Make some room! That’s the cry of our six-year-old twins when they crawl into our bed at 6 o’clock in the morning. Those of you who have children will understand the irony that, after crawling into bed, those same little ones then proceed to sleep horizontally, making absolutely no room for anyone else!

The Christmas story is about making room. In the familiar account from Luke’s gospel, Mary and Joseph were on their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. And when they arrived, it was time for Mary to give birth. They went looking for a place to stay, but there was no room for them. And so, Mary and Joseph found rest in a cold and smelly stable – probably with cows and sheep, and horses and pigs. And in this unlikely place, the Saviour of the world was born. Because no one could make room, or perhaps no one would make room.

That’s a sad proposition, but it wasn’t new. For generations, the God of Israel had desired to have room in the hearts of the people. God had reached out to them in a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, and delivered them from the hands of their enemies in Egypt, and then Babylon. God sent messengers and prophets to teach them. Yet time and again, God’s people would not make room.

How often have we refused to make room for God in our lives? How often do we become entrenched, refuse to forgive, hold on to a grudge, ignore someone in need? How often have wars and other conflicts been perpetrated because people can’t make room for those who are different? Our world is littered with missed opportunities to allow the love of God to be revealed. And yet, in spite of this, God came. In a backwater town, half a world from anywhere, God came. The conditions were hardly ideal. The people were oppressed under Roman rule and, even within Israel, the religious leaders were known to place oppressive weights on the backs of the people and not lift a finger to ease them (Luke 11:46). Life was hard. And yet, God came.

And so God comes to us. In the brokenness of our world, and in the imperfection of our own lives, even when we feel unready or unworthy, God still comes with the power to transform, renew and recreate.

The Christmas Message
By Bishop Kevin Robertson

Let us make room

FIRST LIGHT

Paul Seto and Mary Ho help children at St. Elizabeth, Mississauga practice lighting the Advent wreath. A candle will be lit each week during Advent, followed by the lighting of the middle candle on Christmas Eve. Advent starts on Dec. 2. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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Music director receives first Cowling bursary

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GOOD TIMES

Archbishop Colin Johnson and his wife Ellen were the guests of honour at the 32nd annual Bishops Basil Tonks and Arthur Brown Fundraising Dinner at St. Andrew, Scarborough on Nov. 3. Clockwise from above: Ellen Johnson (left) receives a gift of shawl scarves from Sonia Perrin; serving up delicious food; Angela Allman-Fenty (left) and thanks Elsa Jones, chair of the Canadian Friends to West Indian Christians; enjoying the evening; panissist Vince Cato and Bishop Peter Fenty; Archbishop Colin Johnson gives the keynote address. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

BRIEFLY

All invited to Archbishop’s farewell

Readers are reminded of a special retirement celebration for Archbishop Colin Johnson on Dec. 15 from 1-4 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, Church and King streets, Toronto. All are invited. The celebration will include refreshments, a receiving line, speeches and presentations. It will conclude with a Choral Evensong at which Archbishop Johnson will preach.

Archbishop Johnson is retiring on Dec. 31 after more than 40 years of ordained ministry. He has been the Bishop of Toronto, or diocesan bishop, since 2004. He will be succeeded by Bishop Andrew Ashil, currently the coadjutor bishop, on Jan. 1, 2019.

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Friends, colleagues pay tribute at dinner

BY STUART MANN

TWO well-known leaders in the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Colin Johnson and Terry Davis, have been honored for their contributions.

Archbishop Colin Johnson was presented with a lifetime achievement award from the Anglican Church of Canada, recognizing his years of service as a priest, bishop, and leader of the church.

Terry Davis was honored for his work as the national executive director of the Anglican Church of Canada's Office of Theologian for the Future (OTF), which has been instrumental in supporting the church's work in the areas of social justice, environmental stewardship, and global citizenship.

The awards were presented during a special event held in Toronto, where attendees gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of these two individuals.

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BY MARTHA HOLMEN

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Some of the 100 people who attended the conference take part in a small group discussion.

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That theme emerged during two sets of workshops that focused on practical strategies and resources church leaders have used to place discipleship at the heart of their communities. In a workshop on disciple-making in church operations and structure, the Rev. Canon Beth Benson, priest-in-charge of St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto, spoke about reframing conversations around finances to focus on God’s mission.

An amalgamation of four churches that had been struggling to survive financially, the parish has recently launched Growing Healthy Stewards, a program developed in the Diocese of Toronto. “The idea that we’re unpaking now is that it is God’s abundance that is at work in this new amalgamation. All that we have, all that we are, is about the gifts that are freely given, particularly his Son given for us,” she said. “It’s a whole new conversation. You can imagine how radical it is when you’ve only known scarcity.”

The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea, speaks about making disciples through community life.

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From left, the Rev. Molly Finlay, the Rev. Dr. Alison Falby, the Rev. Karen Isaacs, the Rev. Richard Webb and the Rev. Canon Beth Benson enjoy the conference.

A beloved traditional selection of carols and readings by candlelight.

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Climate change vigil provides missional lessons

BY ELIZABETH ACHIMAH

St. Monica, Toronto has had a heart for local mission since the early 1900s. Following in the steps of the early missioners, my task has been to get to know the neighbours, find out what their dreams and challenges are, and see how St. Monica’s can bless the neighbourhood. Since we do not have a building within the parish bounds, we engage in “missional initiatives” where we try various things and see the response. On Oct. 18, we held a prayer vigil for climate change as one of these missional initiatives. We held it in a local park as part of our series on creation and creation care. A neighbourhood Facebook group started a conversation about current practices and efforts that impact climate change, so it seemed like a perfect time to do the vigil. There was lots of support for it – more so than for many other initiatives we’ve tried.

Yet, on the night of the vigil, I sat in prayer surrounded only by candles. I decided to hold the vigil anyway. One person asked if we could do it again so that he could attend. A young boy and his father wanted to know why I had candles lit. I was able to have a lengthy conversation with them. The father had worked in the wildlife field and shared his insights, as well as the need to pray and work to halt climate change. I gave the young boy one of our candles, a simple gesture that made him very excited.

The missional initiative of the vigil certainly did not yield the results that I was expecting. It did, however, teach me a few things: Be prepared for God to surprise you. The vigil did not go the way I had planned, but I am convinced that God was at work in the conversations I had with the three people that night. Do it anyway. It is tempting to give up if there is no or low attendance. If I had left when I thought about leaving, I would not have had the conversations that I had. In other missional initiatives, I have found that people tend not to come out for the first event. Instead, they wish to see what it is all about before they commit. Sometimes sharing pictures and stories make people more comfortable in coming out next time.

Be present in the neighbourhood. Missional work starts at the ground level of simply being present in the neighbour- hood and meeting people outside the church doors. People want to know that you actually care about them and the neighbourhood, not that you care about them to get them to come to your program or fill the pews in church. The vigil was just one way that St. Monica’s was able to say that we care about the same things that other people in the neighbour- hood do.

Elizabeth Achimah is St. Monica’s lay pastor and missioner.

Bishop had ‘profound love’ for Church

BISHOP Joachim Fricker, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto from 1985 to 1993, died on Oct. 28 in Burlington, Ont.

Bishop Fricker received his theological education at Huron College in London, Ont., and was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Niagara in 1982. He served at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Hamilton (1982-90), St. David, Welland (1989-1993), St. James, Dundas (1960-1973), and as the Dean of Niagara and rector of Christ’s Church Cathedral, Hamilton (1973-1985). He also served in the Diocese of Niagara as the chair of the Hamilton Wentworth Regional Food and Shelter Assistance Committee and was a member of the Hamilton Arts Awards Committee. He is survived by his wife Shirley and their children.

After he was consecrated bishop in the Diocese of Toronto in 1985, he served as the area bishop of the Credit Valley Episcopal Area (now called the York-Credit Valley Episcopal Area). He worked with several other bishops in the diocese in the late 1980s and early 1990s, including Archbishop Terence Finlay, Bishop Douglas Blackwell and Bishop Taylor Pryce. As he prepared to retire in 1993, he wrote, “My eight years in this diocese have been a rich and rewarding experience. I am deeply grateful to the clergy and lay people of the area for their cooperation and encouragement.”

Bishop Fricker and his wife Shirley moved to Burlington in 1995 but he continue to serve as an associate priest at the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. in Toronto until 1999. He was an interim priest-in-charge at St. Clement, Eglington and St. Paul, Lorne Park. He was also the interim dean at St. Paul’s Cathedral in the Diocese of Western New York (1994-6 and 2004-6). He celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 2004 and at Christ’s Church Cathedral in Hamilton. He was also the interim dean at St. Paul’s Cathedral in the Diocese of Western New York (1986-95). He retired in 2004 and was the interim dean at St. Paul’s Cathedral in the Diocese of Western New York (1986-95 and 2004-6). He celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 2004 and at Christ’s Church Cathedral in Hamilton.

Archbishop Colin Johnson said he received the news of Bishop Fricker’s death with sorrow. “He was one of my mentors and I learned much from him. I asked him to preach at my consecration as bishop and was not disappointed. He had a sharp intellect, a robust sense of humour, a deeply honed faith in God the Holy Trin- ity, and a profound love for the Church. He was a major force in the development and introduction of the BAN (“Box of the Americas” as it was affectionately called by the bishops). May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.” His funeral was held on Nov. 5 at Christ’s Church Cathedral, Hamilton.

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Tool library embodies gospel, says Anglican

SAINT JOHN - An Anglican who runs a “tool library” says an untapped opportunity for growth in the Church could lie in social enterprise. Brent Harris, a member of the city’s Church of the Resurrection, recently launched the Saint John Tool Library & DIY Centre, which allows its members to borrow tools as they need them. The centre charges money for memberships and for how-to classes that it offers the public. It is a social enterprise, Mr. Harris says, because it sees its success not in profits but in serving the public and “helping people see an embodied gospel.”

If the Church were to foster the growth of such enterprises, he says, it could both attract more young people and reduce the social isolation of its elderly members, by engaging retired Anglicans to volunteer to teach young people new skills, and by increasing the presence of the Church in the community.

“Social enterprises need volunteers during their start-up phase, and for the next 10 years, we will have a huge influx of retirees who will want to connect with their community in a tangible way,” he says. “There is a truck here for the Church to be in the business of turning strangers into neighbours, and that will cause people to say, ‘What’s this about?’” he says. The New Brunswick Anglican

Wounded priest preaches reconciliation

EDMONTON - The key to reconciliation is to focus on memories that are redemptive rather destructive, the Rev. Canon Michael Lapsley, an Anglican anti-apartheid activist who lost both his hands to a parcel bomb, told a congregation at All Saints’ Cathedral on Sept. 30.

“Those who’ve had horrible things done to them have every reason to hate, to be bitter, to want revenge,” Canon Lapsley said in a sermon for Orange Shirt Day, which commemorates survivors of the residential school system. “But in the end, those things do not destroy our enemies. They destroy us.

Healing comes from keeping the kind of memories the Bible encourages us to have, he said — memories of the good that comes from evil and of the life that comes from death.

Canon Lapsley has served as honorary canon for healing and reconciliation at the cathedral since 2017 and holds a similar title at St. George’s Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa.

Born in New Zealand, he went to South Africa as a missionary in 1973 and became active in the anti-apartheid movement. He was exiled from South Africa and went to live in Zimbabwe, where, in 1990, he opened a parcel bomb that nearly killed him, destroying both his hands and severely damaging his eyeground and hearing.

In 1998, he founded the Institute for Healing of Memories, which gives workshops in South Africa on healing.

The Messenger

Church rallies after near-closure

VICTORIA - Four years after a recommendation that it be closed, a Vancouver Island church was assessed by the Diocese of British Columbia as healthy, thanks to staunch revitalization efforts by its members, say the churchwardens and rector.

Some years ago, a diocesan review team recommended that St. Michael and All Angels in Chemainus, B.C., be disestablished. The church had been suffering from dissension among its members, which had led to many leaving, and financial problems. But the parish developed a five-year plan for growth, says churchwarden Hillary Findlay, and within two years, the diocese’s assessment had changed to “in transition.” After two more years, it was designated “healthy.”

The church, she says, took a number of steps to increase its presence in the community, including becoming a tourist destination by opening it up for public viewing, hosting an annual parade of veterans and creating a local classical music society. Over the past three years, the church has also been pursuing the development of attainable housing on its property, says its rector, the Rev. Michael Wimper. The Diocesan Post

Diocese funds university chaplaincies

HAMILTON - The Diocese of Niagara will be providing a total of $10,000 in financial support for the next two years to three ecumenical university chaplaincies, at Brock University, McMaster University and the University of Guelph, the diocese announced this September.

The chaplaincies, which involve co-operation among the Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches, provide a range of services on campus, ranging from personal support to theological reflection and worship.

Each chaplaincy also has its own unique elements. The chaplaincy at Guelph involves, among other things, a weekly worship service open to people on campus or off. The Niagara Anglican

Jesus makes room for everyone

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And what happened then? Well, in Whoville they say “that the Grinch’s small heart grew three sizes that day!”

If you remember the animation, the Grinch’s chest cavity actually breaks open like a broken spring, unable to contain his growing heart. The Grinch finally got it: Christmas means that there is no room for anything that constrains the power of love.

The baby boy, Jesus, for whom there was no room in the inn, would, through his teachings and example, his life and his death, his resurrection and ascension, make room for everyone: the tax-collector and the sinner, the prostitute and the leper, the blind and the lame. No one was written off, everyone was given room.

So too for us. No matter our pasts, no matter the baggage we carry, Christmas declares that God loves us completely and unreservedly, and we ought to love others in the same way. Those who are written off and marginalized in our own time, those who are lost and forgotten – these are the ones for whom we are asked to make room. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas once again this year, rejoicing in the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, let us make room.

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Go beyond charity, says speaker

Anglicans urged to seek justice

KEYNOTE speaker Andre Lyn says charity has its place, but seeking justice addresses the root causes of suffering – poverty, homelessness, mental health, addiction and discrimination. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

The trap snare a poisonous snake, which bites the farmer's wife; even- tually, the apathetic chicken and pig are sacrificed for the wife's recuperation and the cow, ultimately, for her funeral banquet.

Mr. Lyn also cited the famous poem of German pastor Martin Niemöller about how he failed to speak out when the Nazis came for the socialists, the trade unionists and the Jews because he was not one of any of those, until finally they came for him and there was no one left to speak for him.

Personal acts of charity sometimes present us with a “compassionate predica- ment,” in which showing empathy involves a certain struggle – for exam- ple, when a needy outstretched hand is asking for money but the donor- giver believes the recipient will use the money for drugs or alcohol. “Who are we to judge them when they need the money for drugs?” asked Mr. Lyn. “Food does not address their need or the roots of their addiction.” And what is a vice to us can be their means of connecting with their society and escaping harsh reality.

Compassionate charity is differ- ent from compassionate justice, he stressed. “Charity is what we do most often. It’s easier to do than justice.” It may involve volunteering at food or clothing drives, giving money to a social cause or hand- ing out the street. “It has its place. Charity is a type of compassion that meets someone’s immediate needs and temporarily eases the effects of suffering,” he said. It is necessary and important, but it is temporary and insufficient.

Compassionate justice is much more difficult and slow-moving, as it addresses the root causes of suffering – poverty, homelessness, mental health, addiction and discrim- ination. It seeks to correct the inequities that are endemic to our religious, educational and legal institutions, and its progress is slow but incremental. “If charity is about transforming hearts, justice is about transforming structures, systems and institutions. It is the social and political form of compas- sion,” he said. It is wide-ranging, and it affects lasting change.

Apathy is the enemy of such justice, he said, quoting Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel’s observation that the opposite of love is not hatred but indifference. He used an engaging animal parable to show the wide-ranging ill effects of indifference. In the parable, a farm mouse meets total indifference to show the wide-ranging ill effects of indifference. In the parable, a farm mouse meets total indifference when a chicken, a pig and a cow when he reports the introduction of a mousetrap to the farmhouse.

Mr. Lyn outlined the need for personal acts of charity to live a reasonable life even under conditions of poverty. “The trap snare a poisonous snake, which bites the farmer’s wife; eventually, the apathetic chicken and pig are sacrificed for the wife’s recuperation and the cow, ultimately, for her funeral banquet.”

Mr. Lyn also cited the famous poem of German pastor Martin Niemöller about how he failed to speak out when the Nazis came for the socialists, the trade unionists and the Jews because he was not one of any of those, until finally they came for him and there was no one left to speak for him.

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Sold out Success

THANK YOU!

It was all smiles at the 57th annual Bishop’s Company Dinner held on October 19, 2018 at The Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel. The sold out farewell gathering celebrated the ministry of Archbishop Colin Johnson who will retire at the end of the year.

Photography by Michael Hudson.
Ontario elects new metropolitan

ARCHBISHOP Anne Germond of the Diocese of Algoma is the new metropolitan – senior bishop – of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, succeeding Archbishop Colin Johnson, who stepped down from the role in October. Archbishop Germond was elected and consecrated during a meeting of Provincial Synod, held in Ottawa Oct. 9-12.

The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario covers most of the territory of the political province plus part of western Quebec. It includes the dioceses of Algoma, Harron, Moosonee, Niagara, Ontario, Ottawa and Toronto. As metropolitan, Archbishop Germond will serve as president of the province's Synod and its House of Bishops, chair of its provincial council and bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee, while remaining bishop of the Diocese of Algoma.

Archbishop Germond is the third woman in the Anglican Communion to have the title "archbishop," and the second in Canada after Archbishop Melissa Skelton, who was made metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon last May.

She said her first priority as metropolitan would be to call the people of the ecclesiastical province to ponder their identity as children of God, and the centrality of Christ in the church. "We're not a people who gather around the archbishop, or who gather around a priest — we gather around Christ, and we gather around Christ's gospel," she said. "I really want us to think about that, and what that looks like as a province, because Christ is our unity and I think that alone will draw us closer together as a people."

She said she also wanted to foster the growth of relationships among the dioceses in the province. "I think there tends to be in our Church generally a lot of 'silos'... so I think as an ecclesiastical province we need to – and it's already happening – start to look beyond the geographical boundaries of our own dioceses and how we might be much more in relationship with each other."

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Archbishop honoured at dinner

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presenting sponsor, AGF, and its chairman, Blake Goldring, ODt.

At the end of the evening, Arch-

bishop Johnson thanked those in attendance. "I've been entirely

honored this evening," he said.

"It's been my privilege to serve in

the Diocese of Toronto for all of my ministry and to serve (as the bishop of Toronto) since 2001. We stand on

the shoulders of many people. This

hasn't been created recently. This

body is over 2,000 years old. There is

no other organization in the Western

world that has done that."

In an interview afterwards, he said he was surprised, delighted and humbled by the tributes extended to him at the dinner. "Bishop Phil

was a wonderful MC and I was hon-

ored by the remarks of a friend and colleague for over 40 years. Judy Maddren is such a warm and thoughtful interviewer that you

trust yourself to be led by her. It was

almost as if we were having a private conversation that 500 people

eavesdropped on!"

The Anglican Journal

Churches provide services in Spanish

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had before."

The churches also work tactfully

with farm owners to determine how best they can help, and they

connect the workers with local

communities. "We've even had

local people attend our Wednesday

evening Spanish services," he said.

At least, the program increases awareness of the large contribu-

tion the workers make to local

life. "They spend $300,000 locally on food and other purchases," he

said. As their numbers swell the

local population, services improve.

"Thanks to them, our area met the

threshold to qualify for a nurse

practitioner, which benefits eve-

ryone."

"The workers send 80-90 per cent

of their earnings home. "They're

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-dinners."

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4. All Saints, Markham
3. The Anglican Diocese of Toronto

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3. The Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation
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5. Christ Church, Stouffville
6. Christ Church, Woodbridge
7. St. Christopher, Toronto
8. Emmanuel, Richmond Hill
9. York Central Deanery
10. Grace Church, Markham
11. Holy Trinity, Thornhill
12. St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges
13. St. Mary, Richmond Hill
14. St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville

15. Thanksgiving for the ministry of Archbishop Colin Johnson
16. North Peel Deanery
17. Christ Church, Bolton
18. Christ Church, Brampton
19. Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton)
20. St. James the Apostle, Brampton
21. St. James, Caledon East
22. St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea
23. FaithWorks
24. St. Jude, Bramalea North
25. Christmas Day
26. All Saints, Caledon
27. Christ Church-St. Jude, Iivy
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In Motion
Appointments
• The Rev. Terry Bennett, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Church, Barrie, Oct. 1.
• The Rev. Doug Woods, Pastoral Care Provider for retired clergy, spouses and widows in the Durham-Northumberland area, Oct. 1.
• The Rev. Canon James Woolley, Honorary Assistant, St. Chad, Toronto, Oct. 1.
• The Rev. Derek Stapleton, Interim Associate Priest, St. Andrew, Scarborough, Oct. 1.
• The Rev. Andrew MacDonald, Associate Priest, St. James Cathedral, Oct. 29.

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. Peter, Oshawa
• St. Andrew by-the-Lake, Toronto Islands (Half Time)
• St. James Cathedral

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee (receiving names via Area Bishop):
• St. Thomas A Beckett, Erin Mills South
• St. John, Bowmanville

Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing (no longer receiving names):
• Trinity, Aurora
• St. Hugh and St. Edmund, Mississauga
• St. Andrew, Scarborough

Death
Bishop Joachim Fricker, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Toronto from 1985 to 1993, died on Oct. 28 in Burlington, Ont. Bishop Fricker received his theological education at Huron College in London, Ont., and was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Niagara in 1962. He served at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Hamilton (1982-90), St. David, Welland (1969-80), St. James, Dundas (1965-1973), and as the Dean of Niagara and rector of Christ’s Church Cathedral, Hamilton (1993-1995). His funeral was held on Nov. 5 at Christ’s Church Cathedral, Hamilton.

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December 2018

Music & Worship
DEC. 1 – Carols and lullabies at the Healey Willan Singers annual Christmas concert, 8 p.m., with accompanist John Stephenson and conductor Ron Cheung. St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 53 Glenlake Ave., Toronto. Tickets available at the door (cash only), $20 adults, $15 students/seniors.

DEC. 2 - Service of Healing and Reconciliation, a simple worship of song, readings and a reflection of God’s hope, for those experiencing loneliness, sadness and loss during the Christmas season, 3:30 p.m., St. Theodore of Canterbury, 111 Cactus Ave., Toronto.

DEC. 16 - The Wonder of Christmas, a celebration and showcase of music, created by music director Robert Graham, 4 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto. There will be a free-will offering with all proceeds going to the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities Food Bank. Refreshments following the program. Call 416-283-1844.

DEC. 23 - The Christmas Story, a Toronto tradition since 1958 featuring professional musicians and a volunteer cast in this hour-long nativity program, Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto. For tickets or to volunteer, call 416-598-4351, ext. 301. Information is available at select performances.

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Looking Ahead
To submit items for Looking Ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the January issue is Nov. 30. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese’s website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Sales
DEC. 1 - Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar with lunch room, homemade decor and gift items, baked goods and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 206 North St., Port Perry.
DEC. 1 - Christmas Kitchen, home baking, lunch, silent auction, Santa photos for kids and more, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., S. Timothy, 100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto.
DEC. 8 - Christmas craft and bake sale and an open house art exhibit hosted by the Creative Space Resident Artist Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Aidan, 70 Silver Birch Ave., Toronto.

Workshops & Gatherings
DEC. 2 - Community Carol Sing, 7:30 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. There will be a free-will offering with all proceeds going to the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities Food Bank. Refreshments following program. Call 416-283-1844.

DEC. 7 - The Christmas Story, a Toronto tradition since 1958 featuring professional musicians and a volunteer cast in this hour-long nativity program, Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto (behind the Eaton Centre). Suggested donation is $25 for adults and $8 for children. Evening and matinee performances. For times and reservations, visit www.thechristmasstory.ca or call 416-598-4351, ext. 301. American Sign Language interpretation is available at select performances.

Teaching the Faith
The Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid of St. Peter, Erindale plays with a youngster at the Fishing for Faith booth at the Parliament of World Religions in Toronto on Nov. 4. The booth let kids learn about Christianity using fish as a symbol. Local Anglicans staffed booths, led workshops and participated in other activities at the parliament, which was attended by thousands of people from around the world. The theme of the conference was The Promise of Inclusion, the Power of Love. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON
Archbishop Colin Johnson

for his grace-filled service to the Diocese of Toronto as Priest and Bishop.

Well done, good and faithful servant of Christ!

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you
And be gracious to you;
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace.

Numbers 6:23-26