

Serving the Anglican Church in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



Photo: Day Camp creations come in all shapes, colours and sizes. This was a big one.

# **Community Roots Day Camp**



Photo: Making memories at Community Roots Day Camp

went home full of stories, full of adventure, full of light.

I'm going to give you a little bit of background just in case you're not aware of how this came together here at St. John's. We're part of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The diocese has hired a couple of absolutely brilliant young people to be camp Program Architects all across the diocese, all summer long. Leah and Sophie were here with us, under the direction of Allie, the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, to offer people older than them some guidance on how to be with people younger than them and to be the chief storytellers of the gospel and the ones who really held us all together through the week.

some service agencies, some had seen the posters up around town. So, we had a whole variety of campers local to this place and campers who vacation in this place, aged 6 to 12, and 12 volunteers to work with the campers all week long. 12 volunteers meant that none of us had to bear too much but that all of us could get a taste of the joy.

This was kind of a unique experience – I'm not sure where else you can go outside of churchland to have a summer camp experience where there are people as young as six years old and there are people as old as eighty-six years old who are fully and completely part of what is happening and the adventure that is being created along the way.

accompanied, of course, by sound effects and arms waving as wings. These are some of the moments that make the memories.

There was a theme woven throughout the week of light. Our first story that we shared on day one was about people who gathered around a teacher, and the symbol that was used for that teacher was a candle. Real flame. That was memorable for those campers – when they were asked later in the day and even later in the week what they remembered, the campers said, "The candle!"

Our diocesan Community Roots Day Camp travelled throughout the diocese this summer, including a week at St. John's Wolfville, in the Parish of Horton. On the Sunday following camp, Rev. Nicole Uzans shared the stories from camp in her sermon, and we've adapted that sermon to share with you here.

Well, it is a great delight to share with you some highlights of the week that

was here at St. John's! You see the paper chains, you might see these murals that are painted here, you might have heard some of the stories. We had a Community Roots Summer Camp happen here all week long.

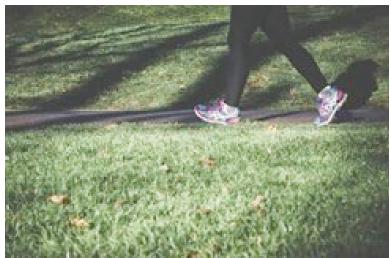
8:30 in the morning the campers started arriving and they played, and they sang, and they listened, and they created, and they grew from 8:30 to 3:00 every day and then they went home. They

We had twelve campers here, all of them unique in their own ways. Some of them were staying with grandparents for the week, some of them were brand new to Canada – having arrived only in February from other parts of the world, some of them were referred through

We ran all over this church, around the sanctuary and the yard outside. A few times a day we took a wiggle walk, and sometimes it was more walk and sometimes it was more wiggle but every time it was a report on what the eagles were doing up in the tree –

Partway through the week, the campers had a field trip over to L'Arche, where people with disabilities and people with a whole range of abilities, live and work together in community. One of the things that happens at L'Arche is that there's a candle making workshop. So, the campers made candles. When they received them back at the end of the week, each camper, called by name was affirmed ... continued on page 5

## Pray as you can



Prayer is God calling us home. Despite our belief that we are doing the praying, prayer is initiated by God, who longs for us to metaphorically phone, text, message, to have a coffee, a conversation or a meal – who yearns for us to remember we have a relationship. We feel this urge to pray sometimes as a longing, a "something is missing," or "I'm up to my neck and need help." We become aware of God in time deliberately set apart for worship or quiet prayer, or in actions or activities where our focus is God – doing something mindfully and with intention.

PAGE 2

All we really need to do is show up in an intentional way and the Spirit will help us pray "with sighs too deep for

words." So as Nike advertises, "Just do it." You may wonder, with the smorgasbord of prayer options, where to start. You may already have a daily prayer routine that satisfies you. But learning about different types of prayer provides ideas for more intentional "showing up." It also gives insight into the diverse community of prayers. Our way is not the only way.

The Season of Creation is a length of time from September 1 to October 4 within the liturgical Ordinary Time or Green Season. As we start a fresh school year and celebrate the "Season of Creation," now is a wonderful time to practice "praying with our feet."

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181

or 1182 – 1226), well known for his love of the earth and all creation, walked respectfully over the land as holy ground. When he walked over rocks, "he would walk with fear and reverence out of love for Him who is called 'the Rock'.' Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth by Ilia Delio, Keith Douglass Warner, Pamela Wood.

Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh (1926-2022) taught that the earth is sacred and we touch her with each step. If we walk with reverence, each step will be grounded and we will be nourished. He said: "Walk as though you are kissing the earth with your feet."

Again, in the book "Care for Creation," the authors tell us "We too are called to tread lightly on our planet, always supported by our Earth home, which has been created to sustain us in every moment."

How can we care more deeply? How do we pray with our feet? One option is to set aside some time for a walk and make God the focus. Ask for awareness, gratitude, and guidance in caring for God's creation and creations. And just walk; mindfully, not rushing. You may become aware of storm drains, or think

of your pets, or a corn boil. Notice your neighbourhood, businesses, tricycles, litter, wheelchairs, new construction. Be nourished by trees, streams, harbours, clouds. Ask God to help you notice. Ask God how you can tread more lightly. Allow God to dream within you. Who or what could use a blessing? Where is there a need or possible course of action? At your walk's conclusion, give thanks for your connection with Creator God.

As we walk with God through this season, looking at our communities, our country, God's world, let us pray:

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my Lord and Savior and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5 NIV

Heather Carter Diocesan Representative Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

Photo by Arek <u>Adeoye</u> on <u>Unsplash</u>



VOLUME 79 NUMBER 7

PAUL SHERWOOD

Editor

Also on the web: www.nspeidiocese.ca

Letters & News Items: Paul Sherwood, Editor 1340 Cathedral Lane Halifax, NS B3H 2Z1 902 997-1157 diocesantimes@gmail.com

Advertising: Angela Rush diocesantimes.ads@gmail.com 905.630.0390 (Burlington, ON)

Published monthly except in July and August by The Diocesan Times Publishing Company.

Online editions available via the diocesan website: www.nspeidiocese.ca

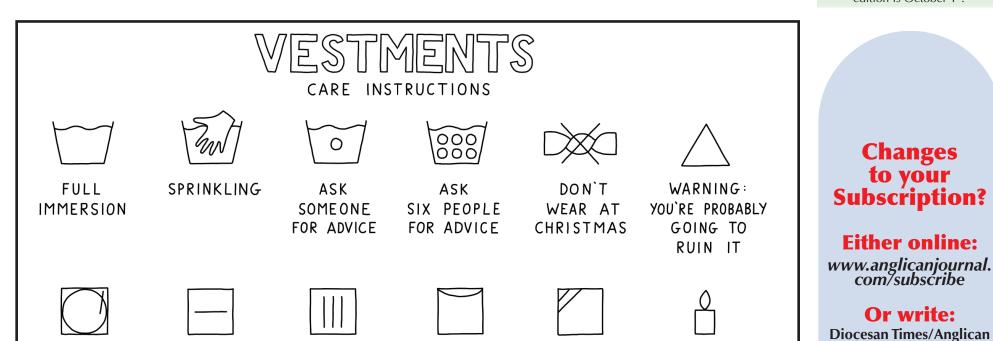
Printed by and mailed from: Webnews Printing Inc., North York, ON

Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor, the management board of The Diocesan Times, the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island or any representative thereof, except where expressly stated.

All material subject to editing.

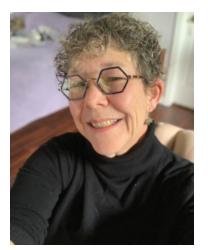
#### SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

The first day of the month BEFORE the month of publication: e.g., the deadline for the November edition is October 1st.



PUT ON SOME LAUNDRY-DAY MUSIC	NAP WHILST DRYING	SHOULD BE DRY BEFORE THE CRICKET FINISHES	SEALED ENVELOPE IN EXCHANGE FOR LAUNDRY SERVICES	THROW IT IN THE CORNER AND HOPE FOR THE BEST	LOOK UP WAX-REMOVAL ADVICE ONLINE	Journal Circulation Dept 80 Hayden St Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2 <u>circulation@national.anglican.ca</u> (416) 924-9199 Ext 259/245
	$\mathbf{X}$	$\bigcirc$	P	の道		Subscription rate for both The Diocesan Times and the Anglican Journal: \$20 per year Single copies: \$2
DO I NEED TO IRON THIS?	NO, I THINK YOU`RE FINE	DRY CLEAN (ORDINARY TIME)	DRY CLEAN (PENTECOST)	SEPARATE ADVENT AND EASTER BEFORE WASHING	TRY NOT TO SPILL TEA ON IT	Jingle copies. #2
Dave Walker					CartoonChurch.com	

## GUEST COLUMNIST



Rev. Ann Turner, Executive Director, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

# ENCACE Transforming Parish Dynamics



Photo: The new group of Engage facilitators, lay and clergy from across the diocese, "engaged" in training. (June 2024, in Truro, NS; Photo: L. Vaughn)

dynamics, change and conflict management, communications. These, along with the wider work of understanding theories of emotional intelligence, biography and back story profiles, and connections between the spiritual life and the deep work of individuals and communities in relationship, were on the

## New facilitators reflect on Engage experience!

"A fabulous and spirit-filled adventure!"

"Among the most illuminating things I was reminded of, is the importance of being attentive to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in this transformation ministry."

"I come away filled with hope for renewal and transformation!"

"I am challenged by two concepts: maintaining unconditional positive regard and sustaining a non-anxious presence under pressure. Both make room for transformation."

"It is refreshing to understand this important work through a spiritual and faith-based lens."

very full agenda one week in June as laity and clergy gathered to unveil a promising new program in our Diocese. Consultant, Susan Barthos, who has worked with parishes and led people across our Diocese in the work of transformation, was instrumental in helping our Synod Office Leadership Team shape, resource, and train our first group of program facilitators. Engage: Transforming Parish Dynamics has officially been launched and is a fresh new system through which our parishes and communities are invited to explore healthy patterns of interaction.

Some of what we recognize is that a living faith, strategy, skill, and experience are among the elements required to navigate the changing waves of parish dynamics. The Engage Program gathers into one system a community of trained facilitators available to reach into parishes, and other Diocesan communities, to host

deeper conversations about issues that matter.

Working closely with the Bishop, our ministry is to plot paths

and the crafting of firm commitments to lovingly confront and transform.

A call went out in the early Spring for folks to discern whether they might participate in this training. There was good response but, unfortunately, we could not include everyone who replied in this first training session. There will be more! Our vision for Engage is that it become a mixed ecology of navigators, facilitators, and participants.

Engage Navigators, chosen for their specific training in interpersonal and inter-organizational relationships, as well as change and conflict management, will work closely with our Bishop to identify concerns and strategize paths towards health and healing. The trained Navigators at this time are Rev. Bev Kean-Newhook, Deacon Joanne Neal, and therapist and counsellor, Stephen Doucet-Campbell.

Engage Facilitators will put into motion those strategies suggested by the Navigators (in consultation with Bishop Sandra). They will be the people coming alongside people, parishes, and communities as they undertake the work of strengthening communications and attending to points of conflict or disruption.

And all along the journey, each person (navigator, facilitator, participant) will have opportunities to learn and to grow. This is how Engage becomes a new ecology, a new place of growth and development, for our Diocese. Everyone involved will come away with something new!

It was an intense, few days for our Engage Facilitators and their own learning will continue even as they begin to share information and strategies within their own parishes and regions. Not everything will be about responding to problems... as more people are educated and trained in the work of communications and change, we pray a grassroots pattern of healthy action and relationship begins to grow.

Imagine, if you will, this body of ours operating with tools of empathy and compassion that allow us to put down unhealthy conflict (some conflict is good and can be a catalyst for even better things!) and use that energy better for transformation, creativity, and faith-full change!

If you are interested in hearing more about Engage, we have produced an FAQ that better outlines the process and the program. Please reach out to <u>executivedirector@nspeidiocese</u>. <u>ca</u> for more information and to get your copy of the FAQ. And please, join in praying for all involved in this important work. The Diocese of NS and PEI is nothing more than the sum of its parishes and people. May our work together reflect Jesus' own vision of the Kingdom of God, here among us.

The Engage Prayer

A prayer to offer for the work of transformation in which we might all be engaged!

of change carefully while balancing the management of conflict, celebrating creativity, and prioritizing the diversity we desire in our communities by providing healthy and constructive ways to encourage it. As communities engage in change — from tasks as basic as changing a Sunday service time to the multifaceted journeys of developing behavioural covenants or mapping parish amalgamations — a variety of feelings, ideas, personalities, and strategies surface. How people and perspectives are honoured, heard, and encouraged helps to steer a group towards respectful resolution.

Despite the wonderful work that occurs in many of our parishes, others are experiencing disabling challenges. Instability, fragile leadership, power dynamics, behavioural issues: these are just some of the challenges that can arise in an organization. What we understand today is the need to address these and other dynamics promptly and skillfully through a combination of open dialogue, education, introducing accountability structures, Holy God, Source of all life, Ground of all faith:

We open our minds and our hearts to your creative Spirit.

Stir us with dreams and visions of a kinder world where peace and justice prevail. We pray that we recognize the Beloved, Jesus, as we walk in his Way and in his Light. May wisdom enlighten our speech and compassion rule in our actions. In the power of the Trinity, we pray. Amen.

## PAGE 4 Do I know YOU?"

Harry met Sally on one of those well-known dating sites. Yes, really! They were lonely and wanted companionship after years of living by themselves. They wrote their profiles, paid the online fee and published them on the dating site. Before long they were receiving responses from near and far. People were interested in getting to know them. After many hours of online conversations with several contacts, they decided on pursuing each other. Surprised by what they thought they had in common from their profiles, and surprised by how close they were to each other geographically, they decided to meet in a coffee shop in a town near where they lived. They would recognize one another by pictures on their respective profiles. Both took the short drive and arrived for their first in person meeting. Upon seeing each other in the coffee shop, they quietly let out a deep breath of relief, finding they were attracted to each other. The first hour went by quickly followed by the second and third. Harry



Bryan Hagerman

and Sally were smitten by the other and could not believe their luck, having heard terrible stories of such first meetings from friends who had gone the online dating route. They made plans to meet again in a few weeks. Before long they had a formal date, visited each other in their hometowns, homes, and met each other's friends, and prepared to meet each others family.

Harry and Sally thought they had been careful. They really wanted to know each other. Yes, they discovered that the profiles, which in some ways

were really creative writing. did not tell them enough about the other. Having met several times, they decided to take the relationship to a deeper level. Soon they began to talk about a longterm relationship and what that would look like. Their families encouraged them to go slow, to get to know each other before they made any major decisions. But Harry and Sally had been lonely and alone for years, and really desired a permanent relationship. Although they had spent hours together alone, with friends, with loved ones, they did not know each other. They knew that if they decided to formalize their union and get married, they were taking a risk. Sally's priest became the go between and began conversations with them, in premarital sessions. It was what he said in the last session that jolted Sally. "you will never know someone until you move in with them. The real work will begin then with what you discover, when likes and don't likes are revealed, and where the love you have for each other is the only thing that sustains you."

The greater more pertinent relational question beyond romantic ones is often, "how I can know another person? How can I be known, and how can I know myself?"

We all carry a personal profile. That profile is in part real, it is in part fictional. It is what we want to project, and it is in part something we keep private. This is often called the public, the secret, the private self. We may have colleagues. But do they know us? We have friends, but do they know us? We have children, a spouse, but do they know us. And the difficult issue or question might even be, as we look deeply into a bathroom mirror on a Sunday morning, do I know and accept myself? It's about being real, its about getting real. It can be frightening.

David Brooks, a well-known Journalist and Author, a Christian, and Canadian by birth, wrote a terrific book entitled "How To Know A **Person?"** He writes about the art of being seen and seeing

the other. His argument is that we do not know people, because we don't see them, and we don't allow ourselves to be seen. It's about being in tune with who we are, and becoming attuned to the other we meet on a daily basis. It is about not hiding ourselves behind a clever profile of our own creation, being known, and removing the stereotypes we have of people upon meeting them the first time.

We cannot know someone until we see them. We cannot be known without being seen. It is about creating and exhibiting a real profile, in real time, every day, of who we are. It will take courage, vulnerability and a real risk. Do I know you? Do you know me? Do I know myself? Do we want to be known? These are important existential questions. This is part one of a two-part article. The next will be about what it means to be seen, and how to see the other.

Bryan Hagerman St Paul's Church Halifax Outreach Counsellor WWW Bryan Hagerman.ca

### NEWS FROM AWAY

#### Dear Diocese,

#### Part I: Season of Creation 2024

Don't forget to include the celebration Sept 1 - Oct 4. Celebrate some of it or all of it. And as an added bonus, this year Sept 1 falls on a Sunday!

This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation."

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictur the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.



The firstfruits of hope (Rom 8:19-25)

mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning,



DEN Webpage: https://www.nspeidiocese.

flooding, wildfires, etc.). More than halfway through Phase I of the project, monitoring stations have been set up, citizen scientists are now gathering data and interest is growing up and down the Eastern Shore.

We are now collaborating with the leaders of a similar citizen scientist research project in Argentina, and an Anglican citizen scientist project focused on healthy coastlines in the Diocese of Melanesia. And the abstract submitted for an upcoming conference in Portugal is titled: FAITH AND SCIENCE **PROTECTING THE** COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS OF NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA"

This missional project is

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not

crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth. https://seasonofcreation. org/

Praying that you all will have a blessed Season of Creation!

Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, Coordinator, Diocesan Environment Network

PS: You might want to check out the updated

ca/ministries/diocesan environment-network

Part II: The Healthy Coastline project

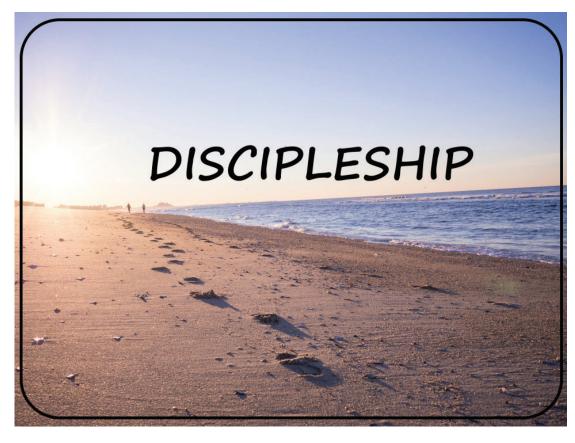
Its goal: To train citizen scientists along the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia monitor coastal ecosystems, gather information that will improve the ability to safeguard the coastal ecosystem and prepare local communities for extreme climate-related events (Hurricanes,

We know that climate change is having an increasing impact on the planet, and we are all affected. We know that coastal ecosystems, so critically important in our diocese, are impacted by climate change. We know that anything that affects the coastline affects us.

about caring for creation and building relationships, strengthening the relationship between faith and science while building connections with and within local communities. The church reaching out to the world.

For more information: Email: endionspei@gmail.

#### <u>com</u> Phone: 902-483-6866 Website: https://telegra. ph/Healthy-Coasts-Project-03-22



### INTRODUCING: ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

By Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

Over the past few years, there has been a growing desire for nurturing discipleship and a longing to know Christ in our local communities. In consultation with Maritime Anglicans and United Church denominational leaders, Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is producing a program to respond to this call to deeper Christian maturity.

AST is launching Atlantic School of Discipleship, beginning in October 2024, with teaching taking place online and in local communities.

#### WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Through interaction with AST's world-class teachers, participants are introduced to a solid foundation of how Christian faith and tradition impact our daily walk as followers of Jesus. Faculty include two Anglican professors, one Roman Catholic, and four from the United Church. The program is open to adults with any education level.

Each month focuses on a different topic:

- The Old Testament for today
- The New Testament for today
- Christian beliefs and our daily living
- What is the church and what is my place
  - in it?What does being a

disciple of Jesus mean for me today?

- How do we truly care for one another in our community?
- Following Jesus, Living the Virtues
- Dealing with challenge and change as a community of disciples
- Talking about my faith with others

## HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM WORK?

Each month participants receive readings and reflection questions designed to explore faith topics. Then they join in a live (via Zoom) presentation by an AST instructor on that month's topic. A second online opportunity to interact with questions and conversation takes students deeper into understanding.

The time commitment is two Tuesday evenings a month for nine months, plus some reading time outside of those gatherings.

Additionally, there are four, one-day in-person regional events. Some of the cohort gatherings take place in New Glasgow, NS; Truro, NS, and Summerside, PE. As interest grows, other locations may be added.

#### WHAT WILL IT COST?

Tuition for individual participants is \$300. A group with 5 participants from the

same parish is \$1,000.

Anglican Scholarships are available. Any lay participant from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island may apply for a \$150 scholarship, in honour of Rev. Canon David Reid, to cover the cost of tuition. (Contact the Director of Mission and Ministry Development to request an application form. missiondirector@nspeidiocese. ca )

#### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Contact Atlantic School of Theology: <u>discipleship@</u> <u>astheology.ns.ca</u> or 902-429-6495

- Are you thinking about taking a Christian education course this autumn to energize your faith and inspire your ministry?
- Do you want to increase interest and commitment in discipleship in your congregation?

<image>

Often, when we speak of ministry with children we use this metaphor of planting seeds. As we heard in our gospel reading today, the Parable of the Sower, the word of God goes out like seeds being scattered. Sometimes those seeds will grow, sometimes they won't, we don't know.

Often the lessons that's taken from that Gospel reading is you've gotta go out there and plant the seeds, and I hear a lot of that throughout the week. I heard it from the program staff as we were preparing for this. They assured us that "what you're doing is just planting the seeds. You may not know if they grow or how they grow. It might be that decades from now, when one of these children of light is in a particularly dark time in their lives, they will remember having an experience of love and kindness in a church back when they were a kid, and that might be enough for them to see out a church wherever they are when they need love

and kindness later in their lives."

I heard it from our volunteers, knowing nods and saying, "I think some seeds were planted this week."

After the excursion to L'Arche, one of the campers said, "I really want to go back there." A volunteer asked if he wanted to go make more candles, and the camper said "No, I really want to go and be with the people there." The next day, his first question was "When are the Special places where joy and hope spring up abundantly and spontaneously. We need some of those seeds planted in our community, so that we can remember who we are, not just as the faces you see around yourself on a Sunday morning, but here in this town, which is vibrant with life, which is diverse with cultures and ages and abilities, and every type of light and life.

My prayer is that the seeds that were planted and have now flown out to wherever those campers will spend their summer adventures, that those seeds will grow. My prayer is also that the seeds sown through campers bringing to us their joy, their questions, their lives, that those seeds would grow here for the sake of the whole community, and for the sake of the world God loves.



Photo: Working together to make it happen at Day Camp.

#### ... Community from front page

and told "You are the light of the world," so that they could

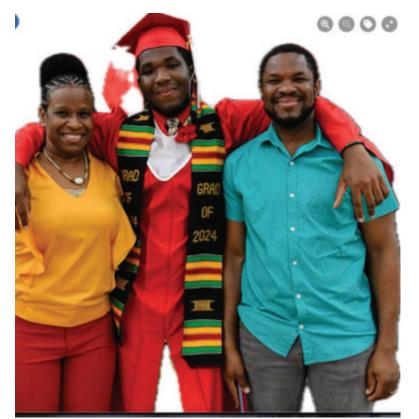
take that light out with them into the world that God loves.

Olympics in Wolfville?" So, something might be growing there in his heart.

We would be arrogant if we thought that we are the ones who are planting the seeds, and we would be arrogant if we thought that we didn't need some seeds planted in our lives, and in our hearts.

Sometimes as you get older, the soil of your life gets a bit hard-packed, a bit crowded with thorns, and we need that reminder of all of the good soil in the world, all of those Special thanks to Rev. Nicole for allowing us to share her sermon. Stay tuned for more stories and pictures from Community Roots in next month's issue of the Diocesan Times!





## **Congratulations to Nathan**

Congratulations to Nathan Sergeon (seen here with his family) who was the recipient of a \$500 Bursary donated by St. Mary's Anglican Church in Auburn.

Proceeds raised to support the bursary program are from donations received at the Music Jam held twice monthly at St. Mary's.

Nathan joined West Kings this year from Jamaica with his family. His year was spent making friends and preparing himself for a science career, hopefully in the medical community. While at West Kings he decided to try his hand at something new and took a music course and study guitar. By the end of the semester Nathan has excelled on the instrument. Nathan has been accepted to Acadia in the Fall.

by Rev Dorothy Millar The Parishes of Aylesford and Berwick



Photo: The Sons of Maxwell

## **Rebuilding through music**

by Rev. Marian Conrad

Rebuilding our community spirit through the gift of music - one year later.

PWRDF grants to

woodlands and an increased risk of wildfires.

As Carol Bowser quickly gathered together her legal papers and left the community during the initial hours of the wildfires, it was only later that she remembered a favourite heirloom, her grandfather's pipe, still lingering with the scent of long ago pipe tobacco. Carol was one of our parish leaders who facilitated a community concert with the Sons of Maxwell, a sacred time and place to gather as neighbours who understood one another all too well. In some ways, there was much dignified quiet as families and neighbours absorbed the changes in their community in the company of one another.

Music therapy is a well recognized support for those experiencing loss and we were blessed to offer a gift of music to our broader community. A second concert was held in a local daycare by Dave Carroll, a gift to the children and their families in our community. Many thanks to those who have donated funds to our PWRDF over the years. New Program

### Certificate in Stewardship Registration is now open!

### AST Launches New Certificate in Stewardship

Stewardship involves the whole self, and our total response to the many blessings we have received. It is about far more than fundraising. It is about leading a full and authentic human life!

AST's Certificate in Stewardship provides a robust introduction to 7 dimensions of Stewardship: Time, Talent, Trust, Treasure, Terrain, Theology, and Thanks. It is focused on how you, as a learner, can grow in your self-understanding as a steward, then share your learning with others. Who is This For?

AST's Certificate in Stewardship is available to anyone. People who work or volunteer in the charitable sector, nonprofits, university, government, education, church, and other fields will benefit, as well as anyone who would simply like to do some learning and personal growth. If you have Internet access and a device that allows you to open a document, watch videos, and prepare a short final assignment, you can take this program.

Course Delivery / Program Fees

The seven modules of the Certificate in Stewardship can be taken in one of the following ways:

- As an Individual (\$600 per person)
- As Part of the AST Stewardship Cohort (\$600 per person)

• As Part of a Local Learning Group (\$1,000 per group) The seven program components of this Certificate are Time, Talent, Trust, Treasure, Terrain, Theology, and Thanks. For each component, there is a module that includes:

• Pre-recorded video teaching materials (one hour per module)

- A list of recommended materials for further learning
- Reflection questions (or discussion questions for group settings)

• A final integrative assignment (written or video) Admissions Requirements

- Anyone is welcome to enrol in the Certificate in Stewardship. AST recommends a minimum age of 16 years. No prior learning credential is required. More Information
  - Further details and registration materials are available on our website: <u>https://www.astheology.ns.ca/future/</u> <u>certificate/certificate-in-stewardship.html</u>

• Questions can be directed to James Cheatley, Continuing Education Convenor: James.Cheatley@ astheology.ns.ca\_

• Or <u>www.astheology.ns.ca</u>

communities affected by the aftermath of Fiona - Hurricane Fiona Resilience Response Project.

Special thanks to our PWRDF for their Compassionate Response and Spiritual Care for Communities grants. Our Parish of St. Nicholas was granted funds to provide spiritual care in our communities after the Tantallon-Hammonds Plains wildfires. Local fire officials had been concerned about the aftermath of Fiona on local

As the community concert wrapped up, Dave and Don Carroll sang Go tell it on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is Born. Carol Bowser thought to herself, "This is one of my best three days since the wildfires." She had been living with her daughter in Westwood Hills, one of the homes destroyed by the wildfires.

### Quotes to reflect

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." – Mother Teresa

"Do one thing every day that scares you." – Eleanor Roosevelt

## Be ready!



Photo: Some of the attendees and Red Cross volunteers at Christ Church.

Christ Church in Dartmouth followed up its October 2023 workshop Climate Crisis Preparedness: Physical and Mental: Building Neighbourhood Resilience (see report in the DT issue) with a Be Ready training

session conducted by the Canadian Red Cross on Saturday April 27, 2024. The emergency preparedness session was suggested by the participants in the October workshop. The session was divided into three parts.

The first part was led by Mary Macnab, a Red Cross volunteer who had both local and away experience with the training and Red Cross deployments including New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She described the

risks that most participants would be exposed to. The most likely risks identified by Mary and the participants included fire in the home, flooding, extreme temperatures, winter storms and high winds. Penny Henibery took over for part 2 and led the participants through developing an emergency plan for the household. The plan included

- Determining the best ways to evacuate your home in case of an emergency such as a home fire.
- Making sure everyone in the house knows the location of your emergency kit.
- Establishing a safe place for your family to meet outside your home and outside your neighbourhood.
- Including a plan for evacuating your pets.
- Practice your evacuation plan frequently.

A template for an emergency plan can be found online at https://www.redcross.ca/

The final part of the training session saw Mary open and display the contents of her personal emergency kit.

The audience participated enthusiastically identifying risks in their neighbourhoods, filling out the emergency plan template and remarking on the items in Mary's emergency kit. Several participants identified an interest in another follow session on the topic of flooding.

Christ Church will organize a session on flood prevention and dealing with a flood emergency in the near future. A Climate Cafe is held at Christ Church on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. led by Nancy Blair (nancyblaircounselling@gmail. com).



Photo: Some of the tour attendees at St James, Kentville.

## A Talk n' Tour through time

The Parish of St. James, Kentville is home to many gorgeous and intricate stained-glass windows, placed with their beautiful colours throughout our main sanctuary space. But in the midst of a parish's busy day-to-day life, it is sadly too easy to overlook or even take them for grantedeven in all their beauty. Simply, we get used to seeing them, and in our routine we

forget that each is more than just a window or even more than a work of art. They are snapshots of our community's history, each with their own story to tell and memory to share. We see them all the time without really "seeing" them at all.

Knowing this, Paul Ross, a member of St. James Kentville, reached out to a local historian, Louis

Comeau, and asked him to share his knowledge of these windows and their stories with our wider community. What actually transpired was so much more: In June, we were thrilled to welcome many members of the wider Kentville community to an evening of storytelling and history to celebrate these priceless stained-glass works of art and the people who brought them to life. Event

volunteers donned their best 1920s attire (in honour of the era when many of the windows were dedicated) and guests were treated to period jazz music, setting the stage for an evening of storytelling, heritage, and fun. Louis shared the stories of the windows and the families who had them created, as well as the people had meant to local Kentville area. Attendees were also treated to the story of how,

when, and why the Parish of St. James migrated to its current building just more than 100 years ago. All in all, we were thrilled that this event created an opportunity for our parish to connect with our wider neighbourhood. We are looking forward to our next trip through time!

Rev. Kris MacKenzie (Rector, St. James Kentville)



Photo: Mothers' Union members at the 2024 Canadian Conference at Mount Saint Vincent University in June.

# Worth waiting for....

by Mary Stone Canadian Mothers' Union

In June of this year over 100 people gathered at Mount Saint Vincent University for a much-anticipated conference. It had been 8 years since members of the Canadian Mothers' Union were together, in person, for their National Conference and Biennial Meeting. From the registration table to the last day of the conference, it was a pleasure to behold those from across Canada, the USA and Caribbean greeting and welcoming each other with such warmth and excitement! It was, indeed, a most joyous time!

The Canadian Mothers' Union traditionally holds a national conference every 4 years. It is a gathering to which the members eagerly look forward. Four years ago, because of Covid, the inperson national conference was abruptly halted as it was for many established organizations and events. A quick shift had to be made to an online event. It was "baptism by fire" and the conference committee from the Diocese of Fredericton did an amazing job. We stepped into a new world and met

as a large gathering of small squares!

Thankfully we weathered the pandemic storm and in 2023 the Canadian Mothers' Union began planning for a 2024 national conference and meeting in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Our conference theme was HOPE ALL THINGS.

Because building and maintaining relationships is a large part of the Mothers' Union ethos, being able to meet, talk and interact in person was paramount for the June conference.

'Hope All Things' echoed throughout the 5-days of worship, meetings, speakers and workshops. We were particularly blessed to have with us the National Indigenous Archbishop, Chris Harper, our Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Diocesan Bishop, Sandra Fyfe, and retired Bishop Sue Moxely, our Canadian Mothers' Union Chaplain. Effortlessly they led us in worship and guided us spiritually throughout our time together.

acceptance and love. By sharing some of his life's story and experiences he brought to light a path of reconciliation for ALL peoples.

The workshops focused on many areas of Hope: hope for the environment, hope in advocacy, in daily life, in prayer, in the Indigenous culture, in gender-based issues, in safeguarding, in laughter yoga and in crafting. The workshop leaders presented the participants with their interpretation of hope, not as an answer to life's issues, but as a starting point for discussion and thought for members to take back to their branches and communities.

This account would not be complete without acknowledging the mood and atmosphere that permeated our hours and days together. Every morning, afternoon and evening, during every meal, in private and public gatherings - members created and let loose a heart-warming air of celebration. They had traveled all the way from British Columbia and parts in between, from the USA and the Caribbean! This could not have been planned. This was a manifestation of the ties that bind, of common purpose and of the Hope that Mothers' Union members worldwide strive to bring to the individuals and communities that they serve.



As the Keynote Speaker Archbishop Chris created an atmosphere of inclusion,

Photo: The four Marys: Mary Emberley, Mary Rafter, Mary Stone (President) and Mary Wilkie (Past President)

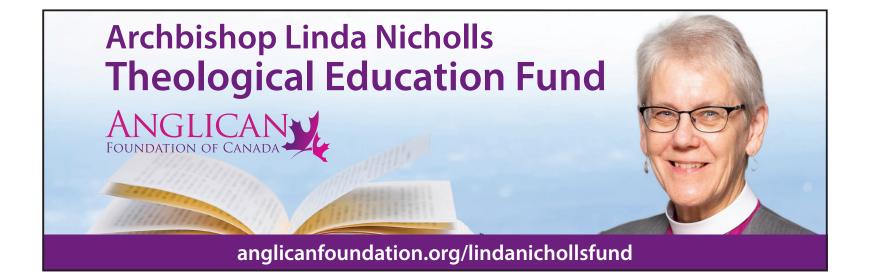




## **New Program**

Certificate in Stewardship Registration is now open!

AST Launches New Certificate in Stewardship



"You are God's children ... Shine like stars across the land." – Philippians 2:15 b,e

We continue our series of portraits in faith of laity generously sharing their time, talents and treasures for the Kingdom. These short profiles feature glimpses of how people in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia are living out their baptismal call in a variety of ways. As celebratory stories, these

are shared to encourage, inspire and help each of us to embrace our own unique gifts, passions and ministries. Faith testimonials are not so much about great projects or lofty programs. They feature the often small, quiet, and ordinary Christian loving actions that make a difference in people's lives. May they serve to affirm and energize us as we strive to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ in our neighbourhoods.



NAME: MARYELLEN Finlay (Frampton)

PARISH NAME: St. John's Horton, Wolfville, N.S.

#### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE ANGLICAN/CHRISTIAN?

My father was an Anglican priest and I have never really left my faith, but I have been angry with church.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MINISTRY?

Singing. I sing in the parish choir and the Manning Memorial Chapel Choir, at Acadia University. Saint Augustine says singers pray twice.

WITH WHAT OTHER MINISTRIES ARE YOU ENGAGED?

### PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

When one participates in a community, one finds connection and possibilities become apparent. The activities enhance my faith journey. The people I meet encourage my faith journey. The more involved I am, the stronger my faith becomes clear to me.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORY OR SCRIPTURE PASSAGE? WHY?

One of my favourite stories has always been the story of Ruth. I think it was impactful because it is about women. The women are ordinary and they support each other. I saw women like this as I grew up in the church. My mother was a powerful Christian influence in my life and I saw her relationships with her mother and her mother-in-law. The story of Ruth is about love and respect.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN/ CHRISTIAN SONG? WHY?

In the newer type of Christian songs one of my favourites is, In Christ Alone, My Hope Is Found, a song by Adrienne Camp and Geoff Moore, found in the Townsend and Getty collections. The words are a creed and the tune is lyrical.

Generally if the words and the music touch my soul and speak to my heart they are my favourite. I list some familiar go-to pieces: Eleanor Daley's, Do Not Stand at my Grave and Weep; Faure and Rutter's Requiem Farrant, Lord for thy Tender Mercy's Sake; and Healey Willan's music.

IF YOU HAD THE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

My dream is that more people would know that they are loved and that living with and in God makes this world bearable. If this became common parlance people would be open to the other and kindness would abound. I think change is coming. More and more we realize we have to turn things upside down as Jesus did. I do not have a clue what I would specifically spend money on. Time and energy is what I have to give and so I do. Hopefully I am building connections and demonstrating my faith in God, the creator of all things and all people. Hopefully I am making decisions that Jesus would. Hopefully others see my joy and thankfulness that I am a child of God.

#### +++

**NAME: RUSTIN BROOME** PARISH NAME: Parish of New Ross, N.S.



#### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE ANGLICAN/CHRISTIAN?

I was baptized an Anglican as a child and attended church with parents whenever they attended services. I was confirmed at age 19 and was singing in the Christ Church choir at that time. During my working years and while raising my family, I will admit I became an on-again-off-again attendee at Sunday services etc., and was no longer singing in the choir. It was later in life, but before I retired (around age 47), that I felt the call to return to church and play a more active role. I began singing in the choir and I grew in service from then until now.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MINISTRY?

Licensed Lay Ministry. Although delivering Morning Prayer services and the Gospel message through my sermon is important, my favourite part is engaging with parishioners, both before and after the actual service. Engaging with them both inside the church building and outside, sharing in their joys, grieving with them in their times of grief, yet comforting and encouraging them to know death does not have the final word.

#### WITH WHAT OTHER MINISTRIES ARE YOU ENGAGED?

Besides being an LLM, I am Parish Warden, Christ Church

#### WHY?

Luke 9: 46-50, Who Will Be the Greatest. This has always been one of my favorite Bible passages due to battles between religions throughout time about who was right, who was wrong, who was greatest. I think this passage tells us especially in times such as these, that inclusion and loving all is what it is all about. If they are not against us, they are with us.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN/ CHRISTIAN SONG? WHY?

Just As I Am. Tells us that God accepts us just as we are.

IF YOU HAD THE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

I am currently a board member of a not-for-profit group in my community, New Ross Community Care Center Society (NRCCCS). It is committed to acquiring funds to build affordable housing in our community for the most vulnerable, homeless, young mothers, seniors, etc. If I were able to fund this most worthwhile venture in my community, I would gladly do so.

#### +++

#### NAME: GILLIAN POWER PARISH NAME: Parish of



St. Timothy's, Hatchet Lake and St. Paul's, Terence Bay, Association, PWRDF Mapping Exercise for Indigenous Reconciliation.

#### WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

I believe in living out my faith through service to others. Engaging in prison ministry allows me to provide hope and support to individuals who may feel forgotten or abandoned. Soak Your Soles, Spiritual Cafe, and Souls Harbour are avenues for me to connect with my community on a personal level, offering spiritual nourishment, companionship, and practical assistance to those in need.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORY OR SCRIPTURE PASSAGE? WHY?

The Kingdom of God is within you, Luke 17:21. This passage resonates with me because it emphasizes the internal nature of spiritual growth and the presence of God's kingdom within each individual. It inspires me to seek God's presence within myself and others, guiding my actions towards compassion and service.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN/ CHRISTIAN SONG? WHY?

He Knows My Name, by Francesca Battistelli. This hymn speaks to my personal connection with God, reminding me of His intimate knowledge and care for each person. It reinforces my belief in the individual worth and significance of every human being, regardless of their circumstances.

IF YOU HAD THE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

My dream is to open up a community center that caters to the identified needs of the community, offering services such as befriending the lonely, assisting those less fortunate, and supporting young families. I envision a place where individuals can find belonging, practical help, and spiritual guidance, fostering a sense of community and empowerment among its members.

Each week I lead a meditation group. I engage with the Acadia University students that I meet, including hosting dinners, and gettogethers in our home. I have helped initiate and host at the Pop-Up Student Study Cafe. After introducing the idea of Emmaus course sessions to the Parish Council, from time to time I have shared leadership for small group study groups.

WHY DO YOU

Warden, Choir Member, and up to about a year ago did an online Prayer and Share service along with my wife, Darlene. I would not rule out starting those services again, time permitting.

WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

I enjoy engaging with people, sharing the Good News, and helping my Parish wherever there is need.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORY OR SCRIPTURE PASSAGE?

#### N.S.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE ANGLICAN/CHRISTIAN?

Lifelong Christian. Part of the Anglican Church for 10 years.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MINISTRY?

Prison ministry.

WITH WHAT OTHER MINISTRIES ARE YOU ENGAGED?

Soak Your Soles, Spiritual Cafe, Souls Harbour, Route 333 Refugee Sponsorship +++

Do you know someone in your congregation that would be a fitting Portrait in Faith? Let us know and e-mail us: missiondirector@nspeidiocese.

<u>ca</u>

## Sowing seeds of love, justice and beauty.

Cynthia Pilichos, Anglicans Powering Potential

It is a beautiful sunny day in early August as I consider the Anglicans Powering Potential column for the September 2024 issue of The Diocesan Times. The beauty of the day and surrounding nature brings to mind the Season of Creation, September 1 to October 4, with its theme this year of Hope and Act with Creation.

While we are reminded that the Season of Creation annually is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together, the emphasis this year on the combination of hope and action evident in the 2024 theme is significant, especially when it is visualized with the symbol: The first fruits of hope. . . inspired by Romans 8:19-25.

Yes, the impact of the climate crisis surrounds us: wildfires, flash floods, eroding coastlines, extreme heat, drought, and the list goes on, with the imagery in the inspirational Scripture for 2024 drawing us in: "... For we know that the whole creation has been groaning



together as it suffers together the pains of labor . . ." (Rom. 8:22). We hear in verse 19 that ". . . creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." But we also read that it is "not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan [ing] inwardly while we wait for adoption. . ."

It is particularly the renewing of ourselves in hope and action that Anglicans Powering Potential wish to emphasize, with the last sentence of the Season of Creation 2024 prayer to God as a guide: ". . . may we sow seeds of love, justice, and beauty, and reflect your kingdom here on earth." With the beauty of the summer season surrounding me as I am composing this column, the Youth and Family Ministry component of our diocese is working with specific parishes to host Community Roots Day Camps, and it is at these day camps that participating kids are learning to sow seeds of love, justice, and beauty, while having a whale of a time! Through these day camps, these kids will have had opportunities to experience the love of God and neighbour: to feel the joy that comes from a deep sense of belonging; to absorb what justice and fair play looks, sounds, and feels like these are opportunities worth supporting!

Not sure what the Community Roots Day Camp is all about? Take advantage of the links below – you will especially enjoy the video! https://www.nspeidiocese. ca/ministries/diocesan-youthand-family-ministry/pages/ participate-in-communityroots-day-camp or email: youthandfamily@ nspeidiocese.ca

Anglicans Powering Potential know the importance of offering opportunities for our young people to gain these lessons of love, justice,

and beauty in ways that are meaningful to them. We know that what these kids will have gained from their summer day camp experiences will stay with them. This is why Anglicans Powering Potential partnered with the Anglican Foundation's Say Yes! to Kids 2024 campaign in the spring to bring in more than \$2,000 to support our diocesan Community Roots Day Camp ministry. The Say Yes! to Kids 2024 campaign is over, but the Anglicans Powering Potential appeal for our Community Roots Day Camp continues for fall 2024 and winter 2025 (until February 28/25).

Thank you to all those who supported our diocese's Community Roots Day Camp through APP's Say Yes! to Kids 2024 appeal – so appreciated! There is still lots of time, however, to make a supportive contribution. Here's how: 1. Cheque payable to Anglicans Powering Potential, Community Roots Day Camp in the memo line, addressed to: Mariorie Davis, #204, 111 Pebblecreek Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1 or

2. E-transfer to: app. nspeidiocese@gmail.

com with Community Roots Day Camp for a message.

Contributions are very welcome, September 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025. Any questions, please e-mail: app. nspeidiocese@gmail.com

Next month's column will offer more on hope and action to bring about the kingdom of God, no matter the season! Meanwhile, in the words of the Season of Creation 2024 prayer:

God of all creation, Your spirit dances throughout the earth. You give drink to the trees, shade for the birds, bread for the hungry, you bring life and make all things holy. Flood us with your grace, so we may sow seeds of love, justice and beauty, and reflect your kingdom here on earth.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Carl Fraser appointed as Vocations Coordinator, effective October 1st, 2024.

Carl has served as Rector for the Parish of Fall River for the past ten years and as an ordained leader in our Diocese for over twenty years. Prior to ordination, he held positions as a Lay Pastor in the Lutheran Church and as a Youth Worker in the Cape Breton and Lunenburg regions. Carl holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Atlantic School of Theology, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary's University, and a Diploma in Small Business Management.

Carl brings considerable experience and gifts in the disciplines of discernment, questioning, curiosity, listening, and clarifying vocation. This comes from his own vocational journey and ministry, as well as his contributions as a member of Pre-Ordination Review (POR) committees, a supervisor with theological students and postulants for ministry, a mentor for the newly ordained, a Spiritual Director for Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), a certified Education for Ministry (EfM) Mentor, and a Regional Dean. Carl also has considerable experience supporting and empowering laity for the ministries to which God is calling them. He is prayerful and engaging and is deeply committed to helping people discover and explore how God is calling them to live out their baptismal identity as

members of the Body of Christ. Carl is a collaborative leader, a thoughtful and clear communicator, a gifted priest, and a wise and discerning fellow traveller on the journey of faith.

Carl's appointment comes to this full-time diocesan ministry. This shift reflects a growing interest in and discernment about vocations to a variety of ordained and lay ministry roles in our Diocese. Rev. Canon Brenda Clark appointed priest-in-charge (40% time) for the Parish of Emmanuel Spryfield, effective June 1st until December 31st, 2024.

Rev. Randy Townsend resigned as rector for the Parish of St. John's Halifax, effective April 30th, 2024. In his retirement, Randy will continue to serve the Parish through this time of transition from May 1st to December 31st at interim priest-in-charge (half-time).

## MISSION (is) POSSIBLE #1: Diocesan Stories of People Responding to God's Call



Photo: Displaying their artistic creations at the 2nd Annual Art Show.

#### HOW GREAT IS ART?

Tucked away on the Route 2 highway in Shubenacadie, in central Nova Scotia, is a congregation that never gives up on trying missional initiatives. The faithful at St. James' is a smaller, rural, unassuming church family, who have a vibrant crew of lay leaders enthusiastically making connections with the wider community.

Their newest activity is using their church hall for an art show, celebrating and providing space for local painters to share their work. St. James' congregation has hosted this event two years in a row.

Organizer, Sheila Robinson explains how it got started. "Brenda Norwich and I have been attending art classes for several years," she said. "Connie Stott, one of our parishioners, was always telling us we should display our work. Last spring she convinced us to finally do it." Rather than just show their own work, Sheila and Brenda decided to ask their art teacher, Sandra MacDonald, and both her art classes to join the venture.

"Our church council voted to let us use the hall and agreed to provide tea, coffee and sweets for the show, which ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 8th," Sheila said. "We had ten participants who showed about 60 paintings in oil and acrylic mediums, and also a couple of photographers who had framed photos and cards." Creative works could be either just displayed or be displayed for sale. St. James' did not charge any commission. Sheila says the 2023 churchhosted free community event was a success! "We were very pleased with interest the public showed in it, and by the very positive comments we received on the quality of the work," she said. St. James' held their 2nd

Annual Art Show in June, with goodies generously provided by the ladies of the church. Interest is growing for local artists and their admirers. "We had a few new people join us, and this year we had nearly 100 paintings and photos on display," she said. "We hope to make it an annual event.' The Parish of Stewiacke/ Shubenacadie is known for receiving a modest Diocesan Growth for Ministry Grant several years ago to establish a sewing class for the public. That ministry, under the leadership of Anne Williams, flourished with crafter interest and generous gifts of sewing machines, material and notions.

By Rev. Canon Lisa G. Vaughn

# MISSION (is) POSSIBLE #2:

Diocesan Stories of People Responding to God's Call



Photo: Senior Bible Camp members at St. John the Evangelist in Middle Sackville.

creating over 70 handmade cards for birthdays and special occasions to bring to them, spreading God's love in our community. Who knew card making could be so much fun!

There was never a dull moment, as we moved through the mornings, reviving the hidden child in each other. We sang along to YouTube videos and especially liked Jesus Loves Me (Seniors Edition) and When It Comes My Turn, by David Myles. At the end of the day, we shared a bowl of soup, or chilli, or sandwiches, and dessert. Many happily mentioned that they needed to go home and have a nap!

We all decided to have another camp again next year. Some are now planning their vacation time to come to Seniors Bible Camp and those who couldn't take part are making plans to do so next time. Just like the Mustard Seed, a small quiet word grew and grew into a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

#### SENIORS BIBLE CAMP

By Maxine Simpkin

It is sometimes said that the Holy Spirit whispers, which makes it a challenge to hear the message. Not long ago, the Diocesan Controller, Lawrence Roche, sat down with members of our Finance Committee at St. John the Evangelist (Middle Sackville, N.S.). On hearing about the fun that children and leaders enjoyed at our Vacation Bible Camp, he quietly suggested that seniors would like that too. Though the business at hand was financial, the message was community, and we sprang into action!

We have been holding a week-long children's summer day camp for a few years, so we knew what had to be done. In the end, we landed on a four-day camp from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting with coffee and snacks and ending with a shared meal. Time was short, so we got approval from the Parish Council, made up some posters and shared the word that we were going to have some fun!

Everyone is busy, even seniors, so a commitment for the week was not expected, a donation was welcome but not required and the list of participants began to grow. In the end, we averaged 26 participants each day with new people dropping in. Though most were from our congregation, we had friends and neighbours joining us.

Each day, we met for a chat and snack after which we held a short informal alternative time of worship. The activities included crafts, chair yoga, sing-a-longs, skits, icebreakers and games. There was a lot of joy in the Hall and laughter as we participated in each activity. New people became friends as we learned more about each other. We had learned of a local care home whose residents were lonely for mail so we spent some time

Maxine Simpkin is a Licensed Lay Minister at St. John the Evangelist in Middle Sackville, N.S. She is passionate about Godly Play for children, and a member of The Connectors TWO, our Diocesan missional leadership cohort, 2020.



**15 September 2024** 10 am Choral Eucharist and Celebration The Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls *Primate, Anglican Church of Canada* 

3 November 2024 7 pm Choral Evensong The Rev'd Dr. Rhonda Britton Senior Pastor, New Horizons Baptist Church, Halifax

#### 1 December 2024

10 am Contemporary Eucharist The Rev'd Dr. Heather McCance *President, Atlantic School of Theology* 

9 December 2024 7 pm Christmas on the Grand Parade The Rev'd Canon Dr. Paul Friesen *Rector, St. Paul's Halifax* 

26 January 2025 10 am Contemporary Eucharist The Most Rev'd Brian Dunn RC Archbishop, Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

**11 May 2025** 7 pm Choral Evensong Mr. Jonathan Eayrs Formerly: Associate Priest, St. Paul's Halifax

#### 1 June 2025

10 am Contemporary Eucharist The Right Rev'd Sandra Fyfe Bishop, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



Saint Paul's on the Grand Parade stpaulshalifax.org







Housed in a secure and dignified building in the heart of downtown Dartmouth with a peaceful memorial garden

Heritage Oak Columbarium Open to all faiths.

52 Wentworth St, Dartmouth, NS 902-466-2443 www.HeritageOak.ca

Respect... for you, your family and your community

Personalized support and customized services for small or large gatherings.

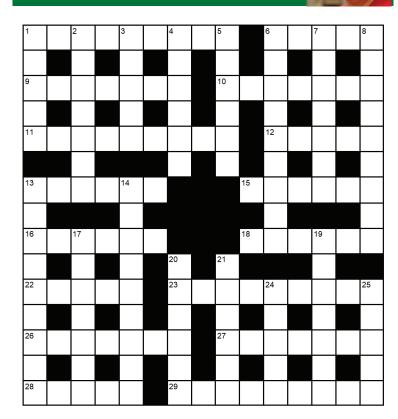






# September Bible

#### by Maureen Yeats



### JUNE Puzzle Answers

#### G <sup>2</sup>A R ³L Т <sup>1</sup>C G 0 °S н Έ Ν °C R Н ۷ Ρ Α н Α Ê <sup>1</sup>**E** н U E Т L Т L Т Ζ Α В н Ε S G Ν Ν 0 Α Ν <sup>2</sup>**T** <sup>13</sup>**A** т Α R S н Т S н G Α Е S Е S Е <sup>14</sup>Q н Е Т Ð <sup>16</sup>**0** Е С U 1 Κ С Ρ т 0 Ν S Α 18**A** Μ Т Α L Т R F Е S Т 0 C Κ Ν G Α Ν Т U Е Ē G Α т т <sup>3</sup>S A <sup>24</sup>C <sup>25</sup>**B** R ED Е Т R c Е Α <sup>2</sup>**B** С Α С Ν Α Т S <sup>28</sup>H <sup>7</sup>A т В Е Е В S 0 R Ν т Α R Е Е R т 0 D S L ³⁰s Α ືΒ Е R Т Е Ρ R Α Υ S



by Heather D. Veinotte, Playwright

### Great fun and fundraising!

## SEPTEMBER 2024 Clues

#### ACROSS:

-1- Twelfth century nun and mystic, \_\_\_\_\_ von Bingen (9)

- -6- Become liable through one's own action (5)
- -9- "I am \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 1:19) an archangel (7)
- -10- "I will gather all the \_\_\_\_\_" (Joel 3:2) countries (7)
- -11- Restores confidence (9)
- -12- Respond to a stimulus (5)
- -13- Container for storing playthings (3, 3)
- -15- Severe test (6)
- -16- Consuming food (6)
- -18- To leave stuck in a difficult situation (6)
- -22- European food fish (5)
- -23- Birthplace of Jesus (Matt.2:1) (9)
- -26- "Let my prayer be counted as \_\_\_\_\_" (Ps. 141:2) aromatic substance (7)
- -27- Main courses at meals (7)
- -28- Estimate (5)

-29- "A \_\_\_\_\_ woman came to draw water" (John 4:7) person from Samaria (9)

#### DOWN:

- -1- Mother of Ishmael (Gen. 16) (5)
- -2- Room or building where books are kept (7)
- -3- Sewing machine developer, \_\_\_\_\_ Howe
- (5) -4- Fascination (6)
- -5- Pertaining to Denmark (6)
- -6- "You know how to \_\_\_\_\_ the appearance of earth and sky" (Luke 12:56) explain (9)
- -7- Stately choral composition (7)
- -8- Took up residence in a new place (9)
- -13- "(She) came in fear and \_\_\_\_\_" (Mark 5:33) shaking (9)
- -14- Soothing creams for the skin (9)
- -17- Table syrup common in England (7)
- -19- Hurting the most (7)
- -20- Woman in charge of a convent (6)
- -21- Brook (6)
- -24- Liquid metric measure (Am. sp.) (5)
- -25- One who builds with stone (5)



### ANGLICANS POWERING POTENTIAL

Seeks your support for our Diocesan

### Community Roots Day Camp

Thank you for the more than \$2,000 raised through the

Anglican Foundation's Say Yes! to Kids Campaign 2024.

Here's how to continue the momentum!

Cheque payable to: Anglicans Powering Potential Community Roots Day Camp in the memo line, addressed to: Marjorie Davis #204 - 111 Pebblecreek Drive Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1 OR

E-transfer to: app.nspeidiocese@gmail.com

**CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - FEBRUARY 28, 2025** 

Any questions, e-mail: app.nspeidiocese@gmail.com



What's **Community Roots Day Camp**, you ask? Check here: https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-youth-and-family-ministry/pages/participate-incommunity-roots-day-camp



THE DIOCESAN TIMES - SEPTEMBER 2024







## **Independent Living with All the Perks**

Inside every Parkland is a vibrant community tailored to your preferences. From our welcoming amenity spaces to daily activities, menu options and more, you can be as busy as you like or enjoy the peace of your own private apartment.

Enjoy an all-inclusive experience with chef-prepared meals, housekeeping, transportation services, social and wellness programming, and so much more. We invite you to experience the highest and most enjoyable quality of living, where choice is always on the menu and Great People look forward to helping you live your best life.

Book your personalized tour and have a complimentary lunch on us! 1-877-742-6639

PAGE 15



#### experienceparkland.com

#### Antigonish | Cape Breton | Dartmouth | Halifax | Truro

# The 'other' Lambeth

Patricia Leader. St. John's Church, Halifax.

For most Anglicans worldwide, the word Lambeth is associated with the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lambeth Conference of Bishops which is held every ten years. For me Lambeth is my birthplace and as the next Lambeth Conference was scheduled for 2020, I decided to share some of my memories growing up there. That conference was deferred due to the COVID 19 pandemic and finally held in 2022

First a word about the Lambeth Conference which originated in 1867 at the suggestion of a Canadian bishop. Being a decennial meeting of bishops, one should have occurred in 2018 but it was moved to 2020. The 2018 Conference was cancelled because of the ongoing discussion around gay clergy.

The conference serves as a collaborative and consultative body, expressing the mind of the communion on issues of the day.

Lambeth is an inner London Borough, situated south of the River Thames. Whenever you see a typical photograph of the Houses of Parliament, it is usually taken across from the Lambeth embankment. The area which dates from Roman times, was in 1062 known as Lambehitha, or "landing place for lambs" and then as Lambeth in 1255. The lamb features in the official coat of arms.

The borough covers a long thin area, resembling perhaps a dancing bear and is some 28.82 km by 11kms. Its northern section, close to the Lambeth North Underground station is actually the geographical centre of London and was thought to be the heaviest hit in the bombing of WW2. From north to south, the borough of some 27 sq. km includes the districts of Vauxhall, Kennington, S. London, and part of Clapham, Balham, Streatham and Norwood.

Architecturally, Lambeth like Halifax, has a mixture of buildings and monuments, some from the Victorian and Georgian periods. Over the years many of the older areas have undergone gentrification and those which once belonged to the working class are at a premium for workers, parliamentarians and students accessing central London and the City.

This area which was originally an expanse of marshland owned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duchy of Cornwall and the Walcot charity one sees a colonnaded building set in parkland, the Mary Harmsworth Park. Kennington Road was widened when Westminster Bridge was rebuilt. The road is the main exit from London to the south coast. It was a popular route used by George IV on his way to the Royal Pavilion, Brighton and still one used by the annual London to Brighton Vintage Car Race (The Old Crocks) and other races. The building is the Imperial War Museum which houses the records from the British and Commonwealth armies. Its rich resources are widely used by historians and film makers. A country lover, I was always attracted by the uniform of a member of the Women's Land Army never realising the hard work it represented. The Museum and Park where I played is known locally as" Bedlam" because at one time the psychiatric patients housed in the Royal Bethlehem Hospital, now in Beckenham, were cruelly put on display there. Bedlam housed several of the would- be assassinators of King George 111`and Queen Victoria. To-day the hospital is a part of the Maudsley and King's College Psychiatric Hospitals.

Kennington Road has a fine collection of period houses, some belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall. Roger Bannister, then a medical student, the first person to run a mile in under four minutes, lived here.

On Reedworth Street is my Church of England Primary School, Archbishop Sumner's Memorial or simply St. Phillip. I can always remember our school governor, the diminutive Bishop Geoffrey Fisher 1887-1972 appearing at prize giving in the traditional black garb with frock coat and knee breeches. As Bishop of London his work needed organisational skills to combat the devastation of the London blitz. In 1945, Fisher became the 99th Archbishop of Canterbury.

This area is not far from the old Lambeth Walk, once notable for its street market and working-class culture. On the barrows one could always find fruit and vegetables, fish, shellfish like cockles and mussels, eels, sheep lungs, beef tongues and tripe. The stall holders were early visitors to Billings Gate, the London Fish market and Convent Garden. Everybody shopped daily so food on the table was fresh. The "Lambeth Walk" song from the 1937 Musical "Me and My Girl" was a cockney inspired extravaganza depicting costermongers and the Pearly King and Queens of London's street traders.

Continuing S.W. is the Anglican church of St. John the Divine where Sister Hannah Grier Coome worshipped. After training in the States, she founded the order and convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine in Toronto (1884) To-day the convent is still supported by people from Canadian congregations.

The foundation for my school traces its history to 1562 when Elizabeth 1 granted a charter to two boy's school, St. Saviour's and St. Olave's formerly St. Olaf. He was king of Norway and was canonised for bringing the Vikings to Christianity. Together with King Ethreed the Unready, Olaf pulled down the ancient London bridge giving rise to the song," London bridge is falling down." Students at the school walked daily to the School for the Deaf for lunchwhere despite its title was always a noisy building. Along the way we encountered the odours from the Huntley Jam and the Bovril factories. Students who lived north of the Thames, crossed the Tower of London Bridge. Late arrivals who complained that the bridge "was up" often had their excuse verified by the headmistress who checked whether the bridge had been opened prior to starting time.

I hope this article gives you another flavour of Lambeth and encourages you to visit South London.

## WANTED: PARISH NEWS!



### Something going on in your parish? Why not share it with the rest of the diocese?

We are looking for news items, events and activities from around the diocese.

Send your contribution (with a photo or two if possible) to: DIOCESANTIMES @GMAIL.COM

We will do our very best to get it into the next edition.

## **Need changes to your Subscription?**

Subscription rate for both The Diocesan Times and the Anglican Journal: \$20 per year Single copies: \$2

**Either online:** 

www.anglicanjournal.com/subscribe

circulation@national.anglican.ca

(416) 924-9199 Ext 259/245

**Or write:** 

Diocesan Times/Anglican Journal Circulation Dept 80 Hayden St Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2