



## BISHOP JAMES ALMASI

The bishop of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania is expected to be a guest at the Diocese of Montreal Synod in October, as is Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia). See Brian Perron's article on Page 4.



## FRANCIE NADEAU-KEATS

The Rev. Francie Nadeau-Keats from the Quebec Lower North Shore has accepted another interim posting in the Diocese of Montreal: this time at the Church of the Epiphany Verdun. See Page 14.



## GÉRALD CYPRIEN CARDINAL LACROIX

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec City told an ecumenical "Green Church" conference in Quebec City that, "I am convinced that we are 'ripe' enough to become a Green Church! I rejoice as I see the climate that exists between our churches to reflect and help our members on this question, the respect of the environment, of Creation. We live on this earth that God generously created and gave us." See Page 10 and the accompanying issue of *The Anglican Journal*.



# A bishop's greatest joy

"I was once asked, what brings me the greatest joy as a bishop?" the Right Rev. Barry Clarke, who is retiring as bishop of Montreal in late August, said in his opening address to the diocesan synod last fall. "My experience of moving around the diocese sharing in worship, leadership and conversation in our parishes and community ministries, is probably the most enriching thing that I celebrate as bishop." He confirmed six candidates at St. Paul's Côte des Neiges on March 22. In the front row, left to right, are Kyage Jade Spicer-Vernon, Tamara Jada Richards-James, Makaela Azariah Ramlackhan, Naeem Rayshon Douglas, Bishop Clarke, Alexis Victoria Carter, Alyssa Taylor Carter, Destiny Renee Dyer and the rector of the parish, the Ven. James W. Bennett.

(Photo: Kris Bennett)

## Francophones a priority for new principal

### STAFF

The Rev. Donald Boisvert, an assistant priest at Christ Church Cathedral and professor of religion at Concordia University, where he is the current chair of the department of religion, will be the new principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

Then board of governors of the Dio, as the Anglican seminary on the McGill University campus is often known, made the appointment April 8.

He will assume his new post September 1, succeeding the Rev. Canon John Simons, who has been Principal of the College since 1991.

Dr. Boisvert, 63, will take early retirement from Concordia to assume his new post. He expects to remain attached to the Cathedral, where he has had special responsibility for French-language ministry, although he said he "may not be as present as currently."



Dr. Boisvert was born in the United States of French-Canadian parents, but has lived in Canada since the late 1960s. In his youth, he spent several years studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood.

He joined the dean of students' office at Concordia in 1979 and

served as dean of students from 1996 to 2003, when he turned to teaching. He earned a doctorate in religious studies at the University of Ottawa, which he received in 1990.

Much later, he turned to the Anglican church "as a way of living out his faith with integrity as a Christian gay man," a profile on the Cathedral website says. At that time, he again felt the call to ordained ministry.

While preparing for the Anglican priesthood, he studied at the Dio. So far as he knows, he is the first alumnus of the Dio to become its principal.

He has served at the Cathedral since 2012, the year he was ordained as a deacon.

His specialties in teaching and research are the history of Christianity (particularly the cult of saints) and the intersections of religion, gender, and sexuality.

His is married to his long-time partner, Gaston.

## ELECTORAL SYNOD TO BE JUNE 6

### STAFF

If all goes according plan, the next bishop of Montreal will be elected Saturday, June 6.

In consultation with Archbishop Percy Coffin of Western Newfoundland, metropolitan of the seven eastern Canada dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, David Eramian, chancellor (or chief legal officer) of the Diocese of Montreal, has called an electoral synod on that day to elect a successor to the Right Rev. Barry Clarke, who is retiring in late August.

This is the only business that will be transacted at the synod.

Roughly speaking, voting delegates to the electoral synod are mostly the same as those are to be delegates at the annual diocesan synod October 16 and 17 – about 60 active clergy and 80 lay people, the latter largely those elected at the most recent vestry meetings.

A quorum consists of two-thirds of the clergy and lay delegates from two-thirds of the "cures" (mostly parishes). If there is no quorum, the synod will adjourn to a later date.

Following a Eucharist in Christ

Church Cathedral, balloting will commence in Fulford Hall about 9:30 a.m. and continue, ballot after ballot, if necessary, until a candidate has a majority of both the clerical and lay votes. There are canonical procedures in case of an impasse.

The deadline for nominations submitted in advance was May 14 and the names of the nominees and information about them were to be distributed to delegates (and for practical purposes made public) by the 21st. That was too early for the deadlines for this issue of *Anglican Montreal* but the information should be available on the diocesan website. (Click on "Synod.")

A canon of the Ecclesiastical Province states that any priest or bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion therewith (for example, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada) who is at least 30 years of age may be elected as a bishop.

The candidate elected must be ratified by the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province before being consecrated, probably after having had a chance to consult with Bishop Barry on current issues.



# Pastoral Letter



*Here is the text of a pastoral letter that Bishop Barry Clarke asked to be read in communities of faith in the Diocese of Montreal April 12. He refers to the death of his wife, Leslie James, in October 2012. The chancellor of the diocese is David Eramian and the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (in eastern Canada) is Archbishop Percy Coffin of Western Newfoundland.*

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you in the eleventh year of my consecration as your bishop.

In September 2004, you placed your faith in God and in my leadership when I was elected the 11th Bishop of Montreal.

It has been a busy episcopacy with many challenges of stabilizing finances, leadership, ministry, theological issues and challenges of buildings, whilst continuing to do God's mission and ministry as we see it in our area of God's world.

You have supported me with your prayers through Leslie's health challenges and death and through my own challenges.

For this I will always be grateful and give thanks to God.

After much prayer and consultation, I write to advise you that I have determined that I will retire as of August 31, 2015. As you are aware, I will be married, God willing, on April 18, 2015 to The Reverend Canon Janet Griffith.

My decision has not been an easy decision, but I believe it is the right one for me and it is a good time for a new direction in the Diocese.

At this time, I advise that the Chancellor and the Metropolitan have set the election of a Bishop-elect for June 6, 2015.

Know that you are all in my prayers.

*+ Barry*

## 2020 VISION

### 'We are in a listening phase'

**Plan to be shaped by consultation, input from new bishop and team**

EXECUTIVE ARCHDEACON BILL GRAY

As highlighted in earlier editions of *Anglican Montreal*, we as a diocese are in a listening phase with regard to our new five-year plan. Among the key questions we are asking is "What ministry is important to you?" This is entirely intentional as we move forward not so much as a "diocese with a mission" but rather as a "missional diocese." When everyone's voice is heard, it gives us all a much broader context in which to live out our faith in community. Our online survey closed on April 10 with approximately 1,800 individual responses about the ministries that respondents value. In addition, we are engaging this discussion at Diocesan Council, Episcopal Council and diocesan staff meetings, in various committees, in deanery meetings and in many more individual conversations.

As I write this article we have formed an advisory team to formulate these responses into achievable goals and an operational plan that Diocesan Council will consider and review in June and that the Synod will review and consider in October. The information received from the survey and these discussions should greatly assist our anticipated new episcopal leadership in understanding and providing leadership for our diocese. Of course, any future strategic plan will necessarily remain fluid and flexible to consider and await the input and direction of our new bishop and changes resulting in diocesan leadership as well.

We all know that the next five years will be a key period in the life of our diocese, especially as many parishes face economic challenges, alongside the many other factors that seem to leave us wondering how might we go forward in today's increasingly fast paced world.



However I am very optimistic about the future of our diocese. This comes from spending time working on many different projects with creative people across our diocese. We see the Laurentians and Eastern Townships moving forward with their regional ministry plans, thus freeing themselves to put more energy into looking outwards with an eye to thrive and not simply survive. In the downtown area we are experiencing many of our churches taking on new types of ministries which did not previously exist. On the West Island we have parishes that are engaged in innovative worship and ministries, introducing such initiatives as parish nursing, and re-imagining how they might envision their future individually and together. On the South Shore we have churches intentionally working together for the benefit of their communities. Heading up all of this work are our incredible clergy and lay leaders working selflessly for the sake of communicating the good news of Christ to others. Indeed we can create new dynamic partnerships and give hope to others. We can better offer our buildings for alternative use, development and shared ministry while offering prayer and spiritual support to our communities.

Our 2020 Vision will build on all  
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### The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer – Canada Praying through the five facets of prayer with the Diocesan Representatives



God of Wisdom, we pray that you will be with us at this very crucial time in the life of the Diocese of Montreal. It is very important that we elect a Bishop who will not only be the spiritual leader of this community, but will be called upon to support and guide us through all the ministries and projects set out before us.

God of Insight, we call upon your guidance to infuse the discernment process with grace and wisdom. We pray for each applicant responding to your call that they may be continually strengthened by your word and love. We pray for their families who support them in this election and for those whose lives will be changed by the outcome. We pray for all the delegates as they respectfully consider all the choices before them and turn to you Lord for direction in their decision making.

God of Mystery, you alone know who will be called and selected. We pray that you bring forth a shepherd of your own choosing who is instilled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Guide us then in this process so that all will be done to the honor and glory of your Name. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

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## Serving Christ in all persons

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the great work that has been achieved to date, while seeking to move more boldly into the future and create systems that will enable local parishes to have more influence on decision-making in our diocese (as we are hoping to demonstrate through the current consultation process). We will create a diocese where clergy and lay leaders/members would be enthusiastic to live and serve. We will create models of church that incorporate youth, children, and young adults, as we all sincerely yearn to see them engage in our church. It is interesting to note that Montreal has the second-largest student community in Canada, with 17,500 coming here to study. We can do better at engaging this important

population of our community.

As the Executive Archdeacon, I meet very capable, problem-solving clergy and lay people every day. The question I ask myself and you, the reader, is, "What amazing ministry could we accomplish together if we intentionally targeted our church to enable the creators and innovators to shape the gospel in this diocese and the parishes that we all know and love?" What if we focused on how we could better support those of all linguistic diversity in our community? What if we could help re-vitalize existing parishes and engage in new church plants as well? What if we can re-purpose the church to better mirror Christ and to see and serve Christ in all persons.

## St. Stephen's confirmation



On Sunday March 29 the old stone church of St. Stephen's Lachine was full of voices raised in joy and expectation. A double celebration of confirmation and Palm Sunday filled the church. After the procession with palm fronds and the reading of the Passion Gospel, Bishop Barry confirmed one adult, Cary Leclaire, and four children: Kyana Belgrave, Cassandra Gillen, Isaiah Jennings and Kjah McDonald. A special Confirmation cake was cut by Bishop Barry and the confirmands.

(Photo: Mary Pickup)

## Nepal among topics at dinner

A national staff member of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund will be the speaker at the annual dinner of its Montreal chapter Thursday, June 11.

Carolyn Vanderlip, director of PWRDF's Canadian Anglican Partnership Program will provide an update on, among other things, the PWRDF response to the earthquake in Nepal. Tickets are \$15. See the announcement on this page.

The earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25 devastated a region from Kathmandu to Mount Everest, killing over 7000, damaging or

destroying 700,000 houses, and destroying roads so that some remote districts were accessible only by helicopter.

The PWRDF responded to the needs of those affected by the earthquake through the ACT Alliance, a global alliance of 140 church-based agencies engaged in relief, development and advocacy work. Through the Lutheran World Federation, another ACT member, PWRDF helped to provide food, blankets, and tarpaulins to 820 families in the hardest hit areas of the Kathmandu valley.

## Provincial synod set for Fredericton

The 2015 Synod of the ecclesiastical "Province" made up of dioceses in Quebec and Atlantic Canada will take place in Fredericton June 25-28.

One of four provinces in the Anglican Church of Canada, the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada was created by Royal Letters Patent in 1860, and is thus three decades older than the Anglican Church of Canada. The Province includes seven dioceses: the Diocese of Montreal, the Diocese of Quebec, the Diocese of Fredericton, the Diocese of Nova

Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, the Diocese of Central Newfoundland and the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. The provincial synod meets every three years in order to provide opportunities for fellowship, for discussion, and for co-operation.

Under the canons of the church, the metropolitan of the province and Chancellor David Eramian of the Diocese of Montreal have a supervisory role in the upcoming election of

a new bishop of Montreal. The current metropolitan, Archbishop Percy Coffin, bishop of Western Newfoundland, was installed as metropolitan last fall.

The Diocese of Montreal is sending two clergy and one lay delegate to the synod and has also chosen a clergy and a lay substitute: Rev. James Pratt and Rev. Nicholas Pang with Archdeacon Michael Johnson as substitute and Valerie Bennett with Irene Martin as substitute.

## Bowl for missions on June 14

There is still time to sign up for the first annual Bishop's Bowling Bash Sunday, June 14, at the Rose Bowl Lanes, 6510 St. Jacques St. W. – a fund-raiser for three of the missions of the Diocese of Montreal.

The bash takes the place of the annual golf tournament of recent years.

"We made this decision because we wanted to host a fund-raising event people from across the diocese could participate in and enjoy, says Nicki Hrojak, program co-ordinator.

"Bowling is a fun game that anyone can play – duckpin bowling, in particular, is easy to do because the balls are quite a bit lighter than traditional bowling balls, which makes it ideal for children and the less hearty among us."

There will be games, prizes and special treats for the kids as well as a silent auction.

People can sign up as individuals for \$50 or \$25 for kids, or as a six-person team for \$300. There's a tax receipt of \$25 for adults. Sponsor-

ships are also available at \$500 a team or \$200 a lane and donations are also invited for the silent auction.

Proceeds will go to the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, the Mile End Mission and Action Refugiés Montréal and their ministries, including food banks and meals, welfare information, pastoral care and services, sponsorship, legal aid and social support of refugees and educational and training programs.

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# “God is with us!” Yes, we are stronger in partnerships

## Partnerships theme of October synod

BRIAN PERRON

*The Rev. Brian Perron is assistant curate at St. Peter's TMR and a member of the synod-planning committee.*

Every day, across the diocese, “God is with us!” comes to life as we partner with others who share the same aspirations and willingness to reach out as disciples. As individuals or parishes, it is not uncommon to feel alone and to wonder where to begin new ministry or how to expand a current ministry to meet a growing need when many of our church resources are reaching or exceeding their limit. Fortunately we are not alone and the opportunity for fruitful partnership surrounds us. “God is with us!” Yes, we are stronger in partnership.

Your Synod planning committee is very excited about what is unfolding for this year's Conference Synod to be hosted at St Paul's Lachine, Friday and Saturday, October 16-17. Synod 2015 is shaping up to be a spectacular time of renewal through partnerships. The two-day Conference Synod will encourage us to



The Rev. Annie Ittoshat, Bishop James Almasi, Bishop Barbara Andrews

(Photo: Michel Gagnon)

explore the mutual benefits of partnerships. Christ tells us to share his yoke. We want to share the vision that this yoke and support is already in place through many of our missionary ministries operating throughout the Montreal Diocese.

Friday's Synod sessions will include the business of Synod. In addition, delegates and non-delegates will have the opportunity to

participate in a series of workshops designed to show how we, as a community, can reach out in partnership to those we have been asked to touch with the healing hand of Christ. Through personal, tangible experiences, we will unravel the fear of being missional with the energy of establishing partnerships. Four of our Montreal missions will be on hand to reveal how they experience partnership and how working with partners from within and outside our Christian community they have been able to bring healing and peace to the community. And in doing so, these members will share how they have witnessed first hand partnerships that empower and strengthen the church.

After hearing the first-hand experiences described Friday, participants will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding through another series of workshops and discussion sessions on Saturday. A selection of topics will address and encourage many possibilities that already exist on our missional mapping. As we explore possibilities derived from our existing partnerships, we will examine in greater detail when, where, what and how these connections can be made. We will learn methods to customize our approaches to ministry with inspiration that personalizes our ministries in order to open our doors to the

potential of partnerships.

Presentations on Saturday will include reports on how we are navigating into French ministry with Montreal partnerships and church planting. Our diocesan mission directors and CEOs will reveal examples of what they are doing in the community for those in great need of material and spiritual support. Our leaders from emerging ministries will look at the possibilities that come from identifying partnership “outside the box”. And, facilitators from our diocesan youth ministry will lead a workshop and bring us to our feet during the afternoon worship.

Looking beyond our own community we realize the potential of partnerships beyond our immediate boundaries. Our host facility this year is the newest ministry partner in the diocese. The Rev. Annie Ittoshat, with our Inuit community in the reallocated St Paul's Lachine, is excited about introducing her mission with their Inuit traditions and hospitality to the diocese. Experience first-hand the excitement in the ways and means of aboriginal ministry that has brought back to life a beloved church! Again, proof that “God is with us” and, yes, “we are stronger in partnerships”. Expanding to the national and global levels, Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, British Columbia, and

Bishop James Almasi of Masasi will be part of a panel discussion, probably including our own new bishop; Partnerships that look beyond our own doorsteps!

Partnerships begin with networking, often over a coffee or a lunch. This year we are planning, through a network of partnerships, a Gala dinner for the Friday evening. This very special event will be catered with fine foods flavoured by international twists that simmer well with our theme of partnerships. Music will highlight our partners, in the moments of socializing and to serenade us through feasting international delights of cuisine.

The Soirée event will also provide an opportunity to call attention to the works of those who have already stepped forward in community partnerships. We expect this evening, designed to be affordable, will be a wonderful bridge to Saturday's workshops of networking and partnerships. This very special evening will give us all a chance to speak more informally, catch up with old and new friends and maybe even do a little dancing.

Be a part of Synod 2015; Oct. 16-17. Mark the time in your agenda. Invite your friends and family. Be ready to embrace a new way of thinking about and doing missional partnerships. “God is with us!” Yes, we are stronger in partnership.

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# Men, women, francophones, anglophones are among this year's ordinands

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Three women and three men from a variety of backgrounds and with a variety of gifts – three of them with French as their first language – were ordained as deacons Sunday, May 24, at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. Most, but not all, will probably be ordained as priests in another year or so.

This presumes that things were according to plan. Because of deadlines this article was prepared ahead of the event.

Here, in alphabetical order

(which in this case means gentlemen first) is a little information about the new deacons:



• **James E. Duckett** graduated with an education degree from the University of British Columbia in 2004 and moved to Montreal in the spring of 2005. He was a science teacher at Emmanuel Christian School on the West Island for two years and continued volunteering

and leading a Bible study there for the three years after that while he completed his bachelor's degree in theology and master's in divinity at McGill and the Montreal School of Theology. He completed this in 2010 and returned to full-time teaching in 2010, teaching English and ethics/religion for two years. He is finishing his second (nearly) full year of teaching at LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent, where he has taught a wide variety of subjects including ethics and religious culture and English-language arts.



• **Denis Gévré** has been working as a lay reader with the Rev. Yves Samson at St. James Church in Trois-Rivières in the Diocese of Quebec and Christ Church

Sorel in the Diocese of Montreal. He has had the priesthood as a dream and vocation since childhood. He writes:

« Je porte le désir de répondre à cet appel à la prêtrise depuis ma tendre enfance. Entouré par des personnes dont l'exemple de vie m'a fortement influencé, j'ai voulu être comme eux quelqu'un qui aime Dieu au point de lui consacrer ma vie. Les rêves de jeunesse nous le savons tous n'ont pas de limite, mais la vie se charge parfois de compliquer les choses.

« Des événements difficiles ne m'ont pas donné la confiance nécessaire de répondre à cet appel. Malgré tout j'ai persisté à vouloir connaître davantage le Christ et j'ai poursuivi des études en théologie au baccalauréat et à la maîtrise. Conseiller pédagogique en éducation de la foi, directeur d'école en milieu catholique pendant plusieurs années et me voilà maintenant à la retraite. Ma rencontre de l'Église anglicane fait revivre mon projet sacerdotal et c'est avec confiance que j'y répondrai le 24 mai prochain par l'ordination diaconale en route vers la prêtrise. »



• **Jean-Jacques Goulet** was raised in Montréal as a Roman Catholic. He graduated from St. Jerome's College of the University of Waterloo with a BA in religious

studies in 1982. He later graduated with a master's degree in divinity from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in 1990.

He writes that as a child he was quite devout. The extended family was aware of this. One Christmas, his great-grand-mother gave him child's altar set, which he has to this day. Like most of his generation, though, as a late teen, he left the church. After a few years of spiritual wandering, he came back to the Christian faith in his early twenties in the Mennonite Church where he spent the next 40 years. He was eventually ordained and pastored in congregations in Ontario, Alberta and Quebec. From 2001 to 2004, he served as director of Evangelism and Church planting for Mennonite Church Canada.

From 2003, Jean-Jacques served as a community chaplain for Men-

nonite Church Eastern Canada, first as co-ordinator of the Centre for services in restorative justice, and for the last 10 years, till he retired September 30, 2014, as co-ordinator for Circles of Support and Responsibility Quebec.

He has made Christ Church Cathedral his spiritual home since 2011 and has served as pastoral assistant since 2014.



• **Amy Hamilton** was a Sister of St. John the Divine for ten years, left in May 2013 and studied for her master's in divinity at Trinity College in Toronto. She wrote in

the newsletter of a Toronto parish where she had a student placement that she "worked, prayed and lived in the SSJD community and have been given a wonderful grounding in a life rooted in Christ. So it was bittersweet to move into this new stage of my life and find that it also meant that I was being called to leave the community."

She apparently found some time while in graduate school for another passion: knitting. The blog of a Toronto knitting school, where she taught, reported that "She has given lectures and workshops on the spirituality of knitting and fibre arts as a spiritual practice. Amy is always looking for the next knitting challenge but also loves the calming effect of just a plain vanilla sock. She loves gathering with other knitters to share stories and laughter or just to be companions on the knitting journey."



• **Josée Lemoine** made up the entire graduating class of the Montreal School of Theology when she received her master's degree from Montreal

Diocesan Theological College at a joint convocation of the Dio and the United Church and Presbyterian seminaries on the McGill University campus. The May issue of this newspaper provided some information about her journey to ordination as an Anglican priest by way of Roman

Catholic and Lutheran churches.

She adds:

"I completed my M.Div. at the Montreal School of Theology this spring and I am happy and pleased to announce that after ordination I will join the parish of St. Cuthbert St. Hilda and St. Luke. I am looking forward to working with the Rev. Roselyn Macgregor and the parishioners of that parish to bring the good news of Christ to the population of eastern Montreal through the different activities they undertake in that area. It is always a privilege to be welcomed to a new Christian family, to join them in their journey of faith, and I am most thankful for that. May God bless our ministry together."



• **Mary Pickup** will be a vocational deacon, dedicated to service in the world and not expecting to be ordained as a priest. She writes:

"I was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to Canada when I was 5 years old. I have been married for 43 years to my husband, John and we have two sons, Eric and David. My career was in banking and I worked for the Royal Bank of Canada for 25 years. I took an early retirement to stay home and take care of my mother who had Alzheimer's.

"I first became interested in the diaconate at a conference in November 2012 held at the Church of St. James the Apostle entitled "Becoming a Diaconal Church, A Visioning Conference" which was led by Bishop Mark MacDonald. Then in March 2013 at the retreat called "Is A Sacred Voice Calling," sponsored by the Montreal Diocese and held at Manoir d'Youville, I decided to start the process to become a vocational deacon. I had completed the EFM (Education for Ministry) course in 2010 and I have completed my Supervised Practicum at St Margaret Residence under the leadership of the Rev. Sinpoh Han. Working and visiting with seniors is where I am called to be as a vocational deacon.

"I am grateful for the support of The Rev Shirley Smith, my discernment committee and the parishioners of St. Stephens Lachine who have encouraged me on this path."

## 'Lifetime learner' gets interim lay learning post



Afra Saskia Tucker poses in front a work created by Montreal artist Marilène Gaudet, part of an exhibition devoted to the complex issues involved in exploitation of the Alberta tar sands. The crocheted work represents the interdependent web of life. Afra and Lauren Lallemand of St. George's Ste. Anne de Bellevue organized the exhibition after participating in a church-sponsored visit to the tar sands.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

A woman whom Bishop Barry Clarke describes as "a lifelong experiential learner" – and who was baptized only a decade ago – is the new interim director of lay education for the Diocese of Montreal. Afra Saskia Tucker, who has been development co-ordinator at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College since July, 2013, is filling in after the Rev. Canon Tim Smart dropped that role because of his increased responsibility in the new Regional Ministry of Brome-Shefford/Sutton.

Announcing the appointment, the bishop said that the new interim director was born and raised in Lennoxville and is "a lifelong experiential learner, who has spent many years abroad in Italy, Taiwan, and China."

He continues, "Afra was baptized in 2005 at the Church of St. John the

Evangelist in Montreal, where she is currently a parishioner; in 2014 she spent a year developing young adult emerging ministries at Church of the Epiphany in Verdun. Afra is passionate about Montreal's intercultural, interfaith landscape and writes a blog on this topic for the Anglican Church of Canada online Community.

"She is excited to bring these perspectives into her ministry as interim director of the centre for lay education, continuing the important work of the Centre to promote Christ-centred education in the changing multicultural context of the diocese, bringing educational resources to parishes and individuals, and forging partnerships with those outside the Anglican Church who share the desire to learn and understand on common themes."

## A big step toward ordination



Josée Lemoine receives her master's degree in divinity from the Montreal Diocesan Theological College from Bishop Barry Clarke May 7. The Rev. Canon John Simons, who is retiring as principal of the college, prepares to place the symbolic hood over her shoulders. The Rev. Karen Egan, director of pastoral studies at the college, is behind him.

(Photo from a Facebook post)



# Equipping the Saints

## Theological education and professional ministry: luxury or necessity?



JOHN SIMONS

*This is one of a series of columns by students, graduates and friends of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. The Rev. Canon John Simons is retiring the fall as principal of the college.*

When I was a student in theology (divinity, as we called it then), we were informed that the purpose of a theological education was to make us “professional” ministers. In fact, understanding ministry as a profession akin to law or medicine was the justification for including theology in the modern university, which could admit only sciences, broadly con-

ceived, as authentic fields of study. The so-called “father” of modern theology, Friedrich Schleiermacher, in the nineteenth century, provided a new framework to bring the traditional disciplines in line with modern scientific studies and argued that these disciplines were given unity through serving the clerical profession. A professional is someone who has mastery of a body of knowledge which he or she is able to apply in situations of human need and thus bring about healing, as in medicine, or justice, as in law, or both, as by analogical extension, in ministry.

While a theological education can be pursued for purposes other than

preparation for ministry, the basic degree program in North America is designed for what is unapologetically called ‘professional’ ministry. At the same time, what it means to be a professional has been inflected in new and various ways so that we now work with a broad spectrum view of ministry.

One of my teachers, an Anglo-Catholic socialist, liked to point out that while other professionals wait for people to make an appointment and come to them, the priest is an apostle, that is, sent into the world in order to understand its aspiration, suffering and need from within. Just as Jesus brought good news to the

poor and freedom to the oppressed, so the church which is his body must be with those who in our time suffer the same fate, and only from this position of solidarity can the church witness with fidelity and hope to God’s reign of justice and peace. In this, as in other respects, my Professor of Pastoral Theology, Charles Feilding, anticipated our contemporary emphasis on ministry as participation in God’s mission.

It was also in the sixties that basic degree programs began to integrate Clinical Pastoral Education into the curriculum. The body of knowledge that gave the professional minister authority now included self-knowledge and the capacity to appreciate the psychological dynamics at work in interpersonal and wider social relationships. It was at this time that the notion of ministry as therapy gained traction, and Henri Nouwen, reviving a medieval trope, taught us to think of the minister as the wounded healer.

Anglicans could not long ignore the fact that our distinctive identity as an ecclesial body within the ecumenical church has much to do with our tradition of common prayer. The re-assessment of our liturgical heritage in the light of modern historical scholarship and contemporary culture contributed to the articulation of a ‘doxological’ understanding of ministry. The Orthodox have always had this emphasis, and a Methodist theologian, Geoffrey Wainwright, wrote a systematic theology based on the church’s worship practices. Twenty years ago, I heard our former Primate, Michael Peers, give a series of lectures in which he argued for the proposition that ministry is a performance art. Pastoral leadership, he suggested, consists essentially in gathering the community and enabling it to enter the mystery of redemption through liturgy dilated in music, poetry, dance and storytelling.

Hence in the half-century just

passed, the purpose of theological education has been variously interpreted and seminaries have developed curricula to encourage students to integrate a spectrum of virtues. We want our graduates to be persons of theological intelligence, social conscience, mature self-understanding, and liturgical savvy. A tall order!

One advantage to this broad spectrum view of professional ministry is that it honours the variety of gifts the Spirit bestows on the church. Theological education is not cookie cutting. There is room in professional ministry for the teacher and the prophet, the pastor and the mystic. But is there a future for this broad-spectrum view?

It is sometimes suggested that professional ministry is a luxury the church can ill afford. A temptation for the church that anxiously contemplates its shrinking size and influence will be to look for a quick fix. This might mean continuing to require an educated ministry while privileging a narrow set of skills. Or it might mean abandoning theological education altogether. I believe that a quick fix strategy would ultimately prove disastrous for the church. My reason for believing this is that the virtues we encourage in professional ministers are not the preserve of a clerical caste. A church that takes seriously its vocation to participate in God’s mission will want to have the same broad spectrum of characteristics at the level of its common life that professional education attempts to encourage in those called to equip the saints. Hence the importance of programs like Education for Ministry.

What prevents Christian communities, that is, congregations, parishes and dioceses, from aspiring to a greater integration of theological literacy, social conscience, cultural maturity and liturgical grace? Nothing! Except perhaps distrust of theological education and an unwillingness to be held to public, indeed professional, standards of ministry.

## John Simons’ last convocation as principal of Dio

The Rev. Canon John Simons, who is retiring as principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, pronounces the dismissal of the historic joint convocation May 7 of the Anglican, United and Presbyterian seminaries on the McGill University campus. It was announced that Canon Simons is being given the title of principal emeritus of the college. The event was at the Presbyterian Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

(Photo: René Sanchez)





# Armenians link World War I massacres to other genocides at Montreal rally



Archbishop Bruce Stavert and the Rev. Stephen Petrie centre and right, joined clergy and prelates of other churches at the service at St. Joseph's Oratory.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Archbishop Bruce Stavert, retired archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec represented the Anglican primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, in a worship service at St. Joseph's Oratory April 20 marking the 100th anniversary of what is remembered as the Armenian Genocide.

He was accompanied by Roman Catholic Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal, who delivered the homily, and a near-capacity congregation of about 2,000 other people, largely from the Armenian community of Montreal but including dignitaries of a range of Orthodox and Eastern- and Oriental-rite churches.

Archbishop Stavert, now an honorary assistant at St. Matthias' Westmount, was accompanied the Rev. Stephen Petrie, ecumenical officer of the Diocese of Montreal. Bishop Barry Clarke was to attend the service but cancelled for reasons related to his wedding weekend and his impending retirement.

The service was jointly organized by both main Canadian sections of the orthodox Armenian Apostolic Church, the Armenian Catholic Church and the Armenian Evangelical Church.

Participants in the partly candlelit service listened to – and in many cases joined in – haunting choral music from the liturgical tradition of the ancient Armenian Church and to Scripture readings and prayers by clergy of Armenian and other churches, largely from traditions based in the Middle East and now active in the Montreal area. Archbishop Stavert read the Beatitudes from Gospel of Luke in Eng-

lish.

A note in the bulletin for Monday's service says such events commemorate the "sacred memory" of the tragedy that befell Armenians in Turkey beginning in 1915, 1.5 million were slaughtered and another million "were uprooted from their ancestral homeland and driven to the desert of Syria in journeys of no return."

A few days before the Montreal service, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, Bishop Abgar Hovakimian, based in Montreal as the Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church Canadian Diocese – one of the two branches of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Canada – participated in the annual meeting of House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada in Niagara Falls, Ont., at the invitation of Bishop Clarke.

In his speech, Primate Hovakimian focused on the centennial of the Armenian Genocide and its consequences in contemporary world, according to a report distributed by his diocese. "His Grace mentioned that the twentieth century was a century of inventions, but not all of the ideas that were born in the minds of human beings made this world a better place for its inhabitants. One such 'invention' of the twentieth century is the crime of genocide that was committed against the Armenian nation with the sole aim of achieving the total extermination of the Armenian identity."

Organizers said Monday's service in Montreal was among several events in difference cities intended to focus attention on the issue. One goal is to focus attention on it together with other genocides like the

Jewish "Holocaust" during the Second World War and genocides in Cambodia and Rwanda.

A nuanced view of some of the issues was expressed in email exchange with this reporter by the Rev. Walter Raymond, once a priest in the Diocese of Quebec, who visited Armenian communities in the Middle East a few years ago. Now a chaplain in Monaco, he writes:

"I was always given to understand that the 'motive' for pushing the Armenians and the other minority groups out of Turkey had a lot to do with the Ottoman Empire's losses in World War 1, which caused large groups of Turkish nationals to return home. In the resulting crisis caused by the shortage of housing and land available for them, the government adopted the policy of clearing out the minority groups to make room

for the returning members of the majority. There are probably parallels to be made between the Armenian genocide and the Jewish Holocaust under the Nazi regime, in that the Armenians were something of a despised minority group. Both groups, living in minority settings for centuries (the Jewish and Armenian diasporas) had learned how to survive, despite the prejudice of their majority hosts, in business and commerce, and had learned to preserve and protect their national cultures. So it was as easy politically for the Ottoman authorities to target the Armenians, as it was for Hitler to target the Jews, by feeding on the natural xenophobia of the majority amplified by social, economic and cultural jealousy."



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# Barry Clarke

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Early in 2005, readers of the Anglican and secular press learned that Bishops Court, the 10-room brick house on Mountain Street in Montreal's once-fabled Golden Square Mile that had served as the official residence of Montreal for four decades, was up for sale for about \$1.6 million.

It was reported that the new bishop, Barry Clarke, and his wife, Leslie James, felt the house did not meet their needs. Among other things, it was in need of costly repairs and was not handicapped-accessible; the bishop's wife had multiple sclerosis.

Besides, he recalled (with slight topographic exaggeration) in a recent conversation, "I did not want to live on top of a mountain."

The 11th Lord Bishop of Montreal and his wife bought a condominium apartment in a not-especially fashionable neighbourhood of LaSalle, where they and then he lived for the duration of his just-over-10-year episcopacy. (She died in 2012 of cancer.)

That episcopacy is about to end, as Bishop Barry, 62, steps down in the latter part of August to make way for a successor, to be elected June 6, and move to the southwestern Ontario Diocese of Huron. There, his bride, the Rev. Canon Janet Griffith, who was his close associate as executive archdeacon for about seven years, is now the rector of the Brantford Regional Anglican Ministries. He himself is taking up a two-year post as Interim

Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, Ont.

The change in living quarters was an early sign that Barry Clarke, the first Montreal-born bishop in the diocese, would be a different kind of bishop. Change and mission, and sometimes surprise, were distinguishing features of his episcopacy, as he and the diocese continually sought to keep the emphasis on mission in the face of the relentless pressure of declining numbers.

## Tough realities

"A mere twenty years ago – not even a generation – our diocese could count on over 33,000 Anglicans," he reminded his listeners at the 2008 diocesan synod. "That number had gone down to 23,000 in 1997. This year, we can count 13,000 Anglicans on the parish roles of the diocese – a decrease of close to 60 per cent."

Diocesan statistics show that in roughly the period of his episcopacy the number of persons on parish rolls in the diocese declined to 10,915 in 2013 from 14,568 in 2004 and the number of parishes to 60 from 73.

In the face of this continuing decline the bishop continually emphasized his commitment to mission rather than maintenance.

But he also sought outside expertise, some of it in fields like business, administration and human resources.

One of his first bold strokes as a bishop was to hire not a clerical executive archdeacon but a lay executive officer, Mark Gibson, a devoted Anglican who has had a consulting career, for church and



This page, above, on trip to holy land in 2009. (Photo: Susan Winn) Above right, Bishop Barry Clarke was presented with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for his years of ministry in the diocese when he was at St. George's in Granby April 12 to present a bishop's award to Marion Standish, at a combined service of the local deanery. (Photo: Tim Smart) Right, Bishop Barry joined lay reader Maureen Jolley in a buggy last summer on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Trinity Church at Iron Hill in the Eastern Townships. (Photo: Harvey Shepherd) Right hand page, top left, Bishop Barry joins a young participant in an impromptu dance at the induction of Rev. James McDermott last year at St. Mark's St. Laurent. (Photo: Harvey Shepherd) Top right, with kids in Masasi in 2009. (Photo: Angela Andrews) Bottom, sporting special fabric at 2010 synod commemorating the centenary of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania are, from left, Bishop Barry Clarke and three visitors to the Montreal diocesan synod from Masasi: Emericana Mwachiko, wife of the bishop of Masasi, Bishop Patrick Mwachiko and Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer of the Masasi Diocese. Bishop Patrick is wearing a stole embroidered by Doreen Page of Grace Church in Sutton. (Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

more often secular clients, particularly in energy, before and after his relatively short stint with the diocese during about 10 months of 2006.

Mr. Gibson's successor was a cleric. But Archdeacon Janet Griffith came to the diocese not only from the southwestern Ontario Diocese of Huron, where she had been director of human resources for seven years, but with credentials from a previous lay career in human resources, particularly in health-care institutions. She kept "director of human resources" as part of her job title for most of her time as executive archdeacon in Montreal.

## Asking the tough questions

Buzzwords like "human resources," "clergy wellness" and "safe church" became a more prominent part of the diocesan vocabulary in Bishop Clarke's episcopacy, partly through the influence of the executive archdeacon, but also, probably, inevitably, thanks to bureaucratic and legislative fashion and pressures from insurers and the media. The recently launched program of continuing education requirements for clergy is one recent example of the change in the diocese.

The bishop and his executive-archdeacon Griffith – who impressed

Diocesan Treasurer Norma Spencer by acquiring quite a knack for dealing with development and developers – devoted great effort to helping the diocese and its parishes find ways to make the property legacy of bygone years serve mission rather than burden it.

That process is now well advanced. In his opening address to the 2013 diocesan synod, the bishop said: "The Diocese of Montreal has some

\$300 million in insured real estate. A number of places around the diocese are asking hard questions about building and lands. Buildings are in many places way beyond our capacity to manage and maintain. Some of these building structures are in disrepair and in some cases they require millions of dollars to be brought up to standard.

"Each of these communities, these places where people gather are





# A decade of challenge, hope and the Spirit



wonderful communities of faith. And yet, they feel so often burdened by the land and buildings that they have inherited.

"I'm following with admiration these gathered communities as they ask the tough questions about their buildings, and about rendering them more effective, about their better use – or even about their dismantling. Some of their properties are being 'repurposed.' This positive approach

sees the financing of ministry as a mission intended to relieve the burden of maintaining the buildings that the parishes have outgrown."

## Studies and plans

There were also studies and plans. The diocese commissioned a 2010 report by Ontario planning consultant Myrlene Boken. It sought to situate the struggles of the diocese – and seek out opportunities – in the

growth and development of the surrounding, largely French-speaking population. But the report also contained a wealth of gritty, detail about the real life – and real estate – of almost every parish.

There were two five-year plans, now going on three: "Choosing our future – A Vision for 2010" in the five years 2005-10, then the "Ministry Action Plan" – MAP – between 2010 and this year. As the bishop



stepped down, efforts were afoot to get "Vision 2020" into shape for approval at the upcoming diocesan synod.

Some of these initiatives had mixed reviews in the diocese. Responding in a 2005 MAP document to some of the skepticism, the bishop said, "Despite a general impression within the diocese that Choosing Our Future, did not achieve its potential; in fact much has been accomplished."

Among accomplishments, he said that since 2005 the diocese had:

- Reduced its annual operating losses by \$1 million a year.
- "Established a more transparent financial system.... Diocesan Council receives monthly updates which include a financial statement. We have moved to an income-based assessment formula for parishes."
- Hired human resources staff and established a human resources committee.

## Initiated clergy wellness programs

- "Had the courage to make some difficult decisions regarding policy, personnel and property."

Looking back recently, the bishop cited "assistant curates" (often abbreviated to "curates") as another example of his concern to prepare for the future despite tight budgets. He said it's largely his doing that the diocesan budget includes about \$200,000 to pay the salaries of newly ordained priests and deacons assisting in parishes.

"We've made a commitment to ongoing support and training in their first years of ministry. It's investing in our future. I wanted it to be an integral part of the budget."

The difficult decisions regarding personnel led to several departures from the diocesan staff, but there have also been hirings. Notably, Mark Dunwoody came aboard from Ireland in 2012 as youth consultant and now has the broader title of "missioner" and broader responsibilities in addition to his work for youth ministry, which the bishop sees as a priority.

The diocesan staff, of about a dozen, is probably just a little smaller than a decade ago but it has turned over almost completely. Nicki Hronjak, now the program administrator, joined the staff a few days before the bishop and two office management personnel have gone from full-to part-time staff over period. The Rev. Nick Brotherwood has had part-time missional responsibilities over the period, although not continuously. Everyone else on staff arrived at some time after the bishop.

"The tension for me as a bishop has been between the church as an institution with necessary structures and governance and, on the other hand, the church as a living organism made up of the People of God," the bishop said in conversation. But in seeking to assume the responsibilities of the structure, "we sometimes forget the needs of the People of God."

## Five Marks of Mission

Over the years, he frequently referred to the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- To proclaim the Good News of the kingdom
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

For Bishop Clarke, the missions supported by the diocese – notably St. Michael's Mission, the Mile End Community Mission, Tyndale St-George's, Action Réfugiés Montréal and work in hospital and prison chaplaincies and universities – "are as integral to the diocese as the parishes."

He has been a strong supporter of the global mission of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. He put the stature of his office on the line to rally to the defence of particular refugees in a couple of specific instances.

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# Bishop Barry Clarke: healing and fresh vision

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The diocese has also succeeded in attracting some new French-speaking clergy and otherwise made some headway toward the dream of Bishop Barry and at least some of his predecessor of a more bilingual diocese.

## Mission is not just missions

At the same time, he insists that the *missions* of the diocese must not be confused with the *mission* of the diocese. For all his preoccupation with practical concerns and good works he has been, to use current lingo, both spiritual and religious.

"We have only one mission, and that's God's mission," he has said on many occasions.

He has led pilgrimages of tourists from the Diocese of Montreal to both the Middle East, Italy and Ireland.

Under his episcopacy the Diocese of Montreal developed and cherished partnership covenants with the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania and the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior in the territory of the former Diocese of Cariboo in British Columbia. These have included exchanges of visits. He and his executive archdeacon have visited both Masasi and the Central Interior. Bishops James Almasi of Masasi and Barbara Andrews from "APCI" are to visit the annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal in October.

Bishop Clarke has been a strong supporter of ecumenism and inter-faith activity. An inter-church service for Christian unity that had taken place at St. Joseph's Oratory for years moved to the Christ Church Cathedral in 2013 (and will probably continue to do the rounds of various churches).

He has been a leading participant in gatherings organized by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and participated in a national dialogue of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops. He appointed diocesan representatives for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer,

which had been inactive in the diocese for some time.

He has also been on good terms with people from the range of theological perspectives in the diocese, from evangelical to Anglo-Catholic. People from the downtown Anglo-Catholic Parish of St. John the Evangelist have particularly appreciated his openness to that tradition. It has been reliably reported that when he presided at worship there one of the assistant priests was assigned to stand close to his ear and remind him to genuflect and so on.

But for all Bishop Clarke's interest in other spiritual concerns, there will no doubt be some who will form their opinion about how well Bishop Clarke carried out God's mission on the basis of his actions with regard to same-sex marriages. There can be little doubt that, building on the legacy of his predecessor as bishop – Archbishop Andrew Hutchison (who became primate of Canada) – Bishop Clarke presided over what came to be known as one of the more gay-friendly dioceses in Canada. He has also, however, been associated with some precedent-setting gestures toward compromise and reconciliation.

Locally, a focus of the debate was resolutions adopted by the diocesan synod in 2007 and 2008 urging him to approve a liturgy, not for same-sex weddings, but to bless marriages already solemnized in a civil ceremony. He did so in 2010. There has been no public indication that anyone in the diocese has made use of this arrangement since then.

However, the bishop has ordained several partners in same-sex marriages, including the Rev. Donald Boisvert, now the incoming principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, as deacons and priests and welcomed some from other dioceses, including Dean Paul Kennington of Christ Church Cathedral. Opponents of same-sex marriage protested against these actions.

Also, members of two Montreal

parishes left the diocese over this issue and formed parishes of the traditionalist Anglican Network in Canada: almost the entire congregation of St. Augustine Parish in Pointe Claire and the majority of St. Stephen's Westmount. The tiny remnant remaining at St. Stephen's and the new ANiC parish, Emmaus Anglican Church, tend to see eye to eye on the same-sex issue and have continued to co-operate in some activities, especially the Open Door, a soup kitchen at St. Stephen's run largely by parishioners from Emmaus.

Bishop Clarke supported this arrangement. He also agreed with priests opposed to same-sex marriages at a few parishes to authorize retired Bishop Len Whitten of Western Newfoundland to perform confirmations there to avoid having Bishop Clarke do so. These visits have quietly continued until now and the next diocesan bishop will perhaps have to renew or discontinue them. However, the main focus of interest on that issue is currently the 2016 General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, which is to debate it again.

## The Church is never static

Some people may see the defining spiritual issue of Bishop Clarke's episcopacy as something else entirely. In the spring of 2013, Anglicans of the diocese were surprised to learn that the bishop was taking what turned out to be a 20-week "sabbath leave" at a retreat centre in Ontario for a journey he later described as from depression to wellness.

He described the experience in his address to the 2013 synod: "Feeling restless, irritable, discontented, frightened, angry, alone, sad; a combination of many emotions with the unawareness of fully what was happening in my life. I knew that I needed to do something, but I did not know what to do. I prayed and felt little response. I anguished, I worked, and I knew that something

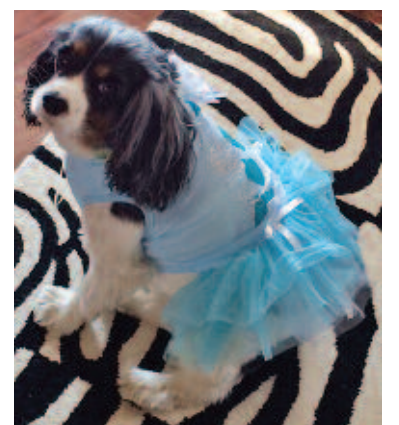
## Retiring bishop, former aide, begin another kind of partnership

The wedding of Bishop Barry Clarke, who is retiring as bishop of Montreal in August, and the Rev. Canon Janet Griffith, who stepped down as executive archdeacon of the diocese last spring and is now rector of the Brantford Regional Anglican Ministries in the Diocese of Huron, took place in Brantford April 18.

It was a beautiful spring day. The wedding took place in Grace Church, part of Canon Griffith's parish. Canon Griffith's dog Lillie was ring-bearer.

Bishop Bob Bennett of Huron has appointed Bishop Clarke as Interim Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, Ont., effective August 15, for a two-year term.

Reporting on the move to Montreal Anglicans, Bishop Clarke thanked all who sent cards, letters and emails of prayer and support following his notice of retirement. He said it was "with a tremendous feeling of gratitude" that he looked back on having served the Diocese of Montreal for 11 years.



was wrong. And I'm grateful for those around me who said I needed to address this agony—which became for me an angst, a painful angst, a darkness that I had never experienced in my life before.

"I took that time and now today I can say it was somewhat of an Epiphany when God revealed to me that I needed to address the grief, the sadness, and ultimately what would become known as a depression – a depression that was far deeper and real than grief alone, but took me to the depths of darkness and despair; where at one point in my journey, I found that life meant very little. And life did not seem to have any mean-

ing. I'm grateful that I was surrounded in a community of wellness, where they heard my cry and I knew that behind me there is a community praying for me and supporting me. Depression is a terrible thing to live with when you don't even know you're living with it. And so for me, that deep revelation, that disclosure, was the pain of loss and grief but also the potential for healing; crying out in desperation, where through your prayers, and your support and the community that I was part of, I discovered the healing and the wellness that was necessary for my well-being."

The suffering had become a ministry, a teaching for, partly, others affected by depression in their own lives and families. About a year later, at last year's diocesan synod, he was more upbeat, speaking of the diocese and church generally.

"We are called to engage in God's mission, to discover a fresh vision. God is calling upon us in this century. A church that mobilizes to live out God's Mission will become a healthy church – a church that evolves, moves out into the world to discover where God calls us to be."

"And so I ask that we continue to seek and search and discern how God is working within us, continue to reflect on our sacred texts, the scripture, to reflect upon and pray as we discern God's mission!"

"We wrestle and struggle to be faithful to the gospel and to God's mission – we do have a Good News story to tell. But this Good News story reminds us that it's dirty and messy and ugly at times. It is also about a God of love and about humanity's love. And, as we strive to make sense of our institution and our structures and our governance, let us not forget that it is about people and God's Mission into the world."

He said, "The Church is never static. 'She is always on the move, being led by the Grace of God's Holy Spirit.'"



Relaxing on a grassy slope at the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth conference in Kamloops last year are Léonide Michel from Paroisse La Nativité in Montreal North, Elizabeth Robertson then Mtl Youth co-ordinator, Bishop Barry Clarke, Judy Steers, co-ordinator for youth initiatives for the Anglican Church of Canada, Montreal diocesan youth consultant Mark Dunwoody and Élodie Lambert of La Nativité.

(Photo: Antoinette Lynch-Joseph)



# Artists, homeless, team up to make art

## Homeless don't need food alone

Young artists affiliated with a non-profit organization called B21 that brought teams to St. Michael's Mission for weekly visits join some of its homeless or other regulars in art projects wound up a first phase of the project at a reception at the mission April 23. But they hope to launch another phase soon.

"At a time when homelessness is becoming more serious and is getting to be a social priority. B21 is very proud of the accomplishments of this first phase of the project," Marc Pronovost, general and artistic director general of B21, said. He noted that the St. Michael's Mission, in the basement of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, is in the downtown Quartier des Spectacles, known as an artistic pole.

Paper sculpture, collages, photographs and other works from the project, called In and Out à Montréal – many of them created by students

and homeless people together, were on display at the reception. He said art can help people rediscover themselves and recover self-confidence.

George Greene, director of the mission, praised the young artists as "creative people who have decided that homelessness needs to be addressed." He said he was a bit skeptical but the project "turned out to be miraculous" providing another kind of sustenance to supplement food and clothing.

He said the project is one of several involving the arts at St. Michael's Mission. Among other things, it encouraged some of the Mission regulars to turn out for the regular art workshops that volunteer Mary Lennon has been leading for some time.

The project which pays a modest wage to artist participants, has support from the Société de Développement Social de Ville Marie and from a Bombardier employees' foundation.

In what a staff member of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal regards as without precedent in Quebec since around the time of Expo 67, almost 50 years ago, leaders of several churches have issued a common declaration.

This time the subject is climate change. The declaration was issued April 14 at the Green Church Conference 2015 at St-Ignace-de-Loyola Catholic Church in Quebec City, organized by the Green Church program of the centre and Norman Lévesque, Green Church director.

He said in an introductory talk at the conference that it would create a climate of hope.

"All things came into being through the Word of God, all things we find in our environment: the St. Lawrence River, Mont Ste. Anne, belugas, aluminum, oil – all things came into being through the Word.... Today, the Spirit of God is calling the churches to be guardians of Creation. The solutions exist, we need to choose them courageously."

The declaration was signed by about 100 people at the conference, beginning with some particularly prominent ones. The Centre for Ecumenism is looking for other people to sign on. Among the early ones:

- **Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix**, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec.
- **The Very Rev. Dennis Drainville**, Anglican Bishop of Quebec.
- **The Rev. Reverend David Fines**, past president of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference of the United Church of Canada.
- **Father Nectaire Femenias**, arch-priest of Holy Trinity Parish, Orthodox Church of America, in Quebec City.
- **The Rev. Katherine Burgess**, minister of at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Quebec City.
- **Glenn Smith**, Executive Director of



Bishop Dennis Drainville of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec, left, chats with Robert Mackey, a consultant on environmental transportation management, and Alan Betts, a Vermont specialist on climate change who was keynote speaker at the conference.

(Photo: André Forget, The Anglican Journal.)

Christian Direction, Montreal.

• **Diane Andicha Picard**, First Nations representative from Wendake

• **Norman Lévesque**, director of Green Church.

The declaration:

*We believe that our natural environment is spectacular, majestic and mysterious and that it is the work of God. We marvel at the signs of the presence of this God of kindness in nature's splendor, in the extraordinary richness of life on Earth which takes on so many forms.*

*Our religious tradition reminds us that the role of human beings on this Earth is to "till and keep" the environment (Genesis 2:15), because human creativity enables us to "have dominion" over it (Genesis 1:28) as never before. This mastery must be exercised with wisdom and intelligence in order to have lasting effects. We recognize that greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced (already at 400 ppm whereas the level was 280 ppm before the Industrial Revolution). Along with the International Panel on Climate Change, we recognize that "human influence on the climate system is clear. Ecological degradation has a greater effect on individuals impover-*

*ished by our system and our Churches' imperative to help and support the poor compels us to act.*

*We question our energy overconsumption and our dependence on oil, which drives industry to meet this demand, pushing it to encourage such highly polluting operations as tar sands. We are concerned about the growth of transportation of fossil fuels over vast territories, which is becoming a serious threat to the habitat and well-being of wildlife and flora and to the food sovereignty of human populations. In our view, any economic project must support life before profit. We pray for the courage to ensure a sustainable environment for future generations.*

*We commit our churches to an ecological shift. On behalf of our faith, we are bringing improvements to our places of worship and we are acknowledging climate concerns. We pray for a world of justice and peace. We pledge to act as good citizens in order to build a society which is greener and more concerned about the future of the next generations.*

*Confronted with this ecological crisis, we will strive to create a climate of hope.*

# Parish Nursing Pilot Project: A little investment with a priceless return

LISA-ANNE MIGLIACCIO

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The pilot process at Christ Church Beaurepaire began in September 2014 with a presentation to the congregation about parish nursing.

Often the concept and the role of the nurse that is most familiar to people is that of a nurse in a tertiary-care setting, such as a hospital, long-term care facility or rehabilitation center. Parish nursing, however, most closely resembles the role of the nurse in a primary-care setting: for example, your community CLSC or a doctor's office with a nurse clinician. The focus of a nurse in a primary care setting is on prevention of illness and health promotion. Here, nurses also seek to assist people in living healthily with chronic illness. Primary-care nurses tend to practice more independently than those in tertiary care and are likely to have more advanced education. Parish nursing is also called faith-based



Lisa-Anne Migliaccio

nursing, partly because it is sometimes found in non-Christian faith communities but especially because it has an element not found in other primary nursing: attention to the spiritual life of a person.

The presentation to Christ Church Beaurepaire included all of these nuances in order so people could truly grasp the concept of this ministry. After the initial presentation to introduce the ministry, some time elapsed in order for people to

process the information and ask questions. The committee remained available to answer questions on Sundays and by email as was required.

The next step, in October of 2014 was to clearly outline the process for the pilot project; this was again in the form of a presentation. The pilot process consisted of a congregational survey that sought to understand the health needs of the congregation. There was also a discussion group. The goal of such a survey is to be able to anticipate which programs, support groups and health screening "fairs" are required in a particular community. It also gives insight as to the nature of the private consultations that the parish feels a need for, whether in mental health, physical health or a combination. Defining the role of the parish nurse in a particular congregation is extremely important because the role of the PN is as diversified as the congregation itself. Demographic factors often dictate the needs, and the PN who ultimately serves the congregation will be recruited based on her ability to fulfill these needs. The surveys were mailed out to the congregation with return postage and were then analyzed using special statistical software.

The next step in the process was to hold a discussion group. The goal of the discussion group was to explore the previously existing healing ministry in the parish with the added context of parish nursing. The discussion group consisted of seven questions and took place after a service. Some questions that were asked are, "What are the strengths of the healing ministry and how can we build on these strengths?" and "What is God calling us to do in our journey toward wholeness together in this community?" The answers to the questions were transcribed verbatim and then were analyzed using qualitative content analysis. The results gave a great deal of insight about the direction of the healing ministry, the strengths of the congregation and the desire and method for health outreach. The results of the analysis further delineated the role of a PN specific to Christ Church Beaurepaire. The discussion questions and survey are designed to be used in any congregation.

The overarching goal of the survey and the discussion group is to clearly outline a role for the PN specific to that congregation. Once all the data were analyzed, they were presented to the congregation. The

process involved many presentations and updates to the congregation as well as close collaboration with the diocese and the incumbent. In parallel, the committee was in constant communication with parish nurses around the country, where we received much support and guidance to move the ministry forward. News of the pilot process spread as far as the world parish nursing headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. The support was astounding and humbling and it is clear that God's hand and His timing have been on this process from the beginning.

The team has been very thorough at investigating the legal aspects of this new nursing role by speaking with representatives from the Quebec Order of Nurses. All things worked together for this pilot process to happen successfully. The next step will be to recruit a parish nurse for Christ Church Beaurepaire. The ultimate goal is to see parish nursing in all interested churches throughout the diocese and to create partnerships in order to maximize the benefit of the PN programming and ministry. The process requires time and commitment on behalf of the congregation that it will ultimately serve – a little investment with a priceless return.



# Earth Day and sin for an Easter people

ELIZABETH WELCH

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Why, on the Third Sunday of Easter, are we reading all about sin? It's almost as if after the first two Sundays of Easter we're back in Lent. One commentator wrote: "Can't the Scriptures cut us a break for one Sunday and give us simple 'God is great' good news?" It's the Third Sunday of Easter after all! The commentator added: "I feel the same way about the world sometimes [thinking]: can't the world make joy a little easier?"

The question for us at this time is: How do we be an Easter people; how do we follow the risen Christ when life does not always seem touched by the resurrection?

Earth Day is celebrated this Wednesday, but it's hard to think of celebrating when the state of our Earth seems so very hopeless. What are we to do in the face of overwhelming and seemingly entrenched problems such as climate change? How do we remain hopeful? How do we remain sane? How do we take action? How might an Easter people respond to climate change?

## 'You killed our planet'

We typically consider sin solely in terms of individual behaviour. Our reading from Acts though clearly presents sin as a communal problem – it implies we can be trapped together in sin's web; theologians sometimes refer to this as "structural sin," sin rooted in unjust social structures in which we are all participants. Peter is speaking to a crowd, not to an individual when he says: "you killed the author of life . . . [but] I know you acted in ignorance as did your leaders." He is saying that all the people and their leaders are implicated in the execution of Jesus. Peter clearly indicates that it is the collective action and inaction of all that enabled the crucifixion of Jesus; he adds, however, that God was able to use even this for good. And just as all the people were implicated in Jesus' death, all are inheritors of his proclamation of repentance forgiveness of sins.

When faced with entrenched injustices and worsening crises we

often give change up as a lost cause; we may occasionally feel guilt that we are part of the problem, but we say to ourselves, "I'm just one individual and therefore I cannot make a difference." "Besides," we tell ourselves, "I am not as bad as some people – those other people are more at fault, they must change first." No doubt those in Peter's audience were thinking, I was just a voice in the crowd, I wasn't Pilate after all.

"You killed the author of life," Peter states. The generations who come after us will no doubt hurl similar words at us when they say, "you killed our planet. You killed the source of our oxygen, our sunlight, our good foods, and our water." I do not think, however, that they will be able to excuse us as having acted in ignorance, for we are no longer ignorant. We are now acting with full knowledge that our actions: continued dependence on fossil fuel, deforestation, overuse of chemicals, are causing climate change that will eventually lead to the destruction of our planet.

And as with all calamities, the vulnerable suffer first and most deeply. For example, reduction of crop yield will lead to higher food prices – something we will all likely see in the very near future as a result of the current drought in California, but across the globe it is the poor who cannot afford to pay higher prices who will first begin to suffer malnutrition. It is the poor who already suffer most when climate-change related natural disasters occur. The number of natural disasters between 2000-2009 was about 3 times higher than in the 1980s.

## 'Self curved in on self'

Martin Luther described sin as "self curved in on self." If this is the case, then when we think about sin, perhaps we should focus less on ourselves, on our own guilt and our own need to be relieved of feeling guilty, and more on the wounds we inflict with our selfish acts. The sins of others wounded Christ's body and our sins are currently wounding the earth. The theologian Sally McFague writes that one way to approach our relationship to the earth is with the understanding that the earth is the body of God. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda adds that Christianity proclaims a God who dwells in Creation, is not then the earth in some sense the body of Christ which we are continuing to crucify? Moe-Lobeda adds that in both Jewish and Christian tradi-

tion the call to love God and neighbour implies "active commitment to the well-being of whom or what is loved." She concludes, "we can ignore structural sin and our participation in it or we can face it and repent. To repent is to turn the other way, both in actions and consciousness."

I'm sure you are all now thinking the same things as the commentator I quoted in the beginning: "Hey give us a break! Isn't it Easter!?" I know that's what I'm thinking. Where is the good news? Where is the risen Christ?

The good news in the words of John, Paul and Peter is that Jesus Christ frees us from being self curved in on self, Jesus Christ frees us from being interminably caught in a web of structural sin.

Putting our whole trust in the grace and love of Christ, frees us from being "self curved in on self," because when we put our care and nurturing in Christ's hands, trusting him to give us all we need, this offers the possibility of a life lived not only for ourselves, it frees us from our primary concern being our own comfort, it enables us to give up things we did not think we could do without. One of the biggest barriers to taking small steps that could aid our planet is that we are a people addicted to convenience, we are a people who are constantly given the message that if we do not protect our own interests, no one else will: a world in which every nation and every individual is primarily concerned with self-preservation and a life of convenience is a crucifying world. Trusting Christ to care for us, frees us to care for others. It frees us to be an Easter people, a people of the resurrection.

The question then is what can we do?

Laura Faye Tenenbaum of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the US writes about how when her family turned their front lawn into a vegetable garden, it attracted people in a way that brought them new friends and also transformed the neighbourhood as others followed suit. She explains: "There's no way to tell what will unfold when you start to do something, even the smallest thing. Actions grow and expand, sort of like the way our peas started out small, crawled past their trellises and are now getting tangled up into each other. What you create in the world can take on a life of its own, beyond what you might ever imagine."

She continues, "Every Earth Day I write about taking an individual action, and every time I write this I get all kinds of criticism about how doing one small thing isn't enough. But next time you start to think that your actions are too small to make a difference, think about me and my silly old peas. Remember that I reached down, picked a fresh pea and handed it across the stucco wall to the guy who lives down the street – the guy whom I hadn't yet connected with in all these years; one of the last of my neighbours to reach out. He told me that he and his wife saw our yard and decided to plant a garden as well."

## Planting a garden

Here at St. Mark's we are going to be planting our own vegetable



Elizabeth Welch

garden. The garden will be installed in early May and will grow vegetables primarily for Dorval Community Aid. It is a joint project with our daycare rental partner. So in addition to increasing urban biodiversity, creating a natural place for urban pollinators and reducing reliance on global food imports and therefore fossil fuel use, it will teach children about the importance of good stewardship of our beautiful environment.

An Easter people respond to climate change by proclaiming the good news, by proclaiming the good news through taking actions that honor our Creation, by taking action instead of giving in to hopelessness. No matter how young, how physically limited, or how old, there is something we can do. I am reminded of the first video we watched in our evening Lenten series, when Sr. Joan Chittister said, "if you wonder if you're too old to do something good in this world, and you're still alive, than the answer is no."

Here are some things we can do:

- 1) Use water efficiently. Every time you shower, wash your hands, wash dishes, or drink water, give thanks for this resource and consider how you might avoid wasting it.
- 2) Reduce waste and recycle. I just spoke with someone this week who has a friend who has two young children, but together as a family they have pledged to go an entire year with zero waste. Perhaps you can't get to zero waste, but consider how you might reduce your waste, by composting, using reusable products or buying products with less packaging.
- 3) Drive smart, avoid hard accelerations or braking, get regular maintenance, check your tire

pressure. Or better yet, give the car a break now and then and take public transit. On your next car purchase, buy a fuel efficient vehicle.

- 4) Use LED light bulbs.
- 5) Reuse and recycle all you can.
- 6) Review your investments and divest from those companies known to be the biggest polluters. Start with the much published list of the 200 dirtiest companies.
- 7) Write letters to our leaders and tell them combating climate change must be a priority.

## Small steps matter

No doubt we will need to take far more drastic steps than this, but small steps matter. God is not going to magically renew our Creation – God has already given us what we need to do so; we are already an Easter people.

Some of the biggest barriers to responding creatively and constructively to climate change are fear, guilt, and hopelessness. When Jesus appears to his followers after the resurrection, his greeting is "Peace be with you." It is when we are at peace rather than consumed by fear, that we are able to be hopeful, it is when we realize that there are things worse than our own death, that we are able to make the sacrifices necessary to usher in a resurrecting world.

The children of our world, most especially those in poverty need us to act now. So let's go forth and proclaim the good news by acting as if we matter, as if our planet matters and if those who come after us matter.

To repent means to change our mind, to go a new direction. We are being called upon to repent, and this is the good news, God is waiting to work through us to bring new life.

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# Spiritual Calendar

**MEDITATION CIRCLE STILL PRESENCE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**  
 Christ Church Beaurepaire Chapel, 455 Church St., Beaconsfield  
**Mondays June 1 and 8, 7 p.m.**  
 All of our circles take place in an atmosphere of quiet and tranquility, with times of silent meditation, movement and guided visualizations. [www.stillpresence.com](http://www.stillpresence.com) or Father Michael at 514-697-2204.

**CHRISTIAN PRAYER & REFLECTION**  
**St. George's Ste. Anne de Bellevue**  
 23 Perrault Ave.  
**Monday nights, 7 p.m.**  
 A time of reflection, sharing, praying and meditating together while we draw closer to God.

**DROP-IN CENTRE**  
**St. James Rosemere**  
 328 Pine St.  
**Every Wednesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
 June 24 will be the last date – reopening Sept. 9. Hosts Winston & Becky Fraser look forward to seeing you. Info: 450-621-6466.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**  
**The Church of St. John the Evangelist**  
 137 President Kennedy Ave. (corner of St. Urbain St.)  
**Thursday June 4, 5:45 p.m.**  
 Corpus Christi: Solemn High Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.  
**Wednesday June 24, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Solemn High Mass, followed by coffee and tea on the lawn. Info: 514288-4428 or [www.redroof.ca](http://www.redroof.ca)

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**St. Stephen's Lachine**  
 25 12th Ave.  
**Sunday, June 14, 11 a.m.**  
 Guest preacher, Archdeacon Gordon Guy. Luncheon follows.

**BIBLE DAY CAMP**  
**All Saints Deux Montagnes**  
 248 18th Avenue  
**Monday-Friday, June 29-July 3 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
 For elementary-school-aged children. Info: 450-473-9541.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**  
 Individual spiritual direction is available in this diocese.  
 For more information or a confidential interview with one of the matchers, write to [sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca](mailto:sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca) or telephone 514 768 7807.

## Celebrating 100 years



Mary Young, a parishioner of the Church of the Resurrection Valois, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Mrs. Young, in photo with her son Richard Young, is living at the Centre Bayview in Pointe Claire.

# Sales & Events

**All Saints Deux Montagnes**  
 248 18th Avenue (in the parking lot or church hall, depending on weather)  
**ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**  
**Sat., June 6 from 8 a.m.**  
 Table rental \$15. Call 450-473-9541 to reserve a table.or for information.

**Christ Church Rawdon**  
 3537 Metcalfe St.  
**ACW RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Sat., June 6.**  
 Check parish for details.

**St. James Rosemere**  
 328 Pine St.  
**MILITARY WHIST**  
**Sat., June 13, from 1 p.m.**  
 Admission \$8. Prizes, refreshments. Information: 450-621-6466.

**St. Joseph of Nazareth Brossard**  
 725 Provencher Blvd.  
**FAMILY DAY**  
**Sun., June 14, 10:30 a.m.**

**St. Stephen's with St. James, Chambly**  
 Randell Hall, 2000 de Bourgogne St.  
**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**  
**Sat., June 23, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
 Bring a friend or two and enjoy some wonderful desserts and lively conversation with beloved old friends and some new friends. Date may change if berries are not ripe. Information: Eileen Agley at 450-658-1027.

**St. James Rosemere**  
 328 Pine St.  
**CANADA DAY POT LUCK SUPPER**  
**Wed., July 1, from 4 p.m.**  
 Bring a dish to share; wear red to celebrate Canada. Information: 450-621-6466.

**All Saints Deux Montagnes**  
 248 18th Avenue (in the parking lot or church hall, depending on weather)  
**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**  
**Sat., July 11, 2 p.m.**  
 Quebec Strawberries, REAL cream, lemon fruit scones, coffee or tea. Price: \$8 (age 5-12: \$5) Info: 450-473-9541 or [info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca](mailto:info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca)

**St. Paul's Côte-des-Neiges**  
 3970 Côte-Sainte-Catherine Rd., Montreal  
**CHOIR BRUNCH**  
**Sun., July 12, after 11 a.m. service.**  
 Cost: \$15. Information: 514-733-2908

**St. Paul's Côte-des-Neiges**  
 3970 Côte-Sainte-Catherine Rd., Montreal  
**BAR-B-QUE**  
**Sat. July 25, 2-6.00 p.m.**  
 Cost: \$15.

**St. James Rosemere**  
 328 Pine St.  
**SUMMER BBQ**  
**Sat., Aug. 15, from 4 p.m.**  
 All you can eat: hot dogs, burgers, salad.Price \$10. Everyone welcome. Info: 450-621-6466.

**St. Paul's Côte-des-Neiges**  
 3970 Côte-Sainte-Catherine Rd., Montreal  
**CARIBBEAN BUFFET BREAKFAST**  
**Sat. Sept.12, 8-11.00 a.m.**  
 Cost: \$12. Info: 514-733-2908.

## Good Friday in Rawdon



On a warm Good Friday 2015 the Knights of Columbus lead the clergy and over a hundred parishioners from the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Churches through the heart of Rawdon's business district as part of Rawdon's annual Ecumenical Good Friday Walk. Stops were made at each of the three churches for prayers, hymns and the reading of portions of the Passion according to Matthew. Both French and English were used throughout. Following the last station, participants were invited to the Christ Church (Anglican) Parish Hall for a light lunch of soup and hot cross buns. (Photo: John Clague).

## Banner blessed in Valois



A new banner was blessed on Easter Sunday at the Church of the Resurrection Valois to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the parish. Some of those who created and presented it gathered for a photo. From left to right, back row, are Ken Rhodes, Janet Callary, Rosanne Harrison, Grace Lavigne, Elaine Beaumont, Gladys Randle, Laura Hill and Paul Van Esbroek, Front row: Lillian Rhodes and Karen Purcell.

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# Around the parishes

## Nick Pang heads north

In what is probably the first of several such appointments in new regional ministries being established by the Diocese of Montreal, the Rev. Nicholas Pang is to be the new associate priest of the Regional Ministry of the Laurentians. The appointment by Bishop Barry Clarke is effective July 1.

Father Pang has been priest-in-charge of St. George's Place du Canada since the rector, Archdeacon Bill Gray, became executive archdeacon of the Diocese of Montreal last fall. The parish and diocese are

continuing the search process for a successor to Archdeacon Gray as rector.

## An 'Edible churchyard' in Rosemont

An "edible churchyard" or children's vegetable garden will be inaugurated at a bilingual event at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, on the grounds of St. CHL – the Church of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luc – at 6341 de Lorimier Ave. in the Rosemont district. This is a joint project of the parish, and the community groups La Ligne Verte, Ecoquartier and SODER. Also, there's a grant from

the Diocese of Montreal and a donation from the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun.

## Brosseau heads to Redroof Church

Rev. Alain Brosseau has been appointed, effective in July, assistant to the incumbent of the downtown Church of St. John the Evangelist. He confessed to mixed emotions in a Facebook post. "It saddens me to leave the awesome community of St. George's Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. I thank you all (in that parish) for an amazing two years that were wonderful because of the love and support that you all generously gave me. At the same time I am really looking forward to meeting the people of SJE and to start sharing in (their) ministry."

## Beaurepaire Church seeks staff

Christ Church Beaurepaire in Beaconsfield is seeking a caretaker/cleaner and an administrative assistant and hopes for an engaging, personable, energetic and self-directed person in each case.

- The caretaker/cleaner is considered to have a vital support role to the parish, ensuring that the plant is maintained and presented in a clean and orderly fashion and providing set-up and take-down support services for worship and various groups, organizations and ministries. The staff member serves as an ambassador for the parish in interactions

## Crucifer moves on



About 65 years after joining the choir of St. Matthias' Church in Westmount as a probationer, the crucifer, John Montgomery has retired. He will be moving shortly to Ste.

Agathe in the Laurentians. He has served under seven different choir directors and made two trips to England with the choir. There were also many weekend trips through Eastern Canada and the United States. He has seen the choir evolve from a choir of Men and Boys to its current status as a mixed adult ensemble. John and the choir sing in English, French, German, Latin, and occasionally in Russian. The parish congratulates John for his wonderful devotion to the choir and to St. Matthias'.

## Welcoming a newcomer



The Rev. Jennifer Bourque, a chaplain at the Montreal Children's Hospital, her husband Ben and their son Elliott welcomed a Henry, who was born April 12, into the family. All were doing well and Elliott was delighted to be a big brother.

## Hartropp rides for MS again

Simon Hartropp, treasurer at the Church of the Resurrection in Pointe Claire, will once again be participating this month in the New Brunswick "MS Bike Tour" in honour of the daughter-in-law of a former treasurer. Betty Mitham raised her children Bruce and Sheila in Pointe Claire until moving back to New Brunswick. Bruce's wife Sarah has been suffering from Multiple Sclerosis for decade. It's been a challenge to be a dairy farmer's wife and a grandmother. Sheila succumbed to cancer in April. Her obituary invited gifts to be made in her memory to a charity of the donor's choice – which could be the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Simon will be riding with the Psycows Team 140 kilometres across hills and through the valley of the Kennebecasis River from Sussex to St John and back.

Contributions can be made online at [www.ms biketours.ca](http://www.ms biketours.ca) or you can send a cheque payable to "MSS Canada" to Simon at 169 Sunnyside Ave., Pointe Claire H9R 3V2; Or telephone the Atlantic Office

with members of the public. This part-time position could be cleaning and maintenance only, or could also include outdoor grounds-keeping.

- The energetic and self-directed administrative assistant fills a multifaceted function in a support role to the parish as a whole, including clergy, the corporation and parish council, the music program director, the worship life of the parish, and the various groups, organizations and ministries. The administrative assistant serves as a receptionist, secretary, communications hub, front-line pastoral care support person, and clerical support person. The qualified candidate will be detail-oriented, multi-tasking, organized, dependable, computer literate and able to handle sensitive information with confidentiality. This is a 20-hour-a-week position.

To obtain a full description of either job or to make application, contact the Ven. Michael Johnson, Incumbent, Christ Church Beaurepaire, 455 Church Street, Beaconsfield, QC H9W 3S6; [christchurch@qc.aibn.com](mailto:christchurch@qc.aibn.com).



at 902-468-8230 and mention "Simon Hartropp New Brunswick Bike Tour." Simon's target this year is \$4,500 be reached, and help the "Let's Stop MS" dream be realised.

In the photo by Sarah Ritchie, Simon Hartropp crosses the finish line of the 2014 MS Bike Tour, bringing home over \$4,400.

## 50 years a priest



The Rev. Canon Bryan Pearce and his wife Judy were feted April 19th, 2015 at the Church of the Resurrection Valois on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

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## Award presentation turns into a party

On April 12, Bishop Barry Clark presented Marion Standish with the 2014-2015 Bishop's Award for the Archdeaconry of Bedford and of the Richelieu.

When Marion was advised that she was chosen to receive this award, she said she would be pleased and honoured, that she wanted it to be a "party," and that she wished to invite those people for whom she does volunteer work in service to the church.

So it was a regional party at St. George's Church in Granby! People from the churches of St. Thomas' Rougemont, St. George's Granby, Trinity Cowansville, Waterloo, Otterburn Park, Sutton and Stanbridge East attended a glorious celebration. Along with the bishop, clergy in attendance were Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray, the former

Incumbent of Granby, the Rev. Canon W.T. Blizzard, the Rev. Richard Gauthier, newly appointed to the parish, the Rev. Canon Tim Smart, the Rev. George Campbell of Sutton, then Rev. John Serjeantson of Cowansville, the Rev. Wilbur Davidson of Waterloo and the Rev. Lynn Ross of Magog.

Following the Eucharist, Marion was presented with the award and a bouquet of flowers.

Bishop Barry was also presented with flowers, as the announcement of his planned marriage and retirement had recently been announced.

A reception was held in the church hall for about the 65 people present. Marion thanked all of those who came to share in this celebration and shared some memories of her work in the parish and the region.



## Trinity Memorial celebrates busy Easter and anniversary



It was a particularly festive Easter Sunday service at Trinity Memorial Church in the West-End N.D.G. district.

Three youngsters had their first communion, an adult, Evan Davie, was baptised, a brass quartet was on hand and several birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated. Pamela and David Tait, celebrating a 60th wedding anniversary, with the Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez and Rene Sanchez, also marking an anniversary, and three parishioners marked birthdays.

The photo at the left, taken by parishioner Marcia Lois Hughes, shows Rev. Deacon Jessica Bickford and some youngsters from the recently reorganized Sunday school.

Also, Trinity Memorial marked the 175th anniversary of the ministry of the parish at a service at 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 31.

(Some readers may actually have received this June issue of *Anglican Montreal* a little before this event.)

The service featured a massed choir. The guest speaker was the Rev. Canon Anthony Jemmot, rector of Trinity Memorial between 1991 and 2001 and now incumbent at St. George's Memorial Church in Oshawa, Ont.

The parish was established in 1840 as Trinity Church in what is now Old Montreal and occupied that site, followed by two others in the historic area, until 1926, when it moved to the present site, at Sherbrooke St. W. and Marlow Ave. Built beginning in 1922, the new church was named "Trinity Memorial" in honour of soldiers who died in the First World War.

### Notable

Come join us for a service of celebration for **Trinity Memorial Church's 175th Anniversary of Ministry**

Eucharistic service with massed choir

**Sunday, May 31, 2015, 4 p.m.**

5220 Sherbrooke St. W.

(Métro Vendôme)

Information: 514-484-3102

Guest preacher:

The Rev. Anthony Jemmot

### Notable

**Trinity Children's Choir**

New music program for children age 5-12

Teaching children to sing, using traditional African-American spiritual and contemporary gospel styles of music

**Each Saturday, June 20-Aug. 15**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
(registration 11 a.m.)

\$40 for eight sessions,  
\$10 for one walk-in session

Trinity Memorial Church  
5220 Sherbrooke St. W.  
Information: 514-484-3102

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**DIMANCHE LE 7 JUIN DE 11H-15H**

***Vous êtes invités à une journée fantastique***

***Venez avec appétit, il y aura un BBQ et des délices divers!***

***Il y aura aussi plusieurs jeux pour les enfants***

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Monalea  
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**SUNDAY JUNE 7 FROM 11-3**

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**Summerfest**  
Saturday, June 20th, 2015 / le Samedi, 20 juin, 2015  
12:00PM — 6:00PM

**A Little Caribbean in LaSalle**  
**Un peu des Caraïbes à LaSalle**

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fish Fry                  | Fish Fry                  |
| Bakes Goods               | Pâtisseries               |
| Five Caribbean Delicacies | Delicatesses des Caraïbes |
| Bingo                     | Bingo                     |
| Games for the Kids        | Jeux pour les enfants     |

For more information, please contact the church:  
Pour plus d'information, s'il-vous plaît contacter l'église:  
(514) 366-4652; stlawrence520@gmail.com

### Notable

**Trinity block party**

Celebrating 175 years

Come join for a day of music on our outdoor stage. Food and fun for the whole family. We are also looking for performers. If interested, please contact us.

**Saturday, Sept. 12**  
**10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

5220 Sherbrooke St. W.,  
Church lawn  
Information: 514-484-3102



## Capacity congregation says farewell as St. Mark's seeks new mission

"Death is an event in life," said the Rev. Gertrude Lebars, who at age 12 gave her life to Jesus while a young parishioner at St. Mark's Church in Old Longueuil. Now an extremely active "retired" priest living in Guelph, she was preaching at the celebration of the 173-year ministry of the ministry of St. Mark's.

"Death is just an event and change is the nature of the universe,"

she said. "We are little tiny molecules of cosmic dust and life is the nature of the universe and that means things have to break up and come apart."

St. Mark's Church as a worshipping community joined St. Barnabas Church in St. Lambert over the last few months. The picturesque church, built in 1841-42 by the Fifth Baron de Longueuil, is now administered for the bishop of Montreal by a board

of trustees and managed by the Rev. Richard Gauthier, the last parish priest; they are seeking a role for the building in community service and French-language ministry.

Trudy Lebars told a capacity congregation of over 150 that people would be amazed at the richness that came out of the church over the years and she urged those had come from many places for the service to "cherish it all, even the sad and the bad times."

Pascale Doucet, a good friend of the 12th Baron de Longueuil, Dr. Michael Grant, who lives on the Isle of Arran in Scotland, read a letter from him saying he feels the loss of the church "more than you realize." He wrote that Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions have mingled through the histories of St. Mark's and his family.

(The title Baron de Longueuil is the only French colonial title currently recognized by Queen Elizabeth as Queen of Canada. The title was granted originally by King Louis XIV of France to a military officer, Charles le Moyne de Longueuil survives under a provision of the Treaty of Paris of 1763.)

Some of the former parishioners and displays at the celebration paid homage to the late Rev. John Bonathan, for 35 years rector of St. Mark's, and to the former St. Oswald's Church in the former municipality of Montreal South; St. Oswald's eventually closed and merged into St. Mark's.



The Madsen Family, with roots in the parish. Clockwise are Erik Madsen, Isaac, 12 (largely hidden by his father), Kirsten and Jacob, 9.



Former parishioner Stephen Irwin rings the church bell

## Undergirded by prayer, St. Paul's Knowlton active on many fronts

TIM WIEBE

*The Rev. Tim Wiebe is the incumbent at St. Paul's Knowlton*

St. Paul's, Knowlton has had a very busy and exciting year thus far.

A donation of \$40,000 from the Seven Churches Foundation has doubled our income from 10 years ago. We have used the money to increase the hours of our administrative assistant. We have also hired the Rev. Sinpoh Han as our Senior's Residence Chaplain, caring for the three Knowlton residences one day per week. We have purchased new portable screens and a third projector for our Friday Night Light outreach project.

A G.U.M. Grant has allowed us to hire Shirley Spenser as our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator. Her job is to facilitate our Sunday School and our HipHopNHockey youth program. She is also interested in beginning Messy Church and is in

charge of our mini-mission program.

"A very exciting visit will be taking place on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.. The Watoto Children's choir of Uganda will be stopping at St. Paul's - Knowlton during their 2015 "Oh What Love" Canadian tour. Watoto Children's Choirs have travelled internationally since 1994 as advocates for the estimated 50 million children in Africa, orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS, war, poverty and disease." Shirley Spenser, Administrative Assistant, Children and Family Ministries Coordinator.

Our monthly Outreach Breakfast in the Lavigne Room at the Depanneur Rouge draws between 20 and 50 people from the area to hear people from various walks of life relate their Christian story. There is also live music and an excellent \$6 full breakfast.

The Caregiver's Café has been another monthly project aimed at providing support, knowledge and

resources to both professional and familial caregivers. Recently they held a meeting with a notary to discuss wills and financial planning. Another project was to canvass the local funeral homes in order to give people an idea of the range of options available without having the pressure of the funeral home or the fog of grief clouding their judgment.

The Prostate Cancer Support group has just celebrated the third anniversary of their affiliation with ProCure, a larger organization. Initially started because of an initiative of Joann Jones, a leader of the Caregiver's Café, Peter Tetrault, Blair Anderson, Ray Jones and several men carried on independently for several years before choosing to affiliate with the larger organization. They are hoping to expand with a French chapter in Cowansville in the near future.

St. Paul's Sunday School, as a part of their mini-mission has sponsored a child with Amazima, an orphanage under the direction of Katie Davis whose book "Kisses For Katie" inspired our involvement.

I am very excited about our Friday Night Light program at the Lac Brome Community Centre. This is a worship service in a 'neutral' location that is more accessible for those who would be uncomfortable coming to a church building. We have a 36' panoramic backdrop on which we play video and have the lyrics for the songs. Our 12-piece band (two keyboards, five guitars, bass, drums, vocals) provides modern, joyful worship music. The next event will be May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. Our June event is planned to be at the Coldbrook Park Pavillion the centre of Knowlton. It is also possible that the

band may be doing a set during the regular daily schedule at Brome Fair.

All this is undergirded and made possible by our two weekly prayer groups of between eight and 15 that meet to pray specifically for the ministry and needs of the parish.

These are all in addition to the regular ministries of St. Paul's, such as the Knowlton Academy Breakfast program, the Senior's Sing-a-longs, the Mens breakfasts, the several Bible Studies and service groups,

such as the St. Paul's Women, servers, Altar Guild, sidespeople, computer operators, musicians.

As often happens, when you begin one ministry, you see the need for so many more. We look forward to all that "God has prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10) and we look forward to his continuing to provide all that we need "according to His Riches in Glory" (Philippians 4:19).



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