Anglicans called to pray
Goal is to know, share Jesus Christ

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

FOR 11 days this May, Anglicans are being called to a simple yet powerful task: prayer. From the Feast of the Assumption (Aug 15) to Pentecost (May 20), Christians around the world will pray together for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

Thy Kingdom Come, started by the Church of England in 2016, has grown into an international and ecumenical movement. Its goal is to encourage Christians to engage in prayer that deepens their own relationships with Jesus and brings others to know Jesus better. In 2017, more than half a million people from 85 countries pledged to pray.

Last year, Anglicans in the Diocese of Toronto were among those who joined the global wave of prayer, encouraging each other to commit to daily prayer and hosting special services. “You can make this as simple or as complex as you want,” says the Rev. Doug Woods, associate priest at St. Luke, Peterborough. “We took the simple option: we tied knots in a piece of string to make a ‘rosary’ for people to remember people we wanted to pray for.”

Nominees at town hall meetings
All invited to meet nominees in leadup to episcopal election

BY STUART MANN

ANGLICANS in the Diocese of Toronto will have an opportunity in May to meet the nominees in the upcoming election for a coadjutor bishop.

Town hall meetings will be held across the diocese May 14-17 so that Anglicans can meet the nominees in person and listen to their viewpoints.

Here are the dates and locations of the meetings:
- May 14 – Meet the Nominees Town Hall at St. John the Baptist, Dixie, 719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga, at 7 p.m.
- May 15 – Meet the Nominees Town Hall at St. George, Arlington, 24 Burton Ave., Barrie, at 7 p.m.
- May 16 – Meet the Nominees Town Hall at St. Paul, Lindsay, 45 Russell St., W., at 7 p.m.
- May 17 – Meet the Nominees Town Hall at St. James Cathedral (in Snell Hall), 65 Church St., Toronto, at 7 p.m.

Initial planning had set aside time for a town hall meeting dedicated to youth and young adult members of Synod. Based on feedback received, this separate town hall meeting has been cancelled. Interested youth and young adult members are encouraged to contact Jillian Buch, chair of the Archbishop’s Youth Ministry Team, by email at yorkscarboroughyc@gmail.com to confirm attendance at one of the other four gatherings.

In addition to the town hall meetings, video interviews of the nominees will be posted on the diocese’s website on May 7.

The election of a coadjutor bishop will take place at an Electoral Synod on June 9 at St. James Cathedral beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The webpage also includes a list of the nominees that is updated as needed every Thursday. Visit www.toronto.anglican.ca/episcopal-elections for more information.

CLERGY HONOURED FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE – SEE PAGE 9
**JOURNEY TO EASTER**

The Anglican sent photographer Michael Hudson to churches to capture the sights of Holy Week and Easter. On this page: Wendy Graham hands out palms on Palm Sunday at St. Anne, Gladstone Avenue, Toronto, and children of the parish take turns reading the gospel, assisted by Shauna Cairns Gundy; palms are attached to St. Anne’s processional cross; the Rev. Jo-Anne Billinger and Randy Williams wash feet during the Maundy Thursday service at St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, and Patricia Harquail and Mr. Williams strip the altar after the service; exchanging the Peace at St. Paul’s; after the stripping of the altar and sanctuary at St. Paul’s, the church is darkened and the cross is carried out.

Opposite page: the Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave of Holy Trinity, Trinity Square speaks during the Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice in downtown Toronto; walkers listen to speeches at Old City Hall, one of the stations on the walk, which explored the importance of the $15 minimum wage, workers’ rights, poverty and the law, and the impact of homelessness on the Indigenous population; the Rev. Margaret Rodrigues of St. John, West Toronto, carries a placard in the walk; Archbishop Colin Johnson lights a candle during the Easter Vigil at St. James Cathedral and baptizes members of the Mandarin Ministry during the service, which included a candlelit procession and singing by the cathedral’s choir; members of St. Bride, Clarkson and others from local Baptist, United and Presbyterian churches gather on a beach beside Lake Ontario in Mississauga for a sunrise service on Easter morning.

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**FAITH AND FICTION**

Rev. Canon David Brinton discusses theological themes in contemporary fiction by many famous and lesser-known authors, including Muriel Spark, Flannery O’Connor and Marilynne Robinson. As with PD James, he’s noted for a life-long love of the Book of Common Prayer. Canon David retired last year as Vicar and Sub-Dean, after 17 years at St. James Cathedral in Toronto. He is currently the Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Thomas’s.

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Thy Kingdom Come

I don’t remember how I first learned about prayer or how to pray. I guess I was about 6 or 7. I was taken to church. I went to Sunday School, although I’ve never been sure how someone could ever get a perfect attendance award – no way! I learned “Now I lay me down to sleep...” – a rather depressing prayer if you think about it for a young child in a society where most children never experience death close up. The Lord’s Prayer was better – but what did “hallowed be Thy Name” mean? One school child exclaimed indignantly, “my name’s not Harold, I’m Fred!”

I watched my grandmother pray by her bed when I visited, and we said grace at meals – but only on Sundays and Thanksgiving or special occasions. Oh, yes, and when the minister came.

As I grew, I learned a bit more about prayer, especially when I really, really needed something or urgently called for help in an important situation. I would pray for my family and friends and some of the needs in the world. And, of course, there were long prayers at church, although I didn’t understand them. (It was not raised in the Anglican Church, so in my church only the minister said the prayers as we bowed our heads.) I learned a bit more when I was confirmed. But in university, I discovered the Anglican prayer book, and I took off. So many prayers for so many things and situations. I started to pray daily, and have done so for close to 50 years now.

But I still had more to learn. The daily office of Morning and Evening Prayer with the Psalms and scripture readings has nurtured my life; they are how I understand the God I pray to and the world God loves so profoundly.

In seminary, I learned to meditate in silence and was introduced to the practice of contemplation as a way to enter into God (in the usual oblique) conversation of the heart.

I knew the pattern of prayer: Adoration, Praise, Intercession and Petition, Thanksgiving, Confession, and Oblation, although some were much more frequent in my playlist than others. It took me a while to realize that something I had always enjoyed, classical music, could be an entry point into God’s abiding presence. And how did it take me years to understand that the Psalms I was saying daily covered that whole range, from the highest and lowest of the emotions.

So yes, I can now affirm that my prayer is not only an ever-increasing listing of all the concerns for which I pray, the clergy, my friends and colleagues, my enemies, my own needs, my shortcomings and offences for God to quickly fix at my insistence, but also includes adoration of the Trinity and praise of God’s graciousness and thanksgiving for God’s love.

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One of the challenges he faced was the need for clergy to be visible to the wider Church and appreciated for their work. The Church had the advantage of being able to invest in this important task, and the result was a significant increase in the number of people coming forward to serve as chaplains.

I have been changed by the experience. I am deeply grateful to the Archbishop for having shared him with the Church and for his encouragement and support.

Thank you. God bless you all.”

Our work is resurrection work

God is good.

When I was about 15 years old, there was “the incident” I learned about during my youth. It was a difficult time for me, and on my left palm.

Growing up on a farm was a daily adventure, and this particular muddy, rainy spring day brought me new perspective on the precious ness of life. Down at the soggy bottom of the barn, my father needed fixing, as all the cows were on the other side of it. Going to investigate required me to mingle among the herd to get right up close to the fence for a good look at the gap. My father had run barbed wire across the top of the page, but these clever cows had found their way through it, and the grass was definitely greener on the other side.

As I was examining the fence, my brother was not driving the tractor over to help repair it and to work on rounding up the loose beasts. The cows were startled and began to run, one cow trapped between the fence and the fence. I was terrified. In sticky mud almost up to my knees, I was not going anywhere fast, except over backwards. The rest of the other frightened cows, so I grabbed the nearest (modestly) solid object and hung on for dear life. It was a wire fence – the barbed wire. My hands were a bit torn up, but I lived. Coming out of that experience, the bigger picture was the sheer will to survive that took over without a moment’s thought. “Hang on. Do not let fear take over. Stay alive at all costs.” I came out of that experience a different person, in more ways than one.

We in the established Church are in a time of great transformation, which can feel chaotic, disruptive and deeply unsettling to our accustomed ways of walking together. We are sometimes afraid, and in our tender humanity we feel hurt and betrayed by the changes that leave our comfortable pew’s behind. I encourage you to hang on, for dear life, and be not afraid. What we are doing together in community is life-bringing, and for many, life-saving. At this time in our calendar year, we come face-to-face with the reality that the history of the Church, the humanity of Jesus was transformed by his death and resurrection, and his wisdom, his life-bringing, his divinity. To us, this is: “My peace I give to you, do not be afraid.”

In the states that we have to accommodate the new times, let us love one another, discerning fresh ways of being church together in our beloved and flawed human-made Church. As we share the good news of Jesus, continue to find ways to work for truth, justice and reconciliation. We are boldly called and radically lived into being by Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to feel and be the intense and radical love of God for all humanity, for all of creation. We are in the doorway, between what was and what is to come. In our Church, it is a time of transition, change, transformation; a time of reformation and redefining how we worship together, how we allocate resources, how we prioritize our ministries. Learning together how to ask the right questions and by asking more questions in faith, can expand our awareness of this threshold moment we are occupying right now.

From 2 Corinthians 10:15: “Our hope is that as your faith increases, our sphere of action may be greatly enlarged, so that we may proclaim the good news.” Christ’s presence will move us forward – as communities, as families, as children of God together – into the future in faith in Jesus, who is the living way. The whole of creation is involved in what God is doing in Christ. Our work is resurrection work, as the gospel teaches all aspects of our life together and we develop connections of grace. Jesus is inviting us into new life in the vital connection with the Spirit of Life. Even when you have every justification to be afraid, remember these powerful teachings that Jesus shared. My peace I leave with you. Do not be afraid. I am with you always. Thanks be to God.
When we realized we were neighbours, Elyse comes to Christmas Eve. An exchange started. City Shul comes to St. Anne’s way together and have had a variety of conversations. The conversations grew in volume; we met for coffee, then visited each other’s services. For our first shared learning event, we brought together equal numbers of Jews and Christians on a weeknight to present, explore and discuss our traditions of Chanukah and Christmas. Our people sat in mixed table groups for the initial “getting to know each other” conversation, followed by our presentations on the traditions and significance of our upcoming celebrations. We enjoyed hearing each other’s experiences and learning together. Over four years, we have come a long way together and have had a variety of learning experiences and annual sermon exchanges. City Shul’s new rabbi, St. Anne’s goes to City Shul and I preach at the mosque. We are helping each other learn about the traditions. We are learning about each other’s lives. When we realized we were neighbours, we decided to meet for lunch. When St. Anne’s started its annual Christmas concert, I invited Ilyas to give the closing prayer. The Christmas concert brings together local people, including many who do not participate in any religious services, and we wanted them to know about the friendship that exists between St. Anne’s and the mosque. News and world events often give the negative impression that religion fosters violence and intolerance. Our friendship is always well received. When we announced our shared refugee committee, the audience was excited with us; when we introduced our refugee families the next year, it was to a standing ovation. We have had shared learning events and a shared sermon, but our relationship with the mosque became real in the meetings of our shared refugee committee. As the diocese’s new Interfaith Officer, I appreciate questions about starting an interfaith friendship between your congregation and communities near you. What has surprised me more has been how many such friendships and partnerships already exist.

We might be tempted to think we just happened on a great idea. Of that better place to learn about world religions than at our doorstep in multicultural Toronto? What better time to approach other religions than when “religious nones” are the fastest growing segment of the community?

The time and place are right, but this isn’t a new idea. The Parliament of the World’s Religions is coming to Toronto in November. The gathering was first held in Chicago in 1893. It resumed in Chicago in 1910 and has been held in various world capitals, including Paris, London, Tokyo (1999), Barcelona (2004), Melbourne (2009) and Salt Lake City (2015). The Parliament will bring together more than 200 religious, Indigenous and secular beliefs from more than 80 nations. There will be workshops and presentations on a number of subjects, including climate change, women’s experiences, Indigenous experiences, youth, and comparing the magazines of the next generations across religious traditions.

The coming months will offer many opportunities to engage with the Parliament of the World’s Religions, visit www.parliamemploreligions.org or email the Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer at gary.vandermeer@st.anne.ca.

**Parliament of Religions coming here**

**BY THE REV. CANON GARY VAN DER MEER**

We have comforted each other in a time of need. We have shared hope and community outreach. Are you able to easily identify the needs of your community? How has your parish been engaged in its local community? Have your parish and its community connected with one another?

Regardless of where you may find your parish on this spectrum, community outreach can be an integral part of faith communities. Henri Nouwen wrote, “Community is, first of all, a quality of the heart. It grows from recognizing that we are alive, not for ourselves but for each other.” Effective community outreach is rooted in the significance and spiritual depth of a parish. It can animate a parish in such a way that the arts and music, the ability to feel and parishioners’ feelings of belonging deepen and grow.

The starting point for an effective community outreach ministry is rooted—

**THE STEWARD**

**By Paige Souter**

Following the success of his March column, _Seven Habits of Highly Effective Parishes, Peter Misiaszek, the diocese’s director of Stewardship Development, asked others to write on the subject. This is the first in a series._

H ow comfortable are you with community outreach? Are you able to easily identify the needs of your community? Have your parish and its community connected with one another?

It is not a question of whether your community will engage in community outreach. The question is, how will it engage?

Have your community partners already thought about starting an outreach? Are you comfortable with community outreach? Are you ready to turn outward?
“I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOU HAVE ANSWERED ME.”   PSALM 118:21

2017 Faithworks Results: The Diocese of Toronto’s annual FaithWorks Campaign successfully raised $1,292,169 in support of Anglican-affiliated ministries throughout the diocese and around the world.

GENEROSITY ABOUNDS!

By Paige Souter, Manager of Annual Giving

Every year, FaithWorks calls on the Lord to help us feed, shelter, nurture and befriend people who face some of the most difficult challenges that life can present, and once again he answered – through YOU!

“I will give thanks for you have answered me.” Psalm 118:21

Thank you to every one of our FaithWorks donors, individuals, parishes, corporations and foundations. Because of your generosity, the 2017 FaithWorks Campaign raised $1,292,169 and will be able to support over 30,000 people in need this year. “God’s generosity is evident in the abundant giving of FaithWorks donors,” notes Archbishop Colin Johnson. “They are a powerful witness that God’s generous love changes lives.”

Through FaithWorks we see the tangible presence of God in our community. We see faith-filled people answering the cry of those who are homeless, hungry, at-risk of violence, lonely, sick, or afraid. Shelagh McPherson, Chair of the FaithWorks Allocation Committee shares her thankfulness for people who answer the call for help. “I am always so inspired and filled with deep gratitude for the people who continue to open their hearts and support this ministry of love.”

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- 2018 Ministry Allocations*: $1,064,452
- Parish Retainer: $60,535
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3,021 families were supported

1,187 at-risk women, children and youth accessed safe and supportive housing

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Matthew, The Bridge client
I am a bit of a church geek

Janice Bieln is the communications coordinator at The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and a member of St. Olave, Swansea in Toronto.

I write about the life-changing work that PWRDF supports in Canada and around the world. This includes development and relief programs as well as the inspiring and tireless efforts of our many volunteers in parishes across Canada. Then, once I write the stories, I publish them on our website, social media, in newsletters and more. I also worked on the World of Gifts guide this past year.

I’m currently working on the June issue of Under the Sun, PWRDF’s newsletter that is distributed with the Anglican Journal three times a year. This October marks the 60th anniversary of the Springhill, N.S. mining disaster that led to the formation one year later of the People of God. This includes develop- ment and relief programs as well as the inspiring and tireless efforts of our many volunteers in parishes across Canada. Then, once I write the stories, I publish them on our website, social media, in newsletters and more. I also worked on the World of Gifts guide this past year.

The best part of my job is telling people’s stories of strength and resil- ience in the face of real adversity, and then seeing how those stories engage people to volunteer or donate. I find it exciting to motivate Anglicans to put their faith into action. It’s also very humbling to work in the international development and humanitarian sector. I’m working with people who are devoted to making the world a better place, one community at a time. And being the journalist and keep up on world events, but work- ing “on the inside” has opened my eyes. And that brings me to the worst part of my job—feeling like I can’t possibly do people’s stories justice in a few hundred words. There are days when I feel no story I write is going to move the needle a smidge. Part of my job is to follow other humanitarian and development organizations on Twitter, and some days the news can be pretty overwhelming.

I was born in Surnia and raised in London, Ont. I went to Huron College at Western University in London and studied English and French, then on to Ryerson in Toronto to do a graduate degree in journalism. That’s where I met my husband, Craig Douglas, and we never left Toronto. I worked at various magazines and newspapers in Toronto, and for the last seven years I was editor of ParentsCanada magazine. I loved that job, but it was time for a change. Then I found this job at PWRDF and feel so blessed to have been hired.

I’m a cradle Anglican, so my faith journey is rooted in the pews. I grew up going to St. John the Evangelist in London, where the late Terry Finlay was the rector and a family friend. My par- ents are still active members there. As a child I enjoyed the rituals of the service and the music especially. I remember spending a few minutes before each service reading through the bulletin and marking the readings with the silky ribbons in the BAS or dog-earring the well-worn pages of the BCP. As a teen- ager, I often worked Sunday mornings, so my church attendance waned. At 20, I decided to get confirmed. The classes clicked with a lot of the literature courses I was taking. (To paraphrase the great Northrop Frye, all literature has its roots in the Bible.)

After we got married and settled in Toronto, my husband and I started attending St. Olave’s in Bloor West Village. Like most, the church was more than 100 years old with well-established traditions and rhythms that were famil- iar to me. In high school I had partici- pated in a rich choral music program and I was eager to rekindle that skill, so I joined the church’s choir. Singing in the choir has become a big part of my spiritual discipline. My fellow choristers range in age from 14 to 87. We’re quite a crew!

Over these past 22 years at St. Olave’s, my faith journey has intersected with being a parent (teaching Sunday School), my career (developing parish communications) and a passion for leading (being a churchwarden). I feel very fortunate to be able to do this work. Bringing together a disparate group of people that has little in common other than their love of the gospel, this church (and singing)—that’s what I’m passion- ate about.

I admittedly am a bit of a church geek. I’m always reading about ideas for growth, looking for exciting events to stage and innovative forms of com- munication to try. In truth, it’s my love for community and communicating that moves me. Before I became involved in parish leadership, I applied the same focus to my kids’ school and in our neighbourhood. My husband and I also love movies and every summer “curate” our own outdoor film festival in our back yard for neighbours and other friends. We love to travel and have been blessed to do a lot of it, with and without our two daughters (who both attend Dalhousie University in Halifax). We love entertain- ing and being entertained by friends and family. We love exploring Toronto, skiing, walking our dog and discussing at great lengths why some TV commercials work and others miss the mark. We also rarely miss an episode of Jeopardy! and both feel if team Jeopardy! were a thing, we’d crush it.

Five years from now, I pray I’m still at PWRDF, with a few visits to our overseas projects under my belt and by then an expert in the latest forms of communication, some of which proba- bly have yet to be invented.

My favourite passage from scripture is Matthew 6:34. “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” My mom always told me that things will work out the way they should as long as you have her sage advice. Now that I am a parent, I see the wisdom in those words and I think of them often.

Janice Bieln with Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. PHOTO BY THE REV. JESSE DYMOND
BY DIANA SWIFT

In memory of the late Douglas Cowling – musician, writer, scholar, and revitalizer of the sacred drama of divine worship – his family and friends have established a new bursary in liturgical music.

To be awarded for the first time this fall, the annual $5,000 bursary is a tribute to Mr. Cowling’s bold experimentation and commitment to breathing new life into worship in the diocese. Known as an intergenerational connector of people, Mr. Cowling died in January 2017.

“He was someone who had an absolute passion for liturgical reform that would involve the entire congregation in song and music,” says the Rev. Canon David Harrison, incumbent of St. Mary Magdalen, Toronto, where Mr. Cowling was a parishioner.

While he championed unorthodox reform and renewed congregational engagement, Mr. Cowling was at the same time an erudite and precise scholar of music and musical history.

A founding member of Toronto’s Renaissance-focused Tallis Choir, he served as a music director and organist at several parishes in the diocese. He was also a scholar of medieval English and was once a member of Poculi Lutino Societas, the University of Toronto’s medieval drama troupe.

Starting this fall, the annual Douglas C. Cowling Bursary in Liturgical Music will go to a musician working part-time in a parish in the diocese. Its aim is two-fold: to encourage creative musical and liturgical expression that fosters full participation by the people of God of all ages, and to further the recipient’s own training to enrich the musician’s ecclesiastical setting.

The Cowling family has committed to giving at least $5,000 a year for five years to a fund managed by the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation. The bursary fund currently stands at $38,700, and donations are being accepted by the Foundation at https://goo.gl/xcu7Ss.

Applicants for the bursary should send full proposals by June 29 to: cowlingbursary@gmail.com. The date for announcing the 2018 award has not yet been decided.
Parish provides food, trees in Belize

A fundraising campaign in the Parish of Ida and Omemee that raised $5,700 has gone a long way to help the residents of a town in Belize.

On a recent mission trip to Dangriga, located south of Belize City, the Rev. Peter Mills and four others from the parish were able to use the money to buy paint for the local Anglican church and 3,326 pounds of food for four schools and two families. They also bought 260 fruit trees for local farmers and provided bursaries for students to attend high school or college.

The group helped the congregation and local volunteers paint the exterior of Christ the King Anglican Church in Dangriga. Mr. Mills preached on the second Sunday he was there and helped to build a handicap ramp at the church.

The mission trip was part of an ongoing effort by Andy Harjula, a member of St. John, Ida, who has been travelling to Belize to provide assistance for the past seven years. "We saw Andy's commitment to the people there, and it was very moving," says Mr. Mills. "I saw the value of cultivating relationships of trust."

Mr. Harjula and his wife, Maureen, accompanied Mr. Mills and his wife, Trish, on the trip. Also taking part was a resident of Ida.

Fund helps needy near church

A bequest from two long-time parishioners of All Saints, Peterborough is helping disadvantaged people who live close by.

Sisters Kay and Edna Lee, who died in 2010 and 2012 respectively, left a bequest from two long-time parishioners of All Saints, Peterborough.

As members of All Saints, Edna and Kay Lee lived their faith daily. When a member of the parish needed help with her two-year-old quadruplet sons, Edna was one of a team of volunteers who drove two of the boys to nursery school four days a week. Both sisters visited nursing homes to read to residents. They taught in the church's Sunday School for years and drove people to church who would not otherwise have been able to attend.

Submitted by All Saints, Peterborough.

Good Friday walk draws large crowd

ST. Barnabas, Toronto was part of the annual Good Friday Ecumenical Walk on Danforth Avenue on March 30. Five churches – Riverdale Presbyterian, Holy Name Roman Catholic, Eastminster United, the Danforth Church and St. Barnabas – walked from church to church, following the Stations of the Cross. The 300-plus walkers followed the cross into each church, then, after 15 or 20 minutes, walked on to the next one. The final church was St. Barnabas.

This year, St. Barnabas was pleased to have the Rev. Dr. Anita Gaide of the East Toronto Latvian Lutheran Church and members of her congregation as part of the St. Barnabas presentation. The Latvian Church congregation has worshipped at St. Barnabas for 50 years.

St. Barnabas served hot cross buns and beverages to all who took part in the walk, which has been held for nearly 20 years. Each year, the number of participants increases. "To be part of the walk and worship with other churches and to see each church filled to capacity was an amazing experience for all who took part," says Helen Taylor, the assistant churchwarden at St. Barnabas. The church will be celebrating its 160th anniversary in June.
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Vacant Incumbencies

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

First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation (not yet receiving names):

- St. John, Bowmanville
- Parish of Haliburton
- St. Hugh of Cluny, Edmund, Mississauga
- St. Thomas à Becket, Mississauga
- Parish of Churchill and Cookstown
- Trinity, Aurora

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee (receiving names via Area Bishop):

- St. Andrew, Scarborough

Ordinations

The following individuals will be ordained transitional deacons at St. James Cathedral on May 6 at 4:30 p.m.

- Jeff Boldt
- Alison Hari-Singh
- Roshni Jayawardena
- Ken Johnstone

• Andrew Kaye
• Johanna Pak
• Shelley Polak
• Brian Sugg
• Morning Wang

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For May

1. Christ Church, Brantford
2. Parish of Exercise
3. Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brantford)
4. St. James the Apostle, Brantford
5. St. James, Caledon East
6. New Curates of the Diocese

May 5

- Opus 8 presents “What Is Our World?”
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May 7

- Blessing of the Bicycles, 11 a.m., All Saints, King-
  ston, on the Avenue Road.

May 9 – June 20

- Kingsway Organ Recital Series, May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St., W., Toronto. Details at www.
  organ concerts.ca

May 10

- Celebrate Ascension with each, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

May 12

- Special organ concert, 7 p.m., to celebrate the 70th anniversary of St. Matthew, Islington, 3962 Bloor St. W., Toronto. Details at
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May 15

- Flea market, rummage and bake sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ Church, Steeles, 6001 Finch Ave. W., Toronto

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May 21

- “Broadway on Yonge,” a night of song and dance presented by The Yorkminstrels Show Choir, 7:30 p.m., St. George, 3530 Yonge St., Toronto. Tickets $15 for adults, $10 for children. Email billyrolie@rogers.com or call the church office at 416-225-1922 for tickets or information.

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Large turnout in York–Scarborough

Area begins to identify priorities

BY STUART MANN

Of all the good news that came out of York–Scarborough’s town hall meeting on March 3, the most impressive fact may be the most overlooked: that 110 people from across the episcopal area gathered on a Saturday morning to talk about Church.

The crowd that filled St. Andrew, Scarborough’s parish hall was a clear sign that Anglicans are not only passionate about their churches but also willing to share ideas with Anglicans from other parishes to build up the body of Christ.

“It’s one thing to get excited about what’s happening in your own backyard, but to get excited about what’s possible with other Anglicans in other parts of York–Scarborough—that’s really great,” says Bishop Kevin Robertson, the area bishop.

The gathering was part of a year-long effort by Bishop Robertson to get to know the clergy and laity of his area—“their needs and concerns, their joys and struggles,” he says.

Bishop Robertson, who was consecrated in January 2016, has been meeting with clergy in deanery clusters and with laity on parish visits, but this was the first time everyone had a chance to come together to talk about mission and ministry.

“I felt it was important to take those conversations I’ve been having to the whole group in all 59 parishes, or at least those who wanted to come out, and ask them what they saw as the needs of the Church in their own local setting and in York–Scarborough,” he says.

The morning was divided into three sections: two table-group discussions followed by an open forum. Participants sat with others from different parishes, then were asked the first question: As you look around your neighbourhood and community, where do you see God at work, and where are the needs?

After a discussion and a short break, they were asked: Based on the needs that were identified, how would you prioritize what your church should be doing to respond? What is your church doing well and not well? What does your church need to start doing, continue doing and stop doing?

The questions produced lots of conversation and ideas—enough to fill about 60 flip-chart pages. The group identified three main priorities: finding new and better ways to engage with neighbours, especially those who don’t know about the Church or the Christian faith; youth ministry and children’s ministry; and meeting the needs of a multi-cultural, multilingual society.

The open forum also produced several good ideas, including developing a local catechism program.

Bishop Robertson said the event surpassed his expectations. “One of the clergy told me afterwards that he had a vision of what he thought he had to, but walked away feeling that we had a great conversation and was encouraged about ministry in the area.”

Bishop Robertson says the event was the beginning of a plan for urban mission and ministry in York–Scarborough. “It’s one thing to get excited about what’s possible with other churches in the diocese. He hopes parishes will create mission plans as well.

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Women knit dolls for kids in Cuba

BY ANNE BAILLARGEON

The Craft Club at St. Timothy, Agincourt is a group of ladies who meet every Tuesday morning to create hand-crafted items to sell at their annual Christmas event, or to donate for outreach.

Our most recent project was the production of 415 knitted “comfort dolls” for outreach. The son of one of the group’s members went on his fifth trip to Cuba in early April. The people whom he visits are extremely poor and are very likely to become very poor:

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The Craft Club heard about his request for dolls, she told the group, which agreed to join in the project.

Since early January, our Tuesday mornings have been a lovely time of fellowship, with flying fingers and the click of busy knitting needles to the accompaniment of warm, friendly chatting.

While some of us knit dolls, others stitched facial features on ones that had already been finished. Most of the knitters were St. Timothy’s parishioners, but there were also several friends and neighbours of members as well. We were very grateful for everyone’s contributions to this project.

Since we surpassed the original target of 300 dolls to be given at the children’s event, the extras were also donated to give to other children whom he might encounter while in Cuba.

On March 18, all the dolls were taken to the 10 a.m. service, where they were the subject of the Children’s Talk and were blessed by The Rev. Claire Goodrich Dyer (centre), St. Timothy’s incumbent, before beginning their journey to new homes and families in Cuba.

Anne Baillargeon is a member of St. Timothy’s Craft Club.

Anglicans encouraged to pray

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Mr. Woods promoted Thy Kingdom Come at St. Luke’s last year and hopes to do so again.

Other churches in the diocese. He says one of the things he likes best is its focus on prayer as central to Christian life. “You can pray wherever you want. It’s nice to get together with other people to share the time of prayer, but if that’s not possible, you can just pray wherever you are,” he says.

The Kingdom Come website includes free resources for individuals, families and churches. From “I’m hoping parishes will create mission plans as well.

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