

The Tent City that has sprung up on the lawn between the Court House and Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

Photo: Ed Lewis

Caught in the middle

Ed Lewis

In her sermon on the first Sunday in Advent, the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker asked the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral the following question, "Do we see? When you walk out this door, do you see the people who need what we have?" She went on to say, "And of course, the challenge before us just at this present is that we are being forced to see."

The challenge, to which the Dean was referring, was the tent city that has sprung up on provincial government land between the Cathedral and the Law Courts in Victoria. Starting in August there were a few homeless people who would pitch their tents there for a night or two. However in November more persons began to set up their tents there. At the time of writing this article there are about 60 people living in some 45 tents on the lawn.

As the tent city grew there seemed to be little attention given to it until some of the neighbours started to complain about noise, some thefts, break-ins and minor vandalism. While there was no damage to Cathedral property, the Dean and Wardens were aware of the situation. In describing the situation Dean Tucker said the camp was located between Justice (the

Law Courts) on one hand and Compassion (the Cathedral) on the other.

The city of Victoria could do nothing about the situation as the tents were on provincial land and thus outside of any city rules or regulations. For the campers this meant that no one could invoke the city bylaw that camping was only allowed on city land between the hours of 7.00pm and 7.00am, and that tents would have to be moved each day. For the tenters this was a great relief in that they could leave their possessions and tents where they had set them up.

Until the situation began to be publicised by the local media the provincial government did very little. The campers themselves have been very concerned about the property, keeping it clean and secure. They have raked the leaves and piled them at curbside for the city workers to collect. They moved their tents around so that the grass will not be damaged. Finally government officials provided Port-A-Potties on the site. Community agencies have been providing Harm Reduction Supplies for the campers.

In her sermon the Dean went on to ask, "Let us suppose just for the moment that we do see. Do we then care? That is, does

our observation make any demand of us? Is it enough simply to observe that poverty is? Or are we called to ask whether poverty ought to be? Is there any moral component to this situation?" She went on to speak about the parable that Jesus told about the lost sheep and "For Jesus, it doesn't seem to matter how the one sheep got lost. Was it stupid or inattentive? Or was it willful? In other words, was it at fault for getting lost? For Jesus, this isn't the point. It doesn't matter. Every one of us is a child of God, and Jesus would come after us no matter what." She also asked the question, "So what, then, should our response be to the encampment across the street?"

Dean Tucker challenged the congregation with a threefold obligation. "First," she said, "We need to inform ourselves, and disabuse ourselves of assumptions and prejudices that have little or no basis in fact. Second we are called, as Christians to respond to individuals with compassion – real compassion, not just warm fellow feeling. And thirdly, we are called to use our voices and connections to ensure that the systemic issues that create and sustain poverty and homelessness in our community are addressed."

In turning those thoughts into realities, parishioners have been taking needed items such as clothing, blankets and even food to those who have set up the camps. The Rev. Nancy Ford, along with others from the Cathedral, has been visiting the campsite on a regular basis. The Deacon to the City attempts to attend the daily meeting of the campers as well as spend time with individuals from the site listening to them and offering comfort and compassion where she can.

Rev. Ford is also working with other interested persons and groups such as *Together Against Poverty Society*, the *Coalition To End Homelessness*, *AIDS Vancouver Island* and the *Dandelion Society* to help the campers deal with their situation.

She points out there are three things needed by those who wish to help effectively. First, education on structural and social factors which drive many people into homelessness. Complementing that is to develop an understanding of addictions as a health concern and not a moral issue. Awareness of our own attitudes towards the poor is help-

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Bishop plans Sacred Journey

Bishop Logan is planning to walk from Alert Bay to Victoria during Lent of 2016. He will begin at Christ Church, Alert Bay on Sunday, March 6, with a time of ritual preparation and an act of repentance, both for himself personally and for all Anglicans in the Diocese. Then he will cross to Port McNeill to continue the journey south. God willing, the walk will finish at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria three weeks later, on Easter Sunday.

In his monthly letter to the Diocese, Bishop Logan outlines the reasons why he is doing this walk. He is inviting as many members of the Diocese, who can, to become involved with him throughout the three weeks that he will be on the road.

The full details of this Sacred Journey are described in his letter beginning on **page 2** of the *Post*.

RETURN

the story tells
and retells

the angels sing
year after year

the child comes
again
and again



AND AFTER THAT DAY

the decorations
are packed away
for another year
gifts in use

we burned the tree
on Twelfth Night
and now I sit
and wonder
about three kings
who went home
with a vision
nothing more
to tell anyone
who would listen
of a winter birth
and gifts
they gave
to a Baby

Joanna M. Weston



Bishop Logan Writes

..... **Sacred Journey: Re-Entering the Land, March 6 – 27, 2016**

Along the way, I am hoping that parishes and other groups will want to organize events of various kinds as the Sacred Journey passes through their communities. (A full schedule will be available shortly.) I am also hoping that we can find ways to involve folk from the northernmost tip of the Island, and from the West Coast. I do intend to honour my prior commitments to preside at the Blessing of the Oils on Holy Tuesday, and at the Easter Vigil at St. Barnabas.

Re-entering the Land: A Historical and Theological Perspective

This Sacred Journey that I am inviting myself – and by extension all of us – to take is, I believe, an action with deep and profound cross-cultural resonances in our own history, and in our Judeo-Christian heritage, as well as in the traditions and beliefs of First Nations peoples in this part of the world, and elsewhere.

As the Anglican Church, we entered these lands as colonists, asserting our right to ownership of the land and domination over its indigenous peoples. Over the past number of years, we have realized this sad reality, and we have made apologies for our involvement in the residential schools and everything they stood for. I believe there is yet another important step that needs to be taken, as we move beyond apology towards a renewed

and right relationship with the First Peoples of these Islands.

We, through our forebears, entered this land the first time, as one writer has said, “with God on our backs.” Our God. We failed to see that the Creator was here before us. We failed to see God in the culture, language, and traditions of the people who were already here. Now we, in our generation, need to re-enter this land in a new way. What will that look like for us? How do we learn from the people who have lived here for centuries? How do we re-enter this land? Not to take possession of it as we did before, but to seek permission to live here amongst those who have been here far longer than we have, and have much to teach us.

In learning from the First Peoples, we have the opportunity to come to terms with how God had

heritage. In the opening chapter of Mark’s Gospel, we read how John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and how Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, crossed to the east side of the Jordan River, and was baptized by John, followed by a time alone in the wilderness, before returning to Galilee to begin His ministry.

Biblical commentator Colin Brown reminds us that in the Old Testament Book of Joshua, the Israelites first crossed westward over the Jordan and entered the Promised Land as conquerors, carrying their God with them in His tabernacle. He argues that John’s baptism of Jesus is a ritual enactment of purification: “John was calling for a morally purified Israel that was fit to dwell in the Holy Land,” and the chosen person to lead that re-entry was the second

the same: to symbolically leave the land and re-enter it in a new way, a new state, a new spirit – one of peace and non-violence, of right relationship with God and with other people.

I am inviting the Diocese to begin that work this Lent. It is work which will form the next steps in our relationship with the First Peoples of these Islands, and can also help shape our own understanding of what it means for us to be Christians in British Columbia in the 21st Century.

A Personal Journey and a Community Journey

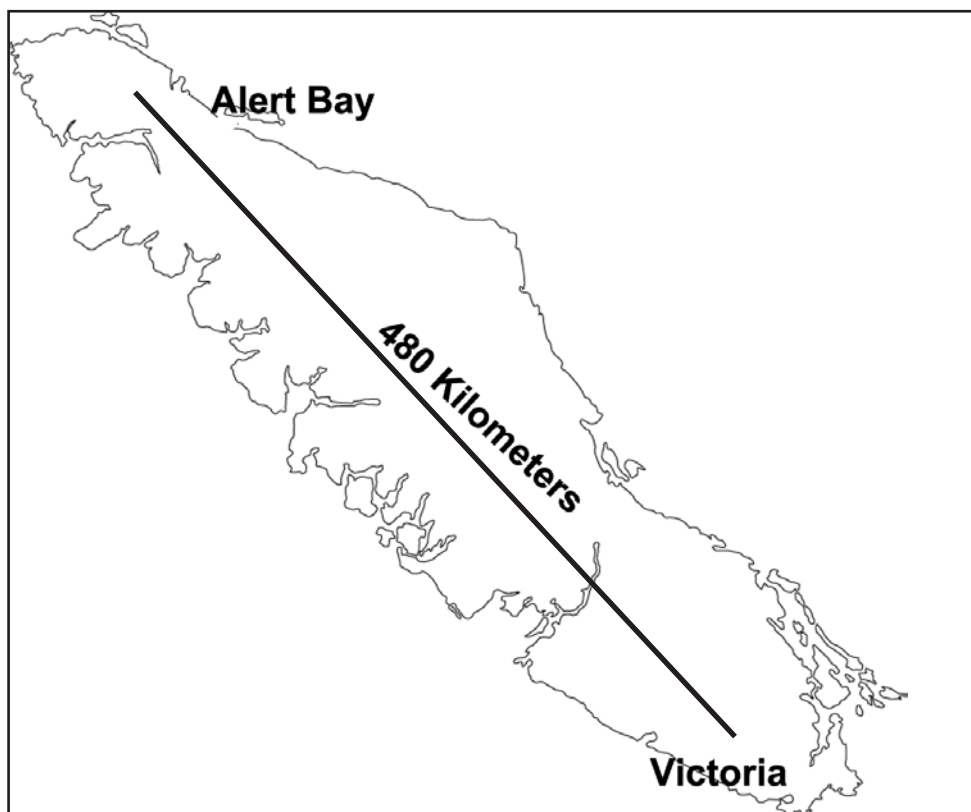
A sacrament, as our Catechism reminds us, is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.” And so it is with this Sacred Journey. It is a physical journey, that’s for sure – 480 kilometres long! But also, and much more importantly, it is a spiritual journey.

At my consecration, Father Martin Brokenleg, in his homily, spoke of the Bishop’s role as that of “Si’em,” or “Family Chief.” It is the Si’em’s responsibility to undertake such a journey on behalf of his or her people. But in a very real sense, all of you will be taking part in this journey. I hope that many of you may choose to walk part of the road with me, in a very real physical sense. But everyone is invited to walk with me symbolically and spiritually – and we intend to find ways and means to help you do that.

I continue to learn so much from wise elders like Alex Nelson and Martin Brokenleg. They have taught me two important things about Sacred Journeys such as the one I am planning. One is that they

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been shaping them for thousands of years before our arrival, and to realize anew that Jesus Christ came to fulfill the old ways. And here is where this Sacred Journey connects with our own Biblical

“Joshua,” whom we know as Jesus. (Colin Brown, “What Was John the Baptist Doing?” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 7 (1997): 37-50.)

For us, as for Jesus’ first followers, the imperative is



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Fantastic Fridays at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill!

Barb Prescott

January 2016 marks the beginning of our sixth year of Fantastic Fridays (aka Messy Church) at St. Luke's. We held our first Messy Church on January 21, 2011 and had three more that spring. Since October 2011, we've been holding these family evenings consistently on the first Friday of the month from October through June.

Because it's on a Friday evening and also so that we could give the program our own spin we changed the name from Messy Church to Fantastic Fridays. There seemed to be some confusion about what Messy Church was. Was it a time to clean the church? What did it mean when we called the church messy? In September we have a Saturday Fantastic Fun Day event so there is no Fantastic Friday that month but the name ties both events together.

We had 17 people at our first Messy Church in January 2011, mainly St. Luke's families and their friends. Now 5 years later we average 50 - 60 people attending with about one third being our own parishioners and their families. The majority of the rest of the people have no regular connection to St. Luke's. A few are grandchildren of parishioners who are visiting or do not attend regularly at St. Luke's.

How do we do it? We advertise the time from 4:30 - 6:30 pm, though some people arrive about 4:15 while others come later after



It's Craft time at Fantastic Fridays at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill

Photo: Barb Prescott

work. We say, "Come when you can and come as you are." Each evening has a theme: For example, October themes have been Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Animals. November themes have included All Saints Day and Faith. December is the Nativity Story; January is Epiphany. As families arrive, they choose from a variety of crafts and

games. At least once a year, we do woodworking which is always very popular and attracts around 70 people.

The crafts or games will go to about 5:30 pm. Then we'll move either to the lounge or to the church for a story and some songs. We try to walk down to the church for some of the Fantastic Fridays so that ev-

eryone can start to feel comfortable in the church. We've looked at the nativity scene at Epiphany and at the saints in the stained glass windows for All Saints' Day. We'll have a Bible story or discuss our theme and sing three or four songs. Our worship/ learning time usually lasts about 15 or 20 minutes. We'll end with a prayer and grace and head back to the hall for dinner.

The dinner is usually burgers, if the weather permits, or casseroles, prepared ahead, salads and veggies plus fruit and cookies or a fruit crumble for dessert. We try to keep the food simple and healthy. People eat and visit and then leave about

6:30 pm in time for the St. Luke's Players to arrive at 7:30 pm for their rehearsals.

We advertise our Fantastic Fridays in the free events columns in the local papers, at the Kids in Victoria website and the Chatterblock website as well as in our church bulletins. When families arrive for the first time, they are asked if they would like to be included on an e-mail list to receive reminders of the next Fantastic Friday and other events such as our Christingle service. This works well as a way of letting people know about these events and many families return each month. We also send an e-mail to the preschool, which rents space in St. Luke's hall, asking them to circulate the information to parents.

We are pleased to have some crossover happening with some of our Fantastic Friday families attending other events. Some Fantastic Friday families have come to our Christmas Eve Christingle Family Service and to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. A number of Fantastic Fridays children came to our Amazing Journey Day Camp last summer.

While Fantastic Fridays aren't translating directly into more children attending Sunday School on Sunday mornings, this Fantastic Friday group has really become its own congregation. We see Fantastic Fridays as another way of being and doing church, and a time to invite our neighbours to be part of the activities and community at St. Luke's.

Barb Prescott is Deputy Rector's Warden of the Parish of St. Luke, Cedar Hill.

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require a lot of careful, rigorous preparation. And the other is that they demand the intentional participation of the entire community.

I have already begun my own preparation, through prayer, through conversations, and, yes, through regular road training to build up my stamina for sustained long-distance walking. It's my intention to help the whole Diocese prepare, starting with this article, and continuing with the creation of addi-

tional materials – for example, a Lenten Study Guide focused on the themes I've touched on above, which would be suitable for use in parishes, home groups or individually, including prayers, readings and other resources.

As for participation, that too is encouraged. There will be opportunities to help you plan for local involvement along the way. Already, a number of individuals have volunteered to help, and I am very grateful for their support. We are organizing various support teams, such as Indigenous Support and

Contact, Physio, Training, Fundraising, Equipment, PR and Social Media, and a Prayer Team. If you would like to join us, or have any ideas or questions, please contact my office.

I hope you are as inspired by this Sacred Journey as I am. I sincerely feel the Spirit blowing through us in this work. Watch for more information about it, coming soon. In the meantime, please keep me and the Diocese in your prayers as we travel together along this sacred road.

Yours in Christ,

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ful. Most of us still have within us that ancient idea that there are two classes of the poor: the deserving and the undeserving. Yet research has shown that poverty is not merely the product of willful laziness.

Second there is a need for personal connection. If relationships exist with people such as those in the tent city, no longer do the unhoused remain the distant "other." Stigma dissolves and the structural issues can be

seen more clearly.

Third there is an urgent need for thoughtful informed advocacy. We must engage with all levels of government and NGOs. This type of action is not simply writing letters. It is learning from other advocates what is effective with various levels of government. This is crucial at a time when governmental practices make assistance and care for vulnerable people almost inaccessible. She sees that

the role of advocates is to call on the various levels of government and insist that the need for change in social policy is firmly addressed.

Rev. Ford concluded a recent interview with the Post by saying, "Unless we change our response to those in the tent city we will not see the changes needed to alleviate such economic and social inequalities in our society."



JANUARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF ONTARIO
Choir in Residence—conducted by Ian Sadler
Sunday, January 3, at 11:00 am & 4:30 pm services

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE
with St. Christopher Singers
Sunday, January 10, 4:30 pm

IN CONVERSATION POTLUCK SUPPER
Friday, January 15, 6:00 pm
in the Chapter Room

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
Thursday, January 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
in the Chapter Room

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A Reflection

“I’LL PRAY FOR YOU”

Human guilt is infinitely varied. All you have to do is to take your pick of things to be guilty about. Take prayer for instance. Most of us feel second-class in this, certainly I do.

Recently I was relieved by reading that the British Church in the sixth century was not impressed with what it saw – or thought it saw – in the Irish church across the water. They thought the Irish were not very good at spiritual disciplines such as prayer. I immediately felt much better because I can now say that my failure to become disciplined in prayer is the result of my Celtic genes!

Seriously, I am convinced that very few of us are good at prayer – whatever that might mean – and we tend to assume that everyone else is much better than we are. However, something happened recently that I thought might be worth sharing.

A friend emailed to tell me that a mutual friend was scheduled to have an unpleasant medical test that might result in unwelcome news. The email came late in the evening. I knew it was too late to call because he was in a different time zone. Before I drifted off however I asked God to give him the gift of some hours of sleep. This,

if you will, was my first prayer for my friend.

I assumed he would be having, or at least be preparing to have the test early in the morning, as I know from personal experience that hospitals tend to do tests then. It happened that I would be celebrating the Eucharist at 7.30 am that morning. I assumed this would be around the same time as my friend might be having his test. I decided to do little things, simple things.

When I washed my hands before putting the Bread and the Wine on the Altar I thought of the hands of the doctor and a nurse tending my friend, and I asked for a blessing on those hands.

When I held up the consecrated Bread and Wine as our morning offering, I mentally held my friend up to God.

When I said the first of the Comfortable Words – remembering that the word *comfortable* in the Book of Common Prayer means *strengthening* – I thought of my friend carrying a heavy load of stress in the form of fear and worry, all of which, as I knew well, would be shared by those who love him. All this I bore in mind as I said, “*Come unto me all that labour and are heavy*



Herbert O'Driscoll

laden and I will refresh you” – thinking again of my friend.

Then, as we were saying together the Prayer of Humble Access, we came to the words “... *that our bodies may be made clean by His Body and our souls washed through His most precious Blood*”. I tried to use the vivid physical images of those words to imagine my friend’s body being bathed, soothed and refreshed.

A few moments later, as I administered the Consecrated

Bread and Wine saying, “... *preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life*” I included my friend.

Maybe there’s a question here. Was I praying? Or was I merely thinking of my friend? I would like to think that I was doing both. I would like to think that by bringing someone to mind and then placing them with ourselves in the presence of God, that we are praying for them.

You see, none of us need worry whether or not we are “good at prayer” – whatever that means. When you know someone needs you at a time you cannot be with them, it is the most natural thing in the world to think of them lovingly, and to remind yourself that they – and you yourself – are beloved of God. The moment we do this, we are praying for them.



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Who is or is not a Refugee?

A recent refugee to Canada was asked to define a ‘refugee’, and he replied: “*To be a refugee means you are an exile. It is a very different experience from being a migrant. Many migrants have come here to get a better standard of living. We have come here because our lives are in danger!*”

The United Nations 1967 Protocol on Refugees defines a refugee as: “*A person who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence as a result of such events, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it.*”

Recent refugees from the Sahel region of Africa and from Syria left their countries because “*their lives were in danger*” as our refugee above defined it, whether from continued drought due to climate change, or from resulting civil war. Today there are an estimated 60 million refugees around the world, and 80% of these are women and children. It is anticipated that climate change will generate hundreds of millions more *climate refugees* in this century, particularly in the hardest-hit countries of the sub-tropics. The UN definition of refugee may now be inadequate.

What options do refugees have? The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) considers three possible solutions: *voluntary repatriation*; *local integration*; or *resettlement to a third country* in situations where it is impossible for a person to go back home or to remain in the host country.

For most Syrian refugees, *voluntary repatriation* is unfeasible. First, the continuing conflict in Syria has no end in sight, which makes it particularly unsafe for

those displaced to return, and many of those who fled the country would now be marked people for further violence. Just this year alone, almost 200,000 Syrians (1% of their total population) were killed, including 20,000 children. Even if the conflict was resolved, it is doubtful that Syria could now support the five million who have left the country since 2011, given that desertification caused by the northward-advancing Arabian Desert has taken over much of Syria’s former rural agricultural lands. As for *local integration*, the host countries providing asylum for most of these refugees, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq, are relatively poor countries that have problems enough providing for their own citizens, so that the Syrians are unwelcome guests. Much of the emergency aid to refugee camps in these countries is provided by various international aid organizations, but the needs have outstripped what these agencies can provide. That leaves *resettlement to a third country* the only viable option for many, and where Canada needs to share the load.

PWRDF continues to provide relief aid to some of the refugee camps in the four countries neighbouring to Syria, but is not directly involved in sponsoring refugees to Canada. If you are part of an Anglican group considering sponsorship of a refugee family to Canada, you should contact the Diocesan Refugee Coordinator at refugeecommittee@bc.anglican.ca.

For more information on the work that PWRDF does, go to <http://pwrdf.org/> or contact the PWRDF Diocesan Representative, *Geoff Strong* at geoff.strong@shaw.ca or 250-710-8011.

Personnel Notes

Appointment

Ms. Catherine Pate as Diocesan Communications Officer effective January 18.

Deaths

Mary White, mother of **Sara Partridge** and mother-in-law of the **Rev. Eric Partridge**, died on November 18

The Very Rev. Grahame Baker died on December 1. He was rector of the Parish of St. John the Divine, Victoria from 1965 until 1977 when he became Dean of St. George’s Cathedral, Kingston, Ont.

Our condolences are extended to their families and friends.

The Diocesan Prayer Cycle

Your prayers are asked weekly for
Bishop Logan McMnamie
and the following parishes:

January 3, Christmas 2

St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin
The Rev. Dimas Canjura, Incumbent

January 10, The Baptism of the Lord
St. Luke, Lake Hill, Victoria

The Rev. Daniel Fournier, Incumbent
The Rev. Don Walls, Priest Associate

January 17, Epiphany 2

St. Peter, Campbell River

St. Saviour-by-the-Sea, Cortes Island
The Ven. Dr. Blair Haggart, Incumbent

January 24, Epiphany 3

St. Philip, Cedar

The Rev. Susan Hermanson, Incumbent
The Ven. Brian Evans, & The Rev. Justin Cheng
Ministry team members

January 31, Epiphany 4

St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island

St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island
The Rev. Eric Partridge, Incumbent
The Rev. Thomi Glover, Priest Associate

February 7, Last Sunday after Epiphany

St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, Victoria
The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall, Incumbent

The Bishop’s Calendar

During the next few weeks Bishop Logan
will be taking part in the following events:

January

- 17 Christ Church Cathedral
Opening of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 19 Visit with Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas, SSJD
- 21 Finance Committee
- 24 St. Andrew’s RC Cathedral
Closing of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 28 Clergy Day
- 30 Diocesan Council
- 31 Christ Church Cathedral - Parish Visit

Leaders of Courage, Serving by Faith

ACW National Conference Report

Diane Hutchison

In April, 2015, the Anglican Church Women of Canada recognized 130 years of formal women's ministry. With all the changes of function, structure, and levels of recognition, this working ministry within our Dioceses continues across Canada and beyond our borders.

Diocesan Presidents continue to meet yearly at a Co-ordinator's and President's Conference to discuss the various joys and concerns of Anglican Church Women, as a way of keeping the ministry of women connected across the country. The meetings continue to be held in a different Diocese each year, thereby allowing every Diocesan President the opportunity to attend. In 2006 the official name of that body became the National Executive of Anglican Church Women of Canada.

I was our Diocesan representative at the gathering at Lavrock Camp and Conference Centre outside St. John's, Newfoundland, October 1 - 4. The theme was "Leaders of Courage, Serving by Faith." We worked hard and kept busy, but we also had a lot of fun and laughs and were well and truly hosted by the women of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Throughout the Weekend, our morning and evening devotions included oral presentations (in first person voices, as if the subject was speaking herself) on women of courage (Biblical, historical, or of recent years) -- Naomi (Ruth's mother-in-law), The Woman at the Well, Jesus' Mother Mary, Hannah Grier Coomes, Molly Brant and Edith



Leaders gather for the usual group photo. You can find Diane Hutchison in the back row.

Photo: Diane Hutchison

Cavell come quickly to mind – women who often would not see themselves as courageous, but who acted in faithfulness and responded to God's call.

The conversations and reflections on "Who do you see as Leaders of Courage, and Why?" were both thought-provoking and eye-opening. In our lives lived faithfully, we too can be Leaders, acting courageously wherever we find ourselves. These meditations would be worthy of consideration for our next Diocesan gathering.

The flavour and life of Newfoundlanders were woven in throughout the conference. On Thursday evening Dr. Meryl Vokey, a retired Board of Education member and historian, as well as a renowned story-teller, led us through a good-natured introduction to Newfoundland's distinct dialect and expressions. On Friday we were taken on a "Party Bus" to tour Petty Har-

bour, Signal Hill (the site from which Marconi sent the first transatlantic telegram), and the Hill Battery which overlooks St. John's harbour. We joined locals for lunch at Chaffe's Landing, where traditional foods – huge prawns, lobster chowder, cod fillets and desserts topped with Bakeapples (a tart yellow – local berry) were served. Chanteuse Sheila Williams accompanied us back to Lavrock, regaling us with more local stories and leading us all in singing many of Newfoundland's tunes.

Saturday's Business meeting was chaired by National President, Susan Kinney of Terrace, Diocese of Caledonia. There was a presentation on the Privacy Act and a draft document drawn up to allow receiving of authorized bulk e-mail communications. Each Ecclesiastical Province reported on Diocesan activities, including our Diocesan ACW's decision to cease

operating as a Society under the BC Societies Act, and the transfer of our Consolidated Trust Account balance to the mount Douglas Court Housing Society.

In our Provincial groups, we focused on encouraging attendance at the next National Gathering to be held June 15 – 18, 2017 at Redeemer College, Ancaster, Ontario, and emphasizing that this is open to ALL women, not only ACW groups' presidents and co-ordinators. In the Treasurer's Report, we heard that the ACW Trust Fund of the Anglican Foundation is slowly building. The Foundation supports and encourages Anglican Women's ministry in many parishes across the country and there is limited bursary funding available through the Trust.

We have new prayer partners for 2015-16; our Diocese will pray for the women of the Diocese of Fredericton, while Diocese of Edmonton will be

praying for us. I look forward to strengthening our connection with both.

At Saturday evening's dinner, Judy Foote told her story of how having faith to say 'yes to God's call has led her from being a behind the scenes lab technician of a local hospital to being manager of the Anatomical Gifts team of the National Organ Retrieval Bank. She spoke of many amazing conversations with individuals and families, and how others have benefitted.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Diocese of Saskatchewan and current Chair of the Council of the North, showed the DVD that the Council has produced highlighting the ministries throughout the North. Their newsletter "Contact" was also available. He spoke highly of the Teen and Youth Ministry called Eagle's Wings, and explained how our donations allow vital ministry and education to continue.

The evening concluded with the singing of rousing 'Newfie' songs and chanties, the arrival of "mummers" with their "ugly-sticks" and escorting a sou'wester-clad couple bearing trays of "Screech" (to be downed!) and large frozen cod (to be kissed!). We were all thus formally initiated into the "Order of Newfoundland."

After such a full weekend, we Western delegates were chauffeured to meet our early Sunday morning flights home. I am very pleased to have had this opportunity to represent the women of the Diocese of British Columbia among these great leaders from our Anglican communities, working together, in His service.

World Day of Prayer - March 4

Katharine Ellis

The national flower of Cuba is the white butterfly jasmine. Cuban women have used this flower not only as an adornment for their hair, but also to transmit messages during liberation wars, and as a sign of their being Cuban. There can be no better emblem for the 2016 World Day of Prayer service written by the World Day of Prayer committee of Cuba. The service transmits their witness and experience of being Cuban and Christian, even when their faith meant isolation within the country they love.

With the triumph of the Revolution, a trade embargo by the United States brought Cuba economic isolation and material scarcity. Within Cuba a similar isolation formed around people

of faith in the officially atheist state. Now the embargo is lifting, but uncertainty remains for the Cuban people. What can these women tell the rest of the world about how faith endures in a secular world, of material and social challenges, and of hope?

On March 4 Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray for, and celebrate Cuba in solidarity with the women of Cuba through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer 2016.

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Dunstan's Church, 1806 San Juan Avenue, Victoria. For more info contact Katharine Ellis, 250-477-4366.

Wayne Hatt

Cursillo is a movement that has been running in the Diocese since 1985 and we are hopeful that it will continue in our Islands for years to come. In light of our new Diocesan Vision, our role as a Cursillo Community is to strengthen the lay leadership in our church communities with a focus on lay ministry and lay leadership formation.

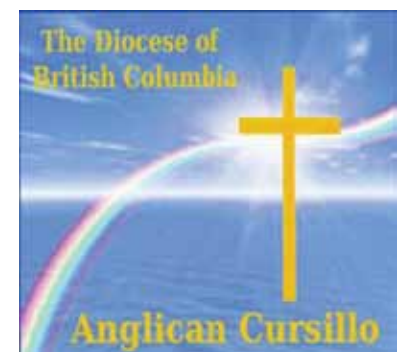
Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat that revives the spirit and rejuvenates the church through the people. This weekend will provide candidates, people new to Cursillo, a one of a kind opportunity to learn more about how to live their life in the way our Lord taught us, deepen their commitment to their faith

Welcome to Cursillo!

walk and gain an amazing faith community to walk along with and encourage them on their own faith journey.

On behalf of the Cursillo Team for the February 25-28, 2016 Cursillo Weekend, I would ask that you would let your friends and family know about this invitation. This is one way in which we are trying to make people more aware of a very special program to help to deepen their faith with Jesus Christ and in turn strengthen the lay leadership within our churches.

For more information about Cursillo please reference cursillobc.com <<http://cursillobc.com/>> and anglicancursillo.com <<http://anglicancursillo.com/>>



or "like" us on Facebook by searching "Cursillo BC."

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry in our diocese, together we can renew our communities.

You may contact me: Wayne Hatt, Cursillo Rector for February 2016, at (250) 655-3370, cursillo2016@gmail.com or wdhatt@mac.com

Bethlehem Retreat Centre welcomes visitors

Gillian Guy

The Bethlehem Retreat Centre is a quietly profound presence on Westwood Lake in Nanaimo, BC. Those in search of solace and space for their healing and spiritual development have long treasured our peaceful natural setting and practice of hospitality. Openness and inclusivity have always been an integral part of the Centre thanks to a long history of encouraging dialogue among and beyond all races and creeds.

The Centre is operated and maintained by a passionate group of people in its setting of incredible natural beauty. This past year has seen a deepening passion and excitement for the continued growth of this place of listening, learning, prayer and healing.

With wisdom and foresight, our Diocese of British Columbia has partnered in the ongoing task of providing a safe and tranquil environment to explore life's deepest questions.

The importance of preserving this natural sacred space for generations to come cannot be understated. In this age of disconnect, disappearing landscapes, and environmental disaster, the Centre is a rare oasis of peace. Joining with other sacred spaces, the Centre is alive with the hopes and prayers of all those who visit. It is, as the Celts say, "a thin place" where one can surely feel the presence of God.

Margaret Mead wrote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can



The main building at Bethlehem Retreat Centre

Photo Submitted

change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

The people of the Diocese of British Columbia and Bethlehem Retreat Centre are those citizens, together united by the desire to create a better world.

We invite you to visit this ex-

traordinary place; please come walk the labyrinth, use the library or spend time exploring the peaceful property and trails around Westwood Lake. You will find a warm and gracious welcome as well as comfortable accommodations and delicious,

nourishing food.

All our programs and information about personal and group retreats can be found online at www.bethlehemretreatcentre.com.

Gillian Guy is a long standing member of St Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville.

Is Pope Francis a Game changer?

Andrew Twiddy

The *Harvard Business Review* and *Forbes* magazine made surprising moves when they named Pope Francis winner of various entrepreneurial-type honours, including the *Disruptive Innovation Award* for 2014. The man that Salt Spring Island columnist Arthur Black calls "the pearl in the barnacle-encrusted Vatican" was viewed by *Forbes* as "pretty epic" when it came to reviving a 2000-year old brand that was otherwise bleeding heavily in its regular customer base. What did they consider his secret? Lead by example, and get the organization away from self-preservation and back to its original mission statement on behalf of the real customer base (joyfully proclaiming good news and serving the most vulnerable).

"How I would wish for a church that was poor, and for the poor," says Francis. As leaked documents published in Italy in November reveal, Francis is up against it with a culture where Vatican bureaucrats have in some cases siphoned off millions destined for outreach into personal accounts of self-aggrandizement. So it's wait-and-see for how deep this reform process will actually take root.

At any rate, I was interested enough in the relationship of "the Francis Effect" to the topic of transformative change currently in process in our diocese to go ahead and sign up for a course under that name held late October in Rome and Assisi under the leadership of Archbishop David Moxon, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. It was an exceptional program and inspiring mini-pilgrimage.

Our speakers and seminars gave both an outsider and insider view, as we heard from closer

observers of Pope Francis, and reviewed the kind of transformative work done in a different era by Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) that has inspired the present-day Francis.

We engaged with Jesuit and Franciscan theologians, joined 100,000 others to attend a general audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, worshipped in a lay community, shared in a lay street mission done in the Franciscan spirit through the Community of San Egidio (St. Giles), and heard from an Orthodox lay theologian, Tamara Grdzeldze (she has the additional credentials of being the ambassador for Georgia to the Holy See).

Also in keeping with the spirit of St. Francis, so universally admired as a patron saint of ecology in an environmentally sensitive era, I see that "simple is the new black" when it comes to the message from the top. Dress down, live simply, speak truthfully to the powers-that-be, and connect to people authentically.

David Willey, long-time BBC correspondent in Rome on Vatican affairs described for us planned and off-the-cuff remarks made from successive popes during our air travel to Assisi. It was a 30,000 ft press conference where Francis used the five words that rocked the world: "Who am I to judge?" setting off a revolution in the tone of discourse regarding homosexuality within his own community and wider afield.

The point, in terms of the dragonfly of transformative change, is that instead of trying to directly announce or make a top-down change in policy, Francis has in word and action moved to an embrace of people so often excluded, and then followed this up with both a grass-roots survey and a process of public debate among

the highest levels of his leadership over matters of family life and society that touch at our core.

The cat is out of the bag, and it is clear for all the world to see that what critics once saw as a monolithic and secretive organization with one clear structure of teachings and authority is actually deeply conflicted, as the *National Catholic Observer* points out, about vital matters in a public way at the highest level of Bish-

ops and Cardinals. A painful process. Who would have imagined a Catholic Bishop publicly calling the Pope a Protestant? And yet it makes real change possible.

A man who leads a billion-person organization, lives in a two-bedroom apartment, heavily promotes environmental responsibility through the seminal *Laudato Si* encyclical of June 2015, washes the feet of a disabled Muslim man, and then publically

excommunicates the Mafia and Vatican money-launderers, has got to be someone to learn from.

I wonder how this kind of leadership and message connects for us locally? What could we all do that has both simplicity of lifestyle and yet public courage in our work places and businesses, our parish and diocesan networks?

The Rev. Andrew Twiddy serves as the Incumbent at St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville.

FOCUS on the Bible

a new resource to understanding the historical, literary, and critical frameworks of the Christian faith

Philip Wadham

Many who have studied for leadership positions in the ministry of our Anglican Church have found their time of theological studies to be both shocking and surprising. The shocks come when they discover that the Bible they believed they knew well enough from their Sunday School days is far more complex than they imagined. They discover a depth and fullness to God's word not recognized before.

Today, for far too many churchgoers, the Bible remains a very limited book, confined to what was taught during those Sunday School days. This is unfortunate, because the past century and a half has seen advances in Biblical studies that throw new light onto the various writings in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. Studied within the context of their time, the Gospels, for example, can speak to us in fresh ways.

As the Diocese of British Columbia develops and implements its vision for our future,

an essential part of this will be access to sound theological and Biblical education. In response to this and beginning in February 2016, a series of short courses is being offered.

Intentionally ecumenical, these short five or six session courses will cover the following Biblical and historical subjects: The Languages of the Bible; New Perspectives on Paul; Apocalypse Now? New Readings in the Book of Revelation; and The Gnostic Gospels.

The Rev. Canon Philip Wadham, the Rev. Ken Gray, The Rev. Dr. Stuart Berry and Dr. Kem Luther are experienced instructors who will lead the courses that are scheduled in venues around the Greater Victoria region.

The number of participants for each course will be no more than twenty. The two-hour per session format will consist of a presentation of material and class discussion.

These FOCUS courses (the acronym stands for 'Founda-

tions Of Christian UnderStanding') are taught at an adult, post-secondary level. Participants should come with an open mind and an eagerness to learn more about the writings and the historical context that shape our Christian faith

More information on the courses being offered in February/March 2016 (including, dates, times and locations) may be found on the FOCUS website: FocusVictoria.com. The fee for each course is \$55. To register, visit the website or call Synod Office at 250-386-7781 during office hours.

The writer of the letter to the Church in Ephesus offers this challenge: "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 3:12). FOCUS is a response to this challenge and joining a FOCUS study group a step in that direction.

The Rev. Canon Philip Wadham is a retired priest of the Diocese and is presently Interim Priest-in-charge of the Parish of St. Andrew, Sidney.

The Call of Katesh by Chris Harker

A review by Sheila Martindale

Next time you step into the shower, with an abundant supply of hot water, think about Katesh in Tanzania, and the Harkers' attempt to run a pipe from a mountainside reservoir to a girls' dorm four kilometers away. The local labourers saved on time and labour costs by laying the pipe very close to the surface. "Once full of water the pipe buckled, and emerged writhing from its trench, much to the amazement and alarm of those who lived nearby."

This delightful book is filled with such anecdotes from a poor and developing country in Africa. Chris and Catriona spend time there each year. They fund their trips by guiding safaris, and spend time in Canada raising funds for CHES, the educational society they support.

Finding sponsors for the students in the program is a huge but satisfying occupation, one which brings them into contact with a variety of individuals. Many of these people are profiled; and some of the students who are sponsored also find their way into these pages. In addition, we read about the resourcefulness of the volunteers, and the impossible projects which are accomplished on a shoestring budget, or sometimes on no budget at all.

The gratitude of the young people receiving an education, and the remarkable things they do with their lives, would put many of our Canadian students to shame. Chris describes some graduation ceremonies lasting for hours, and the joy evident when sponsors were introduced.

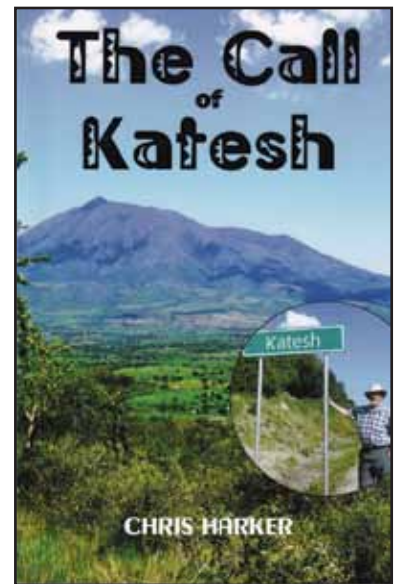
Some interesting characters of all ages are described here. Julius was a bright boy with learning disabilities, who managed to 'make lemonade out of the lemon life has dealt him.' Then there was Festus, who seemed to overcome one obstacle after another on the road to being educated, until the Harkers realized they were being conned into funding projects going nowhere, when Festus' dependence on alcohol became apparent.

However, the success stories are many and heartwarming. Naomi and Bernadette did well with all their post secondary studies, and ended up working for CHES in responsible positions. They were able to help their own families, and became role models for other students.

The people whom Chris and Catriona persuaded to become sponsors also have a place in the book; the relationships forged are described with love, and are an inspiration to anyone wishing to help the cause. And the Harkers' love of Tanzania shines through the writing on every page.

If I had a slight quibble with *The Call of Katesh* it would be the problem the author has occasionally with first and third person. This is a personal account, and the drifting off into the third person is slightly annoying and confusing. But it does not take away from the charm of the stories, the quirkiness of the people, or the references to the wild animals of Tanzania.

The Harkers are parishioners at Christ Church Cathedral, and



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theirs is a mission blessed and supported by the church. This is Chris' third book about Tanzania – it is well worth reading!

A FLY ON THE WALL at Diocesan Council

Bob Gill

Diocesan Council met in the hall of the Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria, on Thursday afternoon, November 26. The meeting began with a Bible study lead by the Bishop, based on the appointed Gospel for Advent 1, from Luke 21. Christ's words describing what to expect at the time of the second coming, calling Christians to a "daring faith." Although events in the world around us may give rise to fear and foreboding, we are to take comfort in Christ's promise that "My words will not pass away."

The Bishop asked us to consider the question arising out of this reading: What does "daring faith" look like for the Diocese, for your Parish and for each of us personally? In the lively discussion that followed, members of Council talked about the bold determination in the Diocese to

move forward with the vision implementation. Members also talked about the Diocesan response to the plight of refugees, and how a daring faith is needed to respond to that concern.

Following the Bible study, we were treated to an introduction to the history of St. John's Parish, presented by Trish Punnett, Deputy People's Warden. She told us that the Parish of St. John the Divine has existed since 1860. The parishioners first worshipped in the *Iron Church*, a prefabricated structure that was built in England, disassembled, shipped around the Horn and then reassembled in Victoria at the intersection of Douglas and Fisgard streets, on the property that was later occupied by the Hudson's Bay Company store. The Church remained on that site for about 50 years as a place of worship.

Among its features was the fact that its iron structure made it a very noisy place to be in the rain!

The Parish moved to a building on its present site in 1912. The Memorial Hall was built following World War II. A fire in 1960 virtually destroyed the Church building, but with the help of insurance it was rebuilt and replicated in its original style, and a small chapel was added. At present, Pacific Opera Victoria has an arrangement for the use of the Church Hall, although it is still available to the Parish for Sunday coffee hours and other special functions.

The Parish of St. John the Divine takes an active interest in social justice issues. As a downtown Parish it deals directly with issues of poverty and homelessness. The food bank at St. John's, run by volunteers drawn from the Parish and from the wider community, serves about 90 clients each week. As clients are limited

to attending once per month, this represents a significant number of disadvantaged people who are helped by this service.

The Parish also runs programming for street youth, including a weekly *out of the rain* youth shelter that includes the offering of a hot evening meal and a breakfast in the morning. The facilities used for this purpose are also used by other organizations on other nights. The Parish is also actively pursuing refugee sponsorship, in partnership with the congregation of First Metropolitan United.

When Council turned to the business portion of the meeting, an announcement was made that Rev. Richard Stetson of Salt Spring Island has tendered his resignation from Council. This has come about because he has taken on other responsibilities for the Diocese that will place demands on his time.

Council received a report from the Bishop outlining his activities over the past month. The Bishop also introduced us to the idea of

his planned Sacred Journey for Lent 2016 that you will read about in his own remarks elsewhere in this paper. The idea was met with cautious enthusiasm by Council once the Bishop persuaded us that he was up to the challenge.

We reviewed a first draft of a budget for 2016, although this will require further refinement for the December meeting. Council discussed the next steps to be taken in the process for implementation of the Diocesan Vision. This included a discussion of how work on the ten new directions identified by the vision could be distributed throughout the Diocese. Council also reviewed draft materials in support of the upcoming resource capacity study, that will look at options for achieving long term financial sustainability while implementing the vision.

As with previous reports, this column is not intended to stand as minutes or a summary of the deliberations of Council. Council minutes are available on the Diocesan Website.

The meeting closed with Council members acknowledging that they experienced the presence of God in the continuation of the relationships among Council members and the way they worked, both in the small groups and in plenary session. We experienced connections among ourselves, and through each of us, to the wider Church. The meeting closed with the Grace.

Bob Gill is Vice Chancellor of the Diocese and a member of the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay.



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