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Photo: Michael Ambery

Members from both teams line up for a goodwill photo

Thunderbird Soccer and Aboriginal Neighbours meet again

Bill Bachop

There are ho-hum days, OK days and once in a while, there's one that's a plain old feel good day any which way you look – the kind that leaves a legacy of special lasting memories.

Example: Saturday, July 11 when the second annual Thunderbird Soccer Association Fun Day brought two cultures together - the Aboriginal community and its neighbours - on Naden Field in Esquimalt in a shared spirit of unity and willingness to strengthen ties of friendship through the sport of soccer.

The mission – to further narrow the gulf created by an unhappy past history by continuing

the process of healing and reconciliation – was supported by Greater Victoria churches and a small army of dedicated volunteers and community business enterprises. And it dovetailed neatly with Thunderbird Soccer head coach Alex Nelson's firm belief (as a residential school survivor) that involvement in sport is critical in helping young people to develop self-reliance and personal growth.

Spearheaded by the Thunderbird (T-Bird) Soccer Club and Aboriginal Neighbours, an organization founded by the Anglican Synod of British Columbia with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members, including

the United Church and the Society of Friends (Quakers) – the event was a success despite the arrival of unexpected showers in one of the hottest and driest summers in memory.

Participation was the name of the game with scrimmages and games involving players ranging in age from four-year-old youngsters to seniors up in their sixties as well as a squad of costumed Super Heroes including Batman and other characters.

But there was more to it all than just the folk and fun on the field. The many volunteers deserved special mention for toiling cheerfully to help make the event run smoothly. Tasks

ranged from tent and marquee setups and takedown to installation of a sound system and non-stop provision of an all-day brunch of sandwiches, hot dogs, cakes, cookies, coffee, water, juice, fruit and iced watermelon.

"Our local stores, volunteers and merchants came through brilliantly," said one spokesperson. "Thanks to their generosity, I don't think too many people went home at day's end looking for supper."

A highlight of the day was the senior division contest of teams composed of clergy members, (including Bishop Mark MacDonald, Canada's first National Indigenous Anglican Bishop

and Bishop Logan MacMenamie of the Diocese of British Columbia) and T-Bird elite players.

The score? No one's sure but it's understood in the days following the tournament, area pharmacies reported a run on muscle rubs.

At day's end, the players still able to stand, young and old, mingled together for a group photo as a reminder of a fine day of fun and friendship, opening the door to reconciliation and healing through sport.

Bill Bachop is a retired journalist and member of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt.

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Ed Lewis
Editor

Diocesan Synod Meeting

The 7th sitting of the 96th Synod
will take place on
Saturday, September 12
at

The Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre
6234 Spartan Road,
Nanaimo

Registration will take place from 8:30 - 9:30 am.
(There will be no registrations accepted after that time.)

The agenda:

8:30-9:30 am Registration
9:30 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Synod business
12:30 pm Lunch
1:15-3:00 pm Synod business
3:00 pm Eucharist
4:00 pm Close

Bishop Logan Writes

A day to remember



"May God grant you enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in the world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done." (from a Franciscan Blessing).

World's first female Police Officer, Alice Stebbins Wells, appointed (LAPD) 1910.

The Episcopal Church removed the word "Obey" from the bride's section of wedding vows -1922.

US Supreme Court orders Little Rock Ark high school to integrate - 1958.

Supersonic airliner Concorde lands for first time at Heathrow airport - 1970.

South African anti-apartheid activist Stephen

Biko died at the age of 30. - 1977.

What do all these events have in common? They all took place on **September 12**. All are historic events that had a significant impact on the world.

We are moving into our Synod in Nanaimo on September 12.

It has been my hope and prayer that the work we have been about in our Vision Fulfillment Journey will have a transformative effect on the parishes of our Diocese and our life together as a Diocese.

It is also my prayer that our work will have the same transformative effect on the larger church. It is God's work in and through us and we should enter into this work with the expectation that the promise is also there for the transformation of the world.

As we, as a Diocese, move to what I hope to be a transformative Synod this month, what we will look like in the future will be in the Creator's hands.

I believe there has been intentional listening in the Diocese over the last

year. The group that led us firstly in the Vision Process and those who now lead us in the Vision Fulfillment Journey have been attentive to what we as a Diocese have said coming out of our life of faith and prayer.

Thank you for your commitment to our Diocese, for your prayer life and for your faith in what the Creator is saying to us at this time in our history.

I believe that in this journey we have been on and will continue on into the future, we have heard God speaking in and through us.

We are called at this time to draw upon all the gifts that the Spirit has empowered us with. For all of us it will be a time of exploration and experimentation. As an Anglican family we cover a broad spectrum and I believe our tent is big enough for everyone to live in it together.

It has always interested me to reflect on the Christianity of the Celtic lands. It was not until a few years ago that I fully realized the effect that this Christianity has had

on our spiritual journey. There are many things to learn from this Christianity and there are two I want to focus on because I feel they are relevant to our context on these islands.

The first is the integration of what could be called indigenous practices into the Christian faith and practice. The second is that these Christians found themselves on the edge of the empire, the edge of the known world, the edge of civilization. We too are on the edge of the world - we are on islands in the Pacific Ocean.

We have an opportunity in our generation to be reborn as Anglicans on these islands. We have an opportunity to learn from the First Peoples of these lands. I believe that hearing their stories, and learning about their traditions and culture will transform us as Anglicans.

How we move forward into the future depends on a number of things: How we look at ourselves as individuals, as parishes, and as a Diocese and, most importantly, how we approach God. The Vi-

sion calls us to have new hearts and new minds. The invitation is for us to move from old patterns of thinking and behaving. Are we willing and able to take this journey trusting each other and trusting God?

The Vision before us will certainly help to shape and form us as we travel together into the future. It will be God's gift to us as individuals, parishes and Diocese as we ready ourselves to have new eyes, new hearts and new minds.

Let this scripture shape us as we travel with God into the future that will begin on September 12:

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead..." Ephesians 1:18-20 New International Version.

Bishop Logan

TO PRESERVE

plums tumble
out of summer
down misted nights
into cold-fingered fall

pitted with gold
they slip
into September
to weight my hands
with jam

Joanna M. Weston



The Bishop's Calendar

During the next few weeks Bishop Logan will be taking part in the following events:

September

- 5 Chapter of Deacons in Nanaimo
- 6 St. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville
- Parish Visit with Confirmation & Baptism
- 13 St. George the Martyr - Parish Visit
Christ Church Cathedral
- Service Honouring Queen Elizabeth
- 14 Cathedral School - 25th Anniversary Celebration
- 16 Tolmie Clericus
- 17 Finance Committee
- 18-20 Provincial Synod - Sorrento
- 24 Clergy Day - St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt
- 26 Diocesan Council
- 27 St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus - Patronal Feast



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Bishop Logan McMenamie

and the following parishes:

September 6, Pentecost 15

St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay
The Rev. Craig Hiebert, Deacon-in-charge

September 13, Pentecost 16

St. Columba, Port Hardy
St. John, Port Alice
The Rev. Wade Allen, Incumbent

September 20, Pentecost 17

Holy Trinity, Sooke
The Rev. Dimas Canjura, Incumbent

September 27, Pentecost 18

St. Columba, Tofino/West Coast Mission
The Rev. Will Ferrey, Incumbent

October 4, Pentecost 19

St. John the Divine, Victoria
The Ven. Alastair McCollum, Incumbent
The Rev. Canon Kevin Arndt, Priest Associate
The Rev. Jane Reid, Priest Associate



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Photo: Cathrine Allen

Ordination

A large congregation was in attendance at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria on June 28 as Bishop Logan McMenamie ordained four new deacons and one priest. In the picture above the congregation is congratulating the newly ordained. Those ordained are (L-R): Deacons - Tanya Parker-McKoen, Selinde Krayenhoff, Craig Hiebert, Priest - Justin Cheng, and Deacon - Meagan Crosby-Shearer.



Photo: Submitted

Clergy attending the celebration pose with Bishop Logan and Fr. Anthony (third from the left) for a group photo

St. John the Divine, Courtenay celebrates Centennial

Vera Jensen

One hundred years ago, in January of 1915, St. John the Divine, Courtenay first opened its doors. On Wednesday, June 10, 2015 the Parish held a Centennial Celebration. It was a truly joyful celebration. The congregation and their guests were greeted with festive balloons at the door, music from the choir loft as we entered and then a brief interlude of music from the piano played by Dagmar Killan before the service began.

Bishop Logan McMenamie welcomed us all adding a welcome in three of the local First Nations languages, acknowledging our status as settlers on their hereditary land. His introduction and later his sermon and the delightful rhymes he taught us emphasized the theme of Glory, Gratitude and Praise.

Father Anthony Divinagracia, assisted the Bishop during the service.

Many members of the Anglican clergy, both active and retired, from Victoria to Port Hardy and many points in between came to help us celebrate. We were honoured by the presence of ministers from other Christian Churches in the Comox Valley; and special guests, friends and well-wishers from the community including Comox Mayor Paul Ives.

As faithful Anglicans of many years, my sister and I tried not to be in awe of the number of clergy surrounding us. Used to a more modest-sized congregation, we found it inspiring to be part of such enthusiastic singing and responses, especially the final rendition of To God Be the Glory. During the communion, Marcia Haley sang a solo ac-

companied by Peter Walker.

Following the service about 120 guests and parishioners gathered in the hall for a wonderful meal. Everyone was served in good time as Tony Rider kept the lines organized even as some of us wandered about to greet old friends or introduced ourselves to our visitors.

Greetings and good wishes were expressed by Courtenay Mayor Larry Jangula; former Mayor Ron Webber, Chairperson of Courtenay Centennial Committee; Lawrence Burns, former Courtenay Fire Department Chief and historian; and Judy Hagen, writer and community historian.

The handsome cakes were cut and served as the assembly ended the celebration with a cheerful rendition of "Happy Birthday St. John the Divine".

Bells rang for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Submitted

Along with many Anglican cathedrals and parish churches across Canada, the parish of St. John the Divine, Victoria tolled its bell to draw attention to the crisis of 1,181 missing and murdered Indigenous women. On three successive Wednesdays (June 3, 10 and 17), participating churches began tolling their bells at 2:00 pm local time. Taking account of Canada's five time zones, bells rang for approximately five and one half hours, beginning in Newfoundland and ending in British Columbia.

"Historically, church bells were used to alert a community to an emergency," according to the Rev. Alastair McCollum,

Rector of St. John the Divine Church. "Surely 1,181 missing and murdered women is an emergency."

The initiative was part of 22 days of prayer and renewal marking the end of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that addressed the troubled legacy of Indian Residential Schools. The 22-day period extended from the last day of the Commission on May 31 to National Aboriginal Day on June 21.

Other initiatives included:

- listening to the stories of residential school survivors;
- praying for survivors and others affected by residential schools;
- sharing individual stories of learning and witness.



Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EfM) continues to grow through out the Diocese. On May 28 – 30 weekend a special Mentor training session was held in Victoria. Taking part in the training held at Synod Office were: (L-R) Sarah Clark, Kathy York, Norah Fisher, Shirley Siteman, Cathie Hall (trainer), Kathryn Tulip, Peter Fowler and Neil Mikkonen. Submitted by Boyd Snow



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SUNDAE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13. Join us in the CNJ after the 9:15 am service

CHORAL EVENSONG OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE QUEEN'S REIGN

Sunday, September 13, 4:30 pm

EQUALITY LAW FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Workshop--presented by West Coast LEAF
Thursday, September 17, 9:15 am - 4:00 pm

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Thursday, September 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
in the Chapter Room

"IN CONVERSATION" POTLUCK SUPPER

Friday, September 18, 6:00 pm
in the Chapter Room

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Reflections

The Visitation

Late August 1938. I am ten years old. The long summer holiday on my grandfather's farm is drawing to a close, the hay is being brought into the barn, the branches of the apple trees in the small orchard behind the farmhouse are heavy with fruit.

From the front of the house I hear the voice of my grandmother. Immobilized by rheumatoid arthritis, she sits in her window looking down the driveway. "The Canon is coming" she calls urgently.

I run into the kitchen. My aunt is already at the summer half door. Coming up the driveway on his bicycle is indeed the Canon. St Mary's parish has two clergy, the Canon and the Curate. To receive a visit from the curate is a pleasant diversion; to be visited by the Canon is a serious occasion.

In swift succession my aunt casts her apron in a corner, tidies her hair, puts a large kettle on the range, pauses to collect herself and goes to meet the important visitor. The

Canon enters, tall and imposing. My grandmother gives him warm and happy greeting. My hand is shaken from a great height.

Only now is the key taken down from the parlour door. This in itself is a measure of the importance of this occasion. The parlour is forbidden, particularly for small boys, attainable only on special occasions. It contains a large dining table, a long couch and two large chairs, a sideboard with a mirror, some silver pieces and some photographs of various family members and occasions of gathering. For me its prize exhibit is a small table bearing specially bound copies of some issues of the English Daily Sketch for the year 1936, the year, as my grandparents have told me solemnly on more than one occasion, that England had three kings. In such moments I am left in no doubt that I am part of a monarchist family. I am sometimes allowed to look at these pages.

The Canon and my

aunt go to the parlour. I push my grandmother's chair on its small wheels, finding a place where she can join them. I am then sent to find my mother. This done I am instructed to go to the hayfield to inform my grandfather and uncles that the Canon is in the house.

I am unaware that this is an age-old liturgy wherein every player knows his or her part. The Canon, knowing that the men will be called in, has timed his coming near the end of the working afternoon so that they will not lose more of the precious working hours than necessary. My grandfather and uncles also know that they have a little leeway before leaving the hayfield as my grandmother chats with the Canon and my aunt prepares the tea. This is a world of tradition and predictability.

When I return my mother and grandmother are with the Canon in the parlour, my brother firmly held in my mother's lap. In the kitchen tea is being prepared. Hot apple

pie - already having been available for the evening meal, fresh griddle bread with salty farm butter and home made jam. As if all is being coordinated by an unseen director, the large tea tray is ready and laid on the parlour table just as my grandfather and uncles arrive from the field. They have already thrown water on their faces from the rain barrel by the stable.

Greetings are exchanged, comments on the weather and the crops are made, and heads are bowed as the Canon says Grace. He prays for the family, thoughtfully speaking loud enough for my grandfather to hear him. Startled, my brother cries for a moment but is firmly hushed. The hum of conversation goes on, its subjects above and beyond me. I am already enjoying my first slice of bread and jam, anticipating my slice of apple pie and cream.

It has remained as a moment of long remembrance, a gathered family, the layers of the generations, the richness



Herbert O'Driscoll

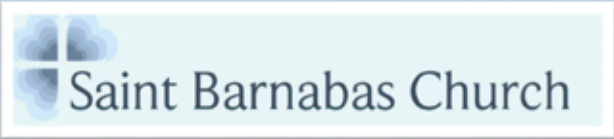
of wholesome food, the church embodied in the tall figure of the Canon. For a boy heaven and earth are for a moment one.

Years later I will learn a lullaby written by the poet Patrick Colum...

O men from the fields, come softly within, Tread softly, softly, O men coming in.

Mavourneen is going from me and from you, Mary weaves round him her mantle of blue.

I realize now that such lines wove together one's own home and that of Mary and Joseph and their child in far away Bethlehem, thus once again drawing together earth and heaven, making them one.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER AT SAINT BARNABAS

THE RIVER
‘New season begins Wednesday, Sept. 16th. A Waldorf-inspired playgroup for children aged 0-5 and their caregivers. A snack is included. Entry is free (donations are welcome). Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 in the church hall.

SUNDAE SUNDAY
Sunday, Sept. 20th, 10:30 am. Come and enjoy some yummy ice cream sundaes and games. Parents can learn about our programs and register at this "Sunday School open house" that takes place during the regular Sunday school time.

CANDLELIGHT COMPLINE
Sunday, Sept. 20th and Oct. 18th at 8 pm. Compline means "complete," and this is the traditional monastic service that 'completes' the day's cycle of prayer. Compline offers a time of meditative quiet and monastic chant.

TEA TALK
Sunday, Sept. 27th, 3-4:30. This new program combines thought provoking speakers with afternoon tea. Register and info at: familylife@stbarnabaschurch.ca

SUNDAY SANCTUARY
Sunday, Oct. 4th from 4:00-4:45 pm. Our monthly family centered service with wonderful music, hands on activities and quiet time to take a breath before the new week starts.

HEALING SERVICE WITH EUCHARIST
Sunday, Sept. 2 and Oct. 7th at 7 pm. An opportunity for either anointing or laying on of hands within the setting of the Mass. To be healed is to be restored wherever we experience brokenness in our lives.

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Sunday	Low Mass	8:00 a.m.
	Sung Mass	10:30 a.m.
1st Sunday	Sunday Sanctuary	4:00 p.m.
3rd Sunday	Compline	8:00 p.m.
Weekdays	Low Mass	9:00 a.m. (except Wed. 7pm)

St. Luke's, Cedar Hill to celebrate 155 years

Barb Prescott
"I rode out this afternoon to Cedar Plains and held service in the house of a worthy Presbyterian.... Round about this spot are a number of small farmers, each owning land and gradually bringing their acres into subjection, most of them have only been [here] a year or so. By and by this wilderness will become a fruitful garden, these poor men will become substantial landowners, and we hope the Church of England, thus the first so to follow them into the bush, will be their adopted mother and the village church and school and pastor will find from them a willing support." (NO BETTER LAND: The 1860 Diaries of the Anglican Colonial Bishop George Hills, Ed-

ited by Roberta Bagshaw. Victoria: Sono Nis Press, 1996, pp. 237-38)
As noted in Bishop George Hills's diaries, the Parish of St. Luke, Cedar Hill began in 1860 with the first recorded service at Cedar Plains (in the area now called Cedar Hill) held on September 17, 1860. This service was held in a farmhouse belonging to a "worthy Presbyterian family", John and Jessie Irvine, situated on what is now the west side of Cedar Hill Road, just north of the present site of St. Luke's Church. To commemorate the beginning of the Parish of St. Luke, Cedar Hill, a 155th Anniver-



sary Celebration Weekend, full of events and activities, is planned for September 19 - 20.

Saturday morning, September 19, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm will feature a Family Fun Day, a free event for the whole community. Join in the fun in the parking lot with games, music, an obstacle course, arts and crafts, woodworking ta-

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Cadboro Bay Church alive and growing

Tara Saracuse

St. George's Church in Cadboro Bay has just completed a \$1.2 Million addition to its church, funded entirely by its generous parishioners. Now, St. George's congregation wants to celebrate the opening of this fresh space and welcome the residents of Victoria to visit this new hub for our communal life.

Officially the new welcoming space is termed a "narthex" in church-speak, but it seems much more than just an entrance area. The new narthex is a large, bright welcoming space located in front of the sanctuary. The beautifully finished room will serve for a multiple of congregational and community events such as musical performances, coffee and conversation groups, meetings, classes or lectures, and special social occasions. The narthex has an outdoor patio under a shady tree, and inside, there is a large meeting space, a small kitchen (for preparing coffee, tea and goodies), and a new set of washrooms (including an accessible washroom).

When the construction started in January 2015, a few little surprises turned up, including the discovery of a time capsule, placed behind the cornerstone on April 21, 1951. The glass bottle contained the front page of the Victoria Daily Times, two church bulletins, and an assortment of coins. The time capsule was placed the year the original church building was completed, and now, 64 years later, St. George's plans to put an updated time capsule behind the new cornerstone, which will be placed by Bishop Logan McMenamie on September 13. Over the last few months, the parishioners have been generating ideas for items to include in the 2015 time capsule and speculat-

ing what might be of interest to future generations. After all, the purpose of the new narthex is to look to the future.

While in some communities church attendance is wavering, in Cadboro Bay, St. George's is an example of a thriving, expanding community. The church's programs continue to grow and include groups for children, youth, university students, and adults. Weekly activities range from charitable outreach and volunteering, spiritual growth ministries, social events, and educational opportunities.

The narthex is the next step in "extending the welcome" to the surrounding residents with the goal that the community will include St. George's as an active, contributing member of the Cadboro Bay family.

St. George's would like to invite everybody to attend the Opening Ceremonies on September 13 at 10:00 am when Bishop Logan McMenamie will lay the cornerstone and the new time capsule. The congregation also extends a further invitation to all of the Anglican community and surrounding Victoria residents to join us for a Community Open House and free barbeque on September 19 between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Rev. Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur at 250-472-2090 or stgeorge_pastor@shaw.ca.

Summer fires

Blood red sun
in a smoke-tinged sky;
ash wisps falling,
grey snowflakes
out of season.

Parched land hesitates,
skittish in dry heat.

We pray for rain.

Mike Coleman



St. Paul's, Nanaimo celebrated National Aboriginal Day on June 21 with an Outdoor Eucharist at the Portal in Departure Bay. The well-attended Parish Picnic followed the service. Photo by Sydney Langhelt.

St. Paul's, Nanaimo active over the summer (Gleaned from the weekly newsletter of the Ven. Brian Evans)

CANStruction

Parishioners, working in a team with RJC Engineering built a Kayak out of grocery items at Woodgrove Mall at the end of May. During this special food drive, called CANStruction, the parish of St. Paul's, Na-

naimo raised 3022kgs (6648lbs) of food for Loaves and Fishes to distribute into the community. This will provide approximately 1000 meals to people in need. In addition to actual food, \$881.52 was raised for Loaves and Fishes

to directly purchase daily needs. Because of the buying power of the food bank, they will be able to purchase more than triple the amount of food that contributors would have been able to with that money.

RE-CONNECT

A summer outreach project involving members of St. Paul's and the RCMP in Nanaimo

During the summer, St. Paul's supported a program geared towards young people in our community. Constable Sherri Wade with the Nanaimo RCMP started a new program in support of teens over the months of July and August. The title for the program was "Re-Connect Outreach Van." Constable Wade was introduced to this program in Winnipeg earlier this year. Volunteers made sandwiches twice a week during July and August. Then Constable Wade with volunteers looked after the distribution and visiting the young people at certain locations in the community. The RCMP with their van for this work and St. Paul's committed \$500.00

to assist the program through their Reaching Out Ministry.

The following is Constable Wade's report after the first week:

The first week out with the van was a success with 50 sandwiches and bottled water being handed out. On average we gave out 13 sandwiches an evening and then 21 on Friday. We did find one young woman who is living in a tent, by choice. I contacted her guardian who was grateful for the update. We have been going back regularly to find her and give her food and water.

We also gave out 17 positive tickets (which entitles a young person admission to a variety of recre-

ational facilities in town) to youth who were wearing their helmets while riding their bikes or skate boarding.

The experience is different than what I expected. Initially I thought the food and water was the most important aspect. And while I know people are grateful for the food and water I think having someone say "Hello! How are you?" makes a difference too. I am so grateful to the congregation of St Paul's for believing in the project and their "can do" approach. Everyone from the cheerful sandwich makers to Manly's generous water donation has been an inspiration for me. - Constable Sherri Wade

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ble, and free coffee, juice, hamburgers and ice cream. The church will be open for exploring. As a part of Fun Day, our neighbours across the street at Lutheran Church of the Cross invite you to a free Pancake Breakfast from 9:30 - 10:30 am.

On Saturday afternoon descendants of people buried in St. Luke's churchyard, especially area pio-

neers have been invited to a Descendants' Tea. This event is by invitation and all available spaces are presently reserved. If you have family members buried at St. Luke's and would like to be added to our descendants' list for future events, please e-mail the church office (st.lukes@shaw.ca) or phone 250-477-6741. Please provide your name and contact information as well as the name of your ancestor buried in St. Luke's cemetery

and we will add your name to our contact list for future events.

On Sunday morning, September 20, at 10:00 am we will have a Homecoming Service and everyone is welcome! This will be an opportunity to invite anyone with a connection to St. Luke's to come to the service. A connection could include being baptized, confirmed or married at St. Luke's or having attended Sunday School or other events at St. Luke's.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm a special concert will take place, entitled *Anything Goes!* St. Luke's Music Ministry Team and friends will present a variety show with a myriad of musical talent. Enjoy an afternoon of classical, jazz, musical theatre, and sacred selections by vocal and instrumental performers. Proceeds will go to the St. Luke's Choral Scholar Fund. As well as modern selections, the concert will include some histori-

cal touches as we celebrate 155 years of music ministry at St. Luke's.

The weekend will end with a special Evensong service at 7:00 pm. We hope that you will join us for some of these events as we celebrate the 155th Anniversary of our Parish of St. Luke Cedar Hill.

For more information on any of these events, please visit our website at www.stlukesvictoria.ca.

Barb Prescott is Deputy Rector's Warden at St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill



Re:

Renewed Hearts
Renewed Spirits
& Renewed People

THE DIOCESAN VISION FULFILLMENT JOURNEY:

Last October, Synod approved a new Diocesan Vision, entitled **Re: Renewed Hearts, Renewed Spirits and Renewed People**. It was based on a “listening tour” undertaken by Bishop Logan in the months immediately following his election. Since then, the Diocese has been embarked on a **Vision Fulfillment Journey**, to discern how God will guide us in the ongoing process of bringing that vision to life in practice and in reality, in our parishes and regions, and in the communities in which we live.

A Diocesan **Vision Implementation Team** worked through the winter and produced a draft report, with ten potential directions in which we believe God is calling us to move. Over the spring and summer, these were the focus of **four regional consultation sessions**, held in Campbell River, Lantzville and

Victoria, and attended by close to three hundred people, who provided a great deal of creative, passionate and helpful input—all of which the team has taken into careful consideration.

A **brochure** and **video** about the Vision were produced and widely circulated, and information was posted on the Diocesan website, where there was also an opportunity for people to submit comments and ask questions. Many parishes have also organized their own briefing and discussion sessions to expand the conversation.

All of this work will come together in revised proposals, which will be brought before a **special one-day sitting of Synod** at Trinity Ecumenical Centre in Nanaimo on **Saturday, September 12th**. At that time, if approved, the ten potential directions will become ten firm

10 Potential Directions



1

Direction #1:
**WORSHIP
RESOURCES**

Provide more diverse opportunities and resources for worship, and for personal and family spiritual practice.

2

Direction #2:
**LAY
MINISTRY**

Celebrate and lift up the ministry of all the baptized, where all are engaged in the mission of the Church.

3

Direction #3:
**LEADERSHIP
FORMATION**

Better equip and enable both lay and ordained leaders, so they may exercise their gifts for the benefit of all.

4

Direction #4:
**CONGREGATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Share ways of revitalizing and transforming our existing spiritual communities, and invite others to join us.

5

Direction #5:
**EMERGING
COMMUNITIES**

Encourage and support emerging new forms of spiritual community, to plant the Church more widely in the world.

① Resonant Worshipping Communities
② Re-shaping Lay and Ordained Leadership

③ Resourcing Toward Healthier Parishes and Ministries
④ Right Relationship and Rec

Four Vision Priorities

An update before Synod

commitments that point the way to the future for the Anglican Church on these Islands. As well, top priorities within the list will be identified to focus our energies and resources.

To support all this work, **staffing and structural changes** are already underway. A new **Executive Officer** has been named, and the search is on for a full-time **Communications Officer**. A third staff position is also contemplated, to support the work of **Ministry and Mission** across the Diocese.

As well, a **financial model** has been developed that would make funds available to parishes and other groups across the Diocese to implement programs in line with Vision priorities. This program spending could start almost immediately after Synod.

At the same time, a consultant has been engaged to undertake a **Planning and Feasibility Study** for a **financial campaign** to sustain the Vision for the longer term. More information about this will also be presented at Synod.

Below you can read brief descriptions of the **Ten Potential Directions** in their current form. (Remember, this is still a work in progress.) You can see how they relate back to the original Vision, and who are the members of the Vision Fulfillment Journey team.

Please take time to find out more about this important process. Check the diocesan website, pick up a copy of the brochure, take a look at the short video, or talk to one of your Synod delegates or other parish leaders. Or email **vision@bc.anglican.ca** with your comments and questions.

Please take time to find out more about this important process.

<http://bc.anglican.ca>

Email: vision@bc.anglican.ca

THE VISION FULFILLMENT JOURNEY TEAM MEMBERS

- Ian Alexander (Victoria)
- David Buckman (Victoria)
- The Ven. Brian Evans (Nanaimo)
- The Rev. Will Ferrey (Tofino/Ucluelet)
- Jane Fowler (Ladysmith)
- Stuart Hall (Victoria)
- The Rev. Shelagh Huston (Gabriola Island)
- Vicki Huxtable (Qualicum Beach)
- The Ven. Alastair McCollum (Victoria)
- Stephen Martin (Victoria)
- The Rev. Eric Partridge (Mayne Island)
- Susanna Peterson (Victoria)
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur (Victoria)
- The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall (Victoria)
- Rob Waller (Vancouver—Consultant)



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Direction #6:
SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

Devote particular attention to such important ministries as: Children, Youth and Families, Remote Parishes and Ecumenical Shared Ministries.

7

Direction #7:
RECONCILIATION AND BEYOND

Recommit ourselves to an ongoing-shared journey with First Nations and people of all nations, cultures and races, especially those who feel hurt or abandoned by the Church.

8

Direction #8:
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Communicate more effectively as Anglicans on these Islands, both amongst ourselves and with the wider world.

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Direction #9:
ASSET MANAGEMENT

Use existing assets more effectively by sharing them more widely and creating new community partnerships.

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Direction #10:
FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Embark on a major diocese-wide fund-raising campaign, to sustain local and shared initiatives for the long term.

Reconciliation-Building

- 1 Responsive and Effective Communication
- 2 Re-Visioning our Assets

Two Vision Foundations



Crowd Scene. Veterans Way And Memorial Ave. Qualicum Beach



Baubles and Beads (L-R) Vera Brassel, Lesley Leinweber, Carole Ortner

Summer Fair at St. Mark's

Carol Wilke

July 25 was another very big day in Qualicum Beach. St. Mark's Church held their 43rd annual "St. Mark's Fair."

In 1972 it started out as a flea market held at the church. Year by year it has grown to become a huge community event that is now held in the town of Qualicum Beach. It is one of the biggest fairs on Vancouver Island. Over 130 vendors participated and it attracted thousands of visitors who came to browse and buy.

A big attraction was the "Holy Roller Pies" made in the Church kitchen by a talented group of ladies. There was entertainment on every corner and a variety of food venues to enjoy.

At the Children's Corner there was story time and a place to sit in the shade and participate in crafts and paint a picture.

Most members of the congregation were involved in some way either in pre-planning, which starts in the spring, or by participating on the day itself.

All profits raised by the Fair will be donated to the community through support for local seniors, youth, and projects at our public schools.

Photos: Submitted



South Island Centre for Counselling and Training Turns 40

Caroline Donelle

Jane spent the better part of a year caring for her aged, terminally ill mother. They had been close and Jane was grateful to have been able to be supportive and of such obvious comfort to her mother while she lay dying. It was just as her mother had done a decade earlier for her father, when he had been in a similar situation.

A hospice worker visited regularly in the last weeks to ensure her mother was comfortable and without pain. Given the challenging circumstances, Jane's mother died a good death in the end, surrounded by love and kindness. She had been well cared for and attended to, and had excellent medical attention when it was most needed. She left this earth gently at the impressive age of 97.

Despite all of this, Jane took her mother's death very hard, and several months later found herself as deeply grieved as in the short days that immediately followed. She cried often and was plagued by insomnia. As a small business owner, she found

it difficult to stay awake and function during the day and recognized she needed help. After one brief phone call, Jane was in counselling for what was clearly a complicated grief. Three months later she was back on the road to being better. Although she would always continue to miss her mother, the profound sadness that had weighed her down had finally begun to lift. Jane was tremendously grateful for the confidential support, understanding and guidance she received through counselling which helped her through this difficult period.

Empathy is a powerful gift. *South Island Centre for Counselling and Training* has been counselling people from all walks of life in the CRD since 1975. For 40 years thousands of people have benefited from professional counselling here, and many of those have in turn referred friends, family and work colleagues. Former clients recognized a committed organization and many also appreciated a place with deep community

Safe Church Education replaced with Sanctuary Program

Sheila Flynn

"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation . . . " (Jeremiah 31:15)

A bit overdone, perhaps, and quite out of context, but that's the quote that comes to mind as I prepare to write this introduction to the new Safe Church Training Program. Feedback and evaluations of the Red Cross "Respect-Ed" program have been "read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested." As a result, I am pleased to let you know that we have listened to what, at times, has been your "loud lamentation," and have begun to use a new set of educational materials for Safe Church Training. While the Red Cross program served its purpose when it was first introduced, it is clear that a new approach was needed.

The Safe Church program has been renamed - *the Sanctuary Program* with the aim to ensure that our churches are places of true sanctuary for all who come through our doors.

The Faith Trust Institute in Seattle, which was founded in 1977 by the Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune, developed the new program that we have chosen to use.

According to their website, the Faith Trust Institute "envision[s] a world where all persons are free from violence in relationships, faith is fundamental to ending violence, religious communities create a climate in which abuse is not tolerated; faith communities become sanctuaries of safety, worthy of our trust; and all of us experience justice and healing in our communities."

The Sanctuary Program is

composed of two modules: a daylong workshop called *Healthy Boundaries 101* (aka HB 101) and *Healthy Boundaries 201* (aka HB 201) which is taken when re-certification is required - three years after the first.

There are three significant differences between the Red Cross and the Faith Trust material. The



first is that the Faith Trust material is faith-based. Developed with the assistance of leaders of various religions, this material draws heavily on the theological underpinnings behind creating places of sanctuary for all seekers who are drawn to our parish communities. The material uses familiar Biblical images and metaphors that emphasize the importance of guaranteeing that those who come to our faith communities will find a safe haven, where they will be accepted, valued, and "loved into holiness."

The second difference is apparent with recertification. Rather than simply repeating the material that was presented during the first training session, HB 201 builds and expands upon the material covered in HB 101. The second module is a four-hour, half-day program. HB 101 is a prerequisite for taking HB 201. Should anyone eventually require a third recertification, individual modules will focus on specific areas of concern, i.e. elder abuse, domestic violence,

use of social media, and issues of gender and sexual orientation.

The third difference is the manner in which the material is taught. Instead of relying heavily on power-point and a lecturing format, the Faith Trust Institute material uses segments of a DVD presentation, interspersed with a good deal of small-group interaction. We learn best when interacting with one another and exchanging information and insights, rather than when being "talked at" for lengthy chunks of time. Each of us comes to the table with personal experience, resources, and points of view. As we listen to one another, we learn from one another; we remember conversations far better than we remember lectures.

At present, the parishes in which the program has been presented on a pilot basis have received it with a good deal of enthusiasm. Gathered in table groups, participants have watched the DVD portions with keen interest, and engaged in lively and animated conversation. The feedback has been positive.

The Sanctuary Program workshops for the upcoming Autumn and Winter months are listed on page 12 of the *Diocesan Post*, as well as on the Diocesan website. While all of the scheduling to date has been set for Saturday workshops, should your parish wish to have a weekday seminar, rather than on a Saturday, please contact me at canonpastor@bc.anglican.ca or call 1-250-710-5873.

The Rev. Sheila Flynn is Canon Pastor of the Diocese.

roots and a comforting Christian conscience.

Our doors have always been open to everyone who needs help, but the Centre was initially opened to provide pastoral care from Victoria to Nanaimo. Those numbers have dropped in recent years and while we still offer that service, it's in smaller numbers. The bulk of our clients are regular folk: more pointedly, regular folk who couldn't possibly afford the private for-profit starting rates of \$100/hr. *South Island Centre* operates on a sliding fee scale according to income, and no one is turned away for lack of funds. We actively fundraise and apply for various grants to keep us operational in order to subsidize those in need and are currently supported by individual donors, the United

Way, the Province of BC, the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island, and St. Luke's Anglican Church.

It is through this quiet and purposeful dedication that South Island Centre doesn't have a waiting list currently, but that's likely to change. After 40 years in operation it's clear that the work we do is essential as the demand for services increases. We grow older and move forward, and many of life's challenges often stay the same. It is crucial that a support system is readily available and accessible to help us through when we need it the most.

In recent months the Centre has expanded and now includes children and youth in our counselling services. There are big gaps in service for this particu-

lar group, and we're delighted to be able to help alleviate some of the wait lists and help close a small gap.

If you or someone you know needs help and support, we are here for you.

We celebrate our 40th anniversary with a fundraising event being held on Saturday, October 17th, 2015 at the Hotel Grand Pacific. MC'd by Jack Knox of the Times Colonist with musical guests Ian McDougall and friends, it promises to be one seriously special event. To reserve a ticket or a table in advance, please call (250) 472-2851 or visit our website at www.southislandcentre.ca.

Caroline Donelle is the Director of Development at South Island Centre for Counselling and Training.

Cowichan Youth Have Heart!

Clara Plamondon

It began with a kernel of an idea in the mind of Alison Stephen, Cowichan's Regional Anglican Youth Leader. She had been looking for ideas for CRAY-C (Cowichan Regional Anglican Youth Connection) to engage our youth in the ongoing conversation about truth and reconciliation with Indigenous people. She came across the idea of a Heart Garden that the youth could create in their local parishes to serve as a physical and visible sign of our commitment to remember and honour those impacted by residential schools. The idea came from a legacy project initiated by former students of Indian Residential Schools and their families, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the First Nations Child and Family Caring So-

ciety, KAIROS and Project of Heart.

Children and youth across Canada were encouraged to create a heart garden as a legacy to the ongoing commitment to restoring right relationships, and to remember and honour survivors and their families. A similar heart garden was planted at the Governor General's residence at Rideau Hall, Ottawa on June 3. At the conclusion of the event the children led a procession away from Rideau Hall to symbolize that it will be children who will lead us on a path towards reconciliation.

The CRAY-C youth hosted a Spaghetti Dinner earlier in the spring where they raised \$250 to help offset the expenses for those who gathered on February 18, 2015 for the demolition of St. Michael's Residential

School. The Heart Garden event was an opportunity to continue the conversation, and to provide an evening of listening, learning and sharing of those who had attended the Alert Bay event. It soon became more than just a youth gathering as they quickly realized this was a great opportunity for their parents, parishioners and the larger community.

The evening was facilitated by the youth, with speakers who had attended the demolition event, including Rose Henry of Aboriginal Neighbours and Terry Shepherd of Nanoose Bay who shared their own personal stories of the St. Michael's event and how they and their families had been impacted by the Residential School system. Bishop Logan McMenamie shared photographs and spoke of his own words of apology that he had



Photo: Submitted

Cowichan Youth with their leader Alison Stephen and the Bishop

shared at Alert Bay.

One attendee of the event said that, as a survivor of Indian Residential Schools, she was grateful for the opportunity to join us. She said that with all the focus on financial settlements and apologies, what she really wanted was for youth to know the story; that they would understand what had happened and why people were the way

they were. She looked around at the youth and smiled, saying she was impressed by what they were doing. She concluded by saying she was now witnessing what she had always believed: that it would be the youth that would lead us to reconciliation.

The Rev. Clara Plamondon is Incumbent of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Duncan.

The Amazing Journey Summer Day Camp

Sharon Hallsor

Although it is true that our summer day camp is planned and led with the enjoyment and spiritual development of children in mind, in reality, the Amazing Journey Day Camp has come to offer so much more. We are successfully building community.

For the past four summers, Lutheran Church of the Cross has partnered with St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill to create and implement a summer morning program for 4 - 11 year old children. The location of the day camp alternates between the two church facilities.

61 campers attended, and over 30 volunteers took active roles in the camp that was held at Church of the Cross from July 6 to 10..

The theme involved traveling back in time to first century Nazareth, when Jesus was a kid.



Joseph's Workshop

We decided to give our annual day camp a name that could be used from year to year, and we have chosen to call it "Amazing Journey".

The program included singing, active games, tasty snacks, building toolboxes at 'Joseph's Workshop', and Bible stories at

'Mary's House' with a variety of crafts and hands-on activities at the 'Marketplace' including wool felting, dying cloth, planting seeds, beadwork, food tasting, Hebrew writing, clay oil lamps, and making olive oil scrub. In addition, we arranged for a demonstration beehive with drones to hold and honey tasting, and a visit of month old lambs for the children to pet and learn a little about shepherding.

The program proved to be vibrant, thought-provoking and engaging for all involved. The children really enjoyed themselves and all our volunteers did a wonderful job to make the camp a success. However, as it turns out, our Day Camp goes beyond a 5-day experience.

The older children view the Amazing Journey as a leadership opportunity. Many of our grade 4 and 5 students have expressed a commitment to return



Mary's House

in future years as volunteer leaders. Some children have even requested certain roles they would like to fill.

We have always had the good fortune to work with teenagers at our camp, and this year we had the added excitement of having 4 former campers be

leaders. The young children love the energy and insight of teens, but they also fully understand how these young people are modeling opportunities that will be available to them when they are in high school. They understand that they are a part of something larger than themselves and want to play a role in that community, believing that it will still be there for them well into the future.

Just imagine for a moment, ten years from now, 61 youth aged 14 to 21 who want to serve in the name of Christ. It's possible. And wouldn't that be an amazing journey to be a part of!

More pictures of the Amazing Journey Day Camp are available at St. Luke's website (www.st-lukesvictoria.ca).

Sharon Hallsor is Youth Director at St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill.

Selwyn College Choir visits Victoria

Susanne Reul-Zastre

Victoria native Sarah MacDonald and her Selwyn College Chapel choir from Cambridge, UK presented a fabulous choral concert to a packed Christ Church Cathedral audience on July 18 with her Honour Judith Guichon (BC's Lieutenant Governor) in attendance. The next day the choir sang at the morning service at the Church of St John the Divine, and later that day joined the St Christopher Singers for Evensong at the Cathedral.

The Saturday evening programme followed the journey of the academic year at Selwyn College and focused on music recorded in their most recent CD, *The Eternal*

Ecstasy: Music of Visionary Transcendence. Music from the Michaelmas term opened the concert, ending with Morten Lauridsen's "desert island" piece, *O Magnum Mysterium*.

The Lenten term featured music from and opened with Eric Whitacre's *Lux aurumque*. The choristers had to switch vocal gears rapidly for Allan Bullard's contemporary *The Spacious Firmament* and again for Henry's Purcell motet *Remember Not Lord Our Offences*. However, the high point of this concert for me was the simple, but very emotionally charged *Where you there when they crucified my Lord* by Bristol-based composer Da-

vid Ogden, which included a solo quartet singing antiphonally from the back of the church – and was a stroke of brilliant programming to end the first half.

The second half of the concert consisted of music suitable for the both the Easter and the "Long Vacation" terms. In Cecilia McDowall's Marian *Regina Caeli* the main Easter text danced along spiritedly to contrasting majestic Alleluias. The audience was treated to many more Alleluias in Randall Thomson's famous choral piece with the same title that was performed in surround-sound.

William Byrd's Antiphon to the Magnificat for First Vespers at Pen-

tecost, *Non vos relinquam orphanos*, was a great example of the famous English choral sound we have come to associate with choirs from the UK: clear, high, mostly vibrato-free sound by the sopranos; impeccable intonation which requires every singer to be listening to the whole sound, not just individual parts; and the ever-present straight vocal production which improves tuning and produces great vocal clarity.

The concert concluded with Welsh composer Paul Meall's *Four Madrigals on Rose Texts*. The last Madrigal, *A Spotless Rose*, made a fitting quiet ending to a fantastic concert that was led effort-

lessly by a fearless conductor who is clearly very comfortable in every style of choral music. The choir delighted the audience with an encore by John Rutter's *Sing a Song of Sixpence*.

It was obvious that even after over 20 years in the UK (16 of those as Director of Music to the Chapel at Selwyn College, and 5 years leading the Girl's Choir at Ely Cathedral) Sarah MacDonald was proud to come "home" to share her merry music-making with choral music lovers of all ages.

Susanne Reul-Zastre is past president of the Royal College of Organists Victoria Centre and Music Director at St Luke's Anglican Church.



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Participants at Nanaimo PWRDF workshop 23 May. L-R: Jane Fowler, Peter Fowler, Greg Lindsay, Sheila Weatherell, Bess Ward, Leslie Lindsay, Janice Valecourt, Evelyn Bowers, Evelyn Andrews, Kathryn Tulip, Susan Wakefield, Phyllis Strong, Norma Humphreys, Maureen Lawrence, Sophie Ward, Nick Versteeg, Geoff Strong, Elly Versteeg (missing). Photos: submitted

PWRDF Workshop Report and Sorrento

Geoff Strong

Late-spring and early-summer proved a busy period for PWRDF activities in the Diocese of British Columbia.

Regional PWRDF workshops were held in Victoria (25 April) and Nanaimo (23 May). Initial presentations reviewed the history, mission, partnerships, and challenges of PWRDF, followed by a talk by Board member Maureen Lawrence on her experience with internally displaced people in refugee camps in Sri Lanka and India. Maureen explained how PWRDF has provided educational aid through 500 full-time volunteers (70% women), and has initiated groups that are operating in refugee camps and helping Tamil refugees find documentation to support their residency claims to their Sri Lanka homeland following many years of refugee internment.

An interactive game called 'The Trading Game' allowed participants to confirm the difficulties encountered by underdeveloped countries trying to trade with more industrialized countries on an equal footing; in short, the game demonstrated how the rich countries get richer at the expense of poorer countries. Discussion feedback revealed examples of how local parishes raise funds for PWRDF, including proceeds from church lunches, potluck dinners with international themes, and from various afternoon games. Participants also discussed difficulties they encounter in trying to promote PWRDF, and offered suggestions on how we can improve promotional efforts.

The Victoria workshop coincided with the initial 7.8 Nepal

earthquake (25 April), while the Nanaimo event followed on the heels of the major 7.3 aftershock of 12 May. Cowichan Valley filmmaker Nick Versteeg, who had just returned from Nepal after narrowly escaping injury during the aftershock, was available to give a video description of the earthquake at our Nanaimo event. Thus, while Maureen's talk on Sri Lanka provided an example of 'development aid', Nick Versteeg's talk served to accentuate the importance of and means for rapid 'emergency relief', the two major categories of PWRDF aid.

In July, our Diocesan Representative, Geoff Strong attended a PWRDF course at Sorrento called 'Sharing Bread'.

The course stressed distinctions between food aid, food security, and food sovereignty. While food aid provides relief during emergencies, food security guarantees that all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food. Food sovereignty puts the control of food production and of seeds and fertilizers in local hands instead of relying on international producers to provide those elements, often at inflated prices that local farmers cannot afford. These distinctions were clearly demonstrated in a talk given by Tanzanian farmer Joyce Mtau-

ka, a single mom who not only developed her own commercial farm, but has worked with the agricultural officer of the area and trains and helps others to develop sustainable farming practices. Candace Aikens of the Magdalen Islands described her success in developing a community farm at her dying parish, while youth representative Leah Marshall spoke on the adversities and successes of her family's organic farm in eastern Alberta. First Nations Bishop Mark MacDonald gave an impassioned analysis of food and water security issues faced by First Nation bands in Canada, especially in the north, all exacerbated by climate change impacts in recent years.



PWRDF Tanzanian partners Geoffrey Monjesa and Joyce Mtau-ka describing food security issues at Sorrento course, 'Sharing Bread', in July.

be found at <http://pwrdf.org/>.

Additionally, short talks on PWRDF and partners were given at St. John Duncan and Church of the Advent Colwood (by Geoff Strong), and at St. Mary Nanoose Bay and St. Ann and St. Edmund Parksville (by Maureen Lawrence) during this period. Either Geoff or Maureen are available for a presentation at your parish this fall. Contact Geoff, the PWRDF Diocesan Representative in the Diocese of British Columbia at geoff.strong@shaw.ca or 250-710-8011, or visit <http://pwrdf.org/> for more information.

A fly on the wall at Diocesan Council

Judy Trueman and Bob Gill

It can often be a good thing to experience a change in routine. Diocesan Council in May experienced such a change when its meeting was held over the course of a weekend, instead of a Thursday or Saturday afternoon. We travelled to Campbell River by Friday noon, May 29, and were welcomed to our meeting place at St. Peter's by Archdeacon Blair Haggart, who spoke to us about the parish. The Bible Study this month was offered by Bishop Logan and was on the story of Nicodemus, found in John 3. That study gave rise to the questions: In what ways does the diocese need to be "born again"? What would that rebirth of the church look like? After a tasty lunch, we focussed on the primary agenda topic for the weekend, the Diocesan Vision Fulfillment Journey.

It was helpful to hear from members of the Vision Fulfillment Team: Rob Waller, Jane Fowler, Eric Partridge, Will Ferrey, Vicki Huxtable, and Shelagh Huston. They introduced us to the workbook that would be used in the upcoming regional meetings, in the hope that it would be instrumental in one of our expectations for the weekend - that we would catch the vision for the diocese and that it would come more alive for us and for the regional participants as they meet.

On Saturday afternoon, Council took part in the Nimpkish Regional Consultation on the Vision Fulfillment Journey. While this was not technically a part of our Council meeting agenda, it was a pleasure to sit with the large number of our colleagues in attendance from the Nimpkish region and to listen to their thoughts on the vision priorities. After that meeting was over and the delegates had left St. Peter's, Council was asked a now-familiar and important question: where did we see God in that regional gathering? The number of responses to that question confirmed that God was indeed active in this first of the regional meetings that will take place throughout the diocese.

Another hope for the weekend Diocesan Council meeting was expressed by many: that we would get to know each other better, thus enabling us to work together in a deeper way. When we came together in June for our traditional Saturday meeting, it was evident that the hope had been realized.

On Saturday, June 27, Diocesan Council met in the Chapter Room at Christ Church Cathedral. Maureen Bennett, the People's Warden, treated us to a helpful introduction to the Cathedral Parish. We were reminded that, in addition to its role as "mother church" to the Diocese of British Columbia, Christ Church Cathedral is a thriving Anglican parish

in its own right, with a rich tradition of worship, music, pastoral ministry and outreach.

The Reverend Richard Stetson, of the Parish of Salt Spring Island, led Council in a Bible Study focused on Chapter 8 of the second letter to the Corinthians. The theme of Paul's letter is selfless giving, sharing resources so that "the one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little." The message from this reading includes a challenge to the Christian Church to show generosity, following the example of Christ, who "though He was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, so that by His poverty you may become rich." We talked of how giving generously without expectation of a return can often yield unexpected rewards. To emphasize this point, Rev. Richard shared with us a video produced by a Thai life insurance company that celebrates the joy and inner satisfaction that can come from sharing selflessly. Interested readers can find this video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=632CHpeHYZE>. As Council turned to the business at hand, members found themselves turning their awareness back to the lesson in this study, as we debated requests for assistance from parishes and organizations both within the parish and elsewhere.

The business portions of the agenda (Recall that this column is not intended as minutes or a summary of the deliberations of Council. Those are available on the Diocesan website at <https://bc.anglican.ca/ministries/diocesan-council>) included addressing a number of issues brought forward by the Asset Manager, concerning properties within the Diocese. Council was also introduced to an important initiative by a group called Aboriginal Neighbors, to pursue the preservation and revitalization of aboriginal languages.

Council also received an update on the Vision Fulfillment Journey. We saw a video of highlights of the first regional meeting on this important subject. A DVD of the video is being sent to each parish, or it can also be seen on the Diocesan website at bc.anglican.ca.

Council closed the meeting by being asked to reflect where we experienced God. The members felt God's presence in the way that the Bible study on selfless giving influenced our deliberations on the business aspects of the meeting agenda.

Judy Trueman is Diocesan Lay Secretary and Parishioner at St. George's, Cadboro Bay.

Robert Gill is Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese, and Parishioner at St. Mary's, Oak Bay.

Personnel Notes

Resignations:

The Rev. Canon Dolly Beaumont as Deacon at the Parish of Holy Trinity, Sooke, effective June 30. Dolly is resigning in order to retire.

The Ven. Christopher Page as Archdeacon of Tolmie, effective June 30

The Rev. Osita Oluigbo as Incumbent at St. Andrew's, effective October 1. Osita has resigned in order to take up the position of Incumbent at Church of the Epiphany, in the Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Canon Christopher Parsons as Incumbent at St. Peter, Lakehill, and St. David-by-the-Sea effective Dec 1. Chris has resigned in order to take up the position of Priest-in-charge of the Anglican Church, Freiburg, Germany.

Appointments:

The Rev. Heather Cutten as the diocesan representative to the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer effective May 26.

The Rev. Alastair McCollum as Archdeacon of Tolmie, effective July 1.

Mr. Stephen Martin as the Diocesan Executive Officer effective June 24.

The Rev. Heather Robinson as Chaplain to the ACW, effective July 18.

The Rev. James Holland as Regional Dean of the Cowichan/Malaspina Region effective June 1.

The Rev. Wally Eamer as Deacon to the parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt effective Aug 1.

The Rev. Meagan Crosby-Shearer as Deacon to the Emmaus Community, effective June 29.

The Rev. Tanya Packer-McKoen as Deacon-in-Charge at St. John Gualbert, Pt. McNeill, effective June 29.

The Rev. Craig Hiebert as Deacon-in-Charge at St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, effective July 17.

The Rev. Justin Cheng continues as Assistant Curate at St. Paul, Nanaimo, and as a member of the team ministry for St. Paul, Nanaimo, St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith, and St. Philip, Cedar.

The Rev. Meagan Crosby-Shearer as Assistant Curate (part-time) at St. Barnabas and the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine and St. Aidan Lindisfarne effective Sept 1, 2015.

Death:

The Ven. Bob MacRae died peacefully on Saturday, August 1.

Our condolences are extended to his wife Sue and their children, families and friends who mourn Bob's death.

"Long to reign over us"

Christ Church Cathedral gives thanks for the Queen's reign

Ian Alexander

On Wednesday, September 9, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second will, God willing, become the longest reigning British monarch in history. Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria (widely known as 'The City's Cathedral') will join with many other individuals and groups in the community to mark the occasion. At 12:15 pm that day, the ten bells of the Cathedral (two of which were dedicated in 1983 in the presence of the Queen, and one of which is named for Prince William) will ring out

over the city, in concert with others all across the country.

On Sunday, September 13 at 4:30 pm, the Cathedral will host A Choral Evensong of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Reign. The Dean of Columbia, The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker, will officiate and offer prayers for the Queen and the Royal Family, while the Bishop of British Columbia, The Right Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, will pronounce the blessing. The lessons will be read by the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British

Columbia, and by Mr. R. Bruce E. Hallsor, Co-Chair for the Victoria Branch of the Monarchist League.

Music for the service is being organized by Canon Michael Gormley, the Cathedral's Director of Music, who will lead the Cathedral choirs, organ and brass in selections appropriate for the occasion, including "I Was Glad" (Parry), "Zadok the Priest" (Handel) and "O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth" (Byrd).

A special feature of the occasion will be the world premiere

performance of "Lullaby for a Little Princess," inspired by the birth of H.R.H. Charlotte Elizabeth Diana on May 2 this year. The composer, Victoria musician Charles Dool, dedicated it to the newborn Princess, and received a thank you letter from Buckingham Palace. Local harpist Gwyneth Evans will perform the piece.

This service is another in an ongoing series of special events celebrating the 150th anniversary of Christ Church being designated the Cathedral of the Diocese.



Diana Butler-Bass

An historian with a hand on the pulse of contemporary religious culture

October 16 & 17

at

St. John the Divine

1611 Quadra St, Victoria

Office: 250-383-7169

Dr. Butler-Bass is an author, lecturer, and independent scholar, specializing in religion and culture. Coming to us after giving the keynote address to the Parliament of Religions, she will speak about contemporary religion and her new book *Grounded: God, the World, and a Spiritual Revolution*.

Friday Presentation: *Grounded: Finding God in the World* 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Saturday Workshops: *God in a Post-Religious Time*
9.00 - 10.30 am & 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Tickets: \$35/session or \$95.00/ 3 sessions
(Saturday brown bag lunch included)

Purchase tickets before event from the church office



JESUS Said That?

Join us for our 3rd annual parish weekend, as we explore some of the challenging teachings of Jesus.

Our speaker is the Rev. Dr. Judy Paulsen, Professor of Evangelism at Wycliffe College in Toronto.

Please register by October 13 at ParishCS@shaw.ca

Friday, October 16, 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, October 17, 10:00am-2:00pm

St. Stephen's Church

7921 St. Stephen Road, Saanichton

Sunday, October 18, 10:00am Service

St. Mary's Church

1973 Cultra Avenue, Saanichton

More information:

ParishCS.ca

250-652-1611 St. Mary's

250-652-4311 St. Stephen's



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich
St. Mary's Church St. Stephen's Church

Sunday, Sept. 20 2:30 pm

Anything Goes



Enjoy an afternoon of classical, jazz, musical theatre, and sacred selections by vocal and instrumental performers.

Proceeds go to the St. Luke's Choral Scholar Fund.

St Luke Cedar Hill
Anniversary Weekend



www.stlukesvictoria.ca

3821 Cedar Hill X-Road

Living well at the end of life



Please join us for a series of free talks at St. Matthias.

Topics will include:

- End of life and palliative care
- Advance care planning
- Faith practices surrounding death, burial and mourning
- Family matters in death and grief

The first talk will address support services in the Victoria area, palliative care options, and dying at home:

Saturday, October 3, 2015

2 to 4 pm at St. Matthias Church
Corner of Richardson and Richmond, Victoria, B.C.

For more information please visit:

Web: stmatthiasvictoria.com

Facebook: www.fb.com/stmatthiasvictoria

OR CALL 250-598-2833



St Matthias
ANGELICAN CHURCH

An active, inclusive community of faith



St. John's Church
3295 Cobble Hill Road
Cobble Hill

September Festival

Saturday, September 19
10.00 am-2.00 pm

Giant Yard Sale
Delicious Food, Books Galore, Silent Auction, Clothing
Fun and games for children

Free admission

Info: Phone: 250-743-3095
Web: www.stjohnscobblehill.ca

St Peter's Church Lakehill

3939 St Peter's Road, Victoria
(Just south of Reynolds and McKenzie)
250-384-7757

Saturday Soup for Souls

Open House
Saturday, September 19
11.00 am – 1.30 pm

This friendly sandwich and soup lunch is offered by the ladies of St. Peter's Church.

The meal is free of charge and all are welcome. Seniors, neighbours, newcomers and hungry folk of all kinds are specially invited.

Saturday Soup for Souls is offered on the third Saturday of every month. It's always free, and you're always welcome.



WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND CAMP PRINGLE OCTOBER 16 -18

"MY INNER SONG"



Pat Nichol
Facilitator



Rev. Clara Plamondon
Spiritual Director



Diane Bell
Leader of Music

Cost \$150.00 (\$50 cancellation fee)

Registration deadline October 7

Registration forms may be obtained from your parish office or Brenda Dhaene, 2291 Calais Road, Duncan, BC V9L 5V2
email: birish@shaw.ca telephone: 250 748-7183



South Island Centre
for Counselling and Training
Since 1975

3821A Cedar Hill X Road, Victoria, BC
(At the Old Rectory of St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill)

We offer affordable Christian counselling for many different concerns, including relationships, grief and loss, spiritual direction, trauma, anxiety/depression, and many more.

Contact us at:

250-472-2851 or info@southislandcentre.ca

Visit our New website at:

www.southislandcentre.ca

Mount Douglas Court Seniors Housing Society

1550 Arrow Rd. Victoria, BC V8N 1C6

"Good fences make good neighbours," said Robert Frost. The Board of Mount Douglas invites individuals, groups and/or parishes to make memorial gifts to purchase cedar trees to extend the hedge along neighbouring properties. This project will require 130-150 cedar trees @ \$50.00 each. A cedar hedge will enhance green space and nurture the environment around the second building that will increase safe living spaces for low-income seniors. Gifts made to the Mount Douglas Seniors Housing Society and sent to the above address will be gratefully received.

St. Michael and All Angels Church

4733 West Saanich Road



"50th ANNUAL FALL SALE"
Saturday September 19th
10:00 am—1:00 pm

Don't miss this "50th year" Anniversary of our ANNUAL FALL SALE !!

- Large Fresh Produce area; Flowers; Preserves
- Books; Records; Games; Puzzles; DVD's; CD's
- Jewelry; Fine China; Collectible area
- Pictures; Frames; Lamps; Small Furniture
- Household Items; Linens
- Garden Items; Outdoor Furniture; Pet Items
- Sports Equipment including Fishing, Bicycles, etc.
- Children's Toys and Furniture
- Large Tool and Workshop area

- Food and Refreshment Tent.

Sample our "Egg McMichael" !!!

- Come Early— Entry Banner drops at 10:00 am and there are always lines or come between 12 Noon and 1:00 pm for some great deals.

For Info: Contact

Peter Goddard 250-658-5634

Lenore English 250-479-5613

Email — englishres@shaw.ca

**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS**
at Christ Church Cathedral

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
DURING THE 9:15AM
SERVICE**

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis,
Patron Saint of Animals

Bring your pet for a special
blessing

"Your Diocesan Cathedral"

Quadra @ Rockland
Victoria BC
250.383.2714
www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

Sunday Serenade

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON
2:30 P.M.**

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
1973 Cultra Ave. @ East Saanich Rd., Saanichton

**Oct. 25, 2015 Pacific Fleet Dixie
(Naden Band Dixieland)**

Dec. 13, 2015 Cookeilidh Celtic Band & Dancers

**Feb. 7, 2016 Three Worlds
(Brad Prevedoros & friends)**

Apr. 3, 2016 Greater Victoria Police Chorus

TICKETS: \$15

Children 12 and under free

Tickets/information

250-652-5392 sueandjohn@shaw.ca or

250-652-1611 stmarys.saanichton@shaw.ca

Tickets available at the door



Celebrating 155 Years **Sept. 19 & 20**

**St. Luke
Cedar Hill**
Anniversary Weekend

Family Fun Day
Saturday 10 am - 1:30 pm

Homecoming Service
Sunday 10 am & Light Lunch

Anniversary Concert
Sunday 2:30 pm

www.stlukesvictoria.ca Cedar Hill X-Road at Cedar Hill Road

Anglican Church Women

Meeting Together at

St. Mark's Parish

138 Hoylake Road,

Qualicum Beach

Wednesday September 30, 9.30 am – 2.00 pm

9.30 am Gathering, light morning refreshments

10.00 am Parish sharing, department reports

10.30 am Eucharist (- freewill offering)

12.15 pm Bag Lunch

1.00 pm - Meet the Chaplain

- Visioning: Into Our Future



Sanctuary Program Workshop Schedule Autumn/Winter, 2015-2016

19 September

Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, 1-250-383-2714

26 September

Holy Trinity, North Saanich, 1-250-656-3223

03 October

Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, 1-250-383-2714

St. Paul, Nanaimo, 1-250-753-2523

17 October

St. George, Cadboro Bay, 1-250-472-2090

St. Columba, Tofino, 1-250-725-3286

24 October

St. Dunstan, Victoria 1-250-472-1172

St. Barnabas, Victoria 1-250-595-4324

07 November

Open

14 November

St. Mark, Qualicum Beach, 1-250-752-5414

St. George, Cadboro Bay, 1-250-472-2090

21 November

St. Peter/St. Paul, Esquimalt, 1-250-386-6833

28 November

St. Peter, Campbell River, 1-250-286-1613

05 December

Trinity Anglican/Lutheran, Port Alberni 1-250-724-4921

St. Peter, Pender Island 1-250-629-3634

09 January

Open

16 January

St. Mary, Metchosin, 1-250-474-4119

23 January

St. Peter, Comox, 1-250-339-2925

30 January

All Saints-By-The-Sea, Saltspring Island, 1-250-537-2171

February, onwards

Open

If your church has not been included, and if you wish a workshop to be scheduled for your parish, please e-mail the Canon Pastor, the Rev. Sheila Flynn, at canonpastor@bc.anglican.ca to add your parish to the schedule. You are free to attend a Sanctuary Program workshop in a neighbouring parish if one is not offered in your home parish. Please register for the workshops by phoning the office of the parish where you wish to attend the workshop. More information about the new program is found on page --- of this issue of The Diocesan Post.