



From food to friendship, from stranger to family

A REFUGEE WORKSHOP IN BRIDGETOWN

“Come in, come in and sit down, for you are a part of the family...”

BY LIZ EARLEY

Mountain of food! Spicy sauces with meat and egg! Mounds of injera, the spongy rounds of bread, to mop it all up. Special salads and home made cheese! This is the feast that the Parish of Bridgetown was treated to on Friday, April 23rd, when Enana, an Ethiopian lady, came to visit. Enana, now a Canadian citizen, entered this country as a refugee and lives in Halifax. She came to Bridgetown with her grade 12 son, Ermius, and his

friend, Zokpah, a refugee from Liberia. An Ethiopian international student, a friend of Enana’s made up the party. It was the first time Enana had been outside Halifax in the seven years since her arrival !

About thirty five of us, mainly from our parish, but with some invited guests, sat down to this feast, and then had a chance to chat with our hosts, as we sipped Ethiopian coffee in tiny bowls. Ermius and Zokpah made good friends with some of the children and discussed basketball and soccer with the teenagers.

Saturday morning, we got together again for a presentation by Sharon,

see Refugee page 2



Above: Enana Birru (l) shares her photos with Roberta White.

An autumn ordination to the diaconate



A service of ordination to the diaconate was held at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on September 28 for Sue Walter, Ed Trevors and Michael Foley. Front row: Bishop Ron Cutler, Sue Walter, Clara Westhaver, Bishop Sue Moxley. Back row: Ed Trevors, Michael Foley, Isaac Foley

Fight the bite! ... one village at a time

The 2010 Project for Anglican Church Women of Nova Scotia is “Fight the bite! one village at a time” by supporting the “Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group”. Simple mosquito nets save lives. Malaria is the most significant global health threat of our time. It affects up to 500 million people worldwide and every year is responsible for over a million deaths. Ninety-percent of those deaths occur in Sub-Saharan Africa. Pregnant women and children under five are particularly vulnerable to this devastating disease. Sadly, somewhere in Africa, a mother loses her child every 30 seconds to malaria. It is at night when children are most vulnerable as malaria is spread through the bite of an infected Anopheles female mosquito, which bites between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Malaria is easily preventable, 100% treatable, and curable. Bed nets are the most cost efficient and effective way in which to prevent malaria. \$6.00 will purchase one net which will protect four people. \$24 will pay

for four nets to protect sixteen people. \$350 will net an entire village! We invite each ACW group to try to contribute at least \$72 to this project. That would buy 12 bed nets, to protect 48 people. For parishes that amalgamated with 2, 3 or more ACW’s coming together as one, this creates a bit of loss for our projects; contributing more than \$72 would be most generous. By the same token, if you are not able to raise \$72, then any amount that you can afford is very acceptable and most welcome. Please send cheque or money order to: 2010 ACW Project, c/o Marjorie Davis-Snow, 118-31 Russell Lake Drive, Dartmouth, N.S. B3W 6J3. Please make cheque payable to “NS ACW Board”, and indicate “Project 2010” on the cheque.

Correction:
 In the October edition, it was Mike Thornhill from **Ecclesiastical Insurance** who presented a bursary award to AST student Mel Malton.

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For the past few weeks The Bog has been filled with the smell of pickling spices, dill and vinegar as the residents of the community struggle to preserve the bounty of the harvest. Global warming (or was it just a wonderful summer) had meant that the tomatoes ripened earlier and faster than in years past, cucumber vines grew at an alarming rate and produced so many cukes that there was a fear we would be overrun by the fruit and peppers were turning red right before our eyes.

We have always been in the habit of planting large numbers of tomato plants hoping to have enough ripen before the first frost hits The Bog. This year everything grew faster and matured earlier than our usual standards. Where 10 or 15 tomato plants were needed in years past, this year 3 or 5 would have been sufficient to fill our needs. As a matter of fact, there weren't enough green tomatoes to make Chow! Before the gardeners realized it, the green was turning red and new/old recipes for Three Fruit Chili Sauce and homemade Salsa were being exchanged and tried for the first time.



ST. BART'S BY THE BOG

Sarah Neish

The folks of The Bog are a frugal people, we are a society that saves, preserves, "puts up" everything that Nature has provided for us. We were recycling long before it was the "thing to do". Our homes still have hooked mats on the floors that our own mothers and grandmothers created many years ago. I can still see parts of an old coat that my father wore, bits of a wool skirt that I myself wore to school when I was in Grade Five, lots of my brother's old knickers that he wore all winter every year. These parts of my history are in the mat that sits beside my bed; the mat that my feet touch each morning as I rise and the last

thing my feet touch each evening as I finally go to my bed.

Our beds have quilts that we and others have made out of old clothing, quilts that are beautiful and warm and full of memories, not only of the history of the cloth but of the quilting bees where we gathered as a community to create and share. In days past nothing was thrown away until it was of no use to anyone! Furniture was repaired not replaced, and when it could no longer be repaired it would be taken apart and bits used to fix other things, the final use often was as kindling for the wood stove.

Rev. Billie was a city girl, she didn't have her Granny's hooked mats in her home and the thought of preserving anything filled her with fears of poisoning herself and her family. We were more than happy to share our harvest with the rectory family and Billie's table always had a bowl of Chow or Mustard Pickles, a gift from some kind parishioner or neighbour.

Billie was frugal. She was the one who was forever turning off unneeded lights in the church and her sermons were written on the backs of used

envelopes and other bits of paper that made their way into her hands. She managed to reuse all sorts of things that many would have put out on garbage day. Even her wardrobe showed her frugality and more than one person was heard to say that she needed to replace the old jacket she had worn as long as we had known her.

On Thanksgiving Sunday Billie was in fine fettle. She was surrounded by the fruits and vegetables of our labours, the window sills were filled with jars of preserves and jams. There was a loaf of homemade bread and some grapes on the altar and baskets of carrots and apples by the chancel steps.

Rev Billie was quick to point out WHO was responsible for our wealth here by The Bog. She gave God full credit for everything ... every pickle, every tomato ... every apple ... every pumpkin. We sat and smiled and smelled the wonderful smells of a church filled with the fruits of our labours and our hearts were filled with joy and anticipation of a Turkey dinner shared with loved ones that awaited the final hymn.

I'll keep you posted,

Aunt Madge

Refugee from front page

our Diocesan Refugee Coordinator about where refugees come from, how they get to Canada, and what a sponsoring group does.

Then Enana told us about her life in Ethiopia, how she fled to Jerusalem, leaving her children with her mother, how she eventually got to Canada, and how, later, her three boys were able to join her. It was a moving story and it was very hard for her to talk of her husband, as she has no idea what happened to him.

Zokpah then told us, with poignant humour, of his years in Liberia, escaping with his family in the civil war when he was thirteen and going from place to place, often with no food or shelter for days. He told of the woman who gave them bread and water when they were nearly

starving, and how good that bread tasted. Finally they settled for a while in a refugee camp, but moved out to a city because the camp was too dangerous!

Our Sunday service theme was about showing compassion to the neighbour. We used the gospel of the Good Samaritan, a parable which tells that compassion takes no account of race or religion or any of the things that can divide us.

For us, this was a beginning. It exceeded all we had hoped for. It was a new model to have the Friday meal and fellowship, but one we would highly recommend. By Saturday, the 'guests' had become family, and I truly believe that much will come of it. There was a real desire to have them back again for a week-end of holiday

and this will lead to greater understanding of refugee issues. Though sponsorship is not always realistic outside the larger centres, rural parishes could work jointly with Halifax sponsorship groups such as Christians for Refugees, perhaps providing some funding, but also forging relationships with families and welcoming them for holidays or weekends away and exchanging letters or e-mails.

Before our week-end, the workshop participants knew very little about refugees - after the event, they said 'goodbye' and 'come again' as to dear friends, to family.

Note: the project was funded by the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

Calling all campers!

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What was the best part about camp for you?

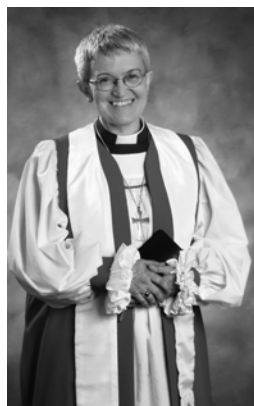
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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Grace, gratitude & generosity



*The Right Reverend Sue Moxley,
Bishop of Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island*

Grace

It all begins with God. God created us, called us back into right relationship repeatedly, came and lived among us in Jesus, offered forgiveness and eternal life and sent us the Holy Spirit to accompany us. It begins with God and God's gift of grace – that generous love that we in no way deserve or earn. At the Canadian Anglican Lutheran Youth gathering (CLAY) this past summer, the keynote speaker, the Rev'd Bill Cliff, repeatedly reminded those gathered that "God always acts first". He encouraged us all to reflect on the Bible stories being presented by asking, "What has God already done here?" Then he asked, "If God has already done all that, what is our response?"

Gratitude

That is our response – thankfulness. An attitude of gratitude is what we should be developing. We have so much – material stuff for sure, but more importantly, all the spiritual blessings that are ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Whether you think God has given us everything, or you think that God has entrusted everything to our care, we have been greatly blessed. So what is our response? Is our response to hoard what we have? Jesus told a story about that. The fellow who built bigger barns to store his surplus did not turn out to be the hero of the story! (Luke 12:13-21) Our Stewardship workshops have been encouraging us to respond to our generous God with generous living – generous giving of ourselves - time, ability and money.

Generosity

Living by being generous is counter cultural! At the Stewardship Conference I attended four years ago, one of the speakers asked the question, "What are the two fastest growing industries in north America?" None of us were close to the right answer – storage lockers and security systems! We keep acquiring stuff until we have no room for it and we are afraid someone will steal it so we install a security system! That is not the way of life that Jesus modeled or taught.

This year, 2010, has been a year of wonderful events. God has greatly blessed so many of our endeavours as we have sought to remember the past and to look to the future. Excellent parish histories have been produced and shared. The new diocesan history by Brian Cuthbertson is available. (contact Synod office 420-0717 if you want to purchase one.) Parishes have developed vision statements and strategies to help them move into the future. At the Diocesan level we have produced the "Vision, Strategy, Resource Allocation" document that shows our strategies with respect to the vision "To become Christ-centered, mission-minded, ministering communities of faith". We have also, for the first time, produced a Narrative Budget for the Diocese that tells the ministry story of the diocese. We have had worship celebrations in parishes, in regions, in the Cathedral and at Exhibition Park with members of General Synod from across Canada and around the world. (the DVD of the June 6 liturgy is now ready and will be available for pick up at the ordination at the Cathedral on November 30, 2010.)

God's GRACE should always astonish us! Our attitude to God should always be one of GRATITUDE. Our response should be GENEROSITY – generosity with our time, our ability and our money – so that we are making God's dream of justice and joy come true and building the Kingdom of God with all that has been entrusted to our care.

With gratitude for God's GRACE given and with GRATITUDE to God for your GENEROSITY in this year that has passed,

+Sue

Notice from the diocesan Executive Director

CANON GORDON REDDEN

At the October meeting of Diocesan Council the 2011 Diocesan Budget was approved.

The Council has kept the allotment rate to 19.25% in the effort to allow parishes to retain funds for mission at the local level.

Council determined a balanced budget could be achieved by reducing expenses in a number of areas, including approximately \$45,000 in costs related to the staffing of the Synod Office and between \$8,000-\$12,000 in either clergy health benefits or the Employment Assistance Program (EAP). A survey relating to the latter will be sent to Clergy and lay Diocesan Staff by mid-November in order to present specific reduction options to the plan participants and request an indication of the preferred approach.

Council approved a 2% cost of living increase to the Diocesan 2011 Clergy Minimum Stipend Scale. This scale sets the minimum stipend levels for parish clergy. The 2011 scale will be distributed to parishes in the coming week.

Council also approved a 2% cost of living increase to the salary scales of the lay Synod Office staff, with the exception of the Diocesan Controller. The Bishops, Diocesan Executive Director, and other clergy Diocesan Staff members were not given this cost of living increase in the interests of limiting budget expenses.

Effective January 1, 2011, one staff position in the Synod Office will be discontinued. By mutual agreement, this is the position of Episcopal Administrative Assistant, currently held by Ms. Kelly Appleton since May 1995. Responsibilities and duties of that position will be reviewed and delegated to other staff in the Office. Kelly is taking this opportunity to discern her future and seek new career options.

Call for ACW anniversary bursary applicants

Applying for the ACW Anniversary Bursary

The Nova Scotia Board of Anglican Church Women annually offers a bursary of \$200.00 to an Anglican Female Mature Student (5 years or more post formal schooling) qualifying in one of two categories: (1) Continuing Education at community schools, community colleges, technical institutes or other recognized institutes of learning; or (2) University Continuing Education courses - credit or not-credit courses. The program does not have to be religious or church in nature.

Application forms can be picked up at the ACW Room, 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax, NS B3K 5J6. As the ACW Room does not have regular open hours, you can also leave a message by phoning the ACW Room at (902) 423-8697. Completed forms must be received at the above address by December 31st, 2010. The bursary is awarded early in the new year.

Donating to the ACW Anniversary Bursary

The Anniversary Fund for the ACW Nova Scotia Board Bursary came about 25 years ago when a special 100th anniversary of formalized women's ministry appeal was made to each Anglican woman in Nova Scotia. The idea was to receive \$2 from each Anglican woman in the province so that a bursary based on the interest of the subsequent investment could be awarded to a successful female candidate each year. The ACW Nova Scotia Board would like to offer a more generous bursary, hence the 125th ACW Anniversary Bursary Appeal in 2010 - this time we are asking each Anglican woman (men not excluded - this is an equal opportunity initiative) to contribute \$5 (or more) so that we can increase the principal of the ACW Anniversary Bursary Fund.

Send your donations towards the Fund to the ACW Room, 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax, NS B3K 5J6. Please note "125th Anniversary Bursary Fund Appeal" on the cheque.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following individuals appointed regional dean of their respective region:
 Rev. Gloria McClure-Fraser
 — *Cape Breton*
 Rev. Cathy Pharo
 — *Prince Edward Island*
 Rev. Trevor Lightfoot
 — *Dartmouth*

Rev. Kyle Wagner assumed the position of rector of the parish of Seaforth, with Rev. Debra Burleson serving as priest assistant effective November 1, 2010.

Rev. James Purchase appointed pastoral visitor for the parish of St. George's Church, Halifax, effective immediately.

The following will be ordained to the priesthood on Tues., November 30th, the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, beginning at 7 pm:
 Juanita Bartheaux
 Michael Foley
 Judi Phillips
 Rebecca Sample
 Ed Trevors
 Sue Walters

For those planning to attend the service, the following

parking options, apart from street parking, are available:

- Rehabilitation Centre Lot, entry off University Ave. is free after 6pm
- VG Lot, entry off of College St. requires prepayment for the evening and the ticket is to be left on dashboard.
- VG Lot, entry off South Park St. has a small fee for evening use

The Silent Night Project
 I am sure you remember The Amazing Grace Project, the wonderful event that brought many of Anglicans together to sing, to make videos and collect toonies for the ministry of the Council of the North. The final result, a short documentary called "Amazing Together", won an award for creative excellence at an international film festival in Houston, Texas. The toonie collection exceeded \$100,000! The Council of the North used the funds to launch a suicide prevention program, which is now being developed across the northern dioceses. We were truly blessed by this project and by the grace and creativity of all who

participated. At the General Synod here in Halifax, we were introduced to the "Silent Night Project". Once again we are asked to contribute a toonie when we sing. At the request of our Primate, Archbishop Fred, all proceeds will go to the Anglican Military Ordinatee, in support of our Armed Forces Chaplains. Some of you may find it appropriate to sing on the Sunday when you mark Remembrance Day. Otherwise church groups across Canada are asked to sing "Silent Night" on the first Sunday of Advent (November 28th). Please send any videos or photos to Bev Murphy at bmurphy@national.anglican.ca I invite you to lend your visible and energetic support to the Silent Night Project. Anglican Video will make a compilation video which will go on the website by Christmas day, to celebrate our common faith and raise our prayers for the peace of a "Silent Night." Thank you for your support for this cross country project.
 +Sue

If you don't ask, you'll never know

Did you invite someone to church? Good for you! The bishops did, too. Success means you invited someone. It is disappointing when someone says, "No I don't want to go to church." However, some folks did take up the offer and came to worship. Some congregations got names and contact information so the rector or a lay pastoral visitor could follow up and encourage the 'visitors' to become 'regulars'.

Many congregations are already planning for changes for next year. We will continue to add suggestions to the web site for **Back to Church Sunday** so that planning can begin earlier for 2011. After all, you don't have to wait to September 2011 to invite someone to come to church with you!

+Sue

Are you ready for 2011?

A good start to getting ready for next year is purchasing a 2011 Canadian Church Calendar. The Nova Scotia Board of the Anglican Church Women has recently received a supply of these calendars. Along with having colourful pictures, the calendars also indicate "liturgical colors" for the various church seasons. For groups wishing to sell the 2011 Church Calendars

as a fund raising project in their parish, now is the time to place an order. For more information please contact the ACW Calendar Chairperson, Anna Langille, at (902) 423-8697, or write to Anna at the new address for the ACW Room - 6017 Quinpool Road, Halifax, NS B3K 5J6.

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Heritage Sunday at the Cathedral Church of All Saints appealed to all the senses; it commemorated the Cathedral's opening 100 years earlier on Sunday, September 12, 1910. Excitement was in the air as arriving congregational members, guests, and visitors were greeted to voice, organ, and brass soaring to the heights of the Gothic arches of the redecorated nave and transept; sunshine poured through the Cathedral windows and illuminated the magnificent altar flowers in memory of former Dean Austin Munroe.

The Honourable Mayann Francis, Lt. Gov Of Nova Scotia, was piped to the vice-regal seat by

Graeme Murray of the 78th Highlanders.

The Paul Halley *Anniversary Anthem*, especially commissioned for the Cathedral's 100th year, was premiered later in the service and was truly outstanding. John Hudson, Cathedral choir director and organist, worked with Dean Paul Smith to determine the text for the anthem. The marrying of text and melody was perfect. William Bullock, the first Dean of Nova Scotia (St. Luke's Pro Cathedral) in writing *We love the place, O God*, is believed to have written the first hymn in Canada. It was this hymn on which the text of the Anthem is based.

In commemorating the opening of the Cathedral 100 years earlier, Archbishop Arthur Peters reminded us that Heritage



Above: Joy Smith adds a ceremonial shovel of earth at the tree dedication.



Above: Dean Paul Smith at the childrens' story. He is wearing a special birthday hat to celebrate 100 years of worship at the Cathedral.

Sunday is likened to driving a vehicle: one looks back, one looks around, and one looks ahead. In looking back, we honour and pay tribute to our forbearers for their vision, determination, and faith. In looking around, we monitor continually the context and reality of our surroundings so that we can respond pro actively to arising and shifting circumstances. In looking ahead, we anticipate what and where God is calling us to be so that we can chart a faith-driven future in His service, living out the Gospel.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, the liturgical party, choir, and

congregation were piped across the street to Victoria Park for a planting of a tree marking 100 years of Cathedral witness and worship in our community, with 90 year old Joy Smith and 1 year old, Simon Puxley doing the ceremonial planting honours. Bishop Worrell would have been pleased, as the Maretello St. Site of the Cathedral was his choice: he wanted the English Gothic structure to be an integral part of the Halifax beautification program of the day that featured Victoria Park as a central attraction.

With the senses of sight and sound well served, everyone was invited to

satisfy the sense of taste at a barbecue on the Cathedral south lawn. While it may have been a quite different gathering in that same location, in September, 2010 than it was in September, 1910, it was no less enthusiastic. Both the 1910 and 2010 gatherings saw the opportunity for the Cathedral to be "none other than the house of God" and the congregation to come to God "like living stones. . . to be built into a spiritual house."

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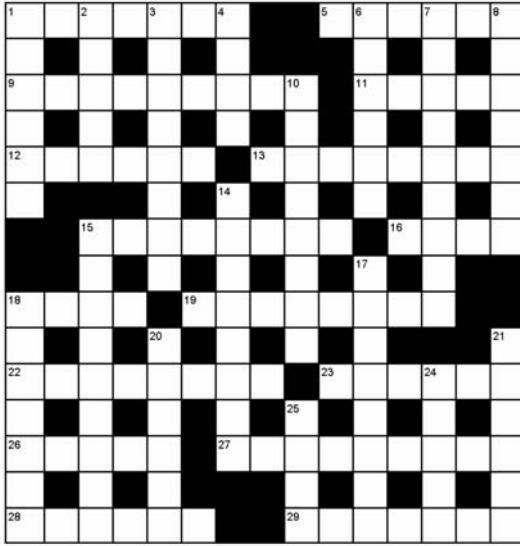
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Bible crossword

by Maureen Yeats



November 2010 Puzzle Clues

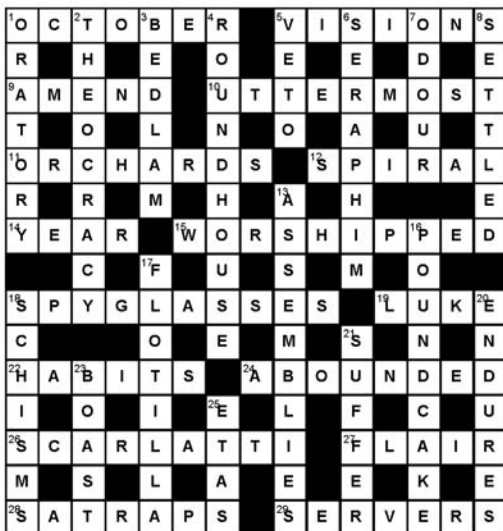
ACROSS:

- 1 – Takes for granted (7)
- 5 – A peninsula in the Middle East (i.e. Southwest Asia) (6)
- 9 – Branching nerve fibres (9)
- 11 – All that makes up the appearance of a room (5)
- 12 – Hebrew prophet (6)
- 13 – Month containing Remembrance Day (8)
- 15 – Make impossible (8)
- 16 – A grandson of Adam (Gen. 5:6 KJV) (4)
- 18 – Town in Galilee where water was turned into wine (4)
- 19 – Some students (8)
- 22 – Pastoral staffs of bishops (8)
- 23 – "...it is so high that I cannot _____ it" (Ps. 139:6) (6)
- 26 – A river in France (5)
- 27 – Town that was the centre of Jesus' ministry in Galilee (9)
- 28 – Those who act in an official capacity (6)
- 29 – "...what must I do to inherit _____ life?" (Matt. 10:17) (7)

DOWN:

- 1 – A disciple, patron saint of Scotland (6)
- 2 – "Moses came down from Mount _____" (Exodus 34:29) (5)
- 3 – A saint, wife of Malcolm of Scotland (8)
- 4 – A son of Adam (4)
- 6 – "I would _____ them but they speak lies against me." (Hosea 7:13) (6)
- 7 – Spines (9)
- 8 – Northern Lights (7)
- 10 – Early spring flower (8)
- 14 – Thrilling, exciting or stirring (8)
- 15 – British theatrical spectacle (9)
- 17 – A white wine of France (8)
- 18 – Patron saint of music (7)
- 20 – Divide in half (6)
- 21 – Opaque glassy substance fused to metal or pottery (6)
- 24 – Once more (5)
- 25 – Vaulted semicircular recess in a church (4)

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REVIEWS

Prayer is an encounter and a relationship



Anthony Bloom, *Beginning to Pray* (Paulist Press, 1970).

The parable of the 'persistent widow' was the Sunday Gospel in the middle of October this year, for churches and parishes using the Revised Common Lectionary. And one of the things this Gospel brought to my mind was the best contemporary book on prayer I've so far read, Beginning to Pray. It has been reprinted many times (sometimes under the title School for Prayer) since it was first published forty years ago, proving itself a wonderful resource for several generations of Christians. No copies are available to borrow through the Halifax Public Library system. Three are available through 'Novanet', the provincial colleges and universities library system; at the Atlantic School of Theology, Cape Breton University, and St. Francis Xavier University. And the book is currently still easily available new or second-hand in a variety of editions for order directly via the internet, and of course can be ordered through bookstores, though it is unlikely to be available on bookstore shelves. It does not seem to be yet available as an 'ebook' but glimpses of its text can in fact be seen on-line via books.google.com, if you think this book might interest you.

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What do you do with a writer on Christian prayer who says in the first paragraph, 'I am a beginner myself'? And what do you do if the author has lived an extraordinary life as the son of a Russian diplomat (and in a family in exile after the 1917 revolution); as a young atheistic physician in France and member of the French resistance; and then (following a mystical conversion) as a Russian Orthodox priest, bishop, and scholar; and finally as chaplain to the 'Anglican-Orthodox fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius in England? Well, you take the author at his word, and begin alongside him with the basics of prayer no matter how old or experienced you think you are. This is a book held to be a classic on the subject by a variety of Orthodox, Anglican, Protestant, and Roman Catholic believers.

In the third paragraph of his first chapter, 'The absence of God,' Anthony Bloom lays out the basis of prayer, and challenges our easy generalizations about God's absence and presence: 'First of all, it is very important to remember that prayer is an encounter and a relationship, a relationship which is deep and this relationship cannot be forced either on us or on God. The fact that God can make Himself present or can leave us with a sense of his absence is part of this live and real relationship.' This metaphor of a relationship is key to all his thoughts on prayer, though he reminds us in various ways that God is not a cuddly kitten anymore than God is an abstract idea.

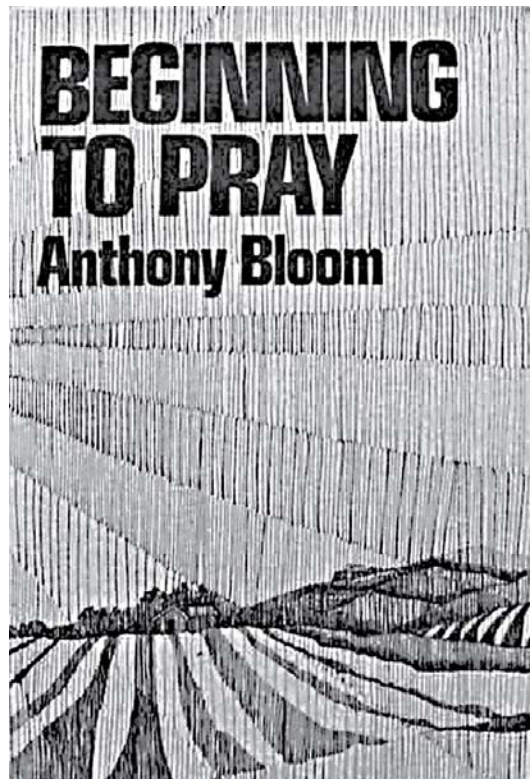
In the next two chapters, 'Knocking at the Door' and 'Going Inward', Bloom helps us to think about how to enter into this 'live and real' relationship. Here he reminds us that "[we] should

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ask ourselves what words of prayer make sense for [us] to offer God, whether they be [our] own or those of other people.' This is important he says, 'for if [we] cannot be attentive to the words [we] say why should God? How can He receive them as an expression of love if you do not put your heart into them, if you have only put in a certain amount of courtesy together with a certain amount of absentmindedness?' Bloom does not want to discourage prayer; he simply want us to address God with hearts and minds awake as we

would wish them awake for anyone dear to us. And he wants us to remember that God is not found 'out there' but is discovered within us, his creatures.

Bloom brings this train of thought to a close with sober but very helpful thoughts; 'If we try to pray continuously, we will be defeated quite soon; but if we choose moments intelligently we can do it... There is a sin which the Spiritual Fathers call 'spiritual greed', which consists of wanting to have more and more of God at a moment when [we] should be put on a diet and have just a little and enough for [us].' If Bloom's words sound a bit harsh, he has



success in mind; a genuine, honest, respectful relationship with the living God.

Beginning to Pray concludes (if you don't count Bloom's final short meditations on icons) with two even more practical chapters; 'Managing Time' and 'Addressing God.' Bloom urges us, in simple and memorable words, to learn by experimentation to be silent and still at the same time as we are 'alert and alive'—as we enter into prayer. What about 'addressing God'? 'A relationship becomes personal and real the moment you begin to single out a person from the crowd.' And so we are counselled to use the various names for God in the Scriptures to get to know God; but above all he urges us to use the name of the second person of the Trinity, Jesus.

We are left with many helpful thoughts, when it comes to addressing God. This is one of them: 'You may find many other names. I am quite certain that if some day "O Thou my Joy!" or any other cry of this kind bursts out of you, it will be the moment when you have discovered a relationship between Him and you which is your own.' There couldn't be a better place to wrap up a review on a book called *Beginning to Pray*.

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Parish stories from 'Back to Church Sunday'

ASSORTED EXCERPTS FROM REPORTS ON BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

"BTC Sunday was an excellent opportunity to look at ourselves as a welcoming community and to practice our skills in hospitality. It provided an excellent kick-off for our children's Christian Education program, with fully staffed contingents in anticipation of returning and first-time participants. Extra care was taken in the preparation of the liturgy, and by using presentation formats we were able to explain parish practice and offer the liturgy without having to use books, which for first time visitors has been known to be confusing."

"Thank you! The Spirit of God moved our Diocese today and by the sounds of it on the community grape vine, it was a huge success. The people of All Saints Bedford saw a threefold increase in its numbers from last year. God is good! CTV News also showed up which added a nice touch to an already hugely successful day. Since the 6 O'clock news story ran, many in Bedford have expressed just how thrilled and proud they were to be a part of the successful "Back to Church Sunday" at All Saints. You can guarantee we will be among the first parishes to sign up again for Back to Church Sunday."

"On Back to Church Sunday we started the day with a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of the Parish: French Toast, Blueberry Pancakes, toast, coffee, tea, juice, and fruit. We gathered together for worship at 10:00 at St. James. There were 80 people, 27 more than last year! We didn't quite double our congregation, but certainly we enjoyed a spirit-filled service with lots of children and young people. Many newcomers were in attendance. The theme of the worship was HOPE."

"We had a great Back to Church Sunday in Aylesford Berwick! As a result of invitations: 18 contact numbers and some 27 individuals to check in with. It has been an exhilarating week following up with all these folks! One parishioner who had been very active in church leadership, perhaps got a little burnt out, and had not attended for about two years, burst into tears when presented

with the pink invitation. She said she had been wanting to come back, and just needed "a way back in." At the coffee hour she thanked me several times. Her face was radiant. It seems there are folks teetering on the edge of inviting a friend, and just need this program to nudge them over the edge. Likewise there are those who want to come, but just need a nudge to take the plunge. So there is a kind of multiplier effect. I think another factor contributing to success is the feeling of safety in numbers for those who are new or returning."

"Some of our regulars were missing and I wonder if some might have stayed away because they felt bad about not having anyone to bring along. We will be working with From Visitor to Disciple at both Church Councils over the next few months."

"We had a very enjoyable Back to Church Sunday. One person came Back to Church after a 40 year absence and had a healing experience -- very moving."

"We had 83, 20 more than last year, so a good group. Lots of work, but it was fun, and it made us aware of things. One parishioner made 50 3-tail bookmarks, so it was easy to find the places in the BAS. We redesigned the bulletin, so one third sticks out of the book and has the collect hymn numbers etc. on it. Useful things for every Sunday! At least we have 'broken the ice' and I do believe some will come back on a more regular basis."



John Clarke sent this photo of a young parishioner covered in name tags enjoying Back To Church Sunday at St. Peter's in Charlottetown.



Above: The children at St. John's Lunenburg offer a special welcome to visitors and parishioners with hand-made signs. Photo by Brian Kenefick

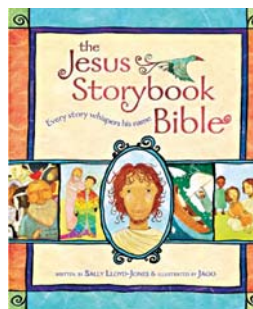
Buying a Bible: not the easiest thing to do

By SUSAN E. NAYLOR
YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

How is your Christmas shopping going? Are you buying for any children or youth? I once heard a story about the difference between a present and a gift. Apparently a present is something that you give to someone because you think they should have it whereas a gift is something that you give because you know that the recipient would love to have it. While I am not sure that these definitions could ever be found in the dictionary, I am going to head down a dangerous road here and suggest that you buy a Bible as a present this Christmas for the children and teens in your life. With a little prayer and some faith, that present might just turn into a well-loved gift.

I realize that buying a Bible is not the easiest thing to do. So here are some suggestions for Bibles that really help make our story come alive. They are all stepping stones to the real thing - a beginning or intermediate step to being able to study the Bible for themselves.

For young children, my favourite Bible is the Jesus Storybook Bible. The pictures are amazing and the text is engaging. But the part that makes the most sense is how each story has a bit of a twist or a turn at the end to interpret it in



the context of the Christian story. Of course, the subtitle is "Every story whispers his name" so I shouldn't be surprised that they take a little license. You can check it out at their website at www.jesusstorybookbible.com.

For bigger kids, tweens and teens, who love the Japanese manga style, there is a version of the Gospels called Manga Messiah. I said this was a present but, actually, it



probably isn't what you want to give at all. The images are dramatic and edgy and the stories move along quickly leaving out long lists of names. But it does connect with young people. While it doesn't look like a Bible, the Gospel is present. More information on the Manga Messiah can be found at www.mangamesiah.com.



Have you ever read a Biblezine? This is a line of Bibles that is published to look like a magazine. The complete New Testament is there and there are lots of puzzles and articles to go with the text. This is the type of Bible that is readily accessible to those who have never read it before. There are a variety of versions for boys and girls and young men and young women. Magnify and Revolve Biblezines are available through Amazon and at your local Christian bookstore.