I am enormously grateful to God

BY ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

On Sept. 21, I informed the members of Diocesan Council that, after many months of prayerful discernment, I am asking diocesan Synod to concur with my request for the election of a coadjutor bishop for the diocese in the middle of next year. I will step down from my role as the Metropolitan of Ontario at the next Provincial Synod in October 2018 and concurrently as Bishop of Moosonee. More importantly for our diocese, I plan to retire as Bishop of Toronto at the end of December 2018. The Bishop of Ottawa, who is the next senior bishop of the province, is now in receipt of my letter of resignation. A coadjutor bishop is elected by Synod to assist the diocesan bishop prior to his retirement and to succeed the diocesan bishop immediately upon the diocesan's retirement.

I have now served the Diocese of Toronto for over 40 years of ordained ministry. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, and it has not been an easy or quick decision to bring it to a conclusion. By the time I retire, I will have passed my 66th birthday and have served as bishop for over 15 years, with an additional 12 years in the Bishop’s Office as the executive assistant and archdeacon to my esteemed mentor and predecessor, Archbishop Terence Finlay. In each of the three parishes I served before that, I learned more and more from the people of God how to be a faithful pastor and priest. There is so much that I am thankful to God for in this great diocese; the tremendous richness of our diversity, the remarkably gifted clergy and strong faithfulness of our laity, the breadth of the resources we have been given, and the new opportunities we are afforded to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the past decade and a half, we have done some remarkable things: developed a growing team of high-capacity diocesan volunteers to work as coaches and facilitators with parishes; completed a very successful Our Faith-Our Hope: Re-imagine Church campaign to resource our ministry; intentionally focused on being missional as a diocese; increased our commitment to intercultural ministry; and renewed our remarkable focus on social justice both in our advocacy work and our direct compassionate service. There have been many challenges that we have faced together, including declining numbers and closing churches. But we have also named and faced our challenges squarely in the context of our Christian faith. We have a new strategic plan, aptly named Growing in Christ, to direct us in the next few years.

I am enormously grateful to God for the privilege of serving and leading this diocese, and especially for the opportunity to work and minister with such gifted and generous people as you. I am not retired yet! There is still much to do, and I look forward to continuing to work faithfully over the next year to reach our goals.

May I ask for your prayers for our diocese, and especially for Ellen and me, as we prepare for this transition. May God bless and keep you in his love.

Archbishop Colin and Ellen Johnson at the opening of an exhibit of books and manuscripts from the Reformation on Oct. 4 at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto. Archbishop Johnson will be retiring as Bishop of Toronto at the end of December 2018. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Archbishop Colin and Ellen Johnson at the opening of an exhibit of books and manuscripts from the Reformation on Oct. 4 at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto. Archbishop Johnson will be retiring as Bishop of Toronto at the end of December 2018. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Cupboard connects church, homeless

NEW ADVENTURE

Othman and Khadija Barghoud and their children, a Syrian refugee family who came to Canada with the help of St. John, Bowmanville, ride the bus to a pow wow at Curve Lake First Nation near Peterborough. The trip was organized by St. Saviour, Orono as part of its reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples. For story, see Page 9. PHOTO BY THE REV. AUGUSTO NUÑEZ

In a new twist on a neighbourhood service that usually provides food for the mind, an updated version is providing food for the body.

The Little Deacon's Cupboard at St. Peter, Erin Mills has repurposed the free book exchange depot to get much-needed food into the hands of people in need – in a discreet and confidential way. It has also become a joint communication project between the middle-class parish and homeless people living in a nearby park.

This past June, parishioners of St. Peter’s, located in an idyllic Mississauga neighbourhood along the Credit River, set up an outdoor pantry stocked with non-perishable food and beverage items. “Take what you need. Give what you can” urges the slogan on the cupboard’s signboard.

The 24/7 al fresco foodbank is the brainchild of the church’s incumbent, the Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid, who modelled it on similar initiatives at churches in the southern United States. “People in the neighbourhood can take food as they need it without coming in to our regular Wednesday morning food bank, the Deacon’s Cupboard,” she explains. “It preserves their

Continued on Page 2
privacy and anonymity. I’ve never seen anyone taking food, but I sometimes see people putting food in.”

The cupboard was built at the bottom of the church’s hill by the St. Peter’s Phantom, a group of handy volunteers who quietly repair things written on a fix-it list, explains parishioner John Bros. The cupboard’s design and building was coordinated by Doug Duncan, a retired banker with a gift for carpentry, and its sign was painted by Peter Pook, a parishioner and local artist.

The cupboard soon morphed beyond its practical purpose into a dialogue between St. Peter’s and homeless people living in wooded enclaves of nearby Erindale Park and Sawmill Valley Trail. This exchange was sparked by a hand-written note of gratitude penned by a mysterious cupboard user known only as “J.”

J, who always ends his notes with “and I pray for this help to be there by a mysterious cupboard user,” began leaving a small notebook for all of us brothers and sisters always, started a process of communication through parishioner and former churchwarden Allison Gray, who left a small notebook for listing needed items. “Later another spokesperson named Diana joined the conversation, reminding us that there are also homeless women living in the parks,” says Ms. Gray.

Thanks to J’s and Diana’s notes left in the cupboard, the parish has expanded provisions to include fresh water, toiletries, socks, underwear for both genders, cutlery, and can openers. “And we’ve just added a few hooks on the posts so people can hang blankets, hats, scarves, and mitts,” says Mr. Bros.

Now enthusiasm is mushrooming beyond the cupboard itself, with parishioners discussing the possibility converting a janitor’s closet into a shower room for their homeless neighbours and installing a washer and dryer for the homeless. “We haven’t broached these ideas with them yet because we don’t want to scare them off,” says Ms. Gray.

“There’s just so much energy emerging around what we can do to help,” says Canon Reid. “It’s really snowballing – all starting with that first communication from J.”

Although she has never seen any homeless people in the park, she’s thinking of asking Parks and Recreation employees to take her to meet some of them. “I wonder if that might lead to a larger conversation about social justice and help me make the congregation understand why these people are having to live in the park.”

At the least, Mr. Duncan hopes the cupboard’s success will inspire other churches to follow suit, especially with winter on the way. “The project has given everyone so much joy,” he says.

Diana Swift is a freelance writer.
In the village of Schomberg, an Anglican priest has found unusual common ground to help her connect with her neighbours: bees. The Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth, incumbent of Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg, has been a beekeeper for about five years.

“I’ve always had a deep love for nature. I’d been in parish ministry for about 20 years at that point, and I realized I hadn’t been doing much to take care of the earth,” she says. She’d also heard about colony collapse disorder, in which worker bees disappear from a hive.

“I’d always wanted to farm, and I thought, that’s something I could learn and actually feel like I was doing something.”

She says new conversations and relationships with her neighbours have been an unexpected benefit of her pastime. “When I tell people I’m a priest, they often don’t know what to say, but everyone has something to say to a beekeeper. They’re curious,” she says. “It’s a farming neighbourhood here, so it’s a really good connection for people.”

When people stop at her Happy Honey stand at the end of her driveway, conversations often turn to religion. “We joke that people come for honey and stay for Jesus,” she says. “It’s put me in touch with a lot more people than I ever would have met.”

Ms. Ashworth has quickly become an enthusiastic advocate for bees and for humans’ role in caring for them. “They tell us about the direction we’ve been driving the world in. I like that people take an interest in them, because it’s showing us what we need to do to get back on track,” she says. While no single cause has been identified, experts believe pesticides, climate change and loss of habitat all contribute to colony collapse. She says beekeeping can be quite physically demanding. “In the springtime, you go in and you see how they overwintered, if they need to be split,” she says. “When they procreate, they swarm. What we try to do as a beekeeper is prevent the swarming and give them enough space so they can pull in honey and get ready for the winter.” In the summer, she also has to protect the hives against bears, racoons and skunks, all of which like to eat bees.

But amidst the hard work of beekeeping, Ms. Ashworth says she’s seen a benefit to her spiritual health. “Everything about bees hobby keeps priest connected, grounded

Continued on Page 11
Anglicans protest against rally


From the earliest expressinos of an Anglican way of living out the Christian faith, there has been diversity. That diversity has many historical forms, from tension, conflict and violence, to coexistence, indifference, and eventual synthesis. What can the witness be today, however, of the Diocese of Toronto is committed to reflecting our own diversity in a way that avoids the conflictual examples with which we are, also, too familiar.

We believe that there have been positive forms of difference that have allowed the Church to flourish in many places and with many people, not only within Anglicanism, but elsewhere. It is this aspect of our heritage that we have understood in this diocese, and as bishops of this diocese, it is a value we wish to affirm strongly and preserve faithfully. Unlike in some periods and places of Anglicanism, here at our unity does not imply uniformity in all things.

My pastoral decision as Archbishop to make provision to permit the marriage of same-sex couples in prescribed conditions is set within a broader process of discernment within the Anglican Communion and the whole Church. This is complex, multi-faceted and unsettling. All churches are dealing with these matters, some more publicly as we are, some internally, but it is a discussion that is global. The Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Churches, with whom we share the historic episcopate, although we are not in communion with each other, and most of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion, remain unchanged in their teaching of the historic Christian understanding of marriage as a sacramental covenant between one woman and one man. Some other churches, including Lutheran churches and Old Catholic churches with whom we share full communion and a number of Provinces of the Anglican Communion, have adopted changes to include couples of the same sex. There are also divergent views about how people and parishes should live the gospel. This is a period of change when the parameters of those changes have not been fully agreed. The history of Anglicanism as well as of the wider Church has shown that matters of faith, demonstration. Bishop Nichols led the group of 40 Anglicans from the parking lot at Huron Church House, where they gathered to listen to, and observe, the protesters. Those involved in the counter-rally carried signs, listened to speakers, and adopted a polite protest song. The counter-protest ended with a march, led by drummers, across Victoria Park. Huron News Car.

Parish solves bee problem

EDMONTON - The rural parish of St. Matthew’s in Viking, Alta., has found a way to solve a bother-some bee problem while saving the hive of these essential insects. The bee infestation in the parish was discovered in mid-July, when long-time parishioner Frances Gotobed noticed a number of honeybees flying about inside. She also found a number of dead bees on the church floor. Due to the honeybee’s status as an important, yet threatened, part of the world’s ecosystem, St. Mat-thew’s parishioners stressed the importance of saving the bees while removing them from the church. With this in mind, Ms. Gotobed sought help from her son, Darren, who is a beekeeper. He was able to locate the hive and determine the ‘beehive’ point of entry into the church. He then instructed the beekeepers to remove the hive from the exterior and into walls of the church’s narthex, and then to relocate the hive to a new hive. The Messenger

School of ministry to take sabbatical

KELOWNA - The Kootenay School of Ministry will take a sabbatical year so that the ministry committee can evaluate what has been accomplished, explore new directions for the school and engage in a discussion with other dioceses about the future of local training in western Canada.

The new curriculum was designed for those who have been called to ministry as locally trained and authorized, and included courses for other lay ministries and topics of interest for adult students. The school was modelled on a vision of a “di- seminary,” with no physical build- ings except for a few congregations.
Reclaiming disciple-making

BY BISHOP JENNY ANDSON

All brings a new term of Sunday School to my parish. We have a lectionary-based curriculum and have a good cadre of dedicated men and women to teach the 44 children enrolled. But we aren’t reaching all the kids in our neighborhood. About 900 adults and children came joyfully to our fun fair in July. We will see many at our Halloween open house and some on Christmas Eve – but they don’t buy into Sunday School. We try hard with teacher training, meetings and other curricula. But there is always the underlying question: will our children have faith?

John Westerhoff suggests moving from schooling to discipleship, catechesis or my personal favorite – the making of saints. In his book, Evensong, we now have competition from Eucharist, from hearing God’s stories in the Bible read to us, praying with our parents or helping to cook or prepare blended families, in to others, and are now imagining how to translate those memories into our own present context.

I have found, during my years of ministry, that one of the most important things an individual Christian can ask is how to create an environment in which they can encounter Jesus Christ, not just on their own, but together with their chil-}

dren, partners and friends. For example, what are the best ways to create a home environment, or friend network, where we and those closest to us can engage with scripture, ask questions, explore, and pray together while trying to grow into committed followers of Jesus Christ? How can we create opportunities to live out our faith, with acts of service and compassion?

Christians have for generations looked for ways to pass along their faith, heeding the words of Jesus: “Take to heart these words that I give you today. Repeat them to your children.” Where faith might be caught – places where the claims of Jesus Christ can be intelligently examined, tested and lived out.

Discipleship is a gradual process, neither linear nor predictable, and last- ing over the course of a lifetime. People at all stages of their spiritual journeys need safe and non-judgmental communi- ties where they can hear the Gospel and find other disciples who are willing to walk alongside them as they explore and grow. Forming someone in the faith of Christ can take many guises, some of which include one-to-one mentoring, learning through service in social justice ministries, small group Bible studies, and structured programs such as Christian Foundations, Alpha, Road to Emmaus, the Pilgrim’s Progress.

Our beloved Anglican Church has enormous potential to be the kind of body that creates and sustains such communities, where intentional discipleship for all ages is made a top priority. I am sure that many of us are aware of creative and wondrous ways that people in our faith are already being shaped and trans-}
The Diocese of Toronto is giving $100,000 to help replenish the national church’s Anglican Healing Fund.

The fund, which has provided grants to 300 projects and programs for Indigenous people across Canada, is seeking to raise $1 million through an appeal called Giving with Grace (formerly the Anglican Appeal).

“I think it’s wonderful,” says Esther Wesley, program coordinator of the healing fund, speaking of the diocese’s gift.

She says the focus of the fund in the coming years will be to teach traditional languages to young people. “Many kids have lost their identity because their parents were institutionalized in the residential schools. One of the best things we can do for them is to teach or try to recapture the language. The number of communities that have already picked up on this is amazing.”

The gift comes from the diocese’s Ministry Allocation Fund, 10 per cent of which is tithed to projects or ministries outside the diocesan budget. Previous grants have included $100,000 to the Diocese of Athabasca to help youth in Fort McMurray, $500,000 for refugee sponsorship matching grants, and $100,000 for a Habitat for Humanity build in Scarborough.

The Anglican Church of Canada established the healing fund for Indigenous people more than 25 years ago, long before the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement was reached. The fund supports local, community-led healing projects. As a response to the ongoing legacy of the residential school system, grants are made to encourage and initiate programs that help heal, educate and recover language and culture. Some 45 projects have been funded in the Diocese of Toronto.

In 2003, the Diocese of Toronto and its parishioners contributed about 20 per cent or $5 million to the Anglican commitment of the residential schools settlement. Most of that came from the Ministry Allocation Fund, which receives the proceeds of the sales of church properties. A portion was returned to the diocese a couple of years ago as a result of an amended agreement with the government and churches. The diocese chose to establish the Robert Falby Fund for Indigenous Ministry. (Canon Robert Falby was one of the chief negotiators of the settlement.) It is held in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation and is being used to fund a portion of the diocese’s Indigenous ministry.
Large turnout for town hall

Bishop listens to hopes, concerns in York-Credit Valley

BY STUART MANN

MORE than 100 people – twice the number hoped – attended Bishop Jenny Andison’s first town hall meeting in York-Credit Valley to hear people’s hopes, concerns and ideas for the future of the diocesan area, located in the southwest corner of the diocese.

Held at St. John the Baptist, Dixie in Mississauga on Sept. 19, the event included passionate discussions, insightful comments, stirring remarks by Bishop Andison, and lots of opportunities for people to get to know each other.

“It’s my first time at something like this and I really enjoyed meeting everyone from the different churches,” said Grace Karram Stephenson, a member of St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto. “I’m a young parent trying to figure out how to raise my kids and how to get to church on Sunday, so to meet people with different priorities is really helpful.”

Her comments were echoed by others. “I thought it was a great forum for networking between clergy and laity people,” said the Rev. Julie Meaken, incumbent of Holy Family, Heart Lake, in Brampton. “It was a really good opportunity to hear other people’s thoughts and ideas about what we are as Church in York Credit Valley and what we’re being called to in terms of ministry. I felt it was very open and honest, and I really appreciated Bishop Jenny telling us how she would use what was shared to pray for this area and how she was open to listening to our concerns and our hopes.”

Participants were seated at tables with people from other parishes. Over the course of the evening, they were asked to answer four questions: Where do you most clearly see God’s work at this time and in this place, and the need to raise up the next generation of lay leaders? How can you best support the youth ministry, Christian formation and discipleship, sharing the gospel in word and action? Where do you most clearly see God’s answer to our concerns and our hopes.

At the end of the evening, the Bishop asked everyone to report back to their table groups. Some groups were asked to report back to the entire gathering. There was a lot of common ground. Areas of interest included children’s and youth ministry, Christian formation and discipleship, sharing the gospel in word and action, and providing financial support for churches with good ideas for ministry.

“People are not apathetic,” she added. “They love their churches, they love God, they love their neighbourhood, and they’re trying to figure out how to connect all those up. They want to see a vision and be involved in it. They want to build a culture of trust and collaboration.”

Halfway through the evening, Bishop Andison shared some of her observations about York-Credit Valley, where she has been the area bishop for the past nine months. Among her observations are that many parishes are well connected to their neighbourhoods and are asking what God is calling them to do. She said many churches are open to thoughtful, discerning change for the sake of the gospel. She spoke about the generational shift taking place and the need to raise up the next generation of lay leaders. She spoke about her passion for catechesis and “the making of saints.”

In her closing remarks, she provided hope and encouragement for her area. “I believe that God gives us everything we need to do God’s work at this time and in this place. I believe we have everything we need to follow where God is leading in York-Credit Valley. We will need to realign some of our resources, we will need to refocus a number of our priorities, and we will need to let go of some things that are no longer building the kingdom. We may not always like or be able to anticipate where God is leading, but I can promise you that it will be good. It will be good because our gracious God either gives us what we ask for in prayer, or our gracious God will give us what we would have asked for if we knew everything that God knows. So it will be good. Our trust and hope for the future is not in ourselves, it’s not in me or area council or Synod – it’s in the character of our God, who is gracious and loving, and will only give us what we would have prayed for if we had the mind of Christ.”

A report on the meeting will be made available to participants from Bishop Andison’s office. Another town hall is planned for January to discuss next steps.
The choir of All Saints, Peterborough pose for a picture in York Minster Cathedral in England in July. The choir, joined by the Peterborough Singers and the Kawartha Lake Singers, enjoyed a week as the visiting choir at the historic cathedral. The combined choir was directed by Syd Birrell, the director of the Peterborough Singers and organist and choir director at All Saints. The choir sang six times at Evensong, as well as at the Eucharist and Matins on Sunday. ‘We had a wonderful time and were very well received by the cathedral staff and the public,’ said Mr. Birrell. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALL SAINTS, PETERBOROUGH

**IN ENGLAND**

The choir of All Saints, Peterborough pose for a picture in York Minster Cathedral in England in July. The choir, joined by the Peterborough Singers and the Kawartha Lake Singers, enjoyed a week as the visiting choir at the historic cathedral. The combined choir was directed by Syd Birrell, the director of the Peterborough Singers and organist and choir director at All Saints. The choir sang six times at Evensong, as well as at the Eucharist and Matins on Sunday. ‘We had a wonderful time and were very well received by the cathedral staff and the public,’ said Mr. Birrell. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALL SAINTS, PETERBOROUGH

**ALL FOR OUTREACH**

St. John, York Mills held a fundraising event on Sept. 10 in support of its outreach activities. A car wash, barbecue and silent auction were among the events. The silent auction included buying the opportunity to throw a pie at St. John’s clergy and two visiting bishops – Bishop Kevin Robertson and Bishop Patrick White. From left, winning bidder Kim Anderson gets ready to throw a pie at Bishop Robertson, then decides to turn it on herself instead. Bishop White (far right) had no such luck. He received a full pie from Jim Parish, one of the churchwardens. PHOTOS BY MARTIN BLOCK

**St. Aidan’s celebrates life in the Beach**

BY LORI ANN COMEAU

THROUGHOUT the Beach’s history – from forest to farmlands, from resort to city neighbourhoods – St. Aidan, Toronto has served the lakeside community in the city’s east end for 125 years. It continues to make a difference to those who walk through its doors for worship or outreach programs. Local and acclaimed artists in word and music came together on the evening of Sept. 28 to celebrate the community’s people and service to others. The event was hosted by St. Aidan’s and held at the nearby Balmy Beach Club.

Award-winning filmmaker Mike Downie shared the story of Chanie Wenjack, a 12-year-old Ojibwe boy who died while fleeing a residential school in 1966. Mr. Downie’s work encourages people to walk the path of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Crime novelist Peter Robinson, known for his Inspector Banks mystery series, along with authors Catherine Dunphy and Lisa de Nikolits, provided inspiration and laughter during the evening. St. Aidan’s ministries were showcased, and there were musical performances by St. Aidan’s Regrets band and opera singer parishioners Michael Barrett and Marcelle Boisjoli.

St. Aidan’s service to the Beach has been as constant as the canoes and swimmers. “The parish serves community lunches, hosts Out of the Cold, offers programming for young families and supports St. Stephen in-the-Fields’ Sunday breakfasts,” says Deacon Michael Van Dusen. The church’s programs include partnering to support a refugee family from Syria, educating about truth and reconciliation with First Nations peoples, and leading youth service and learning trips to Nicaragua.

Lori Ann Comeau is a member of St. Aidan’s.
Parish visits First Nation’s pow wow

Small church makes big strides towards reconciliation

BY MURRAY MACADAM

When it comes to living out the call to reconciliation with First Nations, St. Saviour, Orono is a small parish that thinks big. The parish has carried out a range of activities to deepen its awareness of First Nations issues. It has launched a reading group in which parishioners read books by Indigenous writers or about Indigenous issues. It has also held a town hall meeting and a hosted a Blanket Exercise.

The church advanced its commitment on Sept. 16 by chartering a bus to take parishioners and other local residents to a pow wow at the Curve Lake First Nation community near Peterborough. The trip developed after a group from St. Saviour’s met with a leader from the Curve Lake band council.

Churchwarden Bill Tomlinson, who helped organize the trip, sees outreach efforts such as reconciliation as educating us, at First Nations as educating us, and we in turn being supportive of them. There are some real issues of “Honouring Our Treaties.”

Mr. Tomlinson says, “It’s about getting out there and being active for the Lord. It’s about building relationships, getting to know the people at Curve Lake. We want to be of assistance and convey to them that you’re not alone.”

Adds Mr. Tomlinson, “We look at First Nations as educating us, and we in turn being supportive of them. There are some real issues that First Nations people would like to resolve.”

A major challenge, he says, is that some local residents seem hostile to First Nations people, a feeling he thinks can be softened when residents return from a pow wow and can speak about it to others as being a positive experience. Connections with the band will continue after the pow wow, says Mr. Tomlinson. A town hall meeting in Orono is planned for the winter, following consultations with Curve Lake band members. The parish is also considering how it might support other more remote First Nations communities.

Murray MacAdam is a freelance writer.

Cookbook helps people living in poverty

BY STUART MANN

As part of an employment program at The Bridge, a centre for ex-prisoners in Brampton, staff were teaching cooking classes when they asked the men where they shopped for food.

“At 7-Eleven” they said.

The staff were shocked and troubled by the answer. The popular convenience store chain is known for its Sharpenes and prepared foods.

“For the three dollars you pay for a burrito, you could make three meals if you have a stove,” says Garry Glowacki, The Bridge’s executive director.

After some brainstorming with a local community kitchen, they came up with the idea of a cookbook specifically for those living in poverty, to help them make their dollars go farther. Mr. Glowacki enlisted the support of Regeneration, an agency that serves the homeless in Peel Region, then received a $2,500 grant from the York-Credit Valley Episcopal area.

The result is Living Well on Less, a cooking and life-skills booklet that is full of simple and affordable recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and sweets. There are tips on how to shop for less, buying nutritious food and using coupons. It includes photos and comments from those who are struggling to get by. “We’re not going to cure poverty, but I’m hoping it will help people have more disposable income so they can do other things like buy their kids sneakers,” he says.

He hopes the booklet will change the perception of those living in poverty. “We’re hoping to show the general public that poverty and homelessness is a human issue - not just statistics.”

He also hopes the booklet will show those in need that other people care. “We wanted to give them something of importance,” he says. “I wanted people who will receive it to feel they’re getting a gift. I wanted them to read it and say, ‘Hey, we can do things.’”

About 2,000 copies of the free booklet will be printed and distributed to food banks, community kitchens and other outreach ministries in Peel Region. For more information about Living Well on Less, contact Mr. Glowacki at garryg@golden.net.

HOUSING DONATION

The Parish of Minden, Kinmount and Maple Lake donates $4,000 to Places for People, a not-for-profit organization in Haliburton County that buys and renovates houses for low-income families and those at risk of homelessness. From left is Fay Martin, vice-president of Places for People; the Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark, incumbent; John Rogers, president of Places for People and Treasurer of St. Peter, Maple Lake; Deacon Martha Waind, manager of St. Paul, Minden’s Thrift shop; and the Rev. Max Ward of the United Church and the treasurer of Places for People.
Music & Worship

OCT. 29 & NOV. 25 – Rezonen Baroque Consort, 9:30 a.m., on cello concert by Julia Kim, 2:30 p.m., Nov. 26: Both at St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto. Call 866-808-2006.


OCT. 29 – ‘Not Your Average Church Service,’ 10:30 a.m., a modern worship service with guest musicians and children’s program, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 65 Livingstone Rd., Toronto. Guest speaker: Michael Coren, author, radio personality and political commentator.

NOV. 5 – All Souls’ Requiem featuring excerpts from Duruflé’s Requiem, 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road.

NOV. 5 – Choral Evensong for All Souls at 4 p.m. followed by Pumpkin Tea. At 5 p.m., a sequence of classical, contemporary and popular flute pieces suitable for the audience of Sorrows Catholic Church, as Toronto’s City Flutes return to St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

NOV. 10 – Remembrance concert and reception featuring New Horizons Basketball 2017 Champions, 1:30 p.m., Trinity, Guildwood, 65 Livingstone St., Toronto. Donations accepted for the ‘Tony Stacey Centre for Veterans’ Care.’

NOV. 12 – A Concert for Remembrance Day, 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul, 50 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge. For tickets, call 905-688-2006.


DEC. 5 – Advent Carol Service, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto. Church of the Redeemer’s choir will be joined by the Cantabile Chamber Singers.

DEC. 10 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m., St. Martin in-the-Fields, 113 Gilmore Ave., Toronto. Presented by the church choir, directed by Jack Hatley, with Thomas Flitches on organ, Paul Sandviliti on trumpet and N. Y. Knourse on flute. A freewill collection will be taken for a deserving charity in our neighbourhood. A reception follows.

Sales

NOV. 4 – Christmas bazaar, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ Church, Scarborough Village, 155 Markham Rd. Bake sale, knitwear, crafts and more.

NOV. 4 – St. Matthew’s Poinsettia Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 135 Wilson Rd. S., Oshawa. Knitting, baking and more.

NOV. 4 – Christmas Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Barnabas, Chestoli, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 4 – The Sugar Plum Christmas Bazaar, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Margaret in-the-Pines, 4130 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough. Baked goods, craft table, collectible table, Internet Café and lunch room and more. Tables available for rent as well. Call 416-284-4212.

NOV. 4 – St. Nicholas’ Christmas Bazaar, noon to 3 p.m., 1512 Kingsland Rd. (just east of Warden Avenue). Crafts, baked goods and more.

NOV. 4 – Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Mary & St. Martha, 1149 Weston Rd. Baking and deli, gifts, crafts and more.

NOV. 4 – Bazaar with raffle, bake table, cafe, table and more. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Ralston Dr., Brampton. Call 905-785-8920.

NOV. 5 – A Fair to Remember, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Peter, Erinucle, 1740 Dundas St. W., Mississauga. This bazaar will have a silent auction, baking, jewellery and more. Donations of non-perishable food for the Deacon’s Cupboard food bank are welcome.

NOV. 7 – Annual Community Carol Sing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Peter, Erinucle, 1740 Dundas St. W., Mississauga. This bazaar will have a silent auction, baking, jewellery and more. Donations of non-perishable food for the Deacon’s Cupboard food bank are welcome.

NOV. 7 – Annual Community Carol Sing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James the Apostle, 300 Dundas St. E. (just east of Cawthra Road). Call 416-283-1844.

NOV. 8 – Holly Berry Bazaar with crafts, baking, lunch room, toys, books, DVDs, household goods, a visit from Santa Claus and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Accessible building. Call 416-283-1844.

NOV. 8 – Christmas bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Holy Trinity, Kennedy Road, Heart Lake, Brampton. Crafts, bake table, lunch room and more. The church is located on the west side of Kennedy Road, north of Bovaird, south of the 407.

NOV. 10 – All Saints, Whitby’s annual Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 219 Russell St., Whitby. Gifts, crafts, baking, silent auction.

NOV. 10 – Holly Berry Bazaar with bake table, craft tables, lunch room, Nearly New room and more, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Christ Church, Bolton, 22 Nancy St.

NOV. 10 – Nutcracker Fair with silent auction, baked goods, crafts, morn- ing barbecue, lunch and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Luke, East York, 804 Coxwell Ave. Call 416-423-6879, ext. 21.

NOV. 12 – Holly Berry Fair with tea room, crafts, baking, quilt raffle, books, Christmas items, attic treasures and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Luke, East York, 804 Coxwell Ave. Call 416-423-6879, ext. 21.

NOV. 18 – Christmas bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John the Baptist, 710 Dundas St. E. (just east of Cawthra Road), Mississauga. Vendors welcome. Call 416-709-9299.

NOV. 25 – St. Timothy’s Christmas Classic, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church, 100 Old Orchard Grove, north Toronto. Silent auction and more.

NOV. 25 – Snowflake Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John, Bowmanville, featuring bake shop, jewelry, crafts and much more. Visit Martha’s Lunch Room between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

NOV. 25 – Festival of Christmas, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Trinity, Thornhill, 140 Brook St., Thornhill. Baked goods, hand-crafted items and more. Lunch from noon to 2 p.m.

DEC. 2 – Holly Berry Fair with tea room, crafts, baking, quilt raffle, books, Christmas items, attic treasures and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Luke, East York, 804 Coxwell Ave. Call 416-423-6879, ext. 21.

DEC. 2 – Old-fashioned Christmas bazaar with lunch and tea room, festive handmade home décor, gift items, baking and mystery raffle, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 306 North St., Port Perry.

Workshops & Gatherings

NOV. 31 – Converge Youth Group’s Harvest Festival & Trick or Treat for Hope, 7 p.m., hot chocolate, candy, games, prizes for best costume, and collecting canned goods, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingstone Rd., Toronto.

NOV. 5 – All Saints Communion at 6 p.m., followed by light supper at 6:30 p.m. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. the Rev. Canon Dr. David Neelds discusses the history and theology of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, as we mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

DEC. 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24 – The Christmas Story, a Toronto tradition since 1938, at Holy Trinity, 19 Trinity Square, Toronto. Professional musicians and a volunteer cast present this charming hour-long nativity pageant. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23; matinees are at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. Suggested donation: $20 for adults, $5 for children. Visit www.thechristmasstory.ca to reserve or call 416-398-4221, ext. 305.
**REAL ESTATE**

Award-winning real estate in Toronto for over 25 years

Carolyn McIntyre Smyth
Sales Representative
Cheestnut Park Real Estate Limited, Brokerage
Helping Sellers obtain the best prices for their homes.
416.925.9191
I look forward to hearing from you.

**COUNSELLING**

DAVID A.S. WRIGHT
B.A., M.Div.
Registered Psychotherapist
- Pastoral Counselor
- Individual / Couple Psychotherapy
- Psychoanalysis
- Supervision / Consultation

204 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario M5R 2N5
Tel. 416-960-6486

**COUNSELLING**

Pastoral Counsellor
Registered Psychotherapist

Susan E. Haig
LL.B., M.Div.
110 Eglinton Ave. W., Suite 303D
Toronto, ON M4R 1A3
416.605.3588

**PERSONAL**

Jennifer Spencer is a member of All Saints Anglican Church in Collingwood Ontario. She has been past president and secretary of the ACW, a member of the choir and a generous volunteer. Last year fragment was found and she was diagnosed with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Friends mentioned that a funding website could possibly help individuals who come across unfortunate circumstances. We encourage you to take a look at the website www.gofundme.com/2bmk3xg to understand this devastating illness and offer your support.

**IN MOTION**

Appointments
- The Rev. Canon Dr. David Neelands, Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Roche’s Point, Oct. 1.

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

First Phase – Parish Selection Committee (not yet receiving names):
- Parish of Churchill and Carruthers
- St. Andrew, Scarborough
- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Toronto
- St. Bede, Toronto

Second Phase – Parish Selection Committee (receiving names via area):
- Parish of Bobcaygeon
- Parish of Bobcaygeon
- St. George Memorial Church, Oshawa
- St. George Memorial, Oshawa
- Oshawa Deanery
- St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)
- St. John, Blackstock (Gartwright)
- St. John, Whitby
- St. Martin, Bay Ridges (Pickering)
- St. Martin, Courtice
- Military Chaplains
- Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto

Third Phase – Parish Selection Committee Interviewing (no longer receiving names):
- St. Andrew’s Church, Bolton (York-Simcoe)

Conclusions
- The Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman has concluded her ministry at Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa.
- She will be taking up a new ministry appointment at Haverhill College, Toronto beginning Oct. 30.
- The Rev. Canon Byron Yates died on Sept. 24. Ordained deacon in 1969, he served as assistant curate at St. Peter, Cobourg, incumbent of the Parish of Belmont and at St. John, Bowmanville, regional dean of Durham and Northumberland, and as priest-in-charge of the Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath. His funeral was held at St. John, Bowmanville on Sept. 29.
- The Rev. Floyd Green died on Sept. 24. Ordained deacon in 1969 and priest in 1961, he came to the Diocese of Toronto from the Diocese of Huron in 1980. He served as chaplain of the Queen Street Mental Health Centre, director of pastoral care at St. Michael’s Hospital, hospital chaplain in charge of St. Cuthbert, Leaside, and honorary assistant of St. James Cathedral and St. Augustine of Canterbury, Toronto during his retirement. His funeral was held at All Saints, King City on Oct. 13.
- The Rev. Lloyd Green died on Sept. 24. Ordained deacon in 1969 and priest in 1961, he came to the Diocese of Toronto from the Diocese of Huron in 1980. He served as chaplain of the Queen Street Mental Health Centre, director of pastoral care at St. Michael’s Hospital, hospital chaplain in charge of St. Cuthbert, Leaside, and honorary assistant of St. James Cathedral and St. Augustine of Canterbury, Toronto during his retirement. His funeral was held at All Saints, King City on Oct. 13.

**PRAYER CYCLE**

FOR NOVEMBER
- All Saints, Whitby
- Ascension, Port Perry
- Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa
- St. George Memorial Church, Oshawa
- Oshawa Deanery
- St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)
- St. John, Blackstock (Gartwright)
- St. John, Whitby
- St. Martin, Bay Ridges (Pickering)
- St. Martin, Courtice
- Military Chaplains
- Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto
- St. Matthew, Oshawa
- St. Paul-on-the-Ride, Pickering
- The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of the Diocese of Toronto

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. Synod Planning and Agenda Committee
2. The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto
3. The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto
4. The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto
5. Oshawa Deanery
6. St. Andrew, Japanese
7. St. Barnabas, Chester
8. St. Bede, Toronto
9. St. David, Oshawa
10. St. John the Baptist, Norway
11. Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund
13. St. Matthew, First Avenue
14. St. Monica, Toronto
15. St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff

**COUNSELLING**

**BRIEFLY**

Outreach conference coming up

The diocese’s annual Outreach & Advocacy Conference will take place on Nov. 4 at St. John, York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., Toronto. This year’s theme is “Being God’s People: Embracing Difference, Building Solidarity.” There will be a keynote address from Dr. Carl James of York University and workshops covering many key justice issues. The cost is $30, or $15 for students and those with low incomes, which is included, and childcare is available upon request. Visit the diocese’s website, www.toronto.anglican.ca, to see workshop options and register.

**OPENING NIGHT**

William Penu’s A Brief Account of the Rise and Progress of the People Called the Quakers, published in 1694, (top) is displayed at Flickering of the Flame: Print and the Reformation, an exhibit commemorating the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. The exhibit, held at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto until Dec. 20, includes books, manuscripts, pamphlets and engravings from the Reformation. About 120 people attended the official opening on Oct. 4. Photos by Michael Hudson

Priest happy keeping bees

is for healing and for good,” she says. “What I love about it is how reflective they are, how good they are for people to be around. As soon as you come to the apiary and you get comfortable, your blood pressure comes down, your heart rate slows down.”

She also finds that beekeeping fits well with her role as a priest providing pastoral care. “There’s an old thing called telling the bees. Because they’re such a communal creature, you had to tell the bees what you were going on in your life, whether there was a birth or a death, and if you didn’t tell the bees they would leave,” she says. “They do draw that out; being around them makes you want to be gentle and in greater harmony with nature, with yourself, with your family and the people you care for.”

While Ms. Ashworth jokes that she’s promised to limit references to beekeeping in her sermons, she says she finds the queen bee a particularly suitable image. “She only spends a couple of days out in the sunlight, and then everything else she does looks like sunlight. She makes honey that looks like sunlight, she makes wax that looks like sunlight, the wax creates a flame that looks like sunlight,” she says. “It’s a great preaching point, that we have those encounters with God and we spend the rest of our lives trying to point to it, saying, ‘It’s like this.’”

As she keeps sharing her experiences in her town and beyond, Ms. Ashworth says she hopes she can encourage people to support beekeeping and even think about becoming beekeepers themselves. “If people want to learn, I’m happy to teach them. There are seasons when it takes some time, but it’s very manageable,” she says. “It’s not lucrative, but it’s a good thing to do. It’s worth my time, it’s worth my effort for sure.”
Priest realizes dream of going on dig in the Holy Land

BY THE REV. CANON CLAIRE WADE

For two weeks in July, I was privileged to participate in something that had been on my bucket list for years – an archaeological dig in the Holy Land, preferably in Jerusalem. The opportunity came to dig on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, mentioned numerous times in the scriptures.

For Jews and Christians in the last hundred years and biblical archaeology in the Holy Land and other biblical lands has played a major part in shedding light on our understanding of the Bible. (On my previous life, visiting and learning at such sites was very much part of the pilgrimage or study tours that I would organize for groups, but I never had the opportunity to dig.) The dig site itself is on the eastern slope of Mount Zion, near Zion Gate, on the south side of the city. It is just outside the current walls of Jerusalem, rebuilt by Ottoman sultan Suleiman the Magnificent in the 14th and 15th centuries. In the time of Jesus, the site was in the very heart of Jerusalem.

Excavations began in 1997 and closed temporarily, resuming in 2007 under the parvish of the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Charlotte. The program is directed by well-known biblical archaeological scholars Dr. Shimon Gibson, professor of archaeology at UNC, and a senior fellow at the Allbriton Institute of Archaeological Research in Jeru-usalem, Dr. James Tahor, professor of ancient Judaism and early Christianity at UNC, and Prof. R. Lewis of Haifa University in Israel. Our group of around 50 came from all over the world. We stayed at a quaint pilgrim’s hotel in the Christian Quarter of the Old City, near the New Gate – one of eight gates of the city. Our days of digging lasted Sunday through Thursday, from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We had Fridays and Saturdays off, so there was plenty of time to explore Jerusalem or take day trips to other places.

Our day began at 5 a.m., arriving downstairs in the lounge of the hotel for a cup of instant coffee and a piece of cake (sometimes chocolate). Armed with a trowel, kneeling pads, a hat, gloves, sunglasses and lots of water, we left the hotel at around 5:15 a.m. To get to the site, we had to walk to Zion Gate, over some slippery cobblestones, then descend a concrete stairway of some 70 steps. We would make our way through the narrow streets of Jerusalem that, by that time, were coming alive with two-way traffic and the odd rabbi on his way to prayer, whizzing by on his bike, robes flying in the breeze. I often made the 15-minute walk on my own – for me a coveted time of prayer.

On arrival at the site, we made a human chain to convey all our picks, hoes, buckets and gaffas (wicker baskets) from their storage place across a busy street to the site. The early morning scenery from the site was spectacular: looking north and east, one could see the sun rising over the Mount of Olives, and, just adjacent to the site, the lights of the City of David. Dr. Gibson would give us a daily briefing of what the goals of the day were and, with his famous words “let’s get cracking,” off we went to our assigned locations to begin digging.

For the first three hours, we sluaged it out – picking, hoeing, sweeping and uncovering ancient treasures and special finds. They were identified by the archaeologists on hand, then documented and sent off to be washed and catalogued. Breakfast was an interesting feature of the day. At around 9 a.m., volunteers were needed to climb up the 70 steps to pick up our breakfast, which a truck from the hotel delivered as close as it could get to the site. The well-deserved meal was an elaborate spread of cakes, jams, jellies, halva (a sesame seed and honey treat), breads with hummus, baba ganoush, cheeses, hard-boiled eggs and a tuna salad with black olives (which I loved) and more. There were cold juices as well as lots of hot black tea and Arabic coffee to wash it all down. We gathered under the breakfast tent and sat on massive dusty stones to eat our meal. (No doubt, we also consumed some of the dust that was everywhere?)

The site being excavated is an elaborate mansion that was in the heart of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago – the time of Jesus. It is located near the excavated home of Caiaphas, the high priest involved in the trial of Jesus that led to his crucifixion (John 18:13-38). It is believed that the wealthy, priestly ruling class of Jerusalem lived in this neighbourhood. “Caiaphas was the son-in-law of Annas, who had six sons who were high priests. He (Annas) ran the show for about 60 years, putting his sons in one after the other, and his son-in-law Caiaphas, along the way. So perhaps these are the homes of that extended priestly dynasty,” Dr. Tahor said.

One of the highlights of the day was the popsicle break. It came at around 11:30 a.m. Some local boys who did small chores around the dig distributed popsicles of various flavours. I have never looked so forward to seeing a popsicle! By this time, the sun was right overhead and streaming through the holes, here and there, in the torn tarp over us. One was hot and covered with Crusader and first-century dust from head to toe! And, did I tell you that there happened to be a home-taste of Koler, an ancient hot chocolate? I was besotted with each passing car blaring its horn, the temperature was hovering near 40°C. For me, the only dreaded part of my day was climbing up those 70 concrete steps, walking uphill – back to the hotel, in the heat and crowded streets of Jerusalem – mostly people living here were wealthy, aristocrats or even priests,” said Dr. Gibson.

Seriously, though, it was a very small price to pay for the invaluable learning experience and awesome blessing of digging on Mount Zion of the time of Jesus.

The Rev. Canon Claire Wade is the incumbent of St. Thomas, Brooklin.