Ministry plans urban farm at local church

BY STUART MANN

In 2017, the Rev. Beverley Williams and her staff at Flemingdon Park Ministry had a conversation about the need for good, healthy produce for local residents. The Don Mills neighborhood food bank is one of many newcomers to Canada who struggle to make ends meet. The area’s food bank mostly stocks canned and packaged goods, and the fruit and vegetables in the nearest grocery store are expensive.

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With the church’s permission, Ms. Williams and her team of staff and volunteers put in six raised garden beds on the property last summer. With a $5,000 grant from the team developed a market system where families could register with The Common Table and receive shopping points based on the number of children and adults they had. To distribute the food, The Common Table received permission from the city to hold a market every other Friday in a park in the middle of Flemingdon Park. It set up a tent and a table and put out its first produce.

Ms. Williams was surprised by what happened next. “What we didn’t realize was the demand,” she says. In the first month of operation, 227 families had registered – about 1,300 adults and children. All the food at the market was usually gone within two hours. “We weren’t growing enough food,” explains Ms. Williams. “We couldn’t meet the demand.” The team had to supplement its offerings with food from other sources. Local farmers, grocery stores and non-profit organizations provided fresh fruit and vegetables at little or no cost.

Faced with the size of the need, Ms. Williams wondered if The Common Table could turn the entire swath of grass at Our Saviour – about three-quarters of an acre – into an urban farm, to provide much more produce this summer. Again, the church was supportive. “We see the potential as being very great,” says Mr. Duporte. “But growing the food was only half of the solution. They also had to find a way to distribute it to those who needed it. ‘We were growing vegetables – now what were we going to do with them?’” Ms. Williams recalls.

That summer, the team grew spinach, peas, several varieties of tomatoes and peppers, onions, eggplant, three types of beans, romaine lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, bok choy, herbs and cucumbers. The Common Table, as the project was called, was born.

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In the April 2 letter, the bishops and clergy say the opioid overdose crisis in the province is “the major public health issue of our time” and is a health emergency that is costing many lives. More than 1,250 people died of opioid overdoses in Ontario in 2017.

The letter was sent by bishops Andrew Asbil, Peter Penta, Bisceilla Shaw, Kevin Robertson and Jenny Andison, the Rev. Alison Falby of All Saints Church Community Centre, the Rev. Maggie Helwig of St. Stephen in-the-Fields, Toronto, the Ven. Stephen Vail, archdeacon
Rwandan speaker to visit

Program improves health care

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Sites have ties to churches

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of Trent-Durham, and the Rev. Leigh Kern, the diocese’s coordinator of Indigenous ministries and reconciliation animator. The letter specifically asks that the overdose prevention sites at St. Stephen’s Church Community Centre and sites are located near All Saints Street Health in downtown Toronto, the busiest sites in the city. The government services and receive donated items like soccer balls and skipping ropes for their kids. “It’s just a win-win on so many levels,” she says, reflecting on how far the Common Table has come since 2017. “It’s been phenomenal. It’s almost like we couldn’t keep up with God. God opened door after door, and we couldn’t keep up. Things were falling in place. It was absolutely beautiful.” Easy access to Flemingdon Park Market Community engagement facilitator and project lead for The Common Table, she enthused. “The Common Table is a place where family, friends and neighbours can gather and share together and grow connections,” he says. “It’s a place of belonging, where everyone is welcome, a place that seeks to fight and confront injustices while seeking the well-being of our fellow human beings. We want to keep shooting for that, every day.” This year, the form has prompted Mr. Duport who has no faith to “come and share. When you look at the context people are living in, it’s very good to learn first hand from somebody who actually lives in the country, to give participants a close-up look at what the Rwandan genocide 25 years ago. “It’s very good to learn first hand from somebody who has been or who is living in the country. We encourage people to bring a member of their family,” she says. “It’s a good opportunity to learn about what’s happening in an area where PWRF and Anglicans have invested a lot of resources,” she explains. PWRF supports Partners In Health Rwanda through its All Mothers and Children Count program, which seeks to reduce illness and death among women of reproductive age, newborns and children of both sexes under the age of five in rural villages in Burundi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tanzania. “They are both sites which are integrated into the local community,” the letter states that the diocese and a demonstrated record of saving lives, “write the bishops and the government’s announcement on March 29 to close some sites and limit the number of them in the province. Bishop Robertson attended a press conference at Toronto City Hall on April 1 along with clergy and laity to show support for the safe injection sites slated for closure.

Interfaith officer at FLAME conference

Thursday 30th May at 6 p.m. Ascension Communion (BCP) plus light supper at 6.40 and future talk at 7.00. A PERSONAL FOCUS ON ISRAEL Rev. Margaret Rodrigues presents an illustrated talk on meeting Jesus in His homeland, including her visit to present-day Israel and the Sinai desert. She’s long been associated with St. Olaves and the Swansea area and is now an Honorary Assistant at nearby St. John’s, W. Toronto. St. Olave’s Church Bloor and Windermere 416-769-5668 stolaves.ca

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Mongolians energize Toronto church

Congregation assists newcomers

BY STUART MANN

SOMETHING in Ulan Bator, children and senior citizens will be breathing a little easier, thanks to the generosity of Christ Church St. James in Toronto.

During Lent, the church raised money to buy breathing masks for children and seniors in Mongolia's capital city, which has one of the highest rates of air pollution in the world.

For many in the congregation, the outreach effort had special significance. About 20 people from Mongolia worship at the church, located in Toronto's west end.

Toronto's Mongolian population is tiny – about 500 people – but individuals and families from the community have been finding their way to Christ Church St. James over the past few years. It’s been a story of love, compassion and hospitality.

“Our congregation is beautiful, and they’re hugely welcoming,” explains the Rev. David Smith, incumbent. “That’s one of the reasons why the Mongolians are here – because they are warmly welcomed.”

The first Mongolian family – Monica with her husband and children – came to the church's foodbank about a decade ago, striking up a friendship with members of the congregation. The family was due to be deported and the church provided them with sanctuary for a few years. The goal to give them sanctuary was unanimous.

The family was appreciative and started to tell their friends and relatives about the church and its ministries. In addition to a large foodbank, the parish provides assistance to newcomers to Canada and those who are new to the Christian faith.

At around the same time, the church learned about Khulan Bataa, a Mongolian woman living in Toronto. Ms. Bataa had leukemia and was due to be deported – likely a death sentence, given the lack of medical care she would have received in Mongolia.

Once again, the church helped out. It hired a lawyer to argue her case and she won, receiving permission to stay in Canada. She wasn’t covered by OHIP, so Princess Margaret Hospital provided her cancer treatments for free. She made a full recovery and became an active member of the church, eventually serving as its secretary for a few years.

Ms. Bataa has become a key ambassador for the church, welcoming not only Mongolians but people from other lands as well. The congregation includes people from Zimbabwe, Eritrea, the Congo, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and India.

“Khulan, being a new Canadian herself, has a great ministry with new Canadians who come to the church,” says Mr. Smith. “She’s able to relate to everybody.”

Some of the Mongolians who attend the Sunday service cannot speak English, so the church has purchased headsets that allow Ms. Bataa to translate the service into Mongolian for them. The church is thinking about buying more headsets for people who want to listen to the service in their native tongue.

Mr. Smith says the Mongolians have energized the church. “They’re really lovely people and also a lot of fun. They’re sharing their love of Christ, not just with Mongolians but with others. They’re bringing people to God.”

He tells the story of a young man in Toronto whose mother died in Mongolia from a respiratory illness. He was heartbroken and unable to travel home for her funeral, so the church held a special service for both him and her. Afterwards, the man and his friends hosted a dinner and brought gifts for the entire congregation. He continues to attend the church on Sunday, even though he lives more than an hour away by public transit.

“The pastors of some Mongolian congregations in the United States have visited Christ Church St. James, and the church is now a member of the Mongolian Christian Church Association of North America. In March, Mr. Smith and a group from the church travelled to Washington for the association’s conference, where he was invited to be a guest speaker.

Synod, pre-Synod meetings scheduled

The next Regular Session of Synod will be held on Nov. 8-9 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites in Richmond Hill. Synod members are asked to note the date of their area’s pre-Synod meeting:

- York Credit Valley: Oct. 21 from 7-9 p.m. at St. John the Baptist (Dixie)
- York-Simcoe: Oct. 24 from 7-9 p.m. at St. John, York Mills
- York Simcoe: Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Trinity, Aurora
- Trent-Durham: Oct. 26 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Thomas, Brooklin

For more information, visit the Synod page on the diocese’s website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.
**Let’s join in prayer together**

"Prayer is where the action is" - John Wesley

By Jenny Andison

Renewal and new life within Christian communities of any size or theological and liturgical stripe, has always begun with a few people gathering together, in a living room or a field, and turning to our Heavenly Father in prayer. In prayer we draw closer to the heart of God, open ourselves up to be renewed, drawn together, and are strengthened to follow the costly path of being followers of Jesus.

There are many and worthwhile resources that the Diocese of Toronto and other organizations offer, to help parishes grow in their love for God and neighbour. (Growing Healthy Stewards, Natural Church Development, Revive, Alpha, and mission action plans are but a few examples, and I expect fundraising efforts. In it he has called, when I became a member of the Province of the Arctic, for instance, brought people to the Church’s position on human sexuality. While we have succeeded in remarkable ways. Others added to their cause they were already in the midst of substantial funding efforts. We have experienced of him. May he rest in peace and circulation@national.anglican.ca."

**BISHOP’S OPINION**

**Fire destroys St. James, Roseneath**

TORONTO - The 116-year-old church of St. James, Roseneath was destroyed in a fire during the evening of April 9. No one was injured. The church is located just north of the village of Roseneath, about a 25-minute drive north of Cobourg. It is part of the Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath in the Trent-Durham episcopal area. About 100 people worship at the church on a Sunday.

“The land was donated by a local family and the church was built with people’s sweet and hard work,” said the Rev. Bryce Sangster, incumbent. “It’s terrible, very sad.”

He said the church planned to hold its Palm Sunday service on April 14 at the civic centre in Roseneath, and possibly the Holy Week services there as well in the coming week. “We’re exploring options,” he said.

Rev. Biscy Elaw, the area bishop of Trent-Durham, visited the church on April 10 and says the fire was a tragedy. “We lift up our thoughts and prayers to God in this time of need.”

**Students to walk Camino**

VICTORIA - A group of University of Victoria students has been preparing for a pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Co-led by the Rev. Ruth Dantzer, Anglican campus chaplain, and the Rev. Henry Lock, United Church chaplain, the pilgrimage was scheduled to begin April 28 at the monastery along the ancient Camino Frances route. After two nights of immersion in Gregorian chant and Christian contemplative thought, the students will begin the 230-km trek to Santiago. Eight students are participating.

“Going on a pilgrimage is a way of getting in touch with ourselves and with God. It is an opportunity to think, to reflect and to pray,” says Ms. Dantzer. The initiative is supported by a Vision Fund grant from the Diocese of British Columbia.

**Churches open ovens for festival**

BRANDON - In place where the winters can seem unending, the Northern Manitoba Trappers’ Festival brings the communities of The Pas and Opaskwayak Cree Nation together through a competition. Many church dog races, log splitting and flour packing. Visitors can also witness contests of practical skills like bannock making, fish filleting and tea boiling, all done on a fire that competitors must build by axe and match.

Local churches get involved by opening their doors – and ovens – to the festival’s participants, providing homemade meals for hungry competitors and spectators. In The Pas, Christ Church’s Anglican Church Women and Men in Aprons served stew, chili, authentic tourtiere, pie, hannock and hot drinks. At Opaskwayak Cree Nation, members of Church of the Messiah hosted refreshments and lunches; the Anglican Church Women at Church of the Redeemer offered the same, with traditional food donated by community members: fresh-fried pickled, rabbit stew, moose meat, wild raspberries and saskatoons. Funds raised during the outreach effort will support church programming and community initiatives.

**Anglicans visit northern Philippines**

VANCOUVER - On Feb. 17, after more than 13 hours of flight, a team of travellers from the Diocese of New Westminster arrived in Manila for a 10-day visit to the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines (EDNP), part of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. The team attended the EDNP’s 48th convention held in the cathedral at Bontoc, toured the region and visited many churches.

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Speaking with a voice of faith in a dark time

In February, Bishop Andrew Asbil met with the diocese’s Creation Matters committee as it was finalizing the Diocesan Policy Paper on Environmental Issues. The paper was received by Diocesan Council in March. In it, the Creation Matters committee connects creation care with the Church’s mission, highlights the urgency for action, and proposes a direction for making creation care a priority across the diocese. The following is a synopsis of the paper.

BY ELIN GOULDEN

GOD’s care for creation, and God’s call for humankind to participate in care for creation, is woven throughout scripture, from Genesis onward. Moreover, both Old and New Testaments present us with a vision of not only human life, but the life of all God’s creatures, as mutual and interdependent. This biblical emphasis on the interrelationship of the created order is echoed in traditional Indigenous understandings that describe land, water, plant and animal life as “all my relations.” The redemptive work of Christ’s death and resurrection is extended through and beyond humanity to encompass the whole of creation. The biblical vision never considers humankind as separated from the rest of creation—whether in the original creation, in our life here on earth, or in the ultimate fullness of God’s kingdom.

Sadly, as a Church, we have largely lost this sense of connectedness and care for the wider creation. We are disconnected from each other and from the land and its creatures. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Drake holds calls for a “theological reset” that recovers our place in creation and our understanding of what it is to be made in the image of God, and realigns our consumption patterns and lifestyle choices in faithfulness to God, creation and our neighbour.

The world is at a strange and awesome tipping point, what Christians since ancient times have termed a kairos. On the one hand, with only 12 years to transition to a zero emissions economy, the need for massive change could not be more urgent, as the IPCC report (the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) of October 2018 indicated. Climate change, pollution and habitat loss are all critical factors. Biodiversity is dropping precipitously, creation of agricultural land has made feeding the world’s people less and less possible, and our social and political systems are wholly inadequate to resolve these problems. In this apocalyptic present, the Church cannot preach the Good News of Christ while ignoring the imminent end of the planet as our habitat. None of our activities can continue without mindfully considering our opportunity to model God’s commandment to care for creation.

On the other hand, there are voices rising. Trendy conventional thinking and align our present with a viable future—voices of defiance and courage. The Diocese of Toronto has an opportunity to speak with a voice of faith in this dark time. We have an opportunity to model a theology that recognizes our connectedness with creation, and to align ourselves with Indigenous peoples seeking to respect the land on which we all live. We must model a world in which consumption is minimized and relationships are nurtured, in which we stop burning carbon and spreading pesticides, in which we offer places for people to gather and organize structures of promise. Anglicans in our diocese are already responding to the call to care for creation in a variety of ways. Yet, despite all that has been accomplished over the past decade, much of our progress has been piecemeal. Creation care is still all too often considered an “add-on” to the work of the Church instead of an integral part of God’s call to us. Nor do our current efforts match the urgency of the environmental situation facing us.

The Creation Matters committee has identified several priorities for action moving forward, some of which we can accomplish on our own. Others will need the collaboration of other departments of the diocese. They include:

- Building a network of “Green Anglicans” across the diocese for sharing information, activities and best practices, and creating volunteer congregational consultant teams to assist parishes
- Improving awareness and accessibility of resources for parishes to reduce their environmental footprint, perhaps adopting a “Green Parish” accreditation program similar to that used in the Diocese of Niagara.

Adopting a creation care tenets for all decisions taken at the diocesan level, including decisions made on property, development, event planning, travel, and formation of clergy and laity.

Encouraging and equipping Anglicans in the diocese to join other dioceses, faith and community groups and Indigenous peoples in advocating for strong environmental policies at every level.

These entail significant changes cutting across all of our activities, our mission and our life. We can use our position to bring people together to respond to the call to care for creation.

BY PETER MISIAZEK

THE STEWARD

The power of personal witness

One of the things that Anglicans typically are not inclined to do is speak about their faith. The Natural Church Development program indicates that “passionate spirituality” does not rank high as a core strength of most mainline Anglican churches. We can be very hospitable, generous with our time and money, and inclined toward community outreach—but if you ask us to speak about why our church is important, why our parish is important, the habit of talking about their faith journeys in public, Faces of Grace can be a simple and non-threatening way of exposing members of your congregation to the transformation that faith brings to people’s lives.

Elwin Goulden is the diocese’s Social Justice and Advocacy consultant and a member of the Creation Matters committee.
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By Peter J. Mosiacz, Director of Stewardship Development

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2,919 families were supported

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David, The Dam

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“I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of our family for being there until the end. Thank you for bringing the strength of faith back into my brother’s life. He is finally resting.”

Sister of client, Philip Aziz Centre

“Walking into The Dam for the first time felt really good; everyone was very welcoming. I immediately knew that I would like it here. Over the years I’ve been here, I’ve learned a lot. Going to the variety of activities and programs has helped me get through my depression. I have grown a lot as a person.”

David, The Dam
I knew I had found my vocation

Dave Carley is a Canadian playwright. His plays have had over 450 productions across Canada and the United States, and in many countries around the world. His play Canadian Rajah had a successful run at Toronto’s Campbell House Museum in January. Mr. Carley attends St. Paul’s, Bloor Street.

The story behind Canadian Rajah is so bizarre that I always feel compelled to stress that it is also true. In 1884, a young man named Esca Brooke Daykin arrived in Madoc, in east-central Ontario. The adopted son of an Anglican clergyman, his parents believed that letting him go to school in Sarawak (now part of Malaysia) and rule it as a lay-reader at the mission churches. He would run across rock-covered farms and through forests to these tiny outposts, would run across rock-covered farms and through forests to these tiny outposts, avoiding parents who had absolutely no intention of letting Esca gain recognition, lest it threaten the succession of her children and the very legitimacy of her own marriage. Let the battle begin!

I “discovered” Esca by accident – and it’s a good argument for reading old-fashioned hard copy newspapers. Nowadays I do the bulk of my newspaper reading online and – not to my credit – I tend to access articles on subjects that already interest me. With print newspapers, it’s easier to browse and stumble across something new that surprises or stirs me. I do know the unexpected. I was idling through the gardening section when I found...
The exhibit turns tears to healing
Personal items on display

BY DIANA SWIFT

"Hi, Dad, I'm doing really great here,” reads an exuberant letter home from young Sonya Nadine Mae Cywink, a member of Whitefish Nation, Manitoulin Island and a prolific writer and aspiring poet even as a child. Known as “Whirlwind Woman” for her energy, Sonya, pregnant, was found dead near London, Ont. in 1994 at age 31.

Dozens of people braved Toronto’s icy February streets to offer support to the bereaved families of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and transgender and two-spirit persons (MMIWGT2S) at the opening of Shades of Our Sisters, held at St. James Cathedral on March 1.

The interactive multimedia exhibit honours lives lost to the violence Indigenous women are especially prey to. It reveals the victims as vibrant young women with strong connectedness and empathy are on offer. Most striking of all is a ceremony of red wool symbolizing the memory and spirit of her daughter. The exhibit makes the point that far from being rejected runaways or street dwellers, these girls had families, were well loved and are still greatly missed.

The multimedia aspect of the project, created in 2017 by Ryerson University production students, features two short documentary films exploring the two victims’ lives and personalities. Among the touching personal items on display are Patricia’s collection of Cabbage Patch Kids and her Browmnie uniform. Most touching of all is a tiny hooded yellow baby suit. “That’s what I brought her home in from Women’s College Hospital,” said Ms. Carpenter.

The exhibit’s interactive features include a ceremonial red dress on which attendees can pin messages penned on gold or silver paper. Pinches of natural tobacco and lengths of red wool symbolizing connectedness and empathy are on offer. “It doesn’t matter what skill level you have,” says Mr. Walkes. “It’s about getting together to play and have fun,” says Mar- tin Walkes, co-organizer of the league and a parishioner of St. Bede’s, Toronto.

Mr. Walkes has been playing in the league for 38 years. He started when he was a 17-year-old in St. Bede’s youth group. “It’s enjoyable playing with other Christians,” he says. “We all have the same beliefs and it’s all about having fun.”

Most of the players are lay people and clergy are welcome, too. A prayer is said before the beginning of every game. Teams from four Anglican churches will be taking part this year, in addition to two Baptist churches and a Methodist church. There will also be a team made up of people from various other churches.

For more information on the league, contact Mr. Walkes at 416-261-0993.

Church softball league gets underway

“IT doesn’t matter what skill level you have,” says Mr. Walkes. “It’s just about getting together to play some friendly games.”

“When it comes to baseball in Toronto, the Blue Jays get all the attention. But a church league has been running in Scarborough for nearly 60 years, and new teams are welcome. The Sammy (Scarborough Anglican Youth Movement) softball league begins its 58th season on May 14.

Eight teams made up of players from local churches will play 14 games over the summer, culminating in a tournament on Sept. 7.

“It’s for people who just want to play and have fun,” says Martin Walkes, co-organizer of the league and a parishioner of St. Bede’s, Toronto.

Games are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at baseball diamonds in Scarborough. The registration fee for each team for the season is $400, and teams need to supply their own bats and gloves. Adults and youth over the age of 13 can join.

Organizers compete at St. Paul’s

On May 3, four of the young finalists from the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition will be reunited for a “piping hot rematch” on the pipe organ of St. Paul, Bloor Street. The organizers are the stars of Canadian director Stacey Tenenbaum’s new documentary Pipe Dreams, which follows them through their journey to the finals of the 2017 competition.

The competition was held at the Hot Docs Festival in Toronto, with screenings on April 28, 30, and May 1. Tickets are $25. For tickets, call the Canadian International Organ Competition box office at 314-510-5678 or visit www.ciocm.org.

BRIEFLY

Bishop’s message on video

Bishop Andrew Asbil has shared his thoughts on Easter in a video message, which was posted on the diocese’s social media channels and website during Holy Week. In the video, Bishop Asbil calls on Christians to walk alongside the world and awaken hope in dark places during this Easter season. To watch Bishop Asbil’s message, visit the diocese’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/tordio135.

The ceremony closed with interfaith prayers from members of Toronto’s Muslim and Jewish communities and from Bishop Mark MacDonald, national Indigenous bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Diana Swift is a freelance writer.
MAY 5 - Community spring concert with classical and modern music, musical theatre and popular and gospel songs, performed by musicians and singers from the church and the community. 7 p.m., St. Andrew, Scarborough, 2331 Victoria Park Ave. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children. Children admitted for free.

MAY 5 - A celebration of Easter concert featuring folk singers Daniëlle Knibbe and Brynn Besse. La Petite Musique and the choir of Grace Church, Scarborough, 5 p.m. at Grace Church, Scarborough, 790 Kennedy Rd., Toronto. Tickets $20; free for children under 12. For tickets, contact office@grace-churchscarborough.com.

MAY 12 - Bach Vespers, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

MAY 12 - Join St. Thomas, Brooklin in welcoming the Rev. Canon Ann Smith to the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist during the parish's 150th anniversary celebrations.

MAY 15 - Messy Church, 6 p.m., for all ages, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

MAY 16 - Rock Eucharist: The Music of Queen,” 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

JUNE 5 - Voices Chamber Choir presents Handel and Haydn, music by Michael Joseph and Haydn, featuring Handel’s Four Coronation Anthems, 3 p.m., St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 151 Grenville Ave., Toronto. Tickets available at the door: $30 for adults, $15 for students and seniors.

JUNE 5, 23 - St. John, Ida is celebrat- ing 100 years of Christian witness. The Primate will visit on June 9 and a special homecoming service will be held on June 25. All welcome.

ANNIVERSARY GALA

Members of All Saints, Kingsway enjoy the church’s 75th anniversary dinner on March 1 at the Islington Golf Club. Several activities are planned this year to recognize and highlight the church’s history in the Kingsway area. Out of the Cold, refuge sponsorship and the provision of meals to a downtown parish are just some of the programs provided by the church, which will celebrate its patronal festival on Nov. 3. For more information about the anniversary activities, visit www.allsaintskingsway.ca. PHOTO PROVIDED OF ALL SAINTS, KINGSWAY

MAY 27 - Eighth annual spring tea party with fashion show, 2:30 p.m., Grace Church, Scarborough, 700 Kennedy Rd. Tickets are $15 for adults. Contact Margaret Crossman, 416-741-5116. Lots of fun, prizes and surprises.

MAY 4 - Spring market bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Thomas, Brooklin.

MAY 4 - Spring sale, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., baked goods, collectibles, clothing, jewelry and more. All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

MAY 4 - Artisan Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Martin, Bay Ridges, 1320 St. Martin’s Dr., Pickering, featuring local vendors of unique goods and handcrafted items. Refreshments available in cafe.

MAY 4 - Spring in “Spring” market bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Thomas, Brooklin. Crafts, treasures and tours of 130-year-old chapel.

MAY 5 - Art fair and bake sale in the garden, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 151 Grenville Ave., Toronto, in support of the Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre’s music program. The centre provides services to community members who may be dealing with issues such as homelessness, addiction, mental health and poverty.

MAY 11 - Garage sale with clothing, books, records, china and more, 8 a.m. to noon, St. John the Baptist, 719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga.

MAY 11 - Spring sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Peter, 776 Brimley Rd., Scarborough. Bake table, spring items, raffle and 50/50 draw. Vendor tables are $25 each. For a table, contact Valerie Blackmann, 416-264-0708. Speak to any member of the church’s Fundraising & Planning Committee for more details regarding our spring sale.

MAY 15 - Plant sale, 9 a.m. to noon, Christ Church, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville. Indoor sale of perennials, annuals, house plants, stepping stones and other garden items. Rain or shine.


MAY 25 - “Saturday Night at the Movies,” accompanied by featured organist Thomas Gonder, 7:30 p.m., St. Matthias, 2806 W. St. W., Etobicoke. Admission $10 at the door. Refreshments provided.

MAY 25 - “Excellent Women: Women Writers on Life and Spirituality,” a series of conversations on female life and faith, 7 p.m., First church at the lounge at St. Mary Magdalene, 477 Manning Ave., Toronto. Women welcome to attend.


MAY 26 - JUNE 2 - Lay Anointers Training Weekend offered by the diocese’s Lay Anointers Training Weekend. For regis- tration, contact the Rev. Dr. Schuyler Brown as by the Rev. Dr. Schuyler Brown as he discusses Andrew Newberg’s book, ‘Why God Won’t Go Away: Brain Science and the Biology of Belief’,” four Wednesdays in May, St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

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LGBTQ history comes out at new speakers’ series

BY STUART MANN

GROWING up at St. Matthias, Bellwoods, I knew that he was part of a congregation that fully accepted and welcomed LGBTQ people. When he came out, he could talk to other church members who had made the journey and could give him their support.

While listening to their stories, Mr. Adams, 25, realized there was a lot about the history of LGBTQ people in the Anglican Church and Toronto that he didn’t know. He shared his thoughts with a friend and they came up with an idea.

“We thought it would be great to have some sort of talking night,” he recalls. “We could educate ourselves and others like us about our history by listening to the stories of people who lived through those times.”

He shared the idea with the Rev. Joyce Barnett, the incumbent of St. Matthias, and others in the congregation. With their support, a new speaking series was born. It’s called “History Coming Out: Queer history from those who lived it.”

The first event will be held at St. Matthias on May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Paul Mac Donald, a parishioner and a member of the Right to Privacy Committee, a gay rights group in Canada from 1979 to 1991. A second event will be held at the church on June 6 at 7:30 p.m., featuring Chris Ambidge, ODY, a member of Redeemer, Bloor St. and a long-time advocate for LGBTQ people in the Anglican Church. Each event will last about 90 minutes and light refreshments will be served. More speaking events will be held in the fall.

Mr. Adams, who will act as host, says the format of the evenings will be simple, with the speakers talking and taking questions from the audience. The talks will be recorded for the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives, located in Toronto, and for the diocese’s Archives. The York-Credit Valley area council is providing a small grant to help the church buy recording equipment. Mr. Adams also plans to turn the talks into podcasts, making them available to a wider audience.

He says he’s excited by the possibility of future events. “I think it will be a great way to talk about our history and also about what’s going on right now in the church,” he says.

The series is also a way to acknowledge the pioneers of the LGBTQ community, both in the Church and Toronto. “I’ve met a lot of people who have done the hard work to get where we are today, both in the church and the city,” says Mr. Adams. “There’s a lot of history and there’s a lot of work to get to where we are.”

He adds: “For me personally, I’m very grateful and thankful that I live in a time when being gay is, for the most part, accepted, and that I didn’t have to go through some of these things that others had to.”

The Rev. Joyce Barnett says the speaking series is “utterly fantastic. I feel so privileged, after everything I’ve been through in the Church to be an out lesbian incumbent, to now have our young people come to us and say, ‘We’d like to hear your stories and we’d like to hear them from the pulpit in church.’” That is very exciting and positive for me.”

All are invited to the talks. St. Matthias, Bloor West is located at 45 Bloor West Ave., Toronto.
Race planned for deanery

Event aims to bring Anglicans together

**BY STUART MANN**

**TWO** churches in Scarborough are hosting an Amazing Race-type event to bring local Anglicans together and to raise funds for outreach.

The Scarborough Steeplechase, as it’s called, will be held Sept. 21 and all the Anglican churches in Scarborough Deanery are invited to participate. The deanery, which comprises 12 parishes, stretches from Lake Ontario to Steeles Avenue, and from Victoria Park Avenue to the border of Pickering.

“Rather than battening down the hatches, this is a way for our churches to open their doors and say this is who we are, we like to have fun and to celebrate,” says Denise Byard, the child, youth and family outreach coordinator at Holy Trinity, Guildwood. Ms. Byard is organizing the event along with Alice Stewart, the pastor of outreach and mission at Grace Church, Scarborough.

Churches are being asked to send teams of two to four people, hopefully wearing t-shirts or something to identify which parish they’re from. The top three teams will win prizes, although everyone will be feted at a reception at the end. Bishop Kevin Robertson, the area bishop of York-Scarborough, will be on hand to give out the prizes.

The race will begin at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, where teams will be given a list of participating churches and their addresses. The objective is for each team to visit all the churches on the list, except their own, and finish at Grace Church. The first team to make it to Grace Church wins.

To avoid everyone going to the same church at the beginning, the teams will be told which church to visit first. After that, they’re on their own. They can go to whichever church they want, however they want.

When a team arrives at a church, they’ll be asked to participate in a simple activity. It could be anything from a hymn-sing to a short tour of the building—whatever the hosting church decides. Then the team is off to the next church on the list.

During the race, each team will be asked to create short video of their experience. The clips will be put into a longer, deanery-wide promotional video. If no one on the team has the ability to make a video, the organizers will help.

The registration fee for each team is $25, which will be donated to the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund.

Ms. Byard says the race is a light-hearted way for Anglicans to get to know people from other parishes and the buildings where they worship. “The clergy in our deanery got along with each other and work well together, and we thought it would be fabulous if we can expand that out to congregants as well,” she says.

Ms. Byard and Ms. Stewart are hoping that at least 11 churches sign up to participate, and several have already expressed interest.

For more information about the Scarborough Steeplechase, contact Denise Byard at officetrinityguildwood@rogers.com or Alice Stewart at alice@gracechurchscarborough.com.

**Area supports local students with bursaries**

**BY JILLIAN RUCH**

The first year of university or college can be a financial nightmare for anyone. In 2011, York-Scarborough area council began a program to support local youth and attract the problem head. Since then, 83 youth in the area have each been given a $500 bursary.

Applications for the next round of bursaries are due May 30. Applications forms have been sent to all incumbents and priests-in-charge in the area, so please contact them if you or someone you know is interested in applying.

Some of the 12 recipients from 2018 shared their stories with me. Grace Rockett of St. Aidan, Toronto is studying musical theatre at Sheridan College. She said the bursary helped her pay for the academic books required in her first year: “I am so thankful for this help, as it made first year a lot easier and way less stressful,” she said.

DeAndrea Yeates of St. Paul, Bloor Street, said that without the bursary she would have struggled to buy textbooks required for the humanities program she is enrolled in at the University of Toronto. Charlotte Day of St. Saviour, Toronto, enrolled in the educational support program at Sheridan College. “Without the grant, I don’t think I would have been able to go to college this year,” she says. “It has been an incredible experience, and I am so thankful for the church to go to.”

To be eligible for the bursary, applicants must demonstrate an ongoing and active involvement in their home parish. They must be entering their first year of study at a recognized post-secondary institution. Lastly, they must be recommended by their incumbent or priest-in-charge, need financial assistance and satisfactorily complete the application.

Thank you to York-Scarborough’s area council for this opportunity to support our youth in the area.

Jillian Ruch is the youth minis-try area coordinator for York-Scarborough.

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