Readers support newspapers

Readers of *The Anglican*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Toronto, have once again responded generously to the paper’s annual fundraising appeal, which it shares with the national paper, the *Anglican Journal*. In 2013, readers in the Diocese of Toronto donated $112,880 to the appeal. After campaign expenses, the amount was split evenly between the two papers, with each receiving $43,151. “This will help us continue to publish stories and photographs of the life of our diocese,” says Canon Stuart Mann, editor. “I want to thank each and every person who contributed to this important ministry.”

Philanthropist gives back – see page 7
Schools using church program to help kids

Students learn how to spot sexual exploitation

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

IN 2012, All Saints, Sherbourne Street, piloted a program to teach schoolchildren about the dangers of commercial sexual exploitation. Now, two years later, and with financial support from the diocese, the program is widely used in schools across Toronto.

The prevention program is led by the parish’s Providing Resources Offering Support (PROS) project, which offers counselling, support and services to people who have been sexually exploited for commercial benefit. The program is run by Jolene Heida, a social worker at All Saints, and another woman who has been in the sex trade. They visit schools and train guidance counsellors, teachers, social workers and community liaison officers (police officers who work in schools). The training has several components, including understanding the culture of the sex trade, becoming aware of the risk factors for young people, learning the four stages of exploitation—luring, grooming, exploitation and coercion. Once the training is completed, Ms. Heida and her partner go into the schools—usually Grade 8, since the target age for prostitution is 12 to 14. They show a 15-minute video, which features four young people, two male and two female, who have experienced sexual exploitation and who tell their stories in an age-appropriate way.

“They share some of the pre-cursors to being lured and groomed into this life and they highlight the stages, so the kids can see the manipulation that happens as part of the cycle of abuse,” says Ms. Heida.

The video is followed by a PowerPoint presentation and group discussion. The entire program is designed to arm the students with information and a realistic picture of what sexual exploitation looks like.

Ms. Heida says a lot of kids have recognized being in situations where luring has been attempted, but until the prevention program came to their classroom, they did not have the language to understand what was happening. “They haven’t really seen it as a boundary-crossing or an exploitative relationship, but they’ve had the experiences that the youth described in the video,” she says. “So it’s been really eye-opening for young people.”

So far, the project has trained 500 law enforcement officers, teachers, guidance counsellors and social workers, and has made presentations to about 350 students, most of them in the Toronto Catholic School Board.

PROS partners with a number of other agencies, not only in prevention work but in frontline work that supports women and young people who have been in the sex trade.

“There are dozens of agencies that we partner with,” says Ms. Heida, and they are across the province. In Thunder Bay, for example, PROS worked with the government of Manitoba and the Alliance Against Modern Slavery to train RCMP officers on how to recognize trafficking and the increased risk for aboriginal women in the area.

Currently, PROS is developing an online web and smartphone app to reach young people who are not in school, but who are at risk or are involved in the sex trade.

“People who have been exploited have phones and they advertise online or they’ve been bought and sold online,” says Ms. Heida. “So we’re trying to increase our presence online because that’s where a lot of the exploitation is happening.”
BY STUART MANN

THE theme of this year’s diocesan black heritage service at St. Paul, Bloor Street, was “Rise Up, Reach Out – Empowering Our Youth,” and it certainly did that. Young people served as the crucifer, servers, readers, intercessors, the bishop’s chaplain, dancers, musicians, the organist, singers and the Eucharistic minister. In addition, a young person and a young adult shared their faith story.

“We pray that through this experience the youth will be strengthened in their faith, knowing that they are surrounded by a loving God and caring church community,” said Constance Kendall, a member of the service’s organizing committee.

Many young people and young adults were given awards in recognition of their commitment and leadership. All young people who attended the service were given pens as mementos.

In his homily, Bishop Peter Fenty, the area bishop of York-Simcoe, said, “You are loved by God and you have a Gospel message to also

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Jesus is with us, always

Spring and Easter occur each year, about the same time. It’s almost as if we are forced to notice that life is beginning again. It’s almost as if the promise of new life is simply there and is waiting to be noticed and responded to. The Easter message is there for us to see and to respond to whenever we want to. It never ceases to amaze me that the many trees that were just sticks in winter, and the grass that was discoloured, show signs of rejuvenation and begin to return to their respective beautiful forms. As Christians, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every year; it never fails to amaze me that the resurrection of Jesus is there for us to see and to respond to whenever we want to. It never ceases to amaze me that the resurrection of Jesus is there for us to see and to respond to whenever we want to.

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Live out resurrection

BY THE REV. MAGGIE HELWIG

I was anxious, skinny, isolated and 18 years old. I had started attending services at the Anglican church near my house, but had not yet been baptized. One day, an acquaintance got off the back of a horse where I was working, came in, and gave me a small painted panel. “I thought you should have this,” she said. It was an Orthodox icon of the harrowing of hell. I’m not sure I had ever consciously encountered that stuff before, and somehow I recognized it immediately.

In that icon, dry and barren ground is broken, and there has been a great earthquake. Out of the dark chasms, figures emerge, confused and uncertain. Christ, wounded and triumphant, reaches out to take two frightened elderly people by the hand and lift them into the daylight.

This is what happened, our story tells us, when the body of Jesus was living in the tomb. At the moment of greatest loss, when darkness fell on the land and the disciples scattered in fear and it seemed as if there was nothing left, life itself came bursting into life as death, the sun rose and broke bread and vanished, or a familiar voice in a garden, or a breakfast on a rocky shoreline in the chill of dawn. This is what we know of resurrection in this world—hindsight and suggestions, moments only.

We embrace, understand, and marvel at what was all but gone, thrown back into the world of authority and power, oppression and injustice, loss and death—a world in which the evidence of resurrection can be so slight it is barely perceptible at times.

But what we do is what is called to live out this story, to hold that image of hell broken open and the forsaken dead rising. We are called to embody it in our lives as best we can, to live as if love is stronger than death, to reach out to those whom our church was written off as no better than dead and useless, to say that will not be controlled by the dead hands of fear of money and power, but If will speak and work for a world of greater life for all creation. We are called to reach into the brokenness of ourselves, into the love and sorrow and hopes that we have buried— and lift them into the light, not believing that death will be vanquished right here and now, and not believing that all our attempts will succeed, but because this is the story that lies in our divine history, a story we know without knowing. We are called to do this because this was the picture—love triumphant in the time of greatest loss—that was engraved on the human soul at creation.


Policy will guide staff, volunteers

BY HENRIETA PAULOV

I was a parishioner who managed your church’s social media, and at least to me, a comfortable chair overlooking the snowy back yard was an appropriate place to reflect on the social media policy that directs our online activities.

Policy is a reality to those who work within an organization. As an adjunct to the motions being put in place in many organizations, media policies have been given added urgency by the marketplace for social media services.

Social media strategy and channels

Social media is a powerful tool for your church. It can act as a bridge between your church and your congregation, or to mobilize your congregation in times of need. It can be a source of encouragement and hope, or a place to share the good news of Jesus with others.

Social media strategy

The social media strategy for your church should include the following:

1. Objectives: What do you want to achieve with your social media strategy?
2. Audience: Who is your intended audience?
3. Channels: Which social media platforms will you use to reach your intended audience?
4. Content: What type of content will you post?
5. Engagement: How will you engage with your audience?

Social media channels

Your church can use social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Choose the channels that best fit your objectives and audience.

Content

Content should be helpful, informative, and encourage engagement. It should include text, images, and videos.

Monitoring

Monitor your social media channels regularly to track your reach and engagement. Use analytics tools to measure the effectiveness of your strategy.

Passw ords/Log-ins/Account protection

Who may have a password and other log-ins? How are passwords managed? Where will passwords be stored? Are passwords encrypted?

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CANADA BRIEFS

Sisterhood celebrates 130th anniversary

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD) will mark its 130th anniversary on Sept. 8. It was on that date that Hannah Grier Cosmo made her life profession at Peekskill, New York. From there, the Mother Foundress, accompanied by Novice Aimee, moved to Toronto and began the work that became known as SSJD. In 2002, Bishop Barry Jenkins invited the sisters to the Diocese of British Columbia to provide a prayer presence in the diocese. Soon after, St. John’s House was established in the former rectory at St. Peter’s, Lakehill, on Vancouver Island, where Sisters Brenda, Louise and Dorothy currently live and work.

The Diocesan Post

Mayan fashion show helps

The first Mayan Cultural Fashion Show in North America was held at All Saints, Agassiz, in the Diocese of New Westminster. Parishioners Keith and Maria Ester McPherson formed the organization Maya Corn Connection to connect Mayan artisans to markets in Canada. Lack of employment opportunities in rural Mayan areas have caused a significant proportion of the menfolk to leave their families and seek work in other countries (mostly the United States), so many women are left behind faced with feeding and housing their children and extended families in the absence of any good jobs, explained executive director Maria Ester McPherson. But the good news is that many of the women and youth have developed expertise in traditional skills of the Mayan people in weaving, embroidery and sewing, she added. Sales of the creations from the region give hope and dignity to the artisans who made them, she said.

The Topic

Women plan trip to Jerusalem conference

Thirty lay women in the Diocese of Ottawa have expressed interest in travelling to the Diocese of Jerusalem next April for a 10-day women’s conference in support of the growing partnership between the two dioceses. Plans for the trip include being hosted in different areas of the Diocese of Jerusalem, began to unfold after the visit to Ottawa last October by the bishop of Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, and his wife, Shafeeqa. Ms. Dawani and Catherine Chapman, wife of Bishop John Chapman of Ottawa, pitched the idea to Synod members and received positive responses. Registration is limited to 40 people.

CrissCross

Church turns 150, seeks old friends

Lake many Montreal churches, the downtown Montreal church of St. James the Apostle has seen many members make the proverbial trip down Highway 401 or move on in other ways in recent decades. But the church hopes to share memories and also show off some recent accomplishments — including service and outreach to its diverse multicultural neighbours — as it celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. The parish hopes some former members might travel back to Montreal for events. These will include a gala $150-a-plate dinner in a downtown club on May 1 and a special sung Holy Eucharist on May 4. Bishop Barry Clark of Montreal will officiate at the Eucharist, which will feature a commissioned motet by Rupert Lang of Vancouver’s Christ Church Cathedral. The parish also hopes that friends from far and wide, especially those who can’t make it to Montreal in person, will send memories and perhaps photos and other memorabilia. More details are available from Brenda Gervais at 438-887-7584 or Lorna Titterton at 514-485-7582 or by email at celebrations@stjamespostale.ca.

Montreal Anglican

New home for Halifax church

Seven years ago, St. John’s, Fairview, sold its church building because of increasing costs to maintain the aging property. After many years of meeting at a funeral home, the congregation finally moved into a new building on Kearney Lake Road, where they held their first service on Dec. 22.

The Diocesan Times

THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Friday, May 2, 2014 at 7:30pm
The St. James Cathedral Choir in concert
with guests Gilles Bryant, The Band of
The Royal Regiment of Canada,
and The Cathedral Choir
Tickets $40/35, now available online

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

A WORLD PREMIER BY ANDREW AGER

Friday, May 30, 2014 at 7:30pm
The St. James Cathedral Choir in concert with chamber orchestra
Tickets $35/40, on sale March 2

WORLD BRIEFS

Services commemorate lives lost in disaster

JAPAN – Anglicans held memorial services in March on the third anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami that devastated the Japanese coastline and caused the Fukushima nuclear plant. The services on March 11 commemorated all those who lost their lives in the disaster. Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan) held services at three churches affected by the earthquake: St. Stephen’s, located near the nuclear plant, Christ Church Sendai, and Morikka Sei Ko Kai. The three churches are part of the Diocese of Tohoku.

Anglican Communion News Service

Bishop teaches vicars to tweet

UNITED KINGDOM – The bishop of Manchester, David Walker, is giving his vicars a crash course in how to use Twitter to gain followers. Dozens of clergy are learning how to promote weekly sermons and events and interact with their parishioners using social media such as Twitter and Facebook. Bishop Walker was one of the first British bishops to start tweeting regularly.

Manchester Evening News

Church to recharge electric cars

UNITED STATES – The Church of the Redeemer in Morristown, New Jersey, will soon be offering a free charging station for electric vehicles. The idea came from the church’s participation in a two-year program called Greenfaith, which helps churches work on energy conservation and public education on green initiatives. Churches enrolled in the program complete energy audits and action plans to gain Greenfaith certification.

Anglican Communion News Service

Christians pray after attacks

SRI LANKA – More than 5,000 Christians from different denominations gathered in prayer at the Colombo prayer service following attacks on Christian places of worship. The attacks were launched by mobs claiming they were Buddhists. The attackers claimed Christians were trying to take Buddhists away from their religion. One church was set on fire. Two others had substantial damage, with windows and furniture smashed and bibles burned. Three churches were also attacked last Christmas Eve.

There have been a number of people arrested in connection with the attacks, including five Buddhist monks. Worshippers at the Colombo prayer service prayed for the victims, facing intimidation, threats and violence. Anglican Bishop Dhiloraj Canagaratne said freedom of thought, conscience, and religion are guaranteed by the constitution of Sri Lanka and are respected. Christians form seven per cent of the population, with Muslims 36 per cent, Buddhists 12 per cent and Hindus 10 per cent.

World Watch Monitor

April 2014
The Chieftain Mbu Family Foundation was formally founded in 2004, but its main goals and initiatives have been implemented gradually since 1997. With a focus on education and community development, the founda-
tion has granted many scholarships and bursaries in Canada's higher institutions, and has also funded infrastructure and education in Nigeria.

In Nigeria, we funded, built, completely furnished and donated the Emmanuel Mbu Primary School. We built dormitories for the Mary & Martha Secondary School and a two-sto-
ry residence for the Anglican archbishop. We built the Chief Emmanuel Mbulu Community Town Hall and a dormitory for my alma mater, the Anglican Secondary Grammar School in Ubulu-Uku, Delta State.

In Canada, we have set up the Chief Emmanuel Mbulu Family Scholarship Fund at York University to provide grants annu-
ally to needy students in perpetuity. This fund is managed by the York University. The Community Foundation of Mississauga also manages the Chief Emmanuel Mbulu Family Fund to give an-
nual grants to sickle cell associations.

I know that God's purpose for me is to give back, and that is why I have continued to bless those in need. I simply believe that the more you give, the more you receive. That has been my philosophy and it has been proven to me. Having financial success without sharing it is very empty. Making a difference and helping others is just part of my DNA.

An example is the primary school we built in Nigeria. It provided the children of a school that was one on one of the Lagos-Asaba Express-
way, a major highway that is much like Highway 401 in Toronto. It split the town in half so that children had to cross over daily to get to school. As a result, cars killed children almost daily.

My wife and I took our two chil-
dren on a visit to my hometown, in Cooksville, in Missis-
sauga. We were led by the Holy Spirit to embark on the project, God provided the funds to build and furnish the primary school, the

The principal's office, the wall, the washrooms, etc. These projects were met with much success. Immediately we had handed over the school and it opened, it was filled beyond capacity so that we have been adding to the classrooms. Now children no longer have to pay to get an edu-
cation and their parents no longer worry about their safety.

Let the Lord be praised!

The Igbo Kingdom of Delta State, Nigeria, made my wife and I chiefs in 1996. My title is Akwuelu Uno of Igboho Kingdom.
The king gave us these ti-
tles because of the development and projects that we funded for the community. It is a sign of recognition, similar to being knighted in the U.K.

I was born in Igboho, Delta State, Nigeria. Growing up, my family was very close and indus-
trious. My dad was born into a polygamist family but became a Christian and was one of the first in the community to be edu-
cated by missionaries. He be-

came a teacher and later got a position in the northern part of Nigeria, also a town named UAC (United African Company). My parents were Christians and served the Lord in various ca-
pacities in the church. We went to church every Sunday. My sib-
lings and I had a wonderful childhood, but like everything in life, things changed.

In 1966, just before the out-
break of the Nigerian civil war, my father was brutally mur-
ered in northern Nigeria by Muslims. Just before he was killed, he was completely deteriorated, especially in the north. Southerners living in the north were warned to return home. My father told my family to go home immediately to Igho-
do, which was in the south. He and I remained because I had an exam and as the manager of his work, had the responsibility to remain. At the time I was 13 years old. A child was actually murdered in front of our house because they thought he was me. The next day, my father arranged for me to go back to the south. To this day, I cannot remember how I made it back home with the roads so unsafe.

Unfortunately, my dad never knew because he made it back alive. The Muslims tricked him by pretending that they were the Red Cross. Using a loud speaker, they announced that he could come out of his hid-
ing place. When he did, a mob murdered him.

My father had the biggest in-
fluence on my life. When I was very young, he always had high expectations of me. When I would go on walks together, he would always say to me, “Son, one day you are going to go over-
seas and study.”

At the time, I didn't know what he meant, but those words always resonated with me. I wouldn't be the man I am today without my father.

I came to Canada in 1973 and attended Lambton College in Sarnia for one semester. I transferred to York University, where I met my wife, and gradu-
ated with a BA with Honours de-
gree. I then went to Washington, D.C. to get my MBA and MPA. While a student, I washed dishes and drove a taxi, while my wife continued to work in retail while attending York University.

Being a Christian and having a relationship with God gave me hope. After my father died, everything changed. I had no idea how I was going to move forward without being bitter and how I was going to be a role model for my younger siblings. Something on the inside of me would tell me that everything was going to work out, and I could feel my father's presence.

I began to speak to and con-
verse with the Holy Spirit. Some days at boarding school, after playing soccer, I would just go to the corner and cry from be-
ing overwhelmed with every-
thing. After I let it all out, God would speak to me and tell me not to worry. My faith in God has directed me to my path. I feel that God is calling me to continue to keep giving in every way that I can. Philanthropy is my passion.

My favourite passage from scripture is Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not lack.” This psalm incorporates every-
thing that I stand for and has driven me in my life – not being afraid, completely relying on the finished work of Jesus Christ. Al-
so, God's Grace for support in trou-
bling times, putting all my faith in Him for success, rising above challenges, living abundantly – these are principles that have brought me to where I am.

Psalm 23 was also my father’s

favouritie Bible scripture – so much so that he had it inscribed on his license plate!

Social media policy needed

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what type of permission is need-
ed before posting photos of parishioners, whether adults or children.

Branding

Remind staff and volunteers about your logo and other ele-
ments of your church's visual identity. Your church's look should be consistent across on-
line platforms.

Sexual Misconduct

The Diocese’s Sexual Miscon-
duct Policy applies everywhere, including online.

Applicable Laws

Remind staff and employees that they are subject to federal, provincial and municipal legisla-
tion regulating internet use, in-
cluding the provisions of the Criminal Code regarding obscen-
ity, child pornography and the incitement of hate. Other laws may also apply, such as laws reg-
ulating the activities of charities.

Once you have finalized your social media policy, be sure to make it available to all staff and volunteers who will be expected to follow it. Looking for examples of social media policies? Check out http://justinwise.net/social-
media-policies-churches-min-
istries-by-justin-wise, the author of The Social Church.
Group refurbishes Mexican churches

Youth come home inspired

**BY THE REV. NICOLA SKINNER**

It was with great excitement that parishioners of All Saints, King City, boarded a flight to Mexico City this past Boxing Day and escaped the frigid temperatures of home.

We went to visit the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca and some of the churches that we have helped to support over the past few years.

Our relationship with Cuernavaca began after a visit to All Saints’ by the Rev. Gillian Ball, who served her curacy at All Saints many years ago and now lives for much of the year in her native Mexico.

She asked us to consider a partnership with a small church there, and we ended up with two. La Resurrección had a talented priest who wished to teach stringed instruments to his young people. All Saints’ parishioners provided money for both instruments and sheet music.

Father Pedro at El Calvario was doing great work amongst the parishioners, but had a dilapidated church with broken flooring, a porous and sagging stone altar and a lavish rock that provided hiding places for scorpions (not particularly conducive to an atmosphere of prayer). After a couple of fundraising events, we were able to send enough money to have the floor replaced, the walls plastered and a new font, altar and candle-stand created.

On the first Sunday after Christmas, we found ourselves in Father Pedro’s church, witnessing the pride his parishioners felt in their refurbished church. It was gleaming, filled with flowers and truly beautiful.

The next day, armed with cleaning supplies, we went to the abandoned church of Santa Maria and began to prepare it for its own ultimate make-over. Anita Del Aguila, secretary to Bishop Enrique Trevino and our welcoming hostess for the week, has been given this little mission church for when she is ordained in two years’ time.

She has already started work, building relationships in the neighbourhood and plotting and planning the marvelous things that God is calling her to do. That day, our young people made us proud. They picked up 20 bags of garbage, cleaned windows, swept away years of dirt and polished old pews. Bishop Enrique worked all day with us, too. Santa Maria still needs a lot of work. There are windows to replace, a roof to repair and a full interior to be plastered and repainted. But we know from seeing El Calvario what a few of our dollars can do, and our young people have returned home inspired.

None of us has ever experienced hospitality as we did in the Diocese of Cuernavaca. We were treated like family and felt truly loved by these people we had never met.

Every day was an adventure, the highlight being New Year’s Eve at Anita’s house, with her sister Avelina, who is the diocese’s lawyer, and Emy, the diocesan housekeeper, and their large extended family. We ate at midnight and danced all night, and the next day we did it all over again.

When the final day arrived, we all cried as we said our goodbyes. The kids from All Saints want to go back. They want to see Anita’s church restored. And they want to go back for the Day of the Dead festivities.

All of us felt that our perspective on life had changed. We vowed to be more hospitable, more optimistic and to live more simply. Hasta Luego, Diocesis de Cuernavaca!

The Rev. Nicola Skinner is the incumbent of All Saints, King City.

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Church rocks with U2Charist

**BY JAMES WOOD**

ST. Peter, Cobourg, held a powerful rock eucharist on Feb. 8. Instead of the traditional service of organ and hymns, the church’s vast sanctuary space resounded to the music of Irish rock band U2, played by the tribute band Desire.

The fundraising event, which attracted Cobourg residents as well as parishioners, is known as a U2Charist and was brought to the parish by the associate priest, the Rev. Andrew Graham. First performed in the United States in 2003, the service has spread through numerous congregations and denominations across North America.

The combination of contemporary music and a traditional service was powerful and eloquently expressed when Bishop Linda Nicholls offered the Eucharistic prayer while the strains of “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” played behind her.

“I loved it, even though my own background is in classical music,” said Bishop Nicholls after the service. “I love music, and I love music that expresses the heart.”

Desire guitarist David Della-Valle was excited to play in a church for the first time. Afterwards, he said the four-member band hopes to perform more U2Charists for congregations across Canada.

Half of the proceeds raised by the U2Charist went towards Transition House, a local shelter in Cobourg. The other half paid for the band.

James Wood is a freelance writer in Belleville, Ontario.

Parishioners thank responders

On Christmas Eve, parishioners of St. George on Yonge, Toronto, decided to say a special thank you to some of their neighbours who selflessly serve the public.

After the family Christmas Eve service, some members of the parish walked down the road to the local fire, ambulance and police stations, bringing with them platters of sandwiches, cookies and cupcakes.

The parishioners wanted not only to say “Merry Christmas” but to express their appreciation to the firefighters, police and paramedics who work tirelessly on their behalf year round, including on holidays when most people are with their families.

One of the visitors, Victoria Clemett, reports that one paramedic, who had been through a stressful couple of days due to the ice storm, was so overjoyed that people had come to say thank you and exchange Christmas greetings that he had a tear in his eye.

She adds, “This makes me realize that such a simple gesture as saying ‘thank you’ or ‘Merry Christmas’ to somebody is one of the best things you can do for a person, especially on Christmas.”

Scholarship applications sought

St. Paul on the Hill, Pickering, is seeking applications for its scholarship program for post-secondary studies.

The scholarship, which includes a spiritual component, is open to high school students residing in Ajax or Pickering who have been accepted by and plan to attend university or college in September.

In their submission, applicants are asked to outline their academic performance, leadership roles and community service outside school. The deadline is April 1.

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Cottagers take boats to Sunday services

BY CHRISTOPHER BUNTING

It is a place of peace and serenity—where for generations of families has been the one constant in an ever-changing world.

In the summer of 1914, St. Peter-on-the-Rock—a unique and picturesque island church intricately located at the junction of Devil’s Elbow and Hell’s Gate channels in Stoney Lake, Ontario—greeted its first parishioners and began what is now a century-old tradition of worship and fellowship. Many of the families who filled the simple white church’s pews during that first summer are still represented at the church 100 years later, together with countless others who have become part of the community over succeeding generations.

Stoney Lake has a strong sense of identity and history. “This lake has rare and enduring institutions developed for a summer community,” says Patrick Bunting, a former churchwarden of St. Peter’s and chair of the anniversary steering committee. “For its part, St. Peter’s is a wonderful place of worship—a church surrounded by water and open to the beauty of nature on all sides. For the past 100 summers, hundreds of cottagers have boated to the island in all kinds of vessels for two morning services each Sunday.”

This coming summer will see a series of activities designed for a lake community that was first established in the latter part of the 19th century. The centerpiece of the celebration will be held on the weekend of July 19-20. On the Saturday evening, there will be music and activities designed for a lake community with a rectory (a cottage) and with the same governance infrastructure typical of any city church, but it is unashamedly a cottage on the lake. The altar is decorated with flora and fauna and is open during July, August and on most Sundays during the summer, the Sunday school is packed with life-jacketed children, while the altar is decorated with flax and fauna from the lake. After the main service, parishioners gather on the rocks near the church for coffee and a catch-up with friends and neighbours. For many, Sunday mornings are a magical experience.

The Rev. Canon Timothy Elliott and archbishops and bishops from across Canada, will participate, representing several decades of spiritual leadership at St. Peter’s. Covered seating for more than 550 people will be available inside and outside the church, while scores of volunteers will be deployed to help ensure everything from boat docking to sound systems run smoothly. Archishop Colin Johnson will preside at the service. St. Peter’s has a long tradition of music and a love of singing. Favourite hymns will be part of the service, and the music will be enhanced by some renowned and beloved Canadian musicians, all under the direction of organist and St. Peter’s music coordinator, Helen Batten.

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Francis, Luther lead change

secular proclamation that God created the heaven and the earth, but Revelation conveys with the promise that at the end, God will create not a new church but a new heaven and a new earth. Yes, the Bible stresses first the temple and then the church as vital to its message, but there are not the priority — the world is. It is the world which God so loved that he gave himself up for us.

But save from what?

If Francis has been right in his papal apostles, one of them will be to save it from judging instead of caring when addressing sexuality. It can mean saving the world from instead of reconciling when facing national or tribal conflicts. It can be saving the earth from abundance of food that economic hunger when scientific agriculture can produce an abundance of food that economic suffering refuses to make available.

What a mission stands in front of the Christians of the 21st century in the witness of the church on earth as part of creation and sustain and respect the beauty of creation. And, like Luther, in the 16th century, could contrast himself with previous reformers such as John Wycliffe by asserting that while it was given to them to challenge the life of the church, it has been given to me to change the doctrine.

Paradoxically, Francis can now contrast the way his church, for more than a century, has concerned itself with doctrines, such as papal infallibility, but is now called to target nothing less than the life of the church. The Pope, he can do it by first searching the scriptures. There he can find that the prime concern is not what his predecessors assumed. Instead of that priority being the Christian religion, it is the world God created and now (so Francis thinks) wants to recreate.

Strange as it may seem, that kind of secular agenda is where the Bible itself starts and ends.

Genesis not only opens with a creation, but Revelation conveys with the promise that at the end, God will create not a new church but a new heaven and a new earth.

An Anglican Foundation giving new grants

The Anglican Foundation is giving away five grants worth $20,000 each to new projects that train young adult leaders in ministry, evangelism or mission.

Prayin must be submitted to the foundation by Sept. 1 for initiatives that will start in 2015. The grants are part of a new process whereby the foundation will put aside $800,000 a year to fund and encourage innovation ministry-related projects through a Request for Proposals process.

This year’s focus on young adult leaders responds to Vision 2019. The leaders must be under 18 and 30 years of age and may be lay or ordained. The RFP requires that leadership skills and projects be specific and impactful. Projects need the endorsement of a diocesan bishop and will be evaluated by a team of experts and a grant selection committee.

March 29 – Spring sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 1745 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, to support the Christmas Cocoa and Homeless Pesan Care Society. Call 905-294-3184.

April 10 – Spring tea party, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Grace Church in North York, 777 Don Mills Rd., to support the Knights of Columbus annual spring rummage sale. Call 416-769-5686 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

May 26 – Monks Cell, a unique experience at St. Andrew, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville. May 29-30: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., May 31: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dinner & Sales

APRIL 26 – Semi-annual rummage sale, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Grace Church, Markham, 29 Parkway Ave. Bargains on clothing, linens, household goods and other items. Call 905-689-5511.

APRIL 26 – Spring rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Holy Trinity, 146 Brooke St., Thorold. Clothes, household items, linens and books and more. Call 905-889-5511.

APRIL 26 – Annual spring fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Cuthbert, Leowinster Rd. E., Brooklin, at 1399 Bayview Ave., featuring an art gallery, baking, books, crafts and more, plus a barbecue and a snack kiosk. Free activities for the children. Call the church office at 416-485-0292.

ACW’s annual meeting in Stouffville

Shawn Branch, the national di- rector of Threshold Ministries (previously known as the Church Army), is the keynote speaker at the Anglican Church Women’s annual general meeting. The ACW will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christ Church, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville. The meeting will feature an experience in training and equipping individuals and churches to fulfill their potential for service.

Tickets for the event are $23 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For tickets or information, call 416-383-0018 or email acw@toronto.anglican.ca.

looking ahead

Looking ahead to submit items for Looking ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the May issue is April 1. Parishes can also submit items to the diocese’s website Calendar, at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Worship

APRIL 2 – APRIL 9: Evensong for Lent, 6 p.m., following by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. and an informal Evensong service, at the Rev. David Burrows examines the significance of women in the life of the church, “It has been given to me to change the doctrine”.

APRIL 3: Blessing and distribution of the palms on Palm Sunday. Three sites addressing the issues of human trafficking, the life of the church, “It has been given to me to change the doctrine”.

APRIL 17 – Holy Communion, 6 p.m., followed by seder and light supper. St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto. Call 416-766-5868 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

APRIL 18 – Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice. Jesus’ trial by one of his own disciples and the theme for this year’s walk: “Sold Out for Silver.” Participants will gather at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto (behind the Eaton Centre) at 2 p.m., then visit three church sites, including Holy Trinity, for the closing ritual and a simple meal. Everyone is welcome. An offering will be taken. For further information, call the church office at 416-485-0292 or email churchofstandrew@bell.manitoba.ca.

APRIL 27 – Toronto Mandolin Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew, Scarborough. TM0 is an ethnically diverse group offering classical, folk, popular and Cana- dian music. Tickets for adults are $25 and $15 for students. The church is located at 1745 Dundas St. W., St. Andrew, Toronto. Call 416-361-3547 or visit www.christchurchdeerpark.org or call 416-283-1844.

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Music & Art

APRIL 15 – “Respecting our Re- dition of creation and sustain and re- tone the integrity of creation and sustain and re- new the life of the earth.” The poster will be available in digital form for free for a week in time for Earth Sunday. “The Diocese of Toronto is excited to be partner- ing with Earth Sunday on this project and looks forward to making the poster available to all interested people,” said Elin Goulden, chair of the diocese’s Creation Matters committee.

APRIL 26 – Sommer Concert at Earth Sunday, call Elin Goulden at goulden@utoronto.ca.

May 7 – Concert featuring “The Three Cooks.” Tickets are $40. For tickets, call 416-477-1481 or email churchofandrew@belfi- net.ca.

May 8 – Flea market, rummage and bake sale, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Christ Church, Scarborough. Call 416-922-4940. May 29-30: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., May 31: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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May 29, 30 – Canterbury Cre- ative Arts third annual juried art show and sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 56 Lawson Rd., Scar- borough. May 29-30: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; May 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Note: All dates are April 2014

The Rev. Canon Dr. Reginald Stackhouse is the principal emeritus and research professor at Wycliffe College, Toronto.
Jesus crucified, Jesus risen

Nevertheless all four Gospels mention an Easter acclamation that you can be sure that it was important for the early church. The Christian stories are often mentioned in Matthew and Luke. Mark began his Gospel with the baptism of Jesus. John writes a theological treatise about the “Word” becoming flesh and dwelling with us. All four Gospels, however, climax their stories with the crucifixion of Jesus, and all four have a brief eulogy about the resurrection. This became the kerygma, or proclamation, of the first Christians: “Jesus crucified and Jesus risen!” The Gospel stories don’t agree as to who was at the empty tomb or order of the subsequent events, but they all proclaim that the tomb was empty. The Easter story was essential to the life of those early Christians. John’s Gospel has Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb by herself. She was the first person to witness the risen Christ and the first to proclaim that Jesus had risen from the dead. Mark’s Gospel has three women coming to the empty tomb. Luke has a group of women, but Matthew limits the group to two: Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary.” We do not know the identity of the other Mary, which was a very common name for Jewish women in the first century.

Ordination
The Rev. Andrei Clements will be ordained a priest at St. Timothy, Agincourt, on April 6 at 4 p.m.

Retirement
The Rev. Mainie Watson’s last Sunday as deacon at All Saints, Peterborough, was Feb. 23.

Death
Sister Merle Milligan, SSJD, was held on March 6 at St. Andrew, Alliston. Sister Merle Milligan, SSJD, was held on March 6 at St. Andrew, Alliston.

Vacant Incumbencies
Clergy from outside the diocese, with the permission of their bishop, may apply through the Diocesan Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Conifly.

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Appointments
• The Rev. Mary Rybach, Honorary Assistant, St. Peter, Cobourg, Feb. 6.
• The Rev. Canon Ann Smith, Rector, St. Barnabas, Peterborough, March 1. and Priest-in-Charge, St. James, Emily, as of Jan. 1.
• The Rev. Dr. Sonia Hinds, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew, Oshawa, March 15.
• The Rev. Lisa Wang, Associate Priest, St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, April 1.
• The Rev. Julie Meakin, Incumbent, Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton), April 1.

Vacant Incumbencies

York - Credit Valley
Royal St. George’s College Chaplain
St. George-on-the-Hill, Toronto
St. Matthews, Bellwoods

York - Scarborough
Christ Church, Deer Park
(Associate Priest)
Christ Church, Scarborough

York - Simcoe
Parish of Coldwater-Medonte
Parish of Georgina
St. Andrew, Alliston
(Associate Priest)
St. David, Orillia
St. Mary, Richmond Hill

Youth honoured

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proclaim as young people. Do not let others detract you from doing what is right and pleasing to God. You are not defined by the colour of your skin, by your youthfulness or by the prejudices others may exhibit towards you, but you are defined by the good life you choose to live. Be examples for others that they may see your good works. Respect the dignity of others and always strive to bear Christian witness in your daily living. In keeping with today's theme, rise up, reach out and remain faithful to your Lord and Saviour.

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Social justice discussed at City Hall

Faith leaders meet councillors, staff

BY MURRAY MACADAM

SOME 200 people from a wide range of faith communities, including 25 Anglicans, heard a call to justice at a Faith in the City conference at Toronto City Hall on Feb. 13. The event brought faith leaders, including Archbishop Colin Johnson, together with Toronto city councillors, city staff and community activists to explore ways to work together for the common good.

The Rev. Christopher White, a United Church minister, noted that it has been long recognized that faith communities add great value to their communities through the counselling, children’s programs and many other services they provide. He cited a report from Philadelphia that tallied up the financial value of community services provided by local churches, an amount far higher than anyone expected. A Ryerson University research project is providing similar information on the value of community services provided by faith groups in Toronto, along with ideas for improved co-ordination.

Keynote speaker Armine Yalnizyan, one of Canada’s leading progressive economists, outlined an insightful portrayal of Canada’s economy and society, exhorting participants to challenge conventional economic thinking and move beyond charity to justice work. “What is the meaning of economic growth if it leaves so many behind?” she asked. “How do we steward the planet and growth? We all need each other, and should all benefit from the fruits of growth.”

Ms. Yalnizyan, a Christian, urged her listeners to refute the notion that faith values should be set aside when considering public policy options. “Faith has everything to do with it. What does justice demand of us: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).

Warning that a growing underclass in our society threatens social cohesion, Ms. Yalnizyan said: “Our job is to talk about the abundant life.” She urged participants to stand in solidarity with low wage workers, contrasting the concept of a “living wage” with the minimum wage. “At $11 an hour (Ontario’s new minimum wage), you are never going to get out of poverty.”

Conference workshops on advocacy, social assistance rates and the minimum wage were marked by lively debate. Ideas on how to deepen faith groups’ involvement in advocacy were shared at the advocacy workshop, with participants encouraged to learn of recent Anglican advocacy efforts, such as meetings with MPs on poverty issues, and promotion of a motion at parish vestries in support of a $14.50 minimum wage in 2015.

Participants acknowledged that much remains to be done for faith communities to become a stronger force for social justice. The Rev. John Stephenson, incumbent of St. Timothy, Agincourt, noted that the conference involved only a small fraction of Toronto’s faith communities. “If you care for suffering, you have to care for the causes of suffering. How do we address the causes? We need to move from social ministry to social action.”

The conference wrapped up with reflections by Imam Shabir Ali, a Muslim community leader, and by Rabbi Ilse Glickman, who told a beautiful story affirming the Hebrew phrase meaning “repairing the world,” commonly used to refer to the pursuit of social justice.

Murray MacAdam is the diocese’s Social Justice and Advocacy consultant.

Event emerges from biblical literacy challenge

Nicholls. The storytelling, which starts at 7 p.m., will take just over two hours.

Ms. Bell-Plouffe explains that biblical storytelling is an art and a spiritual discipline in which narrators learn the scriptures by heart, aiming for 75 per cent accuracy in words and 95 per cent accuracy in content.

Hearing the biblical stories told is a vastly different experience from hearing them read, she adds. Storytellers bring out the living word in the Gospels. “We come from an oral tradition,” she says. “The stories of scripture were meant to be told. When we hear them told (instead of read), we experience them as they were first heard. When the story is told, there is a face-to-face encounter with the living Word of God.”

It takes six weeks to learn a story because the storytellers not only memorize the words, they internalize the story. “You live with the story, the story lives with you,” she says. “After six weeks, it’s in your long-term memory and you can just take it out and dust it off.”

After encountering biblical storytelling in her Sunday service, and she also holds workshops for those interested in learning the art. Her most recent workshop, at St. Barnabas, attracted 18 people, and six of them are going to be telling the Passion at the church on Good Friday.

To find out more about the telling of the Gospel of Mark in Peterborough, email stbarnabasanglican@trytel.net. To find out more about biblical storytelling, visit http://www.nbsint.org.

Ashes given

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the U.S., it has become an annual event called Ashes to Go (www.ashestoogo.org).

The Rev. Carol Friesen said she was deeply moved by people who came up to her to receive ashes. “It was just awesome, how people were so surprised to see God at the subway. It was my first time doing it but it’s not going to be my last,” she said.

Participants share ideas at the Faith in the City symposium at Toronto City Hall. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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