronto, one of 
the largest chapters in Canada, 
and they have been partying to- 
gether ever since.

In those days, explains Lois 
Reid, a member of the group, 
“people did not go to univer-
sity. There were a lot more peo- 
ples who worked, and the AYPA 
was their recreation, entertain-
ment and social life,” she says.

There was another reason for the 
AYPA’s popularity, she adds. “They called it a marriage bureau 
because so many people went 
wandering and married a partner 
that they met there.” In fact, that is 
where she met her late husband, 
Arthur. AYPA members were people 
with common interests, back- 
grounds and faith, and that was 
a good thing to build a relationship 
on,” she says.

Some group members, such as 
Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCal-
lie, have achieved national 
prominence, while others have 
prospered in law, health care and 
other professions. Several be- 
came priests in the Anglican 
Church, and one, including 
Lois Reid, near Niagara Falls, 
won $1 million in a lottery. The winner invited the group to come to 
Niagara Falls and paid for accommo-
dation, dinner and breakfast.

In the early years, so many 
people attended the New Year’s Eve 
party—around 50—that it was 
held at the Anglican Conference 
Centre in Thornhill and lasted all 
weekend. Now the numbers have 
dwindled to just nine people, all in 
their 80s. They met this past New 
Year’s Eve at a person’s home.

Over the years, the couples 
have remained good friends and 
keep in contact, says Ms. Reid, 
although some have moved away 
for jobs or other reasons. Inter- 
estingly, she could think of only 
one couple who divorced. “That 
was one of the factors we con- 
sidered a very positive one,” she 
says. “Everybody stayed together.”

Now I would seem to us that the commit- 
ments we made were made con- 
sciently, and when we made 
our vows we were committing ourselves 
to those vows because of our faith. Sort of like building a 
house on solid ground.”

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I hire two women to work with abandoned babies in a hospital and four women to work in three state group homes that are dreadfully understaffed. There is often one woman in a house with 12 handicapped children. This person has to clean and do laundry as well as feed and change the children, so neglect is unavoidable. Our women and I do the specific tasks of caring for the children, massage and exercise their deformed limbs, talk to them, sing to them and engage them in activities.

In 2000, I heard about abandoned babies in Romania and how they were living in hospices and orphanages without love and care. I decided to go on my summer vacation to volunteer in a hospital. Their suffering was horrible and I felt called to help them. Knowing I had to try something but not knowing how, I moved over and volunteered for nine months in the hospital.

I got approved to be a foster parent and took four babies out of the hospital from 2001 to 2003. I wanted to get them healthy and beautiful and then to be adopted. This happened to two of the children—Florina and Sylvia—who were adopted here in Romania. The two other children, Codie and Andrea, were left with me. When international adoptions were officially banned in 2004, I put an end to that plan. So I started to hire women to go into the hospital to love and care for the babies who were stuck there. A few years later, I found out about abandoned handicapped children living in state group homes and the neglect that they suffered. God made it possible for me to hire two of them to go into these state houses.

Over the years, God has given me the perfect women to love these children and to be their mothers. The women were all unemployed, and all of them had dedicated, loving hearts. They are a blessing to these children.

They try to develop the children’s bodies and lovingly heal their vulnerable souls. The years went by and Codie and Andrea became my own children. I got residency status and in 2009 was able to adopt them.

The biggest challenges are working in this system and working in a foreign language. Though I speak the language, it always requires great concentration. The biggest rewards are seeing babies who come in literally starving to death, sad and unresponsive, become happy and healthy. It’s a huge reward to see children move who couldn’t move, and walk who couldn’t walk, to see their souls open up to love, to see them respond with great love to our women, to get a smile or a kiss from a child who was previously withdrawn.

Some of the babies go on to become adopted while others go into foster care or back home if that particular family has acceptable living conditions. The abandoned handicapped children that we take care of in the state group homes will never leave them.

My Christian faith has deepened since being involved in this work here, because in so many situations I have been forced to trust God. I have seen how God has arranged everything. He has opened people’s hearts to give so that abandoned babies and children can receive love, care and food. He continually helps our women survive each day in a system that seems not to put the child’s welfare first. A prevalent mentality is that handicapped children should stay quiet in bed. This is destructively lonely for them and God gives our women perseverance and courage to work against this. Wonderful things have happened because of their perseverance. God has opened up the way to serve Him and His suffering children and to work for His kingdom of love, and it is amazing how He has brought it all to be. I believe more than ever before in His love and care for us individually.

St. Olave’s supports me with prayers and donations, and gives tax receipts for donations made to our mission.

Romania is a beautiful country, but the Communist mentality still remains in a large part of the population, though it’s not so much in Christians. Generally speaking, Romanians are a warm-hearted people. Romania is a developing country: days can go by without hot or cold water, and we cook with gas from large bottles. When I want to complain, though, I think of the countless villages in this country without running water and other settlements without a well. In my free time, which I don’t have much of, I read, listen to music or watch a movie on TV.

Apart from missing family and friends in Canada, I miss most the atmosphere of respect and goodwill that is often lacking here. Visiting Canada two years ago, when we were in Toronto airport for only a few minutes, a lady turned to her husband and exclaimed, “Are people here ever nice?” Codie and Andrea are sensitive to this type of reaction in society as marginalized people. Because of their ethnicity (Roma) and the fact that they are adoptive, they endure prejudice. It causes me a lot of pain to hear comments about them, which happens even in their presence. In Canada, I watched them relax and enjoy being accepted for who they were. I miss that.

I will stay here in Romania as long as I receive funds to pay the salaries of our women. The problems are not going away, babies continue to be abandoned, and the children in the state group homes have no other future.

I read from the New Testament every day, but my favourite passages are from the Psalms. I couldn’t say which one is my favourite, so here are a few of the ones I always turn to for encouragement. I love the beauty of the King James Version.

Psalm 36:7 “How excellent is thy kindness, O God! Therefore the children of @sent are over my head.” Psalm 42:9 “Why are you cast down, O soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 42:11 “Why are you cast down, O soul? And why are you cast down within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall bring it to pass.”

For more information about Kathy Langston’s work, visit her website, www.hoanan children.ca.

Christians raise policy issues with politicians

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Other Anglicans, often joined by members of other denominations, have been meeting with local MPs to call for increased funding for affordable housing and higher social assistance rates, as well as the minimum wage increase. These efforts are leading to further action. For example, following a meeting with MP Mike Collie, Anglicans in north Toronto started working with United Church members on a non-partisan town hall meeting to raise public awareness of poverty and ensure that poverty issues are discussed during the election campaign.

The parishes of St. Chad and St. Anne resolved to hold an all-candidates meeting following a meeting with their MP “Increasingly, St. Chad’s sees people in need at our drop-in and our community centre,” said Archdeacon Paul Fehely, priest-in-charge. “We believe that those in elected positions have both the moral obligation and the ability to make a significant difference in the lives of the economically poor. An all-candidiates meeting allows us the opportunity to confront the issues.” Anglican churches will also be placing signs on property that say, “Let’s Vote to End Poverty.” The signs are part of a non-partisan campaign by the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition, which includes the Anglican Church.

Election resources, including questions for candidates, will be available on the diocese’s Social Justice and Advocacy website, www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac.

Murray MacAdam is the diocese’s Social Justice and Advocacy consultant.
Wesley’s message changed lives

BY THE REV. CANON DR. REGINALD STACKHOUSE

In all the years I’ve been attending church, I have never heard so much said about money—that is, unless the church needs some. What’s so wrong with that? Maybe not much unless we read a classic 18th century sermon by John Wesley. It’s called “Our Use of Money.”

It opens with the founder of Methodism reminding his work- ing class listeners that money’s real value lies in what it makes possible: such as a good meal when they are hungry or a comforting room at an inn instead of sleeping outside or medicine when they are sick or a warm coat on a winter day or any of the other good things that money can put in their hands.

So Wesley’s message is simple and straightforward. When money can do all that for people, we should look after three rules: earn all we can, save all we can, give all we can.

It was an ideal message for rough towns that were exploding with labouring men and women. There, people could find shelter and food, all of it made possible by the work Wesley practised what he was preaching. Now, centuries later, Wesley’s message still reminds us how money management is as much a part of a Christian’s life as prayer and Bible study.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Reginald Stackhouse is principal emeritus and research professor at Wyckiffe College, Toronto.

Ice chapel opens for anglers

BY BOB BETTSON

The missional church is all about meeting people where they are. So the Rev. Canon Ted McCollum decided that the town of Beaverton, located on the shores of Lake Simcoe, would be a good place for what is being called Ontario’s only ice chapel.

Bishop Linda Nicholls, the area bishop of Trent-Durham, dedicated the chapel, called St. Paul’s, on the Ice, on Feb. 4 during a brief, chilly service on the ice. A group of parishioners from St. Paul Anglican Church in Beaverton, some clergy from the Victoria Haliburton deanery, and Beaverton Mayor Terry Clayton attended. Beaverton is often called the ice fishing capital of Canada, because of all the huts that gather on the ice for fishing.

The chapel itself is a fishing hut that wasn’t going to be used this winter. It was donated by one of Canon McCollum’s parishioners, as were the signs and furnishings for the hut. It comfortably holds about four people and has candles, blankets and a binder that includes prayers suitable for anglers.

After Canon McCollum began working on the idea, he talked to the mayor and the owner of the hut. Both said the idea was good. The church didn’t need a license, since the hut would not be used for fishing.

The brief service involved prayers, and the hut was blessed with chimed ice rather than water.

Canon McCollum says prayer seems appropriate for fishing—either for a new experience, for a good catch, to give thanks for a day of fishing, or just to have some quiet time of reflection away, but still on the ice.

May 7 – Concert featuring The Three Cantors at St. Thomas, 101 Winchester Rd. E., Brooklin, at 7:30 p.m. A reception to meet the performers will follow the concert. Proceeds will benefit the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, as well as the church. Tickets are $30. Call the church office, 905-455-3883.

Dinner

March 4 – Pancake supper, 5:30 p.m., Christ Church, Scarborough Village, 155 Markham Rd.

March 4 – Pancake supper, St. Matthew, Islinton, 3602 Bloor St. W., Etobicoke. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $2 for a family.

Rummage sale

April 26 – Semi-annual rummage sale, 8:30 a.m. until noon, Grace Church, Markham, 19 Parkway Ave. Bargains galore on clothing, linens, household goods and other items. Call 905-294-3184.
Prophets spoke word of God

The role of prophet in the Near East can be traced to the second and third millennia before Christ. Most of the local tribes had prophets associated with their religious traditions. The Hebrew word for prophet is “Nabi,” meaning a person called by God. Prophets in the Hebrew Bible were not fortune-tellers. They spoke the word of God. Their oracles were about what was present or the very near future.

Prophets are mentioned in the Patriarchal period during the exodus, but they are most evident during the period of the monarchy, between 1025 BCE and 586 BCE. Abraham is referred to once as a prophet. Aaron and his sons were called prophets, but they usually delivered the words of Moses. Moses himself was considered as a prophet in only one place (Deuteronomy 34:10). Deborah was called a prophetess in the Book of Judges, but her usual role was as a judge or leader of her tribe.

The prophets are divided into two parts: the Former Prophets (those found in the historical books of Joshua through to 2 Kings) and the Classical or Literary Prophets. These are the men who had books in the Bible. We will look at the Classical Prophets in a future column. Here we will examine the role of the Former Prophets, especially their relationship with the monarchy.

The first of the Former Prophets is Samuel. He is also called a judge and a priest. Samuel wasn’t sure that a king was a good thing for the Hebrew people. But by an act of God, he anointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. Samuel is a fascinating figure in the Hebrew Bible, especially as an advisor to Saul.

Next we encounter Nathan, a prophet to King David. It was Nathan who advised David that his dynasty would be eternal. It was also Nathan who called David to task for his adulterous affair with Bathsheba. Both Nathan and Samuel were very influential in the lives of the first two kings. There is also evidence of groups of prophets roaming the countryside. For a time, Saul was associated with an ecstatic group of prophets.

Next in appearance are Elijah and his student Elisha. They are also described as healers and miracle workers. They primarily prophesized against King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, who was a Canaanite and worshiped Moab gods.

Elijah was considered the new prophet of Baal (the chief god of the Canaanite people on Mount Carmel). You may remember the story. The people of Israel were in the midst of a drought when Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a duel to see which god would consume the sacrifices and thus bring rain. They gathered on Mount Carmel. The prophets of Baal tried in vain to get their god to consume the sacrifice. They failed! Elijah doused the altar and poured water and wood with God sent a fire to consume the sacrifice, the water and some of the prophets of Baal. Rain soon followed. Yale was successful and won back the hearts of the Hebrew people.

On Mount Carmel today there stands a monastery with a small statue. During my visit to the Holy Land many years ago, I was invited to preach at the Eastern Orthodox monastery on this holy mount. What a thrill it was to stand where Eli- jah had stood many centuries before and offer this story to the assembled group of students from Wycliffe College and other fellow travellers. You could visualize Elijah taunting the prophets of Baal.

Today, Elijah is considered the forerunner to the Baptist. The Christian Bible calls John the Baptist Elijah. At every Passover meal today, a cup of wine is poured out for Elijah and the door is opened to allow him to come in. A chair is set aside at every circumcision. Elijah may witness this holy event in his life of service.

The prophets were an important part of Hebrew history, especially during the time of the monarchy, usually calling kings and people to account for their moral and religious lapses. Their effect upon the people of the exile after 586 BCE was significant in leading the people into a renewed religious belief.

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program since their inception, but is only one of a team of people who coordinate these programs, including staff from the Parakee Golden Age Foundation. The awards are perhaps even more intriguing when we remember that behind each person who receives the Order is a “cloud of witnesses,” representing all those others who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to the ministry and mission of the church.

The Rev. Pam Prideaux Inhabitant, Church of the Nativity, Malvern

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Work focuses on East Africa

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Canon Mukasa will continue to serve as the Canadian church’s global relations officer for Africa. In addition, he has taken on a new role as African relations officer for The Episcopal Church. In this dual role, he will work to promote and strengthen relationships between the North American and African churches.

He said most of his work over the next three years will focus on East Africa, which he calls one of the most strategic regions in the Anglican Communion. He said it is important for North American and African leaders to meet and learn from each other in order to overcome divisions and misunderstandings that resulted from issues around sexuality.

Canon Mukasa was instrumental in starting the Canadian and African Bishops in Dialogue group, which has forged bonds between African and North American church leaders. The group has met in London, Dar es Salaam, Toronto and Cape Town, and will meet again this year in Coventry, England.

Canon Mukasa worked in the Diocese of Toronto’s Congregational Development department before joining the staff of the Anglican Church of Canada in 2008. He will continue to live in Toronto and work out of Church House.

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Clergy staff booth at bridal show

About 750 stop to talk

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

Anglicans planning their wedding is the three-day National Bridal Show, held every January in Toronto. Thousands of future brides and grooms descend on the show to view wedding dresses, discuss destination weddings, book a photographer and find out the myriad other details they need to organize for their big day.

This year, the show offered all this and something more—a booth bearing the message “Make your wedding spirit-filled. Speak to your local Anglican priest.”

The booth was the brainchild of the Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid, the incumbent of St. Peter, Erin Mills. “It was to raise awareness that churches have a role in weddings, beyond just being a wedding chapel,” she says. “It’s a place where we look after long-term relationships.”

With the support of Bishop Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, she persuaded Philip Poole, the area bishop of 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