



## LEE GREYFEATHER

A Mi'kmaq shaman who played a prominent part in the consecration September 29 of Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Lee Greyfeather, has been a parishioner of St. Thomas' Church in the N.D.G. district of West-End Montreal since 2012, along with his wife, Leslie West. He was inaccurately described as a member of another parish in our October issue. We apologize for the error.

## RON O'CONNELL

The chair of the board of the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre is now also the treasurer of the Diocese of Montreal. The diocesan synod in October approved the choice. He succeeds Norman G. Spencer, treasurer since 2007.

## CHELSEA BARTON

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# 'Our ministry as a church is to express the Good News of God in Christ'

## Service, justice and environment are important, but evangelizing and teaching are key, new bishop says

HARVEY SHEPHERD

The mission of the church encompasses service to the poor and work for justice and the environment, the new bishop of Montreal said in October 16 as she opened her first diocesan synod in that role.

But it is spreading the Gospel, bringing people to Jesus and teaching them that is crucial, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson said in her "charge," or opening address.

"It is imperative that we find ways to reach out in mission and in faith to those who have not heard the Good News. It is not enough to tell ourselves how friendly our churches are while the attendance stays stable – or worse. We need to be praying for opportunities to

invite people into a relationship with Christ and then be on the lookout for the person God sends."

She said that of the Five Marks of Mission – a statement on mission that has achieved widespread acceptance in worldwide Anglican Communion since 1984 – the first two are "compelling:"

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.

"I believe that these are compelling areas in which we must work and probably the hardest ones for many of us to attempt. How many new believers have we had in our churches this year? How do we proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom? If we are not sure, then we need to spend some time thinking and praying about it and perhaps getting some training."

But she suggested that other marks are getting too much relative emphasis.

"The word 'mission' has migrated in meaning from the expression of our call in Christ to thinking that it only means reaching out to those less fortunate, or standing up for the environment or against injustice. I believe the Mission of the Church encompasses all of these things and that reaching out to the community is not limited to helping those who are poor and isolated..."

"Many in the church find it much easier to address the other three Marks of the Mission of the



At left, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson and, at right, Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia) and Bishop James Almasi of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania make their way toward St. Paul's Church in Lachine for the start of the Diocese of Montreal Synod October 16. For more on the synod, and Montreal's partnerships with Masasi and the Central Interior, see Pages 7-9.

(Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

**We wish our readers a blessed Advent, Christmas & New Year's.**

For some of the upcoming celebrations, see Pages 5 and 6.

Church: 'to respond to human need by loving service'; 'to transform unjust structures of society'; 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'

"Our unique ministry as a church is to express the Good News of God in Christ and to help people to grow into strong disciples. It's what defines us and why we are set apart as Christians."

"When new people come to our churches, we need to offer the kind of hospitality that Christ has offered us. This is more than handing them a

bulletin and ignoring them. Who is that person that Christ has sent to you today? How can your parish serve them? If your parish can't do it, help them find a church that is willing to do so! Making disciples, growing disciples, and equipping lay people for ministry will make it possible for the other marks of mission to flow. As people animated by the Holy Spirit, we can count on God wanting to work through us. If we teach others how to live with Christ, more can happen."

For a text of the address, see Page 7.

## Montreal Anglicans plan to sell off shares in fossil fuel companies

Staff and a committee of the Diocese of Montreal are working on ways to sell off, or "divest," shares and other investments in coal, oil and gas companies from a diocesan investment portfolio of a little less than \$10.5 million and other Anglican portfolios totalling somewhat more than that.

They are following the instructions of the diocesan synod in mid-October, approved by an overwhelming majority.

"The continued use of fossil fuels threatens humanity," Richard Matthews, a parishioner of St. Phillip's Church in Montreal West and a member of the diocesan stewardship of the environment committee, told delegates. He said the resolution will also "send a message to young people about the relevance of Anglicanism."

See Page 9.

## Existing parish of St. James the Apostle to make way for 'plant' inspired by British model

After more than 150 years of ministry in downtown Montreal, the Church of St. James the Apostle will wind up as a parish in its present form by the end of the year to make way for a "church plant" seeking to reach young, urban professional and multicultural individuals and families through a modern Anglican form of worship and evangelism.

Many activities of the parish and the appointments of the incumbent, Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor, the honorary assistants, the Rev. Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick and Archdeacon Peter Hannen and the music director, Scott Bradford, will wind up at Christmas. A deacon, the Rev. Amy Hamilton, recently assigned to the parish by the diocese,

will lead a basic program of worship until about Easter.

Then the Rev. Graham Singh, a Canadian-based church planter with Holy Trinity Brompton in the Diocese of London, England, will arrive from the Toronto area to begin the new project. Holy Trinity Brompton is known for its evangelistic Alpha courses.

Early indications are that several ministries that currently rent space in the church's Shatford Hall, including Action Réfugiés Montréal, which serves refugees, and the St. James Drop-In Centre, serving homeless people, will remain as tenants of the diocese, at least until further notice.

For a diocesan statement, see Pages 10 and 11.





# Bishop's Message



Advent marks the beginning of a new Church Year. The lectionary readings and collects tune our hearts to the future, to possibilities, to expectation and to the unknown. We are challenged to be ready, to be paying attention, to be alert, to be watching for the signs that the kingdom of God is near. Even while we listen to the unfolding of the familiar story of the birth of Jesus, we hear the strains of the story that Christ will come again and that we are to be watching and ready for that day.

Many of us don't actually think all that much about it, of course. In Luke 21, we are warned not to get weighed down with the worries of life and so to be ready for the day we have been waiting for. We are often preoccupied with our day-to-day challenges and concerns. So are our churches. There's not much free time to be on the watch for something that is fairly vague and that we think may not happen in our time. While we know that God is always with us and that therefore God IS active in our midst, calling us to deeper community with Christ, we sometimes fail to be on the lookout for signs of where God is at work. What does it actually look like to see the kingdom of God come near?

Some congregations are going through an exercise called Reimagining Church. They are trying to look around their community and notice what the

signs might be that they are called beyond their current practices to some opportunities that they hadn't noticed.

At Synod, I challenged our Diocese to look at our mission, particularly the first two Marks of Mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

I suggested that we might consider taking on one new thing and letting go of one thing. Please think and pray and talk to one another in your communities. What "One Thing" would you want to do that would help further these goals? What "one thing" is no longer fruitful or helping us in our mission and could be set aside? Could we make this our Advent preparation for the Kingdom of God?

How might you imagine the kingdom of God breaking into your own story, your own worldview, your own church community? This Advent, please pray for a greater awareness of God at work in the communities of our Diocese, and for the courage and faith to respond and to join in.

+ Mary

## Toronto earmarks \$500,000 for refugees

The diocese of Toronto has committed to providing \$500,000 from its Ministry Allocation Fund to provide aid both for refugee sponsorship and foreign aid.

"It's important for us to make a statement that we're willing to make a substantial commitment that will make a difference," said Archbishop Colin Johnson.

While details of how the money will be spent have not been worked out, Johnson said the diocese would not directly sponsor refugees. Instead, he would like the money to be made available in the form of matching grants to parishes that want to sponsor refugees or work with other churches and outside groups.

He suggested some of the money

could be used to support agencies in Canada and overseas that are working directly with refugees. He expressed hope that the funds will be used to assist refugees not only from the Middle East but from Africa and Asia as well.

"We are doing this out of our faith commitment, that God has created all of us and that all people have dignity. That's part of our baptismal vows," he said.

Ian McBride, the executive director of AURA (the Anglican United Refugee Alliance), praised the diocese for its decision. "I think it's a very good use of resources," he said. "It is in the best interests of all concerned and I applaud it."

*The Anglican*

## Council for refugees congratulates PM, adds shopping list

The Canadian Council for Refugees released a letter to the newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau congratulating him and outlining some key priorities regarding refugees and other vulnerable migrants.

Among the recommendations for immediate action in the October 26 letter, the council urged the new government to admit Syrians with family in Canada. Family-linked admissions make sense as having family here makes it easier to settle. In the event that achieving the Liberal Party goal of 25,000 Government Assisted Refugees by the end of 2015 proves logistically difficult, family-linked admissions will ensure that significant numbers of Syrians are able to quickly find refuge in Canada, the council said.

The letter, signed by Loly Rico, president, says, "We thank you for the strong position you have taken in favour of refugees. We are reassured to know that you recognize the enormous contributions that refugees have made to Canada and that you share our conviction that all Canadians benefit when we protect and welcome refugees.

"The commitments that you have made to the full respect of human rights, to the equality of all Canadian citizens, and to diversity as a source of strength are very important to us. We have been deeply troubled by the currents of xenophobia and particularly anti-Muslim sentiments. We therefore welcome your strong messages that Muslims are valued members of the Canadian family and that everyone has the right to

practise her religion as she chooses.

"We look forward to working with your government on issues related to Canada's immigration and refugee protection systems. Throughout its 38 years, the Canadian Council for Refugees has been committed to dialogue with government. We know that we will not always agree, but we offer our expertise in policy analysis and the

front-line experiences of our 170 members. We share your belief in the importance of consultation and good communication with stakeholders and experts."

The Anglican Diocese of Montreal is a supporter of Action Réfugiés Montréal, in turn a member of the council.

## The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer – Canada A Prayer from the Diocesan Representatives



Heavenly Father in this month of December as we look forward to celebrating the birth of your son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pause to pray for various social justice issues around the world.

As we commemorate World Aids Day, the National Day of Action on Violence against Women, and the UN Human Rights Day, we pray that you will help us to obey your commandment to love one another as we love ourselves. It is evident that if we follow the example of our Lord Jesus, our ill will to our neighbours will disappear and we will actually live in a world of peace and joy. Gracious God, give us wisdom and guidance to lead just lives. Encourage us to trust in you

with all our hearts and minds that we lean on you always and not simply rely on our own understanding. Help us to acknowledge you in all that we do so that our paths will be made straight.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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# Canada briefs

## Renaming service for transgender Anglican

At a Sunday service in September at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Eliot Waddingham, a non-binary transgender St. Alban's parishioner, became the first person in the diocese of Ottawa to be celebrated in a re-naming service.

It was an important moment for Waddingham, a University of Ottawa history student who began going by the name "Eliot" last year and is in the process of legally changing their name ("they" is Waddingham's preferred pronoun) to better reflect their gender identity.

The service was officiated by the Rev. Mark Whittall, and used a liturgy approved for trial use by Bishop John Chapman. It then went to Archdeacon Peter Crosby, who said this is the first service of its kind he has seen in 30 years of ordained ministry.

"When we're doing something new, like a renaming ceremony of transgender persons, it's important as a way of expressing pastoral care...and who we are as a community to the person," he said.

Waddingham said they was taught growing up that God created all people straight, and deviating from that path was wrong. But after taking gender classes at university, they "couldn't understand how God could send these people to hell for

who they love or how they dress." This led them to the question: "What if God made me non-binary Eliot?"

Whittall affirmed Waddingham's decision to explore this new path, noting in his homily that "I may never be able to understand what it's like to be a non-binary gendered trans person...But, at least in our better moments, by the grace of God, we are able to be generous by offering our support to a fellow traveller who bears the name of Christ on their faith journey."

*CrossTalk*

## New life without parish church

The congregation of St. George's Anglican Church in Saint John, N.B., may have had four homes in three years, but its members haven't let this interfere with the work of being the church in the world. In some ways, says the Rev. Rob Salloum, it has made it possible to do so more fully.

"We've been freed from the burden of the cost of a building. Now we're free to shift our focus," he said.

When St. George's was closed earlier this year, the congregation conducted services out of the Seafarer's Mission.

But while one parishioner described the experience as "humbling," things started to turn around when Carlton-Kirk United Church opened its doors to the Anglicans,

# St. Matthias' organist places third in major competition in Germany

Chelsea Barton, the organist at St. Matthias' Church in Westmount, earned third place in October at the Third International Bach-Liszt Organ Competition in Erfurt, Germany.

Organized by the City and Cathedral of Erfurt in co-operation with the University of Music Franz Liszt Weimar, the competition highlights the diversity and the importance of historic and modern instruments, the current has taken on worldwide significance.

She noted in an exchange of emails that there were three rounds in the competition, each of which was conducted in two parts: one part on a historic organ, one part on a more modern instrument.

"About half of the repertoire was Bach; the other half was Romantic and contemporary repertoire – Max Reger, Franz Liszt, Olivier Messiaen and Bengt Hambraeus. It was about three hours worth of music total."

Chelsea is from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and has been studying the organ since the age of 12. She came to study at the Schulich School



of Music at McGill University in September 2014 after a year in France and began as an organist at St. Matthias' at the same time.

Specializing in both the organ and harpsichord, she holds a Bachelor's Degree and Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, where she studied organ, harpsichord, and improvisation with William Porter.

Following her studies at Eastman, Chelsea completed a year of study with Michel Bouvard, Yasuko Bouvard, and Jan Willem Jansen at the Conservatoire Rayonnement Régionale in Toulouse, France, and went on to master's studies at the Schulich with Hans-Ola Ericsson and Hank Knox. Chelsea was awarded second prize in the Arp Schnitger International Organ Competition in Germany and in the Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition in Connecticut as well as first prize in the West Chester International Organ Competition in Pennsylvania.

She performs in the United States and Europe and describes herself as "an advocate for the organ as a vehicle for artistic expression and a portal to discovering the spirit of many ages." Her interests include literature, languages, creative writing, and birdwatching.

and the congregation of St. George's was able to reboot its community ministries.

Its ministries are concentrated on the Lower West Side of Saint John, where Statistics Canada says 40% of its residents live on less than \$10,000 a year – what it classifies as "extreme

poverty."

The congregation's outreach includes St. George's Café, which feeds upwards of 50 people every Sunday night, and a small food-sharing program called Howard's Pantry. Members of the congregation also meet every Wednesday night to do a

prayer walk through the neighbourhood.

"Everybody keeps saying the church isn't the building," said parishioner Margaret Ann Reid. "It's the people. That's so true. I hope others believe it, too."

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# Dean's message for Advent and Christmas

## 'There's a star in the East on Christmas morn' 'Une étoile brille à l'est le matin de Noël'

Here are English and French versions of a letter from Dean Paul Kennington in the November-January newsletter of Christ Church Cathedral.

Dear Friends,

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn, Rise up shepherd and follow.*

We have seen it all before: Christmas decorations and laughing Santas; frenzied shopping and plans for Christmas dinner. Some of it is exhilarating and fun, and some of it is just depressing and over-the-top. In Church, as we sing the same familiar carols, Christmas comes and Christmas goes, as it always does. And when the celebrating is over, isn't everything still the same?

It doesn't have to be so. "*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn, Rise up shepherd and follow*" was sung by slaves in the 18th century in the midst of cruel oppression, persecution, torture and misery. How did they sing these words? with defiance? with hope? with faith?

But our Advent hope and faith can be as defiant as theirs. God's star always shines in our spiritual skies, it is just that we don't rise up much any more, or follow.

This year, as we listen again to old and odd stories about an ordinary girl called Mary whose life was changed when she said 'yes', or about John the Baptist who left home to preach justice in the desert, let us take a moment to look for that star which God has planted in each of our hearts – the one that is always nudging us to rise up and follow – defiantly, hopefully, faithfully.

*Leave your sheep and leave your lambs. Rise up shepherd and follow. Leave your ewes and leave your rams. Rise up shepherd and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up shepherd and follow.*

Have a very happy and blessed Christmas, Paul

Chers amis, chères amies,

*Une étoile brille à l'est le matin de Noël, Lève-toi berger, suis-la.*

À chaque année c'est la même chose: les frous-frous et les Pères Noël; le magasinage fou et les préparatifs du réveillon? Tout ça peut être excitant et amusant, mais peut aussi nous déprimer et nous sembler exagéré. Et dans l'église nous chantons nos vieux refrains familiers et Noël viendra et Noël s'en ira – comme toujours – et après tout sera comme avant.

Mais ça ne doit pas nécessairement être ainsi. « *Une étoile brille à l'est le matin de Noël, Lève-toi berger, suis-la* » paroles chantées au 18ème siècle par des esclaves opprimés, persécutés, torturés et miséreux: paroles de défi, d'espoir, de foi.

Alors, que notre foi et notre espoir de l'Avent aient autant de défis que les leurs. L'étoile divine brille toujours aussi fort dans nos cieux spirituels, mais nous ne nous levons plus tellement, nous suivons encore moins.

Écoutons, donc, de nouveau ces vieilles histoires bizarres de la jeune

filie bien ordinaire qui s'appelait Marie dont la vie s'est transformée en disant « oui », et de Saint Jean-Baptiste qui a quitté sa famille pour aller prêcher la justice dans le désert. Prenons le temps de bien chercher cette étoile que Dieu a planté dans nos cœurs, l'étoile qui nous pousse petit-à-petit à nous lever pour la suivre – avec défi, avec espoir, avec foi.

*Laisse tes moutons, laisse tes agneaux.*

*Lève-toi berger, suis-la.*

*Laisse tes brebis, laisse tes béliers.*

*Lève-toi berger, suis-la*

*Suis l'étoile de Bethléem. Lève-toi berger, suis-la.*

Joyeux Noël, Paul

## Notable

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**December 6: Advent II**

Advent Procession with carols and readings 5:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY**

**Thursday December 24: Christmas Eve**  
10:00 p.m. High Mass

**Friday December 25: Christmas Day**  
10:30 a.m. High Mass & Christmas Dinner

**Friday January 1: Circumcision**  
10:30 a.m. High Mass

**Wednesday January 6: Epiphany**  
High Mass 5:45 p.m.

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# Christmas events

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23 Perrault Ave.  
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Sat., Dec. 12, 8 p.m.  
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75 Kirkland Blvd.  
**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**  
Sunday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.  
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**Trinity Memorial Church**  
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**St. James Rosemere**  
238 Pine St.  
**CAROLS & LESSONS BY CANDLELIGHT ECUMENICAL SERVICE**  
Mon., Dec. 14, 4 p.m.  
Readings in different languages. Festive refreshments will follow service. Please bring a gift of non-perishable goods.

**All Saints Deux Montagnes**  
248 18th Avenue  
**ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**  
Mon., Dec. 14, 7 p.m.  
To benefit Agape Deux Montagnes

**St. Paul's Côte des Neiges**  
3970 Côte Ste-Catherine Road  
**WHITE CHRISTMAS BALL**  
Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m. on.  
The Seniors of Tomorrow invite everyone. Tickets are being sold by members. Information: 514-733-2908.

**St. Paul's Côte des Neiges**  
3970 Côte Ste-Catherine Road  
**CHRISTMAS CANTATA - CARIBBEAN STYLE**  
Sunday, Dec. 20, 5 p.m.  
An annual sharing of Caribbean Christmas songs and stories presented along with members of the Organization of Caribbean states. Enjoy a time of song and laughter. Info: 514-733-2908

**All Saints Deux Montagnes**  
248 - 18th Avenue  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Thursday, Dec. 24  
Family service 7 p.m. worship, music and fun for all ages. Traditional candlelight service 11 p.m.

**St. James Rosemere**  
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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LIGHT**  
Thur., Dec. 24, 9 p.m.

## Notable

**Christ Church Cathedral**  
635 St. Catherine St. W.  
Sunday 6 December  
6 p.m. First Sunday Eucharist  
Saturday 12 December  
4.30 p.m. Sing-a-long Messiah  
(all singers welcome)  
Saturday 19 December  
4.30 pm. La Nativité du Seigneur, Messaïen  
Organ Recital by Patrick Wedd  
Sunday 20 December  
4 p.m. Music, Readings and Dance for Christmas  
Monday 21 December  
6.30 p.m. Blue Christmas  
Thursday 24 December  
Christmas Eve  
4 p.m. Eucharist & Christmas Pageant  
7 pm Messe de Noël (en français)  
11 p.m. Midnight Mass  
Friday 25 December  
Christmas Day  
8 a.m. Said Eucharist 10 a.m. Festival Eucharist  
Wednesday 6th January  
12.15 p.m. Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany  
6 p.m. Epiphany Potluck Community Supper  
Sunday 10 January  
4 p.m. Music and Readings for Epiphany

## Notable

**Advent and Christmas at Christ Church Beaurepaire**  
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# Obituaries

## Roger Balk was priest, activist, ethicist, coffee house founder, sailor



(Photo © VM Medical)

The death on October 10 of the Rev. Dr. Roger Allen Balk, 85, brought a wide range of tributes for his life as a social activist, medical ethicist, scholar, boating enthusiast and honorary assistant at Christ Church Cathedral.

“He was our compass. He kept us centred on our mission and values,” Dr. John Keyserlingk, founder and currently the medical director of the Ville Marie Medical and Women’s Health Center, said. VM Medical is a private medical service provider focusing on cancer prevention, detection and treatment, where Dr. Keyserlingk was in close contact with Dr. Balk for over 10 years after recruiting him as a medical ethicist.

Dr. Keyserlingk was one of about dozen people who paid tribute to Dr. Balk in words or music at a funeral October 29 in the Cathedral and, like the congregation of almost 200, were drawn from different social communities.

“He was a top-of-the-line medical ethicist,” Dr. Keyserlingk said. “He was a comrade-in-arms who stood by us.”

Marc Nerenberg, banjo-strumming president of the Yellow Door community center and current co-ordinator of its Yellow Door Coffee House, which Dr. Balk founded in 1961, paid said everyone in the Yellow Door community is immensely grateful to him and he was a person of “tremendous courage and conviction?”

Canon Flo Tracy, a lay canon of Christ Church Cathedral, for 28 years director of residences at McGill University and currently vice-president of the board of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College said she had known him as a social activist, secretary-general of the Student Christian Movement at

McGill, founder of the coffee house and active in a housing co-op near the campus, among other things.

For the current dean of the Cathedral, Very Rev. Paul Kennington, “Roger was always there so you could turn to him and say ‘What do you think?’ and get deep, thoughtful answers.”

“Roger used to say, ‘Put God in your heart and don’t worry about the rest.’”

One of Dr. Balk’s three children, Wulfe, said his death “has left a deep hole in our heart that will not be easily filled.”

Educated at Harvard and at St Andrew’s University in Scotland, Roger Balk came to Montreal from the United States in 1961, after serving as a priest in Ohio and New York City. He served as an honorary assistant at the cathedral for over 40 years, was at various times Anglican chaplain at McGill University, director of the Yellow Door, and responsible for developing the religion department at Dawson College.

As a medical ethicist, he held a number of positions at McGill, Concordia and Ville-Marie Medical Centre. He published papers on human ethics, with special emphasis on human organ transplantation, as well as papers on ethical issues relating to the use of animals in research. A note from the Cathedral recalled “his thought-provoking sermons and strong support for social justice issues.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Patricia Raymond, three children and five grandchildren.

One particularly close friend, Dennis Schuller, who spent more than 40 years sailing the waters of Lake Champlain, with him, shared several incidents with those at the funeral.



Vina Sweetman in the garden of the Isaiah 40 Foundation in 2011

## Vina Sweetman active in day camps, founded counselling centre

Vina Sweetman was active in youth work for years and at one time in charge of day camps for the Anglican Diocese of Montreal’s Crosstalk Ministries. She was also active in counselling for almost 45 years, especially since founding the Isaiah 40 Foundation in 1991.

She died peacefully on September 6 after what an announcement described as a short fight with a second cancer.

The announcement said a celebration of Mrs. Sweetman’s life, with holy communion, would take place September 12 at Westview Bible Church in Pierrefonds.

It added, “Vina spent her life devoted to volunteering, first with Girl Guides of Canada, then with Crosstalk Ministries and finally as founder and president of the Isaiah 40 Foundation, a Christian counselling centre. Many lives have been touched and changed by Vina’s devotion to her Lord.”

The Isaiah 40 Foundation describes itself as a Christian organization incorporated in 1991 to offer counselling and teaching in the areas of healing and personal wholeness. The Foundation says its clients come from a wide variety of faith perspectives, Christian and non-Christian.

With headquarters on Côte St. Antoine Road in West-End Montreal, the foundation has 10 counsellors, including psychologists and a massage therapist, working out of locations in Canada and the United States.

It seeks “to provide for personal insight into the healing that God offers at all stages and in all circumstances of life.”

Two leaders of Crosstalk Ministries, both active Anglicans, pay

tribute to her in the current issue of the Crosstalk Ministries newsletter

Valerie Taylor, currently day camps director, recalls how the Isaiah 40 Foundation came to the rescue when St. Matthew’s Church in the N.D.G.-Snowdon district, where Crosstalk Ministries had its office, closed in 2011:

“Vina was one of the early directors of Crosstalk Ministries Day Camps and it was through her connection with the ministry that my family first became involved. Latterly Vina was the director of the Isaiah 40 Foundation and thus is widely known across Canada for her work under that umbrella.”

When St. Matthew’s Church closed, the note continues, Crosstalk Ministries was given space at Isaiah 40 for a supply room, the day camp team retreat and other gatherings and events.

“But for me Vina and her family go way way back further to the time when my parents first joined St. Matthew’s Church over 40 years ago...”

“If not for this amazing lady it is highly improbable that I would be the current day camp director. She was a mentor, role model, surrogate, ‘auntie,’ friend and confidant...”

“She will be sorely missed, but there are so many great memories and I thank God for giving me the privilege of knowing such a lovely lady.”

The president of Crosstalk Ministries, the Rev. Linda Faith Chalk of St. Paul’s Church, Greenfield Park, writes, “She was never afraid to stand for the truth and to speak truth. She taught about the love of Jesus, the love of the Father and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.”

## Kathleen Cane

A memorial service for Kathleen Cane took place October 31 at St. George’s Church Place du Canada, where her son, the Rev. Canon Brett Cane, was at one time the rector.

She died on October 26 after a brief hospitalization, at Hôpital du Haut Richelieu in St. Jean. Born in

1925, she came to Canada with her late husband and family when Brett Cane was a boy. In addition to him, a daughter, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

Donations to St. George’s Church were suggested.

## Clifford James ‘devoted husband and best friend’

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Clifford Huggill James took place October 30 at St. Philip’s Anglican church, Montreal West. For 64 years he was the “cherished and devoted husband and best friend” in the wording of an announcement, of Lettie James – now the Rev. Canon Dr. Lettie James – who in 1978 was the first woman to be ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Montreal.

A professional engineer, Mr. James had been in ill health for some time. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren. Donations to the Canadian Tire Jump Start program were suggested.

## ‘Not for sale’ is the theme of national Lutheran-Anglican youth gathering

HANNAH SHIRTLIFF

Hannah Shirliff is the CLAY 2016 communications co-ordinator

Have you heard about CLAY? The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) gathering is the Anglican Church’s only national youth gathering for young adults ages 14–19 in 2016 (born between 1997 and 2002). Our next gathering takes place in Charlottetown, P.E.I. August 17–21, and all Anglican congregations are invited to send representatives!

CLAY is a joint gathering of Anglicans and Lutherans. It was created in 2010 as an expression of joint ministry between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada. At CLAY we’ll encounter scripture in meaningful ways, experience ancient and modern ways of worship, learn together in special interest forums, enjoy fantastic social events, explore Charlottetown, make connections with youth from all over Canada and celebrate our life together.

We will be experiencing CLAY through the theme “Not For Sale,” with a focus on three areas: salvation not for sale, human beings not for sale, and creation not for sale. At the very heart of it, we are children of God, and we want to affirm and respond to God’s grace and faithfulness in ways that are intentional, practical and meaningful.

Youth can attend the Gathering as part of a registered home team. This is a group of young people from a congregation, parish, diocese or other organization, led by a Primary Home Team Leader. Along with the PHTL, a home team includes youth and may include additional Home Team Leaders and Leaders in Training that their community sends along with them. For each adult (over 21) added to a Home Team, eight youth can attend.

Online registration opens February 1. Early-bird registration closes March 31, and the final deadline for registration is June 30. Registration and fee information can be found on our website, [www.claygathering.ca](http://www.claygathering.ca). You can also “like” us on Facebook (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering), or follow us on Twitter (@claygathering).



# ‘Everything we do must reflect back to our baptismal covenant and identification in Christ’

## Bishop says church plant idea is ‘God’s idea and we are excited’

Here is a text of Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson’s opening address October 16 to the synod of the Diocese of Montreal.

It is a great privilege to address you today as we begin our Conference Synod and as we welcome our partners Bishop James Almasi and the Rev. Canon Geoffrey Monjesa from the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior in British Columbia, and our ecumenical guests who have graciously joined us. While we gather from our own parts of the Diocese and of the Anglican Communion, we can celebrate the unity we have in Jesus Christ. We are all one Body serving the living God who has called us to be the Church in this time and place!

Je vous souhaite la bienvenue au nom de notre seigneur Jésus Christ, en qui nous formons un seul corps. Même si nos défis, nos forces et nos faiblesses diffèrent, nous sommes tissés ensemble dans la foi que nous partageons et par l’esprit saint qui nous anime. Il est important de se réunir en synode pour témoigner notre désir d’approfondir notre relation en Christ. Cela nous permet de saisir l’opportunité de se connaître d’avantage et d’exprimer notre unité. Nous ne sommes pas seulement des membres de petits lieux de cultes sacrés sans aucun lien ni appartenance. Nous sommes des disciples de Jésus Christ et ensemble, nous sommes appelés à sa mission et responsable à l’ensemble du diocèse. Lors de ce synode, nous pourrions nous ouvrir à ce que l’esprit soit en train de nous dire.

Depuis notre dernier synode, nous avons eu beaucoup de changements au niveau du personnel et du leadership diocésain. Une période d’ajustement s’impose. The Diocese has seen much change this year with a new Executive Archdeacon, a new

Pastor of Lay Readers, a new Director of Lay Education, a new Principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and a new Bishop! Some parishes have also had changes in their clergy and lay leadership. Working well together means learning to appreciate one another’s ways of speaking and working and doing ministry. I am grateful for the richness of leadership in this diocese and for the gifts and institutional knowledge of many who have invested so much love and hard work over the years and who continue to do so. We each bring our gifts to the service of God; the strength of the Diocese and the wisdom of those who have experience is a vital component.

In January, Bishop Barry Clarke and Diocesan Council agreed on the need for a new strategic plan for next five years in our Diocese and a process of review and consultation was begun. While the work was paused to allow the new bishop to come on board, some preliminary results from the survey show the strongest interest in Community Missions (35 per cent), Faith Development/ Discipleship Tools (36 per cent), Equipping Lay people for ministry (39 per cent), Young adult ministry (42 per cent) children’s ministry (45), and Youth ministry (49 per cent).

### Two Marks of Mission are key

These areas all fall under the first two of the Five Marks of Mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.

I believe that these are compelling areas in which we must work and probably the hardest ones for many of us to attempt. How many new believers have we had in our churches this year? How do we proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom? If we are not sure, then we need to spend



some time thinking and praying about it and perhaps getting some training.

The word “mission” has migrated in meaning from the expression of our call in Christ to thinking that it only means reaching out to those less fortunate, or standing up for the environment or against injustice. I believe the Mission of the Church encompasses all of these things and that reaching out to the community is not limited to helping those who are poor and isolated. It is the Anglican Communion’s expression of the church’s “common commitment to,

and understanding of, God’s holistic/ integral mission.” Many in the church find it much easier to address the other three Marks of the Mission of the Church: “to respond to human need by loving service”; “to transform unjust structures of society” “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.” Our unique ministry as a church is to express the Good News of God in Christ and to help people to grow into strong disciples. It’s what defines us and why we are set apart as Christians.

Notre plan stratégique diocésain s’est orienté autour de les Cinq Marques de Mission. La mission de l’Église est celle du Christ. En écoutant les priorités exprimés dans les réponses au questionnaire concernant ce qui semblait important pour les prochaines cinq années, nous avons relevé les défis de:

1. proclamer la bonne nouvelle du royaume de Dieu
2. Instruire, baptiser et encourager les nouveaux croyants.

C’est le travail clé de l’église de Jésus Christ, d’incarner notre foi et notre espoir en le partageant. Nous avons un rôle fondamental de formateur de disciples et je crois que c’est notre facteur critique de succès. Or, les trois autres marques de la mission de l’église sont souvent plus faciles et moins gênant et les besoins dans notre monde sont toujours urgents et interpellant:

3. Répondre par amour aux besoins humains.
4. S’efforcer de transformer toutes structures injustes de la société, confronter toutes violences et rechercher la paix et la réconciliation.
5. Oeuvrer pour la sauvegarde de

l’intégrité de la création et soutenir et renouveler la vie de la terre.

### Being friendly is not enough

It is imperative that we find ways to reach out in mission and in faith to those who have not heard the Good News. It is not enough to tell ourselves how friendly our churches are while the attendance stays stable – or worse. We need to be praying for opportunities to invite people into a relationship with Christ and then be on the lookout for the person God sends. When new people come to our churches, we need to offer the kind of hospitality that Christ has offered us. This is more than handing them a bulletin and ignoring them. Who is that PERSON that Christ has sent to you today? How can your parish serve them? If your parish can’t do it, help them find a church that is willing to do so! Making disciples, growing disciples, and equipping lay people for ministry will make it possible for the other marks of mission to flow. As people animated by the Holy Spirit, we can count on God wanting to work through us. If we teach others how to live with Christ, more can happen.

I am aware that some congregations are very tired and that there are limited resources. The model that we have been using is not working for everyone. That is why I suggest that the leadership of each congregation prayerfully consider taking on one new thing and letting go of one thing. What if we were to spend the next year keeping track of our opportunities to teach, baptize and nurture new believers? What if we were to reach out to the people around our churches and invite them to Messy Church or an Alpha Course? What if

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Stepping down as diocesan treasurer after serving since 2007, Norman Spencer, an avid fan of British football (and Liverpool in particular) gets a gift from Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



# Partnerships with Tanzania diocese, B.C. Interior parishes

## Lives have been changed by partnership, African Bishop Almasi tells synod

HARVEY SHEPHERD

The bishop of a rural Anglican diocese in southern Tanzania says it has benefitted greatly from its eight-year partnership with the Diocese of Montreal.

"Lives have been changed and lives have been renewed," Bishop James Almasi of the Diocese of Masasi told the annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal in mid-October in a sermon during his first visit to Canada.

Bishop Almasi, who became bishop of his diocese in September, 2014, and the recently consecrated Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson of Montreal, signed an agreement reaffirming a partnership signed in 2007 by their predecessors, Bishops Patrick Mwachiko and Barry Clarke, until the originally planned expiry date at the end of 2017, when possible renewal will be reconsidered.

He said the partnership has been particularly helpful with regard to food security and people in the dioceses are getting close to an assured year-round supply of food. The Diocese of Masasi is grateful for the contributions of the Diocese of Montreal, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and Canadian government aid programs toward this end.

"The secret is in the connection," he said. "It goes from strength to strength and bears witness to the one-ness of the Holy, Catholic and

Apostolic Church."

He said Tanzania and Masasi continually struggle with poverty, ignorance and disease and efforts to confront these do not always meet with success.

But the strength of the diocese and the partnership "is as much a product of our failures as our successes.

"Exciting days lie ahead. I hope we can keep looking for new opportunities in our partnership, one of many in the Anglican tradition."

Elaborating during a panel discussion, he said the partnership was one of a number of achievements of Bishop Mwachiko and not continuing with it was not an option.

Bishop Almasi also noted that the Rev. Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer of his diocese, who accompanied the bishop on his visit, was ordained as a deacon at the church of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval during a previous visit in 2012. Bishop Almasi described this as a symbol of the partnership.

"It is here in Canada that God affirmed him as a leader."

Participating in the panel discussion flanked by Bishop Irwin-Gibson and Bishop Barbara Andrews, from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia), Bishop Almasi said that coming from a part of the Anglican Communion where there are no women bishops, "I feel so privileged to be surrounded by women bishops today."



With Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt, left, as moderator, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson of Montreal exchanges thoughts with Bishop Almasi of Masasi, Tanzania, and Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia).

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



Representatives of several outreach missions shared participated in a discussion with the Rev. Brian Perron of the synod organizing committee. Ron O'Connell, board chair of the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre speaks and George Greene of St. Michael's Mission, Linda (Lou) Hachey of the Mile End Mission and Marie-France Lacoste of the Fulford Residence listen.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

## Montreal showed Central B.C. parishes they were not alone, bishop says

A partnership between the Diocese of Montreal and a group of parishes in the British Columbia Interior that gave up its status as a diocese at the end of 2001 "signifies that we have not been abandoned by the wider (Anglican) church," the bishop for the region told the Montreal diocesan synod.

"Montreal reached out to us," Barbara Andrews, bishop for the Central Interior (formally, suffragan to Archbishop John Privett, metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon), said in a panel discussion.

The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior encompass the same geographical area as the predecessor Diocese of Cariboo, around a cathedral in Kamloops. Having come near to exhausting its assets through litigation with the federal government arising out of the legacy of the residential schools, the synod of the diocese authorized the bishop and executive committee to formally wind up the affairs of the diocese – so, Bishop Andrews said, "that we might walk together with our First Nations brothers and sisters."

At its May 1 Assembly, APCI

unanimously asked the synod of the ecclesiastical province to recognize APCI as a territory with the right to elect a bishop through its own processes. This would give APCI the autonomy of a diocese, without forcing it into the structure of a diocese. The structure of the new territory would give the "balance of power to First Nations people" in the diocese and always ensure that other Anglicans in the diocese "are walking the path of healing and reconciliation with them."

Bishop Andrews and Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson of Montreal signed a partnership agreement first signed by their predecessors in 2008, which runs until 2018.

Bishop Andrews said she hopes there will be parish twinning arrangements and exchanges of clergy. At present, the Rev. Canon David Sinclair, a priest from the Kingston area who has served several parishes in the Diocese of Montreal during an active retirement, is interim dean at St. Paul's Cathedral in Kamloops as an indirect result of the partnership. Bishop Andrews said he is having "a tremendous impact on our cathedral."



The Rev. Annie Ittoshat, in charge of the Inuit ministry at St. Paul's Lachine and in a way the hostess of the synod, makes her way to the church with the Rev. Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer of the Diocese of Masasi. Bishops Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and James Almasi of Masai are behind them.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



# Stoles, resolution on fossil fuel investments highlights of synod

## Stoles for bishops evoke Canadian symbols and Bible passages

Among mementos that bishops from two far-flung territories received during their visit to the annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal to renew partnership agreements were liturgical stoles woven by Doreen Page of Sutton.

Both Bishop James Almasi of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania and Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia) received stoles incorporating yarns with dark blues and greens with lighter colours. These were intended to evoke the oceans that border Canada and that Bishop Almasi crossed coming from Africa, as well as the ubiquitous references to water in the Bible.

Bishop Almasi's stole also has a colourful tree because so much of Canada is treed, because trees suggest growth and life and "because a brightly coloured maple tree will remind you of the time of year you first visited us," Ms. Page wrote in an explanatory note.

Other symbols on his stole represent the omnipresent Canada goose. The goose, in turn, "at least in the Celtic tradition, represents the Holy Spirit. A fleur de lis represents Quebecers "but with its three stylized petals it is also a symbol of the Holy Trinity."

There is also an inukshuk that "reminds us of our northern indigenous people."

Bishop Andrews' stole also includes an eastern lily, for Quebec – beside a western dogwood, for British Columbia.

The stole also has a vine motif,



In photos, Bishop Andrews poses with Doreen Page and Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson shows off a feature of Bishop Almasi's stole.

evoking the passage from John 15 about Jesus as the "true vine." Ms Page was astonished that that pas-

sage was the Gospel reading at the worship service the morning the stole was presented.



(Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

Like a vine with diverse leaves, "sometimes we change direction to avoid difficulty, but so long as we

remain attached to the vine, Jesus will sustain us, guide us and see us through."

## Fossil fuel resolution encounters only mild resistance

The Anglican Diocese of Montreal is working on ways to sell off, or "divest," shares and other investments in coal, oil and gas companies from the diocesan investment portfolio.

The move comes following a resolution made at the annual synod of the diocese, attended by almost 160 active clergy and lay delegates in mid-October. The majority of delegates who favoured the resolution in a show-of-hands vote was obviously overwhelming and Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, in the chair, did not ask for a count. A few delegates, however, questioned whether delegates were sufficiently well informed and suggested the matter be left to investment experts.

One referred to "grandstanding."

But comment on the resolution was largely in support.

"The continued use of fossil fuels threatens humanity," Richard Matthews, a parishioner of St. Phillip's Church in Montreal West and a member of the diocesan stewardship of the environment committee, told delegates. He said the resolution will also "send a message to young people about the relevance of Anglicanism."

Raymond Noël, a parishioner of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval, said the diocese has little to worry about when it comes to the financial impact of divestment



The Rev. Elizabeth Welch and Richard Matthews were among those who urged divestment.

and in fact there are data that show that shares of fossil fuel companies are a risky investment and even suggest that investors who divest from them do better than others.

"There is a wealth of scientific data proving the veracity of climate change and indicating that the burning of fossil fuels is the primary cause."

Backers of the resolution argued that fossil fuel divestment would actualize basic Anglican principles calling on Anglicans to be good

stewards of God's creation.

The Rev. Sophie Rolland, rector of the Church of the Resurrection in Pointe Claire, said sin is not always individual. The resolution helps to show "how we participate in communal sins as well."

"This is an example of how we can be Christ in the world," said the Rev. Alain Brosseau of the downtown Church of St. John the Evangelist."

The Rev. Elizabeth Welch of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Mark said the resolution indicates that "a



(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

different life, a different world, is possible."

The resolution urges the diocesan finance committee "to take, in a timely manner, all reasonable measures in its power" to divest from shares in lists of 100 coal companies and 100 gas and oil companies identified by a U.S. firm known as Fossil Fuel Indexes.

Delegates were told that the diocese does have holdings in such companies but diocesan staff could not provide details right away.

Investments of the diocese are largely through a mutual fund called the Anglican Balanced Fund, managed by an investment firm. It was expected to take some time to cross-check the holdings of the fund against the lists of the Fossil Fuel Indexes and report back to a diocesan council on a detailed divestment policy.

The diocese has for years had a policy of not investing in companies involved in armaments, tobacco, gambling, alcohol or pornography.



## A statement from the Diocese of Montreal



ANGLICAN DIØCESE MONTREAL



# New Church Plant for Downtown Montreal, inspired by Holy Trinity Brompton and Alpha

*"It is with great joy that the Anglican Diocese of Montreal hopes to 'plant' a new church congregation into the historic Montreal-centre parish building of St. James the Apostle in 2016. Our aim is to reach young, urban professional and multicultural individuals and families through a modern Anglican form of worship and evangelism. This pilot project is part of our exploration into what 21st Century church will look like in Montreal,"* says Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

In his *Bishop's Charge* of 2014 entitled *Called to Grow* former Bishop of Montreal Barry Clarke underlined the need to prayerfully hold together the tensions of joining in the Mission of God, managing over \$300 million of challenging real estate and doing so within a radically changing environment of leadership and discipleship. In its 2010-2015 *Mission Action Plan*, the Diocese of Montreal repeated a need to work towards the planting of *vital churches*.

Following these strategic objectives, Diocesan Missioner Mark Dunwoody was instructed to research and explore a relationship with the Diocese of London, England where the adult worshipping population has risen by over 70% in recent years and where there are plans to establish 100 new worshipping communities by the year 2020. This research led to connections with Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) and one of their Canadian-based church planters, the Rev. Graham Singh. Before his retirement in the Summer of 2015, Bishop Barry Clarke commissioned a feasibility study for an HTB-style plant somewhere in the Diocese. These plans were prepared to be handed over to the new Bishop for further consideration and potential implementation.

In a parallel process, new vision for the Diocese has come through the election of Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson who has made this a key project and objective in the first season of her episcopacy. Bishop Mary has underlined the potential for peacemaking, new mission and new forms of leadership that this endeavour could bring – she has also taken a lead in bringing together the various stakeholders involved in making this project a well-considered and critically-reviewed Kingdom endeavour within the Diocese.

In Bishop Mary's prophetic call for unity in diversity and the exploration of new models, a sense of God's encouragement has continued. We have seen a level of agreement within the Diocese and with our various partners, making it seem as though God is actively engaged in this process:

*"A culture of creativity has been the key to how we have reached this place of doing something new in our Diocese. Everyone involved has approached this idea with an 'open heart', an 'open mind' and an 'open will' as we have crossed the valley of transformation. By harvesting thought streams from our wider diocesan family, and looking to other parts of the Anglican communion for ideas, we have helped weave a new church concept that will compliment our existing Downtown churches. We give thanks to all of the many leaders involved – they have never let the process destroy the vision"* says Mark Dunwoody Diocesan Missioner, Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

The Greater Montreal area represents a multicultural, global city with a population of some 2 million people. Economic, linguistic, cultural and political shifts have contributed to both the successes and the great challenges of this city. Spiritually, the radical decline of traditional forms of church has been followed by intense debates about the role of organized faith in public life. On the one hand, Quebec and Montreal culture can be said to be actively working against the established forms of the church. On the other hand, Montreal's global and creative 'vibe' may be said to be ripe for a spiritual revival.

*"I come from a liberal, Anglo-Catholic tradition but over the space of 20 years have come to see how effective and embracing the Alpha and HTB movements have been. I love our traditions, but I also believe that this movement is exactly what we need to complement traditional ministry in the Downtown of this global*

*city. I welcome this initiative with open arms,"* says the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Paul Kennington.

*"For over 150 years, faithful Christians have been worshipping at St. James the Apostle Anglican Church. Following several years of reflection about the future, it has been decided to make way for something new. We recognize there is deep sorrow felt by many as we close this chapter in the life of the church community. But, we do so in the knowledge of God's great plans and the prayerful work surrounding this new initiative in partnership with the leadership in the Diocese. Although some members may choose to join other parishes, it is our hope that many will be 'encouraging god-parents' and take part in this new mission venture,"* says the Rector of St. James the Apostle Church, Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor.

When exploring church models, Anglicans tend to look to other Anglican Dioceses and Provinces worldwide, in some cases *before* looking in their own back yard. This is in some ways understandable given Anglicanism's unique calling. The Diocese of Montreal could be said to be typical of Canadian Anglicanism, in its wide availability of 'New England Liberal', 'High' and 'Choral' traditions yet relative absence of other forms of Global Anglicanism including the very fruitful models developed in the Church of England and particularly the Diocese of London and Holy Trinity Brompton. Through a long period of discernment involving a wide array of leaders in the Diocese, a decision has been taken to experiment with the HTB model in Montreal. The HTB model is focused around

relational evangelism through the Alpha Course. This method takes a simple presentation of the Gospel over 10 weeks and creates good space for hospitality, worship and discussion. This model of church planting takes 'Alpha DNA' and plants it centrally into every other aspect of church life. Sundays become more about newcomers and discipleship than about traditional forms of worship. There develops a natural focus on the dechurched and unchurched and an environment of renewal and revival tends to thrive. In London UK, some 45 existing parish churches have been restarted using this model.

The Rev. Graham Singh will lead this initiative. Graham grew up near Toronto, is bilingual in French and English and is married to Céline from Paris, France. They have three young children. Graham grew up in a choral Anglican tradition (at St John's, Elora) but later experienced an awakening of his faith at Holy Trinity Brompton through the Alpha Course. Following subsequent training and ordination, Graham has planted three thriving churches in the HTB-style. From 2000-2013, Graham was based in Britain and from 2013 until now has been based in the Toronto area, working on interdenominational partnerships through Church Planting Canada (for whom he serves as Executive Director) alongside local pastoral ministry. Graham holds a BA (Hons.) in Political Science from Huron College at the University of Western Ontario, an MSc in Diplomatic History from the London School of Economics and a BMin in Christian Ministry from Ridley Hall and St. Mellitus College. This new project will become part of Graham's ongoing Doctor of Ministry studies in Church Planting at Asbury Theological Seminary.

*"I count it as a very great privilege to come to Montreal and serve our Lord Jesus Christ under Bishop Mary and alongside other Diocesan colleagues in this endeavour. Of course the HTB model has great hope for us, but we are under no illusions: this model will need adapting for our bilingual, Montreal context. I am particularly encouraged by clergy colleagues from different perspectives than my own, who have offered space for me to be who I am as I prepare to lead this new initiative. I believe we are seeing opportunities for an Anglican Church of Canada where we can agree to try different ideas, within the unity of the body of Christ,"* says the Rev. Graham Singh.

*"We are delighted to respond to the Bishop of Montreal's request for encouragement and learning together. Graham and Céline are some of our most trusted church planters and we pray that they will offer anything they can as this new team plays its part in sharing the great news about Jesus and the transformation of society,"* says the Bishop of Islington, The Right Rev. Ric Thorpe who also acts as liaison between this church planting project and Holy Trinity Brompton.

*"[This proposal] has my entire approbation and blessing. I rejoice at this latest sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in renewing our communion. Oceanis divisi eucharistia conjuncti,"* says the Bishop of London, The Right Rev. & Right Hon. Richard Chartres in his letter of 29th October 2015 to the Bishop of Montreal.

All aspects of this church plant will be overseen directly by Diocesan leadership and under the Anglican Bishop of Montreal, in conversation with supporting partners such as the Diocese of London and Holy Trinity Brompton. All various stakeholders will be brought together at regular intervals, as is appropriate to each stage of church planting, with a view to reflecting on the progress and learnings. The plant team will be led by The Rev. Graham Singh who will become a normal stipendiary minister within the Diocese of Montreal and under its Canon Law. Team building for this new initiative begins from January 2016 and all interested persons are invited to join a newsletter from [www.stjamesmontreal.org](http://www.stjamesmontreal.org) or contact the Rev. Graham Singh on [graham@stjamesmontreal.org](mailto:graham@stjamesmontreal.org).

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The Bishop of Montreal and The Rev. Graham Singh, at St. James the Apostle, St. Catherine Street, Montreal.



Communiqué du diocèse de Montréal



DIOCÈSE ANGLICAN MONTRÉAL



# Implantation d'une nouvelle église au centre-ville de Montréal, s'inspirant de Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) et Alpha

« C'est avec une grande joie que le diocèse anglican de Montréal espère « implanter », en 2016, une nouvelle congrégation dans le bâtiment historique paroissial du Montréal-centre de l'apôtre St-James. Notre objectif: parvenir à rejoindre les jeunes professionnels urbains, ainsi que les personnes issues de groupes et de familles multiculturels, au moyen d'un modèle anglican de culte et d'évangélisation de type moderne. Il s'agit d'un projet pilote dans le cadre duquel on jettera un regard sur ce que sera l'église du 21<sup>e</sup> siècle à Montréal », a déclaré l'évêque Mary Irwin-Gibson, du diocèse anglican de Montréal.

Dans la Charge de l'évêque de 2014, qui s'intitulait *Appelés à grandir*, l'ancien évêque de Montréal, Barry Clarke, souligna la nécessité de maintenir, dans la prière, la tension de se joindre à la *Missio Dei*, qui gère plus de 300 millions de dollars en biens immobiliers dans des conditions difficiles, et cela, dans le cadre d'un environnement radicalement en mutation aux plans du leadership et des disciples. Dans le *Plan d'action de la mission de 2010-2015*, le diocèse de Montréal a réitéré le besoin de travailler à l'implantation d'une église vivante.

Suite à ces objectifs stratégiques, le missionnaire diocésain, Mark Dunwoody, a été chargé de mener des recherches et d'explorer les possibilités d'entretenir une relation avec Holy Trinity Brompton, le diocèse de Londres et l'un de leurs planteurs d'églises au Canada, le révérend Graham Singh. Avant de prendre sa retraite à l'été 2015, l'évêque Barry Clarke a commandé une étude de faisabilité pour une implantation de style HTB dans le diocèse. Les plans d'implantation avaient été préparés en vue d'être confiés à un nouvel évêque pour plus ample considération et une éventuelle implantation.

Parallèlement, la nouvelle vision du diocèse se concrétise par l'élection de l'évêque Mary Irwin-Gibson qui en a fait un projet clé et un objectif durant la première saison de son épiscopat. L'évêque Mary a souligné le potentiel de maintien de la paix, la nouvelle mission et les nouveaux genres de leadership que ce travail pourrait amener – elle a aussi pris l'initiative de réunir divers intervenants qui contribuent à la transformation de ce projet, en vue d'en faire une entreprise du Royaume bien pensée et qui a fait l'objet d'une analyse critique au sein du diocèse.

Avec l'appel prophétique à l'unité dans la diversité lancé par de l'évêque Mary et l'étude de nouveaux modèles, un sentiment d'encouragement de Dieu continue de se faire sentir. Nous avons noté un niveau d'entente au sein du diocèse et de nos divers partenaires, qui semble notamment démontrer que Dieu participe activement à ce processus.

« Une culture de créativité a été la clé de la façon dont nous sommes parvenus à faire quelque chose de nouveau dans notre diocèse. Chaque personne impliquée a abordé cette idée à « cœur ouvert », avec une « ouverture d'esprit » et avec une « volonté d'ouverture », pendant que nous traversons la vallée de la transformation. En faisant le plein d'idées à partir de notre famille diocésaine plus large et en cherchant des idées dans d'autres parties de la Communion anglicane, nous avons aidé à créer une église nouvelle concept qui viendra se marier à nos églises existantes au centre-ville. Nous tenons à remercier les nombreux chefs de file impliqués – ils n'ont jamais laissé le processus anéantir la vision. Ceci est par ailleurs très emballant parce que le Saint Esprit agit et nous fait avancer tout en nous prêtant une oreille attentive à mesure que nous cheminons », a déclaré Mark Dunwoody, missionnaire diocésain, diocèse anglican de Montréal.

La région du Grand-Montréal représente une population multiculturelle de quelque 2 millions d'habitants provenant des quatre coins du monde. Les changements aux plans économique, linguistique, culturel et politique ont eu pour effet de contribuer tant aux succès qu'aux grands défis de cette ville. Au plan spirituel, le déclin marqué des églises traditionnelles a été suivi de débats passionnés sur le rôle de la foi organisée dans la vie publique. On peut d'une part dire que la culture au Québec et à Montréal fait activement obstacle aux églises établies et, d'autre part, que l'ambiance mondiale et créative qui règne à Montréal fait en sorte que nous sommes peut-être mûrs pour un renouveau spirituel.

« J'ai grandi dans une tradition anglo-catholique libérale, mais je me suis rendu compte en l'espace de 20

ans à quel point les mouvements Alpha et HTB s'avèrent efficaces et chaleureux. J'adore nos traditions, mais je crois également que ce mouvement est le complément parfait au ministère traditionnel dans le centre-ville de cette ville mondiale. Je salue donc cette initiative à bras ouverts », a déclaré le doyen de la Cathédrale Christ Church, le très révérend Paul Kennington.

« Depuis plus de 150 ans, les fidèles chrétiens vénèrent les services à l'église anglicane Saint-James-the-Apostle. Suite à une réflexion qui s'est étalée sur plusieurs années à propos de son avenir, on a décidé que la congrégation actuelle cessera d'offrir les services dans leur forme actuelle en vue d'offrir quelque chose de nouveau. Nous sommes conscients que plusieurs ressentent une grande tristesse au moment où nous nous apprêtons à clore ce chapitre de la vie de la communauté religieuse. Mais, nous le faisons armés de la connaissance des grands plans de Dieu et des prières entourant ce nouveau projet de concert avec les chefs de file du diocèse. Si certains membres choisiront peut-être de rejoindre d'autres paroisses, nous espérons que plusieurs seront des 'parrains stimulants' et qu'ils prendront part à ce nouveau projet de mission », a déclaré le recteur, l'archidiacre Linda Borden Taylor.

Lorsqu'ils recherchent des modèles d'église, les anglicans ont tendance à se tourner vers d'autres diocèses et provinces anglicans à l'échelle planétaire, parfois avant même de regarder ce qui se passe chez eux. Ceci est à maints égards compréhensible, compte tenu de la vocation unique de l'anglicanisme. Le diocèse de Montréal pourrait être considéré comme un diocèse type de l'anglicanisme canadien, étant donné ses nombreuses traditions, dont la tradition « libérale de la Nouvelle-Angleterre », la tradition « haute église » et la tradition « chorale », et l'absence relative d'autres formes d'anglicanisme mondial, dont des modèles très réussis qui ont été élaborés dans l'Église anglicane et notamment dans le diocèse de Londres et Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB). Il a été décidé, suite à une longue période de discernement impliquant un vaste ensemble de dirigeants du diocèse, d'expérimenter le modèle HTB à Montréal. Le modèle d'HTB est axé sur l'évangélisme relationnel au moyen du cours Alpha. La méthode présente de manière simple l'Évangile sur une période de 10 semaines et prévoit un milieu propice à l'hospitalité, au culte et à la discussion. Il s'agit d'un modèle d'implantation d'églises qui reprend l'« ADN Alpha » et l'implante au cœur de chaque autre aspect de la vie d'église. Les dimanches portent plus sur les nouveaux venus et l'apostolat que sur les cultes traditionnels. On se concentre

naturellement sur les personnes qui ont quitté l'église et celles qui n'appartiennent à aucune église et sur un milieu de réveil et de renouveau qui prospère. À Londres, quelque 45 églises paroissiales existantes ont repris vie grâce à ce modèle.

Le révérend Graham Singh mènera cette initiative. Graham a grandi près de Toronto. Il parle le français et l'anglais et est marié à Céline qui vient de Paris, en France. Ils ont trois jeunes enfants. Graham a été élevé selon la tradition chorale anglicane (à l'église St-Jean, l'évangéliste, à Elora) avant de vivre un éveil spirituel en suivant le cours Alpha à l'Église de Holy Trinity Brompton. Après avoir reçu d'autres formations et ordinations, Graham a mis sur pied trois églises prospères inspirées de HTB. De 2000 à 2013, Graham a vécu au Royaume-Uni. Depuis 2013, il habite cependant la région de Toronto, où il travaille à établir des partenariats interconfessionnels par l'intermédiaire de Church Planting Canada (Implantation d'églises au Canada, où il est Directeur Exécutif), ainsi qu'à titre de pasteur local et d'implanteur d'églises. Graham est titulaire d'un baccalauréat avec mention honorable en sciences politiques de Huron College / University of Western Ontario, d'une maîtrise ès sciences en histoire diplomatique de la London School of Economics et d'un baccalauréat en ministères chrétien obtenu au Ridley Hall & St Mellitus College. Ce nouveau projet s'inscrit dans le cadre de ses études de doctorat en ministères – implantation d'églises à Asbury Theological Seminary.

« Je considère comme un très grand privilège de venir à Montréal et de travailler sous la supervision de l'évêque Mary en compagnie des autres collègues du diocèse qui se joignent à cette entreprise. Je crois que le modèle HTB est porteur de grands espoirs pour le Canada, mais je suis également conscient que ce modèle devra être adapté au contexte bilingue montréalais. Je trouve particulièrement encourageant que des collègues du clergé issus d'autres traditions ecclésiastiques que la mienne me permettent d'être moi-même alors que je me prépare à diriger cette initiative. J'estime qu'il y a une possibilité d'établir une église anglicane au Canada où l'on peut s'entendre pour essayer des idées différentes, dans l'unité du Corps du Christ », a déclaré le révérend Graham Singh.

« Nous sommes enchantés de répondre à la demande de l'évêque de Montréal en lui offrant notre encouragement et notre collaboration dans le cadre de l'implantation d'une nouvelle communauté à l'église Saint-James, à Montréal. Nos prières et notre confiance vont à Graham et à Céline qui transmettront de leur mieux nos connaissances à cette nouvelle équipe afin qu'elle puisse contribuer à propager la bonne nouvelle à propos de Jésus et de la transformation de la société », a déclaré l'évêque de Islington le très révérend Ric Thorpe, qui agit aussi en temps que liaison entre ce projet et Holy Trinity Brompton.

« [Cette proposition] a mon approbation et ma bénédiction entières. Je me réjouis de ce plus récent signe que l'Esprit Saint est à l'œuvre pour le renouvellement de notre communion. Oceanis divisi eucharistia conjuncti », a déclaré le très révérend et le très honorable Richard Chartres, KCVO DD FSA, évêque de Londres, dans sa lettre datant du 29 octobre 2015 adressée à l'évêque de Montréal.

Tous les aspects de l'implantation de cette église seront supervisés directement par la direction du diocèse et l'évêque anglican de Montréal, qui obtiendra du soutien en communiquant avec des partenaires comme le diocèse de Londres, au Royaume-Uni, et l'Église de Holy Trinity Brompton. Les différents intervenants se réuniront à intervalles réguliers à chacune des étapes de l'implantation afin de faire le point sur les progrès réalisés et les leçons retenues. L'équipe d'implantation sera menée par le révérend Graham Singh qui deviendra pasteur rémunéré et recteur au diocèse de Montréal, conformément au droit canonique en vigueur. Le rassemblement de la nouvelle équipe commencera en janvier 2016. Toute personne intéressée est invitée à s'inscrire au bulletin sur [www.stjamesmontreal.org](http://www.stjamesmontreal.org) ou à contacter le révérend Graham Singh sur [graham@stjamesmontreal.org](mailto:graham@stjamesmontreal.org).

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The Bishop of Montreal & The Rev. Graham Singh, at St James the Apostle, rue Ste Catherine, Montreal



# Weather person improves climate at Mile End Mission benefit

**'Everything we have is a gift,'  
CTV's Lori Graham says**

HARVEY SHEPHERD

CTV weather person Lori Graham may spend a lot of her time talking about precipitation but she showed about 140 well-wishers of the Mile End Mission that she's no slouch at inspiration either.

She told her audience at a Thanksgiving Masquerade benefit for the mission October 22 that one of her own inspirations was the late Montreal radio broadcaster and a mentor of hers, George Balcan.

"He didn't tell it like it was, he told you how it could be," she said. "When you bring expect the best of people, it usually brings out the best."

"Everything we have in this life is a gift – but it's temporary," she told her audience in the Le Crystal Reception Halls in St. Laurent. "Our value is not determined by our valuables. The most important things in life are relationships – that's what is eternal."

Spurred on for a third year by auctioneer-emcee Scotty Kessler, audience members bid on items, some of them donated by or otherwise linked to hockey stars including last year's speaker, Chris (Knuckles) Nilan. Those present included a contingent from the Montreal-St. George Kiwanis club, some of them among those who paused for a festive photo with Lori Graham.

About \$35,000 was raised for the mission. A roughly similar amount was raised at a gastronomic dinner downtown organized by a group of restaurateurs.

Among those in the front row of a photo of a mock \$35,000 cheque, are, from left, Joanne Racette, Lori Olson and Doris Roberts of the mission staff, executive director Linda (Lou) Hachey, board chair Emanuel Kolyvas, Lori Graham, Vicky Nikolokakos of the mission board and banquet organizing committee and Scotty Kessler. Below a member of the mission describes what it has meant to her, with Lou Hachey standing by.



*'waiting for Santa ...'*

To volunteer or to arrange a donation please contact us at:  
(514) 274-3401 or [general@mileendmission.org](mailto:general@mileendmission.org)

Monetary donations can be made:

online : [www.mileendmission.org](http://www.mileendmission.org)

by cheque: Mile End Community Mission  
99 Bernard O. Montréal, QC H2T 2J9

## Christmas at the Mile End Community Mission

Again this year, the Mile End Community Mission is calling upon your generosity to help make Christmas a time of greater joy for the many individuals, families and children who suffer the daily effects of poverty in our neighborhood and surrounding areas.

With your help, we hope to host another wonderful Christmas dinner for more than 300 individuals & families, fill 150 Christmas baskets, provide toys for 100 children of the Mission and prepare special Christmas stockings with much needed personal items for 40 men and women.

Sadly, without these activities, many of our members would have very little joy during the holiday season. In the Spirit of Christmas, we encourage you to make a donation of money, non-perishable food, toys, personal items and/or offer your volunteer time.

***These events are made possible by you!***



# Parish nursing project builds momentum, seeks funds

LISA-ANNE MIGLIACCIO

*Lisa-Anne Migliaccio is a nurse, a nursing consultant, nurse manager at the West Island Health and Social Services Centre and clinical co-ordinator of a parish nursing pilot project at*

*the University of Ottawa as well as part of a parish nursing pilot project. She is also co-ordinator of the parish nursing project at Christ Church Beaufort.*

It is indeed exciting times in the

Anglican Diocese of Montreal with regards to our Parish Nursing ministry and the many people this will help as we go back to our roots as Christians and expand our healing/health ministry to include nursing care of our fellow travellers

on this journey of life.

Our vision is that every parish have access to a Parish Nurse, either their very own or one who is shared between two or three parishes. Health care of congregants is a priority, especially given the current cutbacks to the health care system, which greatly impacts accessibility to health care.

It is truly special when a parish can offer the gift of an experienced health care professional who is trained in many areas of health. The PN can answer to a person's biological, psychological and social needs, their health and wellness concern, while ministering to them within their faith and spiritual life.

The congregation benefits from the nurse's years of experience with health counselling, health advocacy, heightened assessment skills and a full body of specialized current knowledge about health and wellness matters.


Parishioners at Christ Church Beaufort, where this pilot project began, have already benefited from the care and counsel of the parish nurse. As an example, following the hospitalization of one of the congregants, the PN was involved with the family in order to explain the diagnosis, to help the family understand the nature and results of the medical testing and to assist the family to advocate on behalf of their loved one. Furthermore, the PN was able to organize meals and company for the parishioner upon her return home. In addition to this, the PN was able to explain the action of the new medications and to help the parishioner and their family anticipate the required care moving forward. It had the effect of decreasing the anxiety of all concerned as well as to offer research based care, knowledge and assistance.

However, for all this to happen, we need to invest. In partnership with the Bishop's appeal, we are delighted to be able to envision PNs in other parishes of the Diocese. Funds from the appeal would cover essential startup costs associated with the PN ministry such as a cell phone, a password-secure laptop for




Lisa-Anne Migliaccio

documenting purposes (this is a legal requirement), and basic expenses to cover travel for PN visits and consultations. As a result of this initiative (due to the kind donations of individuals) we can start to envision developing PN in other churches, ensuring long term sustainable health care ministry to the people in the Diocese of Montreal.



## Parish Nursing



- **Do you feel called to minister as a Parish Nurse in a faith community?**
- **Can you donate 2 to 4 hours a week?**
- **There is a small honorarium and vouched expenses offered\*.**

The Health Advisory Team of Christ Church Beaufort (CCB) is currently looking to recruit a Parish Nurse for their parish. The position is for approximately 2-4 hours a week. The community of CCB is a community who live their faith by reaching out to the at risk. It is a small community with a strong sense of belonging which is nestled into a residential area in Beaufort, Quebec.

The role of Parish Nursing is new to Quebec but has been in existence in Canada for almost 20 years. The role most resembles that of community health nurse with an emphasis on the spiritual and faith life of the client. For more on the background and detailed scope of practice of the Parish Nurse, please refer to [careersinnursing.ca](http://careersinnursing.ca), a branch of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO).

The role of the PN differs from parish to parish. The community of CCB has been surveyed and the health related priorities are for private consultation and teaching about health and wellness matters. As this is primarily an aging community, the PN would also anticipate organizing or leading a support group for aging/role changes as well as the organization of lifestyle management clinics.

**Requirements**  
The individual must primarily feel called to service as a PN. A baccalaureate degree in nursing with experience in community health is preferable. The individual must have licensure and be a member in good standing with the Ordre des Infirmières et Infirmiers du Québec (OIIQ). Special education for Parish Nursing will be provided. A clean police background check for persons working with vulnerable population is a strict condition of hiring.

The CCB Parish Nurse can be contacted at: [parishnurse01@gmail.com](mailto:parishnurse01@gmail.com)  
Or  
By leaving contact details at the church office:  
514-697-2204

\*This initiative has been sponsored by the 2014 Montreal Anglican Bishops Action Appeal.

## Notable

**Anglican Fellowship of Prayer – Open House**  
**Saturday, January 16**  
**at 2:00 PM**

**St Mark's Church**  
865 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval

Please join Valerie and Stacey for an afternoon of sharing and fellowship devoted to prayer. Come and learn about the AFP, its resources and the Alongsiders Program. The afternoon will include a prayer activity and close with evening prayer.

For more information, please email us at [valstacey@bell.net](mailto:valstacey@bell.net) or call Stacey at 514-631-9796

## Bishop's charge: Mission and discipleship two sides of same coin

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you were to set yourselves an audacious goal centered around the first two Marks of Mission? I hope to hear from you and to be able to share stories about the "One Thing" you took up and the "One Thing" you let go of. Both are really critical!

Mission and discipleship are two sides of the one coin. We can only be a missional Diocese when we intentionally disciple people in our parish churches. The early church was full of Christian entrepreneurs; disciples who never accepted the status quo, and creatively found new ways to evangelize. How might we find "new ways" to tell an "old story" in our incredibly beautiful, vibrant and innovative Quebec?

### Jesus tells us not to worry

The early history of the Diocese tells of people coming to this area to reach out in mission to the people who already lived here and to those who were settling here. These clergy and catechists were largely focussing on the first two Marks of Mission. Along the way, they also visited the

poor and conducted literacy classes using the Book of Common Prayer! While we need to be sensitive to the arrogant overtones of becoming missionaries in our own surroundings, we cannot neglect to share what is life-giving to us. Let us keep asking God and ourselves how to do better at being the Church. The epistle reading tells us that all this can happen because we have the Holy Spirit in us. In our Gospel reading, Jesus tells us not to worry, and not to be afraid. That is only possible if we nourish ourselves in a profound relationship with God and if we invest our lives in God's kingdom. Our hearts must treasure our life in Christ.

Before he left, Bishop Barry shared with me that he had an audacious idea of a church plant pilot project. He encouraged some people to attend a Vital Church Planting conference and the idea continued to take shape. While it is still waiting for some approvals, we hope to be able to tell you more soon. (Editor's note: See: Pages 10 and 11.) We believe that this idea is God's

idea and we are excited about it!

There is much important work being done in our parishes and at a Diocesan and National church level that expresses the other three marks of mission and some of it is outlined in our Synod reports. Nonetheless, everything that we do as a church must reflect back to the foundation of our baptismal covenant and our identification in Christ.

The service of Consecration was a wonderful event and most of you were present. It was a time of committing ourselves to our ministry together and the liturgy was beautiful and inspiring. I want to thank you all for coming and to thank Dean Paul Kennington for working so hard in putting the service together. Thank you to the Cathedral Staff, the choir and musicians and dancers and servers and greeters; to the Synod office staff for their welcome to me and their hard work in preparing for the celebration and the reception; thanks especially to Maria Abate, (my secretary who has changed her name back to the Italian version!), for managing the giving out of

tickets; Archdeacon Bill Gray who managed so well between bishops and has been a great resource and help to me; to my family, especially my husband Mark, for their openness to the Holy Spirit, for their hard work preparing for the move and unpacking in our new home; and to those of you who encouraged me to pray and ask whether the Holy Spirit was calling me to come back to Montreal. I also want to thank the other candidates who prayerfully let their names be on the ballot. Placing oneself into the will of God is a supreme act of trust.

Many people have worked hard preparing for this Synod gathering: the planning committee has been meeting for the whole year. The Synod Office staff have given generously of their energies and I especially want to thank Sophie Bertrand, Nicki Hronjak, Mark Dunwoody and Ardyth Robinson.

This conference synod is focused on exploring the theme of partnership. Indeed collaboration is central to who we are as Christians. The elements of the Trinity – Father,

Son and Holy Spirit – all work in harmony. Every relationship we have, whether in our family, our church, our society all depends on an element of partnership. As Christian disciples, we are called to a radical partnership with one another which is expressed in Ephesians 5 as "mutual submission out of reverence for Christ." I am encouraged to hear of the partnerships between congregations that are being worked on in our Diocese and of the regional ministry in the Laurentians that seems to be flourishing. Be assured that as your Bishop, I will be journeying with you all as we work courageously for the kingdom in Christ's name. Yes, there are and there will be challenges. Yes, there is sometimes fear as we step out in faith.

Jesus tells us not to worry and not to be afraid and to invest in his purposes. We are all one Body serving the living God who has called us to be the Church in this time and place!

Lastly, I want to thank God and this Synod for the privilege of serving as your bishop.



## Sales & Events

**Christ Church Rawdon**  
Rawdon Parish Hall, 3569 Metcalfe St.

**Christmas Bazaar**  
Sat., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Lunch \$10.

**St. Stephen's with  
St. James, Chambly**  
Randell Hall, 2000 de Bourgogne St.

**PARISH  
CHRISTMAS SUPPER**  
Sun., Dec. 6, 6 p.m.

Info: Eileen Agley at 450-658-1027.

**Epiphany Verdun**  
5322 Wellington St.

**CHRISTMAS  
MINI-BAZAAR**  
Sat., Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Info: 514-769-4373, epiphany.  
verdun@gmail.com, www.epiphany  
verdun.com, Facebook.

### ADVENT SERIES: 'ANIMATE: PRACTICES'

**The Church of St. John  
the Evangelist**

137 President Kennedy Ave.

**Tues. 7-8:30 p.m., starting Dec. 1**

"Looking for energizing conversation about faith – about your faith? We invite you to join our Advent Series. The theme is "Animate: Practices" which examines the central practices of the Christian faith. Together we will have the

opportunity to hear, discuss, explore and learn from each other about the many facets describing us as followers of Jesus: subjects such as: "Prayer – Oriented Toward God" "Food – Eating with Jesus" "Worship – Seeking God's Presence" and "Sacraments – A Tapestry of Traditions." These sessions are designed to raise questions, to flip established answers and assumptions on their heads and to stick in our minds for months and even years to come. So if this is something that interests you, if you want to learn more about yourself,

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your faith, your church and your relationship with God – this is for you." A light meal will be served. Can't make all four weeks – no worries! Come when you can. Info: 514-288-4428, www.redroof.ca

### CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND REFLECTION

**St. George's Church**  
23 Perrault Ave., Ste. Anne de Bellevue  
**Monday nights, 7 p.m.**

A time of reflection, sharing, praying and meditating together while we draw closer to God. The only way to deepen spiritually is to deepen spiritually, that is, to practice the spiritual disciplines which sustain and nurture faith.

### STILL PRESENCE SPIRITUALITY CENTER – MEDITATION CIRCLES

**Christ Church Beaufort  
(in the Chapel)**

455 Church St., Beaufort, (corner of  
Fieldfare Ave.)

**Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.**

The focus of the Fall Season is Mindfulness in Daily Life. All are welcome – both experienced meditators and those new to meditation practice! To learn more, www.stillpresence.com or Father Michael at 514-697-2204.

### PAWS & PRAY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**Christ Church Beaufort**  
455 Church St., Beaufort, (corner of  
Fieldfare Ave.)

**Sunday, Dec. 20 at p.m.**

Paws & Pray features a worship service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. This program is offered in collaboration with the Companion Animal Adoption Centers of Quebec, a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. The following service will be on February 7 (there is no January service). Information: 514-697-2204 or christchurch@ac.aibn.com.

### London Anglicans participate in interfaith tree planting event

Anglicans from St. John the Evangelist and St. James Westminster Churches in London, Ont., participated in an unusual display of interfaith solidarity on a Sunday afternoon earlier this fall: tree planting.

About 160 people from 12 different faith groups representing Muslims, Jews and Christians gathered to reforest part of McCormick Park organized by ReForest London, a non-profit environmental group.

"We all worked together to make a difference in two significant ways," said the Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell, rector at St. John the Evangelist. "We planted trees to help reforest and enhance the integrity of creation, and we worked side-by-side."

The event began with words of blessing from three faith leaders: Noah Marcus, youth director of Or Shalom Synagogue, the Rev. Kenji Marui of Calvary United Church and Imam Abd Alfatah Twakkal of London Muslim Mosque. They quoted from the Talmud, the Bible and the Qur'an to remind participants of God's expectations that humans care for the earth, practise tolerance and build community.

This is the third event of its kind.

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# Single Malt Scotch 201

*The chemistry of malts, illustrated with  
10 samples from Speyside to Islay.*

Saturday, January 16 at 7:30pm  
St. Philip's Church  
3400 Connaught

**Tickets: \$100**  
(Tax Receipt for \$65)

Info: 514-481-4871 or  
office@StPhilipsChurchMontreal.ca

\* Limited space. No tickets at the door.

A Fundraiser for St. Philip's Church





# New bishop on hand as Trinity Memorial celebrations wind up



Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson was the keynote speaker at a gala dinner October 2 that wound up months of 175th-anniversary celebrations of Trinity Memorial Church in the West-End N.D.G. district. Here she poses at the Buffet Il Gabbiano in LaSalle with Velma Jones and René Sanchez of the parish and her husband, Mark Gibson, right. Mr. Sanchez is the husband of the Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez, rector of the church.

(Photo: Marcia Hughes)



A tap dancer performs at a 175th-anniversary block party September 12 on the lawn of the church.

(Photo: René Sanchez)



Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson presented a Bishop's Award for 2014-2015 to Tish McClurg at St. James Rosemere on All Saints Day. It was Bishop Mary's first episcopal visit to the parish The congregation of All Saints Deux Montagnes joined St. James for the service and a luncheon that followed.



For a 32nd year, participants enjoyed international treats and good fellowship at the Annual International Night Dinner at Saturday, October 24, at St. Lawrence Anglican Church in LaSalle.

## Notable

### Oasis Musicale

Concerts at Christ Church Cathedral  
December, 2015 – Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 5**

Winter Celebration with Chamber Music Without Borders  
Classics to contemporaries: Featuring Students from the Schulich School of Music performing chamber music from beloved classics to new discoveries in both classical and jazz repertoire.

**Saturday, December 12**

Sing Along Messiah

all singers welcome

Patrick Wedd, conductor

Andréanne Paquin, Soprano

Claudine Ledoux, Mezzo-Soprano

Travis Holt, Tenor – Gabriel Frank, Bass – McGill string ensemble

**Saturday, December 19**

MESSIAEN! La Nativité du Seigneur (1935)

Patrick Wedd organ / orgue

La Nativité du Seigneur (1935)

Neuf Méditations pour Orgue

Olivier Messiaen (1908 – 92)

**Saturday, December 26**

NO CONCERT!

## Notable

### CHRIST CHURCH BEAUREPAIRE

455 Church St. corner Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield

**CONCERT SERIES 2016**

**“Les Concerts du Quartier”**

Third Tuesday of each month

The six- concert Series takes place on the third Tuesday of the month. It began November 17 and continues January 19 through May 17. The Series offers you an opportunity to hear a wide range of music from top Quebec, Canadian and international artists and ensembles.

Admission is \$20 per concert event. A 15 per cent discount will be applied to a mini season of three or more concerts of your choosing. Tickets are available at the door.

Each concert is followed by an ‘Après Concert’ get-together at which you are welcome to stay and enjoy refreshments and conversation with the artists.

Info and tickets available by calling the church office: 514- 697-2204 or Earl Wilson at 514-486-9338.  
website: [www.christchurchbeaurepaire.com](http://www.christchurchbeaurepaire.com) or [www.facebook.com/CCBconcerts](http://www.facebook.com/CCBconcerts) for more info and photos/videos from previous concerts.



# New pastor at St. John the Baptist; more change coming

HARVEY SHEPHERD

The Church of St. John the Baptist in Pointe Claire formally got a new incumbent in late October – and received a reminder that more change is on the way.

Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson inducted the Rev. Lorne Eason to his first charge as a parish priest October 25. He was ordained as a priest in March, 2014, and was recently serving as an assistant curate at Christ Church Beaurepaire in Beaconsfield.

A near-capacity congregation of around 200 included a sizeable turnout of lay readers. The new incumbent was appointed this year as a pastor of lay readers in the Diocese of Montreal.

In his sermon, the Rev. Neil Mancor praised the new incumbent

as “above all, faithful to Jesus Christ.” The new pastor “will not magically lead you into the Promised Land or into the glory days,” Dr. Mancor said, but will serve a church of which the members are deeply



connected with one another.

Dr. Mancor noted that the Church of St. John the Baptist is in “conversations” with the Church of the Resurrection in Pointe Claire, but did not go into details about the possible new merger or other arrangements between the parishes, which have both been struggling with shrinking revenues

“There will be some sacrifices and some loss but something new will be formed.”

At one point Dr. Mancor held up

copies of the venerable Book of Common Prayer and the 1938 revision of the Book of Common Praise, both still cherished by the Church of St. John the Baptist, and teasingly hinted that these might be among the sacrifices.

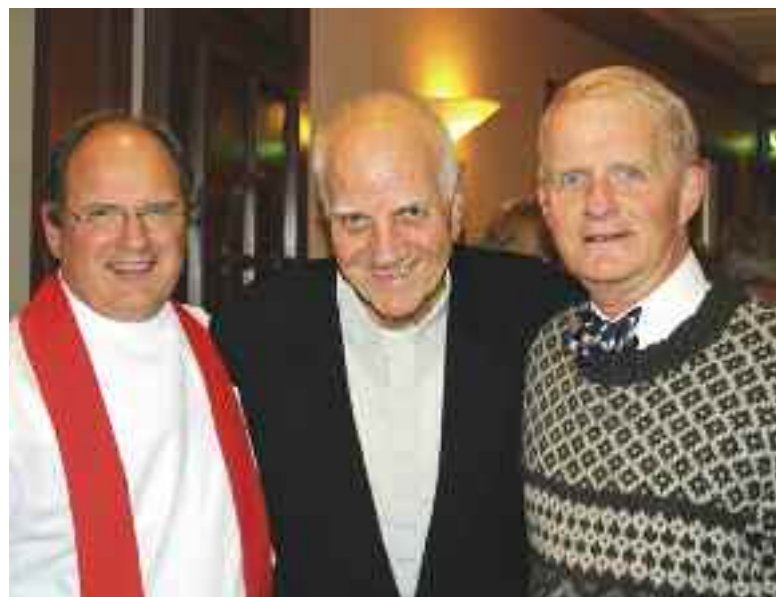
Dr. Mancor also urged his congregation to be more outward-looking in mission.

“People are not going to come to us. We have to go out to them.”

“Now Christ is calling the people of St. John the Baptist to mission. Let

us not be reluctant to preach the Gospel.”

Photos show Bishop Irwin-Gibson taking the incumbent’s hand during the induction liturgy, assisted by Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray, young Anna Richard reading from the Book of Joshua in French, and the new rector with two previous rectors who were present, the Rev. Peter Asbil, rector from 1986 to 1991, and the Rev. John Newton, rector from 1980 to 1985.



The Rev. Roslyn Macgregor and parishioners young and old lived things up at a jazz mass November 1 at the Parish of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke in the Rosemont district of Montreal.



Every year Ann Allen and Marcel Guilbeault do unique Harvest Thanksgiving decorations for Christ Church, Rawdon. Here they are seen with the outdoor portion of their 2015 display.

## Notable

St. George’s Church 23 Perrault Ave., Ste. Anne de Bellevue, QC H9X 2C6  
**January 2016 Courses and Programs**

**CPR**

Christian Prayer and Reflection  
 Mondays 7 p.m. – Jan 11 – April 25

**DivorceCare**

Tuesdays 7 p.m. – Jan 12 – April 5

**Boundaries**

Tuesdays 7 p.m. – April 12 – May 31

**Messy Church**

Once a month every fourth Wednesday 5 p.m.

**Amplified Youth Group**

Fridays 7 p.m.

For information about these programs contact our office at  
 514-457-6934 – office@stg.church

Check out our courses, events and worship gatherings on  
 Facebook or at www.stgeorgesanglicanchurch.org