



TIM SMART

The Rev. Canon Tim Smart will be the new territorial archdeacon for Bedford and the Richelieu, succeeding Archdeacon Bill Gray, who has been executive archdeacon of the diocese since November, 2014. The territory includes the Montreal South Shore and those parts of the Eastern Townships in the Montreal diocese. The new archdeacon was ordained as a deacon in 1987 and priest in 1988 and recently celebrated 25 years as priest of Grace Church in Sutton.

MICHAEL JOHNSON

The Ven. Michael Johnson will retire as incumbent of Christ Church Beaurepaire, where he has served for eight years, and as territorial archdeacon I of St. Lawrence and, as well as from full-time ministry, effective April 30. Archdeacon Johnson will return to London, Ont., and looks forward "to more fully embracing new possibilities in my life with my partner Nancy Chapple." See Page 3.

IRÉNÉE BEAUBIEN

The Jesuit Father and pioneer in interchurch relations in Quebec and internationally, Irénée Beaubien, founder of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism among other achievements, was honoured on reaching the age of 100 on January 26. Photo shows him as with the Order of Canada he received in 2002. See Page 6.

Bishop Mary sets a precedent at Armenian cathedral

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Sourp Hagop Armenian Apostolic Cathedral in north-end Montreal had never seen anything like it.

Archpriest Karnig Koyounian of the church, in the Ahuntsic-Cartierville Borough, said – quite happily – at the conclusion of the January 17 service that two elements of the service were unprecedented at Sourp Hagop Church:

One was the jazzy upbeat music provided by pianist Ari Snyder and an ecumenical massed choir, led by Nancy-Munroe-Ingram of the Imani Family and Full Gospel Church in downtown Montreal. (There was also more traditional, haunting music from the Armenian tradition, presented by the Sourp Hagop Choir.)

The other thing was a sermon by a female bishop.

The preacher (in case you hadn't guessed) was the Right Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Anglican Bishop of Montreal, and the occasion was the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, organized by the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

The service came at a poignant time for the host church, since those suffering in the current Syrian crisis include a significant population of Armenians, some of whom have been arriving in Montreal as refugees. (See Page 7.) Bishop Meghrig Parikian of the Armenian Prelacy of Canada, of which Sourp Hagop (St. James) is the cathedral church, urged those in an interdenominational congregation of close to 100 to pray for people suffering in Syria and the Middle East.



Speakers at the service, including Bishop Mary, paid homage to the Rev. Irénée Beaubien, the Jesuit ecumenist and founder of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, whose birthday was coming up January 26.

He was not present but another prominent Catholic ecumenist of long standing, Gregory Baum, 92, was in the congregation.

Preaching on the theme "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God"

(1 Peter 2:9), Bishop Mary said: "Christian Unity needs to be focused on Christ and not on historic values and personal preferences.... We have been saved for God's purposes, not our purposes."

Bishops Mary Irwin-Gibson and Meghrig Parikian (Photo: Armenian Prelacy)

"We are called to be geared to mission," she said. "We'll find ourselves in places where we didn't know we were going to be."

Anglican parishes are beginning to receive Syrian refugees

HARVEY SHEPHERD

The Cub Scout pack at St. Barnabas Anglican Church in St. Lambert has a new recruit.

Those involved are wary of making details public, but not long ago the boy's parents fled from Syria to Lebanon with him and his sister. There they were in touch with an agency that was at one end of a chain linked ultimately to an ecumenical group of seven churches in the South Shore community of St. Lambert – Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United, Lutheran and Anglican – that for a year had been looking at

how they could make a contribution in the face of the Syrian crisis.

The chartered plane that a volunteer from St. Barnabas' met last December came early in a trickle that has since become a stream. Other passengers on the plane were also generally refugees from, ultimately Syria, but generally coming to join anxious relatives already living in Quebec, says the Rev. Gwenda Wells of St. Barnabas'.

Now the St. Lambert ecumenical group expect to welcome a second family and quite possibly a third from the Middle East – perhaps Iraq in at least one case.

St. Barnabas' is one of at least a dozen Anglican parishes in Quebec at various stages of ventures, some of them ecumenical, to welcome refugees, most but not all from Syria.

For some of these Anglicans, the galvanizing effects of media reports were reinforced by personal links between Anglicans or their Montreal friends and particular refugees abroad. A number of the refugees are Christian, but at least a few parishes are making a point of avoiding any confessional criteria for the refugees they are prepared to welcome.

A lot of the Anglican parishes are getting help from Action Réfugiés

Montréal, which has core funding from the diocese and Presbyterian sources. Since last fall Action Réfugiés has been deeply involved with Montrealeers who want to help relatives flee the Middle East, parishes seeking ways to help and others who want to get involved. In some cases Action Réfugiés gives advice and helps make contacts, sometimes to find refugees. The Syrian refugee crisis, which has been acute since the fall of 2014, has had a major effect on Action Réfugiés Montréal. It has been struggling to keep up with demands for help and offers of various kinds of help – some of them

more than it can deal with. And it has begun to try keep abreast of the Syrian refugees who are beginning to actually arrive.

At the same time, Action Réfugiés is striving to keep the crisis from overwhelming its activities on behalf of refugees from other countries, such as Eritria, and refugees already in Montreal, some of them in detention, seeking to be recognized as refugees and to integrate into Quebec society.

For more on efforts to aid refugees, see Page 7.

Bishop's Message



Some years ago a film called "The Passion of the Christ" was produced. There was much furor about its graphic and violent content and about whether "real Christians" should ever watch it. I don't like scary or violent movies and I try to avoid seeing representations of people suffering. I see enough real suffering going on around us, and the news media are only too willing to find a sensational photo or audio clip to draw us in. Nevertheless, I announced that I would go see this movie with anyone in the parish who wanted to go. Several carloads made the trek from Ste-Agathe to Ste-Adele on a wintry night in Lent.

I don't remember very much of the actual movie now because the story of (what Christians call) Holy Week has always been part of my faith life. Except for the sound track and the visual effects, I was already aware that Christ's suffering was a brutal and tortured journey to the cross and death.

The Passion of Jesus Christ is read on Palm/Passion Sunday (this year it is Luke 22:14 -23:56) and usually again on Good Friday. Maundy Thursday celebrates Jesus' Last Supper and his gift to us of Holy Communion or the Eucharist, and Jesus' final commandment that we are to love one another as he has loved us. The service ends with Jesus agonizing in prayer about what is coming next and the arrival of the guards to arrest him.

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."
Luke 22:42

Good Friday relives Jesus' trial and crucifixion and invites us to reflect on what the cross means. We join in prayer for the world and for all who need this sacrificial love of Christ.

This story is part of the Christian DNA, and, yet, many of us shy away from thinking about it. Over the years, I have tried to grow in my own understanding of what actually took place in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to die such a cruel and alienated death? What kind of God would do that to his chosen and beloved Son? Theologians and Christians of all stripes and convictions have attempted to answer but, ultimately, each of us must get to a place where we own the story as our own.

I now understand that Jesus, the Son of God, willingly went into the darkest place of suffering and alienation and death – that frightening black hole that none of us wants to experience. This was God's idea, whether we are really able to explain it well or not! It is expressed in The Creed as Jesus dying "for us and for our salvation", but somehow it can end up being formulaic if we don't pause to appreciate what that means to us personally. Some (the more well behaved among us?) don't really understand why Jesus needed to die for our sins, either. I find it helpful to understand sin as anything that separates us from God or takes us off the path of discipleship. That can be all kinds of stuff and not just evil deeds...

On Easter Eve, the church gathers in darkness for The Great Vigil of Easter. If you have never attended this service, you might try it (Christ Church Cathedral's service is at 7:30 pm if you can't find one in your parish). The Paschal/Easter candle is lit and carried into the sanctuary and someone sings or proclaims "The Light of Christ!" The story of God and humans is read from several books of the Bible. Each of us is given a candle to hold as we hear again how God planned to restore our relationship with him, and how God raised Jesus from the dead. Sometimes baptisms and confirmations are held and, always, we in the congregation can renew our commitment to Christ in our baptismal vows. Once again, we affirm that our own alienation and sin has been buried with Christ and that we live as Christ's body in the world! We carry the light of Christ, which the darkness cannot extinguish!

I hope that you will find time this year to explore the story of our salvation. Jesus died to break the power of our alienation from ourselves and from God. What looked like the end, turned out to be God's triumph and opportunity!! Jesus rose from the grave, the firstborn from the dead. Alleluia!

Blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter!

+ Mary

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



During these last few weeks of Lent as we prepare for the wonder of Easter, we pray for the Reverend Graham Singh and all those who are working to create the new ministry at St James Montréal. Gracious God, we lift up this spiritual initiative to you, and ask for your wisdom, blessing, and support to sustain these committed individuals as they step out in faith. We pray that the pre-launch will surpass expectations and reinforce the knowledge that your Holy Spirit is at work in the secular community where people are curious about faith, but are leery of organized religion. God of hope, we call on you to insure that this ministry grows and prospers and becomes the open and welcoming place it proposes to be.

God of reconciliation and healing, we call on you to be with those who have been hurt by the process of bringing this ministry into being. We pray that you walk with the parishioners of St. James the Apostle as they adjust to this new initiative or, if need be, seek out a different spiritual home where they will feel at ease. We lift up the various concerns that exist around this new church plant and pray that in time they will be alleviated. This we ask in your name. Amen.

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Speaker: Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop of Montreal

Fee –\$35.00 (no refund). Meal included. Pay fee promptly please.

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New Tyndale director says centre is all about learning

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Elizabeth Falco sees the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre as “all about learning”—fostering continued learning among residents of the Little Burgundy area of southwestern Montreal.

She herself is also about learning to a great degree. She spent about 22 years in teaching and school administration with pupils from kindergarten to Grade 12 in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec, where she was head of school between 2003 and 2010 at The Study, a private school for girls in Westmount. Since then she had her own educational consulting firm until the beginning of this year, when she was appointed executive director of Tyndale St-Georges.

Her involvement with Tyndale, began about a decade ago, when she was head at The Study and explored prospects for partnership between the two institution through volunteering and visits. It wasn't long before she herself was putting in volunteer hours in the Tyndale after-school programs. Now she is the successor to Jennifer de Combe, who has accepted a post with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Community Center was

founded as Tyndale House in 1927 by local industrialist, Charles Johnson, with the Presbytery of Montreal of the Presbyterian Church. When St. Aidan's in Little Burgundy closed, St. George's opened a mission on St. Antoine Street at the request of the Bishop of Montreal. Not many years later, in 1970, the two missions joined forces. Then in 1976, the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and the Montreal Presbytery formalized the arrangement. Over the years, the centre has greatly broadened its financial base, attracting support from foundations and individuals, but Ms Falco has great respect for the continuing role of the Anglican and Presbyterian churches.

“They were there from the beginning,” she said.

The centre now has programs in areas ranging from early childhood development through after-school and other programs for children and youth to adult programs, especially ones with a focus on helping participants in the job market.

“I am here because I love the place,” Ms. Falco said in a recent conversation. “It is vibrant and the staff and participants have so many strengths and really care about the community.”



Michael Johnson: on the road again

Archdeacon, partner to embrace new possibilities, RV lifestyle

Here is the text of a letter from Archdeacon Michael Johnson, dated January 31, 2016, and addressed “to members of the faith communities of Christ Church Beaufort, the Still Presence Spirituality Centre, the Paws & Pray Ministry, the West Island Churches, and the Diocese of Montreal.”

My dear friends:

It is with mixed emotions that I

announce today that I will be retiring from full-time ministry, as Incumbent of Christ Church Beaufort and Archdeacon of St. Lawrence effective April 30, 2016. This is not a sudden decision, but one I have been considering since my sabbatical leave in 2014 and as I approached my 65th birthday this past December.

As of March 1 of this year I will have been ordained a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada for



Archdeacon Michael Johnson with Bishop James Almasi of Masasi, Tanzania, and Archdeacon Bill Gray during a visit by a Montreal delegation to Masasi in 2014.

News in brief

PWRDF to focus on reconciliation

The focus of the annual general meeting and supper of the Montreal chapter of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund will be the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada – also the theme of the June 18 annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal.

An announcement of the PWRDF theme noted that the Calls to Action deal with the legacy of over 100 years when aboriginal children were removed from their families and sent to residential schools. The schools, funded by the government and run by churches and church institutions, were located across Canada and sought to eliminate parental involvement in the spiritual, cultural and intellectual development of Aboriginal children. The last residential schools closed in the mid-1990s.

Interim ends for David Sinclair

The Rev. Ken Gray has been appointed dean of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia) and rector of St Paul's Cathedral in Kamloops.

He takes over from the Rev. Canon David Sinclair, who served as interim dean for several months following the departure of the Very Rev. Louise Peters, now executive director of the Sorrento Centre in British Columbia. Canon Sinclair, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ontario (in and near Kingston) lives in the Laurentians and has had several assignments in the Diocese of Montreal.

Father Gray has served 27 years of ordained ministry with the Anglican Church in the Yukon and British Columbia – the past as rector and priest of the Church of the Advent in Colwood, B.C., near Victoria. He will take up his duties April 1.

36 years. I have served in Parish Ministry for 25 of those years, having also worked in secular social work for 11 of those years since ordination. The past eight of my years in Parish Ministry have been the most wonderful time at Christ Church Beaufort in the Diocese of Montreal – the longest period I have served in any one Parish.

Following retirement I am looking forward to relocating to London, Ontario and to more fully embracing new possibilities in my life with my partner Nancy Chapple. We will be searching for and purchasing a retirement property together, and we will be embracing the “RV Lifestyle”, travelling throughout North America (and perhaps beyond) with a travel trailer. Nancy and I will also continue to enjoy motorcycling adventures together on

the GoldWing, and I will be continuing to restore vintage motorcycles. We will also be looking for ways to live out our commitment to social justice issues.

While my effective retirement date is April 30, my last day of work in the Parish and the Diocese will, in fact, be Sunday April 3, the Sunday after Easter. There will be one service only that day, with liturgical acts of retirement and leave-taking included in the worship, and there is a “Retirement & Farewell Celebration Dinner” planned for Saturday April 2. (This will probably be a catered event so that parishioners do not have to prepare for and work through the dinner; there would be a per-person cost which would be kept as low as possible.)

I will be away for some vacation following April 3, after which I will

return to Beaconsfield in mid-April and continue making preparations to relocate. My moving date will be sometime in mid to late May.

I have deeply enjoyed many ministry experiences in the Parish, in the Diocese of Montreal, and in the wider Montreal community, and feel very connected to the Church and community here. I look forward to opportunities over the next two months to celebrate and affirm our time and ministry together with many of you individually, and to celebrating together with parishioners, friends, colleagues and family members on April 2 and 3.

With peace and love to you, Namaste.

MICHAEL+
The Venerable Michael Johnson
Incumbent of Christ Church Beaufort
and Archdeacon of St. Lawrence

Letters to the editor

Divestment campaign unfair, illusionary

The latest craze for many non profits, including religious organizations, is to direct their endowment fund managers to boycott the market for stocks in the oil and gas industry and divest themselves of existing holdings in that industry. The October issue of *Anglican Montreal* and Page 1 of the January issue of the *Anglican Journal* contained an article by the Rev. Elizabeth Welch strongly promoting this idea and the synod of the Montreal Diocese adopted it shortly afterwards (see articles on Page 9 of the December issue of *Anglican Montreal* and Page 1 of the January issue of the *Anglican Journal*). Delegates apparently felt this is the way to do their bit in the fight against climate change. The thesis of the present letter is that it is at best an empty gesture and at worst a lost opportunity to pursue other more rational and effective initiatives.

I can well understand how investment in, for example, tobacco and gambling companies, preying as they do on human weakness and baser instincts, is repugnant to religious principles and values. I believe many organizations do have policies avoiding investment in these companies and I would agree with maintaining these policies notwithstanding that they have little or no effect on the fortunes of those companies. Tobacco stocks, amazingly enough, have been amongst the best performers in the stock market for many years, so the avoidance comes at some sacrifice to the churches' already diminishing fortunes. But here principle trumps profit.

I believe oil and gas producers are in an entirely different category from tobacco and gambling. Far

A note from the editor

After a few months less than nine rich and rewarding years as editor of *Anglican Montreal* and at a few months less than 77 years of age I have asked Bishop Mary to accept my retirement, probably in June. This would mean that the June issue will be my last but, for one thing, it is likely I will be at the June 18 diocesan synod to help my successor.

The decision is basically motivated by age and my own reflections on where my life is going. Details about the new editor's job will be made public a little later, but it seems pretty certain that there will be changes and these will reflect a review of diocesan communications that has been under way for some time already and has already had concrete effects on *Anglican Montreal*, as we call it now, and other diocesan media. Keep in touch.

Perhaps appropriately, I am writing this on deadline. Let it suffice for now to express my gratitude to Bishops Barry Clarke and May Irwin-Gibson and to many, many others for the challenges and rewards that have made these years ones of growth for me.

HARVEY SHEPHERD

from preying on human weakness, they are simply supplying an essential need of human life pending their gradual replacement by alternative sources of energy. The producers are not the villains. The divestiture campaign aims at the wrong target. How many churches are heated by oil furnaces? Lit by fossil-fuel-generated electricity? How many clergy and churchgoers use gasoline-powered means of transportation or products, such as plastics, derived from the refining process? What proportion of donations to the church is derived from dividends and profits from oil and gas investments held by parishioners? The answer to these questions suggests, I'm afraid, an element of hypocrisy as well as futility in the divestiture campaign. A more logical target might be automobile manufacturers who cater to the growing consumer appetite for gas guzzling SUVs.

Two of Canada's largest pension plans recently rejected demands by protesters to divest oil and gas shares. (See the article on p. B1 of the *Globe and Mail* issue of December 24, 2015.) The plans' response was rather to work with the industry to help reduce carbon emissions until reliable alternatives are available in sufficient quantity – a project already under way at many producers and for which they will require more, not less investment. That makes sense. Let us remember, too, that the oil and gas industry (despite recent events) is and will remain an important part of the Canadian economy and a major employer of Canadian working people. This is another reason I find it surprising that it is being unfairly demonized by, of all groups, the church. After all, the intent of divestiture advocacy is to bring the industry to its financial knees, even if that, by the advocates' own admission, is illusionary.

There is nothing wrong with selling any stocks for sound investment reasons, but in the case of oil and gas stocks that was a year ago, not now.

ROBERT COWLING,
MONTREAL

Notable

Christ Church, Rawdon will host the ecumenical group

Together 2000
in an Easter Show,
music and skits

Sat., April 30th, 4 pm,
at Christ Church,
3537 rue Metcalfe, Rawdon

followed by supper in
the parish hall.

Tickets are \$15 for adults;
\$5 for children

includes both show and supper.

For information or to order tickets
450 834-4457

Proceeds benefit Christ Church

A busy year and a new vision for Stewards of the Environment



RICHARD MATTHEWS

Here is an abridged version of a summary of the activities of the Stewardship of the Environment Committee in 2015 by the social media co-ordinator of the committee. COP21 was the 2015 Paris Conference on Climate Change.

After a brief hiatus, the Stewardship of the Environment Committee is back with a new constitution and a new vision. We begin the new year with a review of our activities in 2015. As we reflect on the events of last year we are forced to concede that it was a momentous year. People of faith helped to advance climate action both on the world stage and locally. We are grateful for those who strive to care for creation and for those who worked towards the positive outcome at COP21 and the successful passage of the fossil fuel divestment motion in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

The Stewardship of the Environment Committee humbly appreciates all the support that it has received over the last 12 months. We would like to thank the consultants to our committee: Raymond Noël, Diane Norman and Afra Tucker. We would also like to thank the Rev.

Rhonda Waters, Deborah Tagornak, Henriette Thompson and John Scott for their contributions to our climate justice events in December.

Last year our primary areas of focus were faith and environmentalism, Pope Francis, fossil fuel divestment, and the Paris climate talks. As part of our expanding social media presence we posted 88 articles on our blog, Facebook page and Twitter feed, we supported nine events and organized three actions. During the course of the year we prepared and supported the divestment motion that was passed in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal in October. Along with Christ Church Cathedral,

we also organized a speakers conference and candlelight vigil in support of COP21.

Stewardship of the environment committee: summary of direct actions in 2015:

- Divestment motion in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal
- Creation Groans: climate justice event (Christ Church Cathedral)
- Candlelight Climate Witness Event in support of COP21 (Christ Church Cathedral)

For more information visit stewardshipoftheenvironment.blogspot.ca/2016/01/stewardship-of-environment-committee.html

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Palm Sunday
March 20, 10am



Maundy Thursday
March 24, 2pm



Good Friday
March 25, 2pm



EASTER DAY
March 27, 10am

Notable

CLERGY LENTEN RETREAT

Clergy of the Diocese of Montreal are invited to gather for prayer, rest and refreshment before Holy Week at the Annual Clergy Lenten Retreat

Sunday evening, March 13 to Tuesday after lunch March 15

Manoir d'Youville, Châteauguay
Contact the Synod office for details

Cathedral invites parishioners from across the Diocese to Easter Vigil

Once again, Christ Church Cathedral invites people from parishes across the Diocese of Montreal to the Cathedral on Easter Eve for what Music Director Patrick Wedd describes as the most beautiful liturgy of the year and, much of it, the oldest.

The Easter Vigil, between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on March 26, provides parishes an opportunity to join in worship together without missing worship at their own churches –

except for the relatively few parishes that have vigil services of their own. Parish representatives are invited to join in a procession with paschal candles.

The service also includes baptism of children and adults. (Candidates or parents interested or, preferably, their parish clergy should get in touch with Cathedral staff as soon as possible.)

The service begins outdoor with a small fire, from which a paschal is lit

and from which other candles are lit in the church. Aside from the candles, the first part of the service takes place in darkness.

Then, the church is filled with light and the service continues through traditional readings and a rich variety of ancient and modern readings.

Announcements of a selection other Lenten and Easter services and activities are on this and the previous page.



Anglican Church Women
Diocese of Montreal

Lenten Day of Reflection
Thursday February 25, 2016

Led by the Rev. Shirley Smith

Theme: Reflection on the Wisdom of Solomon

Fulford Hall – Registration at 9:30 a.m. with Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Light lunch will be provided.

All welcome for a day of reflection.

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Some special Lent events

LENTEN LUNCHES

Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St., (corner Fieldfare Ave.),
Beaconsfield

Every Wednesday through
March 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Enjoy a hearty homemade soup,
along with bread, cheese, squares
and tea/coffee for just \$7 a person.
Information: 514-697-2204

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Manoir d'Youville

Châteauguay

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at the Annual Clergy Lenten Retreat.
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Registration & fees due by March 8.

CHILDREN'S EASTER OUTREACH "AMAZING RACE"

St. Paul's Greenfield Park

321 Empire St.

Sat, March 19, 10 a.m.- 12 noon.

Children aged 2 -12, are invited to a
morning of games, crafts, treats,
facepainting, lunch and much more
while learning about the true mean-
ing of Easter: Jesus! For more infor-
mation, please call 450-678-2460 or
450-671-6000 – 450-671-6000
or stpaulsgpk.org or
stpauls@aibn.qc.ca

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Christ Church Beaufort

455 Church St. (corner Fieldfare Ave.),
Beaconsfield

Wednesdays to March 23, 10 a.m.

Midweek Eucharist which began on
Ash Wednesday, continues through
Lent. All are welcome. Information:
514-697-2204 or christchurch@
qc.aibn.com.

SEDER SUPPER

St. Paul's Greenfield Park

321 Empire St.

Thur., March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Come and be part of the Seder
Service while enjoying a great meal.
Tickets \$10 a person. For infor-
mation or to reserve your tickets, call
450-671-6000.

GOOD FRIDAY JOINT SERVICE

St. Francis of the Birds St. Sauveur

95 St. Denis Ave.

Fri., March 25, 3 p.m.

A joint service with Trinity Morin
Heights. A quiet Service of reflec-
tion to focus on the true meaning
of Easter, led by Archdeacon
Ralph Leavitt.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

St. Francis of the Birds St. Sauveur

95 St. Denis Ave.

Sun. March 27, 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Morin Heights,

757 Chemin de Village

Sun. March 27, 11 a.m.

Both led by the Rev. Peter Prosser.
These are the regular times at both
churches

Notable

Christ Church Cathedral

635 rue Ste-Catherine O

Holy Week and Easter Services 2016

March 20 mars

Palm Sunday

Dimanche des rameaux
Blessing of Palms, Procession
and Passion Play

Monday 21 March, 7:30 p.m.

Sung Compline and Meditation
(plainsong)

Tuesday 22 March, 7:30 p.m.

Sung Compline & Meditation
(Russian Orthodox)

Wednesday 23 March, 7:30 p.m.

Choral Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday – 24 March –

Jeu de saint

12:15 p.m. Diocesan Chrism

Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Eucharist of the Last

Supper and All-Night Prayer Vigil

Good Friday – 25 March –

Vendredi saint

Noon Children's Good Friday

Service

1 p.m. Music for Good Friday

2 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday – 26 March –

Samedi saint

7:30 p.m. Great Easter Eucharist

Vigil, Confirmation, 1st mass of

Easter

Easter Day 27 March Dimanche

de Pâques

10 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist

12 h 45 Eucharistie chantée

4 p.m. Festival Choral Evensong

Notable

St. John the Evangelist

137 President Kennedy Ave.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday

Low Mass 8:30 a.m., Matins

9:45 a.m., High Mass 10:30 a.m.

Holy Monday, March 21:

Low Mass 5:45 p.m.

Holy Tuesday, March 22:

Low Mass 5:45 p.m.

Holy Wednesday, March 23:

Low Mass 7:30 a.m and 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24:

Maundy Thursday

High Mass and Vigil at Altar

of Repose 5:45 p.m.

Friday, March 25: Good Friday

Matins 12 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 1 p.m.

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

1:45 p.m.

Tenebrae 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 26:

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 27:

Easter Day of Resurrection

Procession and High Mass

10:30 a.m.

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19h00

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Pioneer ecumenist reaches 100th year

Irénée Beaubien founded centre for ecumenism

On January 26, 2016, Jesuit Father Irénée Beaubien reached the milestone age of one hundred. He is considered a pioneer of ecumenism (Christian unity) in Canada and at the international level.

Born in Shawinigan in 1916, he found a job and abandoned his studies in 1935, in the depths of the Depression. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1936 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1949.

Very early in life, he became interested in dialogue between Christians. In January 1952, he founded a new service named Montreal Catholic Inquiry Forum / Forum Catholique, which offered information on Catholicism to non-Catholic citizens.

In 1963, he founded the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism (which today continues his work in ecumenism). One such project was the construction of a single Christian pavilion to represent Christians of all denominations at Expo 67.

In the 1960s, a kind of crisis arose that spread quickly within the Church. Lay people became estranged from religious practices; priests abandoned the priesthood; religious men and women left their communities. Father Beaubien felt

strongly compelled to act in response to this new phenomenon.

In March 1984, after 21-one years as executive director of the Centre for Ecumenism, Father Beaubien asked to be relieved of his duties.. One of his assistants, the Rev. Thomas Ryan, C.S.P., succeeded him as executive director. In September' 2013, the board entrusted this important position to Dr. Adriana Bara.

At a press conference on September 28, 1984, he announced the official opening of Sentiers de foi, a new organization serving Christians who for various reasons, no longer had any formal relationship with their Church.

On May 8, 2000, the Montreal Diocesan Theological College of the Anglican Church, honoured Father Beaubien with an honorary doctorate. The presentation emphasized "his remarkable contribution, over more than 40 years, to the advancement of the ecumenical movement in Montreal, Canada and abroad."

In October 10, 2002, he was named on Officer of the Order of Canada.

The photo, from a website of the Jesuit Fathers, shows Father Beaubien, Paul Paradis, president of the board of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Rev. Benoît Lacroix, Dominican scholar and



author, now also 100, in the library of the centre last year.

This article is based on material

prepared by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the French-speaking Canadian province of the Jesuit

Fathers. To mark his birthday, the centre has prepared a video and published a booklet.

Service for Christian unity featured ancient Armenian music



The Sourp Hagop Choir presented ancient liturgical music from the Armenian tradition at a service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 17 in the Sourp Hapog Armenian Apostolic cathedral in the Borough of Ahuntsic-Cartierville. Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson preaches in the photo at right by Harvey Shepherd.

Anglican participants included the Rev. Stephen Petrie, ecumenical officer of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and the Rev. Nick Pang. The Rev. Darryl Gray of the Armani Family and Full Gospel Church is behind them (Armenian Prelacy photo).

The cathedral is the see of Bishop Meghrig Parikian of the Armenian Prelacy of Canada. The Prelacy recognizes Karekin II, based in Armenia, as Supreme Patriarch but belongs to the Holy See of Cilicia, today based in Lebanon.

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Cathedral in Outremont, mentioned in a story on the next page is in the Armenian Diocese of Canada.



Notable

St. Joseph of Nazareth Anglican Church

725 Provencher Blvd., Brossard – 450-671-6481

Ninth Annual Black History Service

Sunday February 28 at 10:19 a.m.

You are cordially invited to attend our Ninth Annual Black History Service featuring prayers and music created by Black History.

Our Music Ministry Team will lead the Service with songs.

Our guest speaker will be Ms. Judith Austin, President of the South Shore Black Community Association. Ms. Austin will tell us of her experiences as a black woman in Quebec.

A Caribbean Brunch will be held immediately following the service.

We look forward to welcoming you to this annual service.

Often ecumenically, Anglican parishes rally to Syrian refugees

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Efforts by Anglican parishes to welcome refugees to Quebec take different forms. Among them – and the list is probably incomplete:

■ Nancy Greene-Gregoire of Trinity Memorial Church in the N.D.G. district of West-End Montreal reports that that parish, St. Phillip's in Montreal West, St. Thomas' in N.D.G., and friends, began working together in the Fall of 2015, in response to the urgent needs of refugees, as highlighted by the recent Syrian refugee crisis. These three parishes and others in the Anglican Deanery of Western Montreal felt they could best help refugees by pooling their financial and human resources. Concerned friends from inside and outside of the three parishes established the "Tri-Parish and Friends for Refugees Committee" to oversee work on the necessary sponsorship and resettlement activities.

Exceptionally, this project is focussing on a Congolese family at least for now. She reports, "The family we are seeking to sponsor consists of a couple and their young children introduced to the committee through one of the committee members who has done field work in

African refugee camps. The family is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has lived in a refugee camp in Malawi for several years.

"They are very grateful and excited that we have begun the sponsorship process, and are keen to live in Canada at the earliest opportunity. Their French and English speaking and reading abilities should help them in resettling in Montreal.

"We have some solid financial and volunteer commitments to support this first family. Action Réfugiés has checked our application and we are almost ready to submit it. While the application makes its way through the government approvals, we will continue our fundraising through church bazaars and a Tri-parish Evensong in the spring."

■ Jan Jorgensen of the Christ Church Cathedral congregation reports that, "As a result of the very generous donations of goods, services, and money we have raised over \$27,000 for our Refugee Sponsorship Ministry. More than 40 people have pledged to provide welcome and assistance to the family, and once we have completed the application process with Action Réfugiés Montreal we will hold information and training sessions."

■ St. Peter's TMR and its neighbour,

Mount Royal United Church, began discussing a project in the fall and have raised commitment of about \$15,000 each and teams of volunteers. They are looking for a family of four and Action Réfugiés is working through its partners to find one.

■ St. Stephen's Montreal is working with Action Réfugiés to try to find a family.

■ The Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval is working with three adult friends of members of the parish to bring their Syrian parents, in their 70s and now in Lebanon, to Canada. St. Matthias' Westmount is supporting this effort. The Rev. Elizabeth Welch of the Dorval parish thinks a further project is "on the horizon."

■ A group Action Réfugiés Sutton, formed by two friends in Sutton in the Eastern Townships, one of them of Armenian origin, is working with Grace Church Sutton and its pastor, the Rev. Tim Smart. The group expects to welcome a family of five, already known to the resident with Armenian roots, this year. Hay Doun has been helping with arrangements and Action Réfugiés Sutton, aside from this particular project, has been doing some fund-raising for Hay Doun.

■ In North Hatley, in the Diocese of

Quebec, six swimmers led by polar dip expert Stephen Sherran raised \$2,000 for Syrian refugees in a polar dip December 5, in the chilly waters of Lake Massawippi. This was one of several such events in different countries that day. When in North Hatley, Mr. Sherran worships at St. Barnabas Church.

■ The February issue of *The Gazette*, our sister paper in the Diocese of Quebec, also reports that the vestries of St. George's Lennoxville and St. Barnabas North Hatley passed motions to guarantee the \$30,000 needed to sponsor a refugee family; by January 1 \$46,000 had been raised. The corporations from these two parishes and five others donated money to the fund and a number of fund-raising events have taken place or are planned.

■ Still according to *The Gazette*, the Campus Ministry at Bishop's University and the Lennoxville campus of Champlain College, which has been welcoming refugee students since 1992, including two Burundians in August, agreed to sponsor two students who had fled the conflict in Syria. One arrived in December, the 40th student sponsored by the ministry; the other was expected soon.



Paul Clarke, executive director of Action Réfugiés

Armenians lead in welcoming refugees from Syria

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Church-related efforts to help Syrian refugees get to Canada are by no means confined to Anglicans.

Other church-linked agencies are also involved in various ways. Among them, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal and the Jesuit Fathers have long had an involvement in refugee efforts. Also, as one might expect, Montreal parishes and their members in

churches with roots and members in and near Syria, such as the Antiochian Orthodox and Melkite Catholic churches among others, are involved in reaching out to co-religionists seeking to come to Canada. This is probably also true, in a circumspet way, of Montreal's Muslim community.

Probably the leader in efforts of this kind is the Montreal Armenian community, with its dedicated and effective community outreach organ-

ization Hay Doun. It has a partnership agreement with the relevant Quebec government ministry allowing Hay Doun to sponsor refugees who want to establish themselves in Quebec. (The Anglican Diocese of Montreal has a similar agreement, which permits it to provide financial guarantees for refugees arriving with the help of Action Réfugiés Montréal.)

Narod Odabasiyan, director of Hay Doun, said in late January that

Hay Doun (Armenian House) had in 15 months welcomed more than 1,000 mark in welcoming members of the afflicted Armenian community in Syria to Montreal.

On January 10, the Rev. Father Vazgen Boyadjian, pastor of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Cathedral in Outremont, celebrated a Divine Liturgy, which was followed by a lunch for more than 300 of the recent arrivals. (See photo.)

It was offered by the Parish

Council in co-operation with Hay Doun and in the presence of Bishop Abgar Hovakimian, Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada. His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, sent a letter of Pontifical Blessings and Appreciation from his see in Etchmiadzin, Armenia, to Mrs. Nayiri Tavlian, president, and other board members of Hay Doun.



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Volunteer reminisces on 15 years of Open Door

A vibrant and inclusive place

MICHELLE

This article, slightly edited, is by leading volunteer with Montreal-Southwest Community Ministries, which works with inmates released or on leave, and is taken from its newsletter.

It's hard to believe that Open Door is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year! I well remember that infamous day – September 11 in 2001 – the day the Twin Towers came down – when we held our first Open Door meeting at the YMCA in downtown Montreal. There were eight or nine of us, volunteers and ex-inmates, and of course the entire evening was spent discussing the events of that day.

Open Door has moved on from that time with many more celebratory hours spent on a Tuesday evening. Back in the day we only met on the second and fourth Tuesday of each



month, but it quickly became obvious that we needed to be more regular as people tended to forget which week was which and arrived at the Y only to be disappointed that we were not meeting that night.

So the decision was taken to meet every Tuesday – and so we have for

the past 14 years – except for a break on the Tuesday between Christmas and New Year's.

With time our attendance grew from those initial eight or nine until more than 20 persons could regularly be expected to congregate in the upstairs room of the YMCA – they even had to move us to a larger room to accommodate everyone comfortably. By then we were not only hosting guys from the community, but were also receiving guys on different types of leave from the minimum-security prisons around Montreal.

After some five years at the YMCA we had to relocate and happily the Diocese of Montreal stepped in



with the offer free space at Fulford Hall where we have been ever since.

Over the years Open Door has offered many interesting evenings with fascinating topics presented. Some of my most memorable ones include Clifford showing us how he sculpts – lugging those heavy sculptures up the stairs –; doing the cow dance with the Diocesan Dancers; teaching the guys how to play Kalooki- a Jamaican card game- during games night; Spoken Word and Poetry nights; musical nights with presenters playing guitars and inviting us to write our own songs... and many more.

Of course there were also times of sorrow – when we grieved the loss by

death of one of our long time members, or remembered, on Prison Justice Day, the guys who died in prison and were buried in unmarked graves. We also processed together the disappointment on the rare instances where one of our members re-offended.

As the years have passed, and guys and volunteers have come and gone, Open Door remains a vibrant and inclusive place for people to meet and share community, young and old alike – from all walks of life. May it continue for another 15 years!

This Open Door is a different outreach project from the Open Door soup kitchen at St. Stephen's, Westmount.

Children's ministry gets some recognition



Another event coming up

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS

Lee-Ann Matthews is youth ministry co-ordinator for the Diocese of Montreal.

If success can be measured by the number of smiles on people's faces and the decibels of laughter in Fulford Hall, then we can authoritatively report that the first Children's Ministry Symposium at the Anglican Diocese of Montreal was successful!

For the January 23 event, the downtown hall was transformed into a children's ministry wonderland with panels of art, and artifacts, books and projects. The Sunday school at Christ Church Cathedral generously donated some of their creations to the event. The space was adorned with fresh tulips and there were live musicians creating an inviting ambience.

Bishop Mary welcomed the participants with warm words of encouragement. She gave an empowering, heartfelt opening address. Through her blessing and endorsement, the bishop validated the work of Children's Ministry and set the tone for a most transformative day.

Fascinating presentations, a scrumptious lunch and a series of dynamic workshops gave 35 established and aspiring children's ministry leaders a meaningful opportunity to connect, share and learn from

one another.

The Children's Ministry Symposium brought Sunday school leaders out of their sometimes small and dingy and most often under-recognized corners of their churches to the brightly lit, communal, diocesan office to be validated, uplifted and nourished by one another.

And there's more to come. A third annual children and youth leaders' weekend for the dioceses of Montreal and Ottawa will take place March 4-7 at the Manoir d'Youville in Châteauguay. It's a golden opportunity for leaders to come together for fellowship, training, and fun.

Two people with broad experience will lead the workshops.

Active in youth ministry for more than 25 years, Judy Steers has been director of the Ask and Imagine Youth Theology programs since 1999.

The Rev. Jean-Daniel Williams is the Anglican-United Church Chaplain at McGill University and is a young adults minister in the United Church. He has an extensive background in children's and youth ministry in the United States.

The photo by Tala Strauss shows him at the January 23 event. All are welcome to learn and share together for this meaningful and memorable event!

For information contact Mtyouth@montreal.anglican.ca.



At the peaceful Manoir d'Youville in Chateauguay, Quebec



"Play is a 'liminal space' where we are open to new possibilities and where we let go into freedom. Wait – that sounds like what happens when we encounter God!" Judy Steers



Judy has been a youth ministry leader, teacher and consultant for over 25 years. She has been the Director of the Ask & Imagine Youth Theology programs since 1999. She is currently playing with lots of new-ness in inter-faith poetry slams and her MA in applied theology.

Rev. Jean-Daniel Williams is the Anglican-United Christian Chaplain at McGill and Montréal-Ottawa regional youth and young adult minister for the United Church of Canada. He has studied at Harvard and Yale and is currently a PhD student focused on children's ministry at the Université de Montréal. He has been a Christian education director for churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut and has over a decade of professional focus on children's, youth, and university ministry.

Registration:
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Spirituality

Walking in the light is theme of retreat

Absolute, primary need to listen

SALLY HARRINGTON PHILIPPO

For more than 10 years, a small non-profit organization entitled "Le Sanctuaire Vita Nova Sanctuary" has faithfully organized an annual retreat, during which teaching has had an emphasis on prayer, (particularly using Ignatian methods of prayer) and the overarching desire to

help people find a deepening relationship with Jesus. These experiences of retreat have been a blessing and very fruitful in the lives of those that have attended over the years.

Recently our Bishop posted on Facebook a quote from the Message translation of the Bible – a developed meditation on the magnificent invitation of Jesus to all people:

"Come unto me all you who are weary, and I will give you rest" It is heartening to see that in the midst of

so many obligations and ministry activities, she reminds us all of the absolute primary need to listen to the call of Jesus on our lives.

Making time for a weekend retreat is an excellent way to respond to that invitation. We have always offered the gift of Silence to everyone who attends. We have found that maintaining this atmosphere creates an inner space which is exceptionally conducive to the kind of true "listening" that happens when we do not

have to engage in conversation with others around us. God is speaking to us all the time, but all too often, despite good intentions, we cannot hear His voice because of the clutter and constant chatter of our lives. It is a real blessing to step out of our busy everyday routines. To come to a place where the full intention is to listen to what God has to say to us through the conferences of the retreat leader, and of course in our times of private prayer. Music is used judiciously to maintain a peaceful and reverent atmosphere, especially during mealtimes. It is never awkward to stay in "silence".

One person who had never before been to a Silent retreat, wrote

"Silence is indeed a great and beautiful gift... in which we could truly listen to His still small voice... that brings life.."

God is constantly trying to reach into our minds and hearts with messages of his deep and abiding love. He knows our deepest needs, and longs to restore our souls.

This year the retreat will once again be led by Father William Brown OMV, a Catholic Oblate from the Order started by Bruno Lanteri in the early 19th century. The special intention of this Order was and continues to be to help people discover more of God's Love and Mercy. Father Bill has more than 21 years of experience as a retreat master and spiritual director, as well as having responsibilities with respect to provincial leadership. To complement his master's degree in divinity, he has obtained a master's degree in pastoral counselling, with a particular interest in the need for healing. He teaches his conferences with great warmth of humanity, and at the same time a deep insight into the healing action of the Holy Spirit in a person's life. He is a very stimulating speaker.

During these weekends, another element that offers nourishment is the presence of accredited Spiritual Directors, who, alongside Father Bill, are available in private consultations scheduled on an as-needed-and-requested basis.

We have held these retreats in several different locations but we have learned to especially love the simple atmosphere of l'Ermitage Ste. Croix alongside the tranquil Lake of Two mountains, in a very private wooded setting. The prayerful sisters offer a climate of sincere faith that Jesus is present and alive within and all around us.

Jesus indeed also encourages his disciples to *"come apart and rest awhile."*

He knows our desperate need for quiet restoration of our souls. You are warmly invited to contact any of the names on our invitation reference list with any questions about the upcoming retreat April 8 – 10th 2016. Entitled "Walking in the Light".

Bursaries are available on an as-needed basis. We are grateful to the Anglican Spiritual Direction group for the faithful support of this ministry over the years.

Walking in the Light

Annual Retreat

Led by Father William Brown, OMV



We are happy to invite you to join us for our annual retreat.

The focus this year will be on Jesus. He is our Saviour.

It is only He who offers real rescue to all of mankind.

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Peace that Jesus offers us.

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Father Bill has more than 25 years of experience in leading retreats and has a particular heart for healing. While we will be offering the weekend with the blessing of silence between sessions, there will be opportunities for individual interviews with Spiritual Directors.

Registration form attached.

For more information please contact one of us:

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Notable

"GriefShare" launched on West Island

St George's Church, Ste Anne-de-Belleuve, has formed a GriefShare support group, meeting Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. The first cycle of the 13-week seminar and support group will continue through April; new participants are welcome new at any time during the cycle.

GriefShare uses material from Christian Initiatives, producers of the DivorceCare program also used at this parish. Each evening includes a time for sharing, a 30-minute video presentation and discussion. The program is designed to help support participants on the journey of grief and to be a place of healing and hope.

Topics covered include: Is this Normal? The Challenges of Grief; the Journey of Grief; Guilt and Anger; Getting Stuck; the Lessons of Grief; What do I live for now?

The parish invites queries from anyone who could use this support.

The cost is \$25 for materials.

For information:

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Missional thoughts

What comes into your mind when you think about God?

MARK DUNWOODY

Mark Dunwoody is missionary for the Diocese of Montreal. He describes this as "the first in the series of missional thoughts focusing on the challenge of how we might 'unlearn what to think, and relearn how to think' as we re-mission our church to a future not yet known."

Some words have powerful meanings; A.W. Tower makes a strong statement at the beginning of his book *The Knowledge of the Holy*: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

I'd like to propose that, in a similar way, what comes into our minds when we think of the word *church* is the most important element in shaping how we function as a church.

The way leaders define church

will determine how they measure success, where they focus time and energy, how they design their strategies and form their ministry philosophies. How they define church even determines the focus of our prayers. This, then, trickles into the hearts and minds of our congregations, shaping how they think of church.

I've lived in four countries and have worked with churches in maybe 15 countries. Even so, I have no idea what is 'church', or who is a typical Anglican.

Rather, what I've learned from my life experiences is that many of the traditional notions we have about ourselves and how church should be structured are wrong. It is not simply the loudest who have the best ideas; it is those who are the best at harvesting ideas from others. It is not only the most determined



Mark Dunwoody at Children's Ministry Symposium (Photo: Tala Strauss)

who drive change; it is those who most fully engage with others. And it is not power or prestige that best motivates people; it is respect and help from peers.

How can we be honest with ourselves and consider that what we think of *God* and what we do as *church* may need to be reimagined?

Notable

St. George's Church

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Ste. Anne de Bellevue H9X 2C6

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Toronto Anglican seminary training Orthodox priests

A University of Toronto college whose faculty of divinity has traditionally prepared Anglicans for the priesthood is now also offering training for would-be ordained or lay ministers in the Orthodox Church.

Since 2006, Trinity College has been offering courses in Orthodox Christianity through its Orthodox and Eastern Christian studies program. In 2015, the college created a new school, the Orthodox School of Theology at Trinity College, which now offers a master of divinity degree.

Three students enrolled for the program this year, and up to 12 are expected for next year, says the school's co-director, the Rev. Geoffrey Ready.

The degree, often a necessity for candidates for ordination in the Orthodox Church, is the only one of its kind in Canada. Until now, would-be Orthodox priests in Canada have had to study elsewhere – typically the U.S.

Students enrolled in Trinity's

Anglican-oriented master of divinity or master of theological education degrees will also be able to take courses at the Orthodox school for credit.

Says the Rev. Canon David Neelands, dean of Trinity College's divinity school, "Orthodox historians and theologians have a lot to offer in terms of early church writers and history, and Anglicans have a long tradition of interest in Eastern Christianity – its icons, its spirituality and its authentic character."

Ready says he hopes the new school will also help raise the profile of the Orthodox Church.

"One of the main benefits of having our seminary at a university is that it gives us the opportunity to engage with the world and really tackle modern questions."

The Anglican

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Écrivain, philosophe et cofondateur de la ferme SageTerre, Jean Bédard nous parlera du premier des trois thèmes qui marqueront notre 75^e anniversaire, soit l'amour du monde, la résistance et la création. Il a publié, entre autres, *Marguerite Porète: l'inspiration de Maître Eckhart* (VLB, 2012), *Le chant de la terre inconnue* (VLB, 2014), *Le pouvoir ou la vie* (Fides, 2008) et *L'écologie de la conscience* (Liber, 2013).

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Sales & Events

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St. Paul's Côte des Neiges
3970 Côte Ste. Catherine Road, Church Hall
MOTHERS' UNION BRUNCH
Sunday, March 20, 12:30 p.m.
Price: \$15.

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MEN'S "SIGNATURE" BREAKFAST/BRUNCH
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321 Empire St.
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Sat., May 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Browse through our plants, garden supplies, kitchen supplies and more. Stay for lunch from our great Country Kitchen. Info: 450-678-2460.

Spiritual Calendar

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St. James, Rosemere
328 Pine St. Rosemere
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Host Winston Fraser invites you to come by for a coffee, stay for soup and fellowship. The church is open for prayer and quiet meditation. Info: 450-621-6466

PAWS&PRAY
Christ Church Beaurepaire,
455 Church St. (corner Fieldfare Ave.), Beaconsfield
Sunday, March 6, 1 p.m.
Paws&Pray features a worship service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are welcome. This program is offered in collaboration with the Companion Animal Adoption Centers of Quebec, a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. The next Paws&Pray services will be April 3 May 1. Info: 514-697-2204 or christchurch@qc.aibn.com.

PRAISE AND HEALING SERVICE
St. Michael and All Angels Pierrefonds
15556 Cabot St.
Tue., March 8, at 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Apostle Samuel Oduro. All are welcome! Come and be blessed. Info: 514-626-4205

CAFÉ WORSHIP SERVICE
St. Paul's Greenfield Park
321 Empire St.
Sun, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
A special kind of worship monthly with great spiritual music. Also April 24, May 29 and June 26. Enjoy a cup of coffee while being part of a wonderful worship service. Info: 450-671-6000.

CONFIRMATION
St. Paul's Côte des Neiges
3970 Côte Ste. Catherine Road, Church Hall
Sunday, April 3
Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson will confirm candidates at the service.

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS RETREAT
Ermitage Sainte-Croix
21269 Gouin Blvd. W. Pierrefonds
Sat., May 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
For the Diocese of Montreal. Speaker: Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop of Montreal. Fee: \$35 (no refund, meal included, please pay promptly). To register, call Bev Jarvis at 514-626-7689 (home) or 514-898-0853 (cell).



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When: April 29 – May 1
Where: Ermitage Ste-Croix, Pierrefonds
Cost: \$160, Friday Supper to Sunday after lunch, private rooms and all meals/snacks included
Spiritual Director: The Rev'd. Elizabeth Welch of the parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark
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Around the parishes

Nuit Blanche at Christ Church Cathedral

Again this year, Christ Church Cathedral participated in *Nuit Blanche*, a collaborative festival organized overnight Saturday and Sunday February 27-28 by downtown Montreal organizations, otherwise all or mostly secular. This year (if things went according to plan; the *Nuit Blanche* was after our deadline), the Cathedral began a night early with a concert by Jonathan Stuchbery on the guitar; a presentation of Armanian music by the Ensemble Mélodie of the Association Culturelle Tekeyan and a horn quartet.

The overnight events began with a concert at 4:30 p.m., part of the Oasis Musicale weekly series, of music for organ, piano and soprano by Olivier Messiaen by Candlelight, presented by candlelight. After that came an organ concert by Adrian Foster, assistant organist at the Cathedral, a handbell-ringing workshop, three short concerts by the Montreal choir Symphonies Vocales, a selection of flute ensemble music, a candlelit compline service with Gregorian chant (at 11 p.m.) and a jazz group at 1 a.m. There were pauses for quiet reflection between the events. An exhibition of art and photography was on view through the evening.

St. Mary's Kirkland gathers no moss

The Rev. Lorne Tardy at St. Mary's Kirkland, on the West Island, sends out a regular informal email of "noozebytes," primarily to parishioners. He has taken to adding a thought or two for reflection. Here are excerpts from the end of January:

"Do you remember the 'canary in a coal mine' test? In the old days they would bring a canary, sensitive to CO gas, down into the mine and monitor its behaviour. If it passed out, or died: time to leave! I believe our society has a number of such canaries or, if you will, warnings of danger. In North America, obesity and diabetes are at record levels and climbing at a time when global hunger is as never before. We look at the enormous houses being built at a time of increased homelessness. Santa Claus is soon going to be living on a raft in the not-so-frozen north. We're *way* out of balance! What is the Christian response to this? Stewardship! Or, put another way, balance. Or, put a trendier way, wellness. Our collective lifestyle choices have a global impact. Let's think about that!

"We just had (only) our second oil fill-up of the season which reflected much reduced consumption and lower prices. I expect, if things remain the same, heating costs will be half last year's."

"(A while ago the church installed a popcorn machine, from which popcorn is available after Sunday services.) "Our weekly POPCORN is a great success... My goal in introducing it is to connect Church activity with the rest of life: the kids go to the cinema and are reminded of Church, that God is everywhere, etc. (Sort of like saying grace at meals.)"

"Thank you to all who have responded to our deficit reduction appeal so far. The Diocese has been very patient with us, understanding that we take seriously our financial obligations...."

"Confirmation is scheduled for May 8."

Breakfast volunteers needed

The Morin Heights School Breakfast program is running desperately short of volunteers to help prepare and serve breakfasts. It is not required to volunteer every week, one could join a team that rotates their dates. This important outreach program was started by the members of Trinity Church in the Laurentians community of Morin Heights several years ago, to provide breakfasts to the many children who arrive at school with none after an hour or more on buses. Help the next generation get off to a good start! If you can help, please call Dorothy Garret 450-226-3845.



Four candidates were confirmed November 29 at St. Barnabas Church, Pierrefonds. From left are Jovan Charles, Lauren Brathwaite, the Rev. Pamela Yarrow, incumbent, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Katrina Brathwaite and Nathan Callender.

(Photo: Stephen Callender.)

Canada briefs

PREPARED BY ANGLICAN JOURNAL STAFF WRITER TALI FOLKINS

New Brunswick Anglicans embrace e-offering

Roughly one-third of all Anglican givers in the diocese of Fredericton are now using e-offering, diocesan staff say.

E-offering is an online banking arrangement whereby money is automatically transferred from the donor's bank account at regular intervals. The amount and frequency are set by the donor, and can be changed at any time.

The diocese launched e-offering pilot projects in two parishes in 1999, and eventually made it available to all parishes. As of 2014, 58 parishes and 1,196 parishioners – one-third of all givers in the diocese – were using it, and donations made through e-offering for the year totalled \$2.2 million.

Taking part in e-offering costs parishes \$25 per month, but parish and diocese staff say this fee has been more than offset by the increase in revenues that participating parishes seem to be enjoying.

Conversely, says diocesan treasurer Irene Adams, "Those parishes with lower e-offering participation are often the ones that struggle the most, especially during the peak vacation periods and the winter storm season," when services are cancelled because of the weather.

The New Brunswick Anglican

Edmonton interfaith group hires first housing ambassador

A Christian Reformed Church pastor has been named the first housing ambassador of the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative (CRIHI), an Edmonton-area alliance of faith groups, including the Anglican diocese of Edmonton, aimed at fighting homelessness.

Mike Van Boom, who served as a Christian Reformed pastor in Lethbridge and Edmonton for more than 10 years, was recently named to the position, the CRIHI announced Nov. 20, 2015. As housing ambassador, Mr. Van Boom will be tasked with helping Edmonton neighbourhoods host conversations about creating permanent and affordable housing. His position is funded by the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Community Foundation, a charity. The Anglican diocese is providing Van Boom with administrative support, and both he and his supervisor work out of offices at Edmonton's Christ Church.

According to a study produced by the EndPoverty Edmonton Task Force, a community group, roughly one in four of Edmonton's families live in housing they can't afford, faced with rent or mortgage costs that eat up 30 per cent or more of their income. The demand for affordable housing is high, especially among low-wage earners, seniors, teens, single parents and people with mental illnesses or addictions.

As housing ambassador, Mr. Van Boom says he hopes to reduce some of the fear, stereotypes and antagonism associated with housing projects.

The Messenger

Notable

Aging: an all-day seminar Four divergent points of view

presented by the C.G Jung Society of Montreal
Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Concordia University, 450 Guy St., Room MB 3.435

- Aging in the 21st Century: Dolly Dastoor, Ph.D. clinical psychologist and professor in the department of psychology, McGill
- The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected: Susan Meindl, psychologist
- Elementary, my dear Watson: Mary Harsany, psychologist
- Personal reflections on aging: Clare Hallward: scholar of Brother David Steindl-Rast and founder of Project Chance.

Members \$70, non-members \$90, students and senior members \$50
Information 514-481-8664 or sites.google.com/site/cjungmontreal

Notable

Oasis Musicale

Concerts at Christ Church Cathedral, 635 St. Catherine St. W.

Saturday, March 5 – *The Lives and Loves of Woman*

Lucie Mayer, soprano, Patrick Wedd, piano

Works by: Ned Rorem, Alexandra Fol, Schumann, Massenet, Meyerbeer, Bizet

Saturday, March 12 – *Les Deux Amis*

Jonathan Stuchbery and Josephina Lee, guitars

Juan B. Marella: *Suite No. 1*; Fernando Sor: *Les Deux Amis*; Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco: *Prelude and Fugue in D minor*, *Prelude and Fugue in A Major*; Steve Reich: *Nagoya Guitars*; Rezso Sugar: *Hungarian Children's Songs*.

Saturday, March 19 – *The Last Leaf*

HATO Piano Duo featuring Tomoko Inui and Haruyo Yoshino-Platt, pianos

Shubert: *Grand Duo, op.140*, Khachaturian: *Gayaneh* and *Sabre Dance*

Saturday, March 26 – *To be announced*



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