



Walking through Holy Week



Walking the labyrinth at St. Michael's

Photos: Angela Goddard

Dawna Wall

On Palm Saturday, March 28, people of all ages gathered at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish, Royal Oak for their second annual *Walk through Holy Week*. This event combines craft activities, music, story telling, outreach and fellowship. The idea comes from the book *Offering the Gospel to Children* by Gretchen Wolff Pritchard.

Different activities included creating Easter cards for members who are no longer able to get to church, planting bulbs, making bread (and eating it), folding palm crosses and walking the labyrinth.

The labyrinth was placed on the floor of the fellowship hall by two of our resident artists, Harry and Linda Stanbridge. They used a very large compass to make the circles and then blue painter's tape to create the path. Linda said the compass made drawing the circles simple, but it was hard on the knees!

Just before lunch, the community gathered outside the church to hear St. Michael's Rector, Dawna Wall, tell the story of Holy Week. Palm waving and Hosannas greeted Harry Stanbridge, who was dressed as Jesus. He then led us to the Upper Room (the church balcony) where he washed the feet and hands of those who wished to have this done. Afterwards he took some of the freshly baked bread and passed it around. A participant said quietly, "Ohhhhh the bread is still warm!" Jesus then beckoned for us to join him in the garden (St. Michael's cemetery) to pray and watch. While in prayer a soldier came, arrested Jesus and led him away.

As Dawna told about Jesus' arrest, trial and execution, one of the smallest participants had many questions to ask. A first time participant, a grandmother said, "I appreciated her questions so much, as I have questions, too!"

The assembled group then moved from the garden to the tomb (the stage of the church hall) that was dark and silent. As we talked about dark places and how they are both

frightening and comforting, offering rest and opportunities for growth, we lit a candle and saw that Jesus was there with us, inviting us to follow him into the labyrinth.

Once we had all made our way to the centre of the labyrinth, we shared in prayer and Jesus handed the candle to one of the children who then led us out of the labyrinth to a celebratory lunch.

One of the youth participants said, "I liked the way that the story of Holy Week was told so it was simple enough for small children to understand but complex enough to make space for wonder and questions."

The relaxed pace and atmosphere of the day helped make space for reflection, questions and prayer.

The day sought to embody poet Mary Oliver's admonition:

*Pay attention
Be astonished
Tell about it.*

If you are interested in hosting a Walk through Holy Week next year or want to share in the event please contact St. Michael and All Angels' Church at smaaac@telus.net.

The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall is Rector of the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, Victoria.



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Bishop Logan Writes

.....Preparing for Synod



Friends,
I wish there was a way for me to convey to you the energy and enthusiasm present at different levels of our Diocese at this time, especially at the level of Diocesan Council. It is important that this energy and enthusiasm is communicated to everyone in our Diocese.

We continue to implement our vision of Renewed hearts, Renewed spirits, Renewed people

in the Diocese. We work towards the Synod that Diocesan Council has called for September 12.

During this month, Regional Gatherings will be taking place to reflect on our Vision and the proposed Diocesan Financial Campaign, which have begun an exciting process of integration. On May 29 - 31, Diocesan Council will meet in Campbell River in a new way. It is being coordinated with the regional gatherings, in this case the Nimpkish region.

The Diocesan Vision Implementation Team is made up of Co-Chairs Eric Partridge (Mayne and Galiano) and Vicki Huxtable (Qualicum Beach); Dawna Wall (Royal Oak); Ian Alexander (Victoria); Alastair McCollum (Victoria); Will

Ferrey (Tofino); Susanna Peterson (Victoria); Jane Fowler (Ladysmith) and Shelagh Huston (Gabriola Island).

The Planning Feasibility Study Team is made up of Chairperson Stephen Martin (Victoria); Ian Alexander (Victoria); David Buckman (Esquimalt); Brian Evans (Nanaimo); Stuart Hall (Victoria); Richard LeSueur (Victoria); Eric Partridge (Mayne and Galiano); Vicki Huxtable (Qualicum Beach) and Rob Waller - Consultant.

In preparation for Synod, these teams will present their work to both Diocesan Council and the Nimpkish Region at the May gathering. The gatherings will be an opportunity for us to listen to each other as we prepare for Synod.

We are on a trajectory of renewal in the life of our Diocese. As I travel around and spend time in the parishes it is my experience that there is both an expectation and anticipation that we will be different. The vision and the implementation process will shape and form us in new ways. Working closely with the financial component that will affect parish and diocesan life as one, we will see ourselves reshaped and in many ways re-born as Anglicans on these Islands.

A very big component in our work is our ability and willingness to listen again for God's voice in all our planning and conversation. Prayer in our life, parishes and Diocese can make a miraculous difference.

In Isaiah 38:5 we read, "Go and tell Hezekiah, This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life."

When my cousin Davie retired from the dockyard a number of years ago, they gave him a plaque of one of his favourite sayings. It comes from the Battle of Jutland in WWI - 'The Prelude to Action is the Work of the Engine Room Department' - Admiral J. R. Jellicoe, Battle of Jutland 1916.

Our work of the engine room is prayer.

I invite you to begin now and strengthen that prayer as we move closer to September and our Synod.

Bishop Logan

THE CURRACH

.....a reflection for the Feast of the Holy Trinity

Place: Iona
Time: Spring 801 A.D.

The tidal race between the island and the mainland was rough. He had to work hard to keep the currach steady. It occurred to him that he wasn't getting any younger.

From that thought came others. He'd been noticing recently how the atmosphere in the small communities up and down the coast was changing. Up to a few years ago life had been vibrant and on the whole joyous. Then the first of the Viking longships had begun to appear among the western isles, bringing pillage, slavery, rape and death.

He began to think of the project he had begun, probably because

he knew well his own life could be in danger at any time. He had begun to feel the need to express in some way what he had come to believe as a Christian Celt.

From time to time the abbot would speak to them about the Faith, teaching, explaining. He was fond of speaking of the Trinity, a kind of shorthand word for God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But somehow the abbot was never exciting or moving, and so came the idea of writing a poem or song.

Because he knew his abbot would have to approve his work, he had begun with language he knew the abbot would like.

*I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity...*

A few days later he had had added two verses about Jesus, his life and the things that had happened to him. There were a few lines he was particularly proud of...

His death on cross for my salvation.

His bursting from the spiced tomb.

His riding up the heavenly way.

His coming at the day of doom

That last line had made him shudder, thinking again of the Viking ships.

A sudden squall blew the tiny craft off course, but instead of fear he suddenly found himself challenged, even elated by the squall, the heaving of the sea and the shriek of the gulls. He realized that new lines were coming into his mind, lines that were capturing the beauty

and grandeur all around him. Suddenly, risking himself, he stood up and shouted his new words into the rising gale.

*I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun's life giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.*

He felt himself filled with gratitude for the inspiration that had come. All he wanted now was to beach the currach safely on the mainland shore, get to the community he was bound for, find a bit of manuscript and some-



Herbert O'Driscoll

thing to write with, and to capture the new lines before they faded in from his mind.

Years later he would still remember that moment in the squall, the feeling of an intense sense of oneness with creation itself, with the ocean, the wind, the gulls, the clouds, the sun, the distant hills. The strange and wonderful thing was that he had never before or since felt more secure, more at peace.

Perhaps that was the reason for what happened

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Crossroads churches celebrate Palm Sunday



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Barb Prescott

The Lutheran Church of the Cross and St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill celebrated Palm Sunday together this year.

The service began with members of both congregations meeting at 10:00 am at the Church of the Cross. It started with the Liturgy of the Palms,

which included the blessing of palms, as well as coats and blankets that had been collected and later were donated to the patrons of Our Place Society.

Following the blessing of the palms, coats and blankets, the two congregations joined in a procession from the Church of the Cross. Two trumpeters led

the singing of *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* as everyone processed across Cedar Hill Cross Road to St. Luke's. The palm procession provided a walking link between the two churches.

At St. Luke's the service continued with the Passion Narrative; a joint choir anthem, *God So Loved the World*, under the

direction of choir director, Susanne Reul-Zastre; and a celebration of the Eucharist, presided over by the Rev. Daniel Fournier of St. Luke's Church and the Rev. Karen Johnson-Lefsrud of the Church of the Cross.

Refreshments were served in St. Luke's Hall after the service,

giving members of both congregations time to mingle and continue to strengthen the many links between the two congregations.

Photos: Vicki Sharp

1. Leaving the Church of the Cross
2. Going up to St. Luke's
3. The Clergy also processed

Personnel Notes

Resignation

Bishop Logan has accepted the resignation of the **Rev. Charles Belknap** as Incumbent of Parish of the Penders and Saturna Islands, effective April 12.

Death

Our condolences to the **Rev. Suzanne Crerar** (Deacon at St. Andrew's Parish, Sidney) and her family as they mourn the death of daughter and sister, **Bobbi**, who died on March 31.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Terry Mikkonen** who has completed 25 years working at Synod Office. In the photo to the right, Terry cuts her anniversary cake while Judith Coleman watches.



Photo: Judith Coleman

St. Peter's, Comox moved to Rec. Centre for Easter

Rosanne Lyster

For the third year in a row St. Peter's, Comox, has made the hard decision to leave their beautiful worship space on Easter Sunday morning. Why would they do this?

For several years, St. Peter's was over capacity for Christmas Eve and Easter Morning - so much so, that on one Christmas Eve, people had to leave as there was nowhere to stand or sit. For Christmas Eve, the decision to add an extra service was made - but this strategy would not work for Easter Sunday morning. The solution? Move to a bigger space so that we could invite the community to come and join us!

The gymnasium at the Comox Recreation Centre was booked, and a strategic plan began for transforming the gym into a beautiful worship space. Advertisements were placed in local media and a press release was issued.

The result? About 215 people gathered for worship to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This number is well over the capacity of our church - which is 130. Of note in all of this was the reality

that many of the people who came were new friends from the community - folks who had not previously gathered to worship with us.

Through drama, liturgical dance, word and song, the good news was proclaimed -

Christ is risen from the dead! The resounding Hallelujah was beautiful to hear!

While this Easter adventure is a lot of work - we believe that it well worth the opportunity to invite our neighbors to come and worship with us!



Photo: Rosanne Lyster

Margaret performing a liturgical dance during the service



COMING UP AT CCC

HYMNS OF PRAISE FOR ASCENSION DAY
Thursday, May 14, 5:00 pm

IN CONVERSATION POTLUCK SUPPER
Friday, May 15, 6:00 pm

ANGELA HEWITT GALA BENEFIT RECITAL
Saturday, May 16, 7:30 pm

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
Thursday, May 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

MAGNIFICENT MOZART
with CapriCCio Vocal Ensemble
Friday, May 29, 7:30 pm

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Saturday, May 30, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Stewardship at St Michael and All Angels

Charles Norman
St Michael and All Angels, Chemainus, held a workshop on stewardship on Saturday, February 28.

Our pastor, Michael Wimmer had been encouraging us to be there for several weeks beforehand, and half the congregation showed up. This was surprising on two counts -

First, stewardship, which is usually considered to be synonymous with fundraising, is something which most people try to avoid, second, that Saturday, in spite of being in February, turned out to be a beautiful spring day. A spring day is always special but that particular spring day in Chemainus was especially special.

We sat in the church hall from 10:00 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon participating in a stewardship workshop.

Archdeacon Dale Huston presented the workshop. He is pastor at St Mark's Church in Qualicum Beach. He is an excellent raconteur and made the whole afternoon a memorable event.

He started out by asserting that Stewardship is not fundraising. He pointed out that fundraising is an occasional, usually annual activity and is concerned exclusively with money, whereas stewardship is an ongoing function of daily Christian living, and is concerned with the whole of life. Where it is concerned with finance, Christian Stewardship is at least as interested in the individual who gives, as in the gift. It is based on the individual's need to give.

Archdeacon Huston's ability as a story teller kept the meeting's attention. He recounted story after story, some of them quite lengthy but with a punch line to compensate. He talked of "Vampire Evangelism" where the objective is to get new blood into the congregation - then suck them dry.

He talked of an Anglican Church on the prairies that had trouble getting the roof fixed, while across town an evangelical church was growing by leaps and bounds, had no problems with money and, in fact, was able to broadcast their services



Photo: Submitted

Archdeacon Huston(fourth from the left get the group to smile for the camera.

to a large part of the southern part of the province and to the northern US. He was able to credit this, and other examples by the individuals need to give - for the benefit of the individual rather than the need to meet the budget.

Archdeacon Huston talked about tithing. He asked the meeting if they thought that the standard for Christian giving was the tithe, that is, 10% of our income. No one disagreed. He pointed out that everything we have comes from God so 100%

would be more accurate. Everything we have, we owe to God and Christian stewardship applies to that portion which we keep as well as that which we give. He suggested that what we give is an expression of our love of God.

He suggested, tongue in cheek, that after the offertory hymn and the collection the prayer over the gifts should, perhaps be "Lord, whatever else we say or do, this is what we think of you."

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a few days later, just before he was due to return to his own community on the island. He was working in the small scriptorium his host abbot had lent him. He had just finished copying his newly completed verses when he realized that something more was demanding to be written. He felt almost as if his hand was being guided. He knew with absolute certainty that these new unexpected lines expressed his own deepest faith. "Christ be with me" he wrote, and then continued to write...

All of this was long long ago. We will probably never know who he was. Doubtless he would have returned to his island, again pulling against the current, hearing the scream of gulls and seeing the surfacing of the odd curious seal. The community must have accepted and preserved his verses. At some stage someone dedicated them to the long dead but revered Saint of their northern world, and the song became known as Saint Patrick's Breastplate. One thing we do know. The Vikings came in 802, coming ashore on the beach at the north end of the island where they slaughtered forty of the monks.

But we also know this, the words of our unknown poet would be sung for more than a thousand years. This we know for it is our voices that sing them....

*Christ be with me.
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort
and restore me.*

An Open Invitation: Experiential Blanket Exercise

Karen Fast
Have you ever heard of Pope Alexander's 1493 "Doctrine of Discovery"? Do you know how it contributed to today's Canada? What did King George III say in his Royal Proclamation of 1763 regarding Indigenous nations? What does the British North American Act of 1867 and the Indian Act of 1876 still have to

do with the rights of Indigenous peoples in Canada today?

If some or all of the questions above stump you - as they did me -- the KAIROS Blanket Exercise would be a great way for you to prepare truly to celebrate National Aboriginal Day this year on Sunday, June 21.

KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives unites Ca-

nadian churches (including our Anglican Church of Canada) and religious organizations in a response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 Within that mandate, KAIROS has produced an exercise in which participants can learn with their heads, hearts and feet some Canadian history which has been largely omitted from our school curricula.

All that is required is that you bring a **blanket** upon which you don't mind if people walk.

With thanks to the leadership of Aboriginal Neighbours and The Sisters of St. John the Divine, *The Blanket Exercise* will be offered two different times and places in our Diocese in the month of June: 1) Wed., June 3, 1-4 pm, St. John the Baptist, 486 Jubilee St., Duncan, with a worship time following; and 2) Wed., June 17, 7-9 pm, St. John the Divine Church Hall, 925 Balmoral St., Victoria.

Participants can be as young as 12, or old enough to require a cane. There is no cost but an email registration for planning purposes would be much appreciated: b52colemanshaw.ca by June 1 for the Duncan location or karenknausfast@telus.net by June 15 for the Victoria location. Questions? Contact Karen Fast at 250-595-4054.

MICROCOSM

this leaf
a world of veined rivers
running from my hand
to an ocean of sky

and I
on the surface of pale
water
step out to be
part of what is unknown

Joanna M. Weston

IN PERSPECTIVE

Somewhere along the
eternal curve of time
a pinprick will pierce the
skin of the sky
and I, guided by the finger
of God,
will find it, and then learn
to look in,
although it may be with
only one eye.
Finally, everything will be
in perspective.

John Smith

The Diocesan Prayer Cycle

Your prayers are asked weekly for
Bishop Logan McMenamie
and the following parishes:

May 3, Easter 5

St. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville

The Rev. David Chillman, Incumbent

May 10, Easter 6

St. Peter, Campbell River

St. Saviour-by-the-Sea, Cortes Island

The Ven. Dr. Blair Haggart, Incumbent

May 17, Easter 7

St. Matthias, Victoria

The Rev. Canon Bruce Bryant-Scott, Incumbent

May 24, The Day of Pentecost

St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island

The Rev. Eric Partridge, Priest-in-charge

The Rev. Thomi Glover, Priest Assistant

May 31, Trinity Sunday

Holy Trinity, North Saanich

The Ven. Penelope Black, Incumbent

June 7, Pentecost 2

Christ Church, Alert Bay,

St. Olaf, Quatsino

St. George, Kingcome Inlet

The Rev. Lincoln McKoen, Incumbent

The Bishop's Calendar

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

May

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| 1 | St. Luke's Parish for Fantastic Friday |
| 3 | Parish of Salt Spring - Parish Visit |
| 6 | Sisterhood of St. John the Divine - Installation |
| 9 | Cowichan & Malaspina Regional Conference |
| 10 | St. Andrew's Parish, Sidney - Confirmation and Parish Visit |
| 11 - 14 | Clergy Conference |
| 21 | Finance Committee |
| 23 | Nimkish Regional Conference |
| 24 | Parish of Central Saanich - Confirmation and Parish Visit |
| 27 | CCC Buildings Directors' Meeting |
| 28 | Saanich Peninsula Hospital Hymn Sing |
| 30 | Diocesan Council |

St. George's extends the welcome

Judy Trueman

An excitement is building in the congregation of St. George's, Cadboro Bay, as a major building project is well underway. The old and cramped narthex and vestry have been torn away, and the framing of a new, large narthex is taking shape. The whole purpose of this construction is to extend our welcome to the community and beyond.

The greatly increased size of our welcoming space will provide a multi-use area for mid-week gatherings, study groups, the university Sundays@Five group, contemplative prayer, and many community activities. Of course, it will also provide ample space for welcoming people arriving for church and plenty of expansion room for those times when special services bring overflow crowds to worship. The folding glass doors separating the narthex from the nave will make this extra seating room practical.

The narthex will also have ample storage space, a small servery for making Sunday coffee/tea for fellowship, men's



Photo: Submitted

Workers completing the roof of the new extension

and women's washrooms and an accessible washroom also. Plans are already underway for landscaping design around the new patio and surrounding grounds. A new ramp will be built for those requiring wheelchairs or

walkers, although the present ramp at the back of the church will also be retained for extra use.

Thanks to our wonderful weather and skilled construction workers, the building is unfold-

ing on time, and the goal is that it will be completed in July. At the end of August, an Open House is planned for the neighbourhood and beyond, to introduce people to our new space and to our parish family. On September

13, Bishop Logan will visit for worship and for the laying of the new cornerstone. Thought will be given before that time about the contents of a time capsule to be placed behind that stone, to bring the same degree of pleasure to future parishioners as we received from the time capsule we found behind the 1951 cornerstone.

The welcome is extending across generations! Thanks be to God.



Photo: Submitted

Part of the 1951 time capsule

Judy Trueman is a member of St. George's Communications Team.

Myanmar – the Golden Land

Barb Coleman

On March 25, the Anglican Church Women were privileged to gather at St. John the Baptist Church, South Cowichan to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of Mary and have Catherine Speechley-Pell present a photo journal talk about her time in Myanmar (Burma).

The Rev. Heather Robinson presided at the Eucharist and was assisted by members of St. John's community. She focused her homily on Luke 1:26-38. She open her remarks by pointing out the angels in scripture, living creatures with six wings covered with eyes all around (Rev.4), hardly looked like the delicate ones that may adorn the top of a Christmas tree. Heather wondered if we respond as readily to God's call upon us as Mary did. While Mary is troubled by Gabriel's words and asks "How can this be?" she accepts God's call willingly. Do we find excuses; put up barriers to why we cannot say 'yes'? The lesson for us from this story is to relax in the face of God because God invites not demands that we do his will. She encouraged us to let the love of God dwell richly in our hearts as Mary did so we to can say yes to tasks placed before us.

Catherine Speechley-Pell



Photo: Barb Coleman

Catherine Speechley-Pell speaking to the ACW members about her trip to Myanmar

gave a brief background on the process for selecting the team to travel to Myanmar and educated herself on the history, both cultural and political prior to the trip. She placed Myanmar in its geographical setting and commented that in a population 54 million, 77,000 are Anglican which is the largest Christian community in the country. In a slide of Mothers' Union gathered for Ladies Day she mentioned that 6000 women came together from all Dioceses in the Province. In a land where travel

is a challenge – it took the group 19 hours to travel 600km at one point – this is an amazing feat for the MU women.

The British welcomed in Burma in the 1800s as they were known to build schools and hospitals. The main religion at the time was Buddhism and prior to that it was animism. A leader was assassinated and the country has been at war ever since. In 1954 missionaries were ejected but established Christian communities were permitted to provide education to disabled

children. Despite elections the military government has not given up power. In the north is the Golden Triangle, the centre for poppy production.

Her slide show included representative shots of Myanmar: a golden temple, the currency, a view of Yangon (Rangoon), the war memorial (Battle of Burma), the Mandalay palace, a floating resort, water scenes, jungle and water villages, a rubber plantation, a landmine marker, road scenes, a war zone crossing point, local food in-

cluding exotic fruit, her bed with netting, rice harvesting, fishing, a child foraging for greens; initiation night for a boy entering a monastery, Buddhist nuns, the Shwedagon pagoda and shrines, an enormous outdoor reclining Buddha, and Christian buildings including a brick cathedral.

The team spent five days volunteering. Catherine worked at St. Luke's Clinic. Each diocese makes something that the other dioceses need. A slide showed a waffle iron with Christian icon imprints that is used to make hosts. She showed photos of the cathedral, the Bishop's compound, staff quarters, a church in the jungle, Bible students, a youth gathering, staff, clergy widows and others, blind and deaf students (bad water causes blindness and deafness there), diocesan classes, other diocesan group activities, then the signing of the covenant with our Diocese in 2006.

As Companion Dioceses are continuing a Covenant of Prayer for each other and 'Walking Alongside' while we consider the Companion Program. The women voted the free will offer to support work in the Diocese of Yangon and commented on how enriching the presentation was in putting a face to those we pray for week by week.

Tri Region Women's Day

Barb Coleman

The Anglican Church Women of Haro, Selkirk and Tolmie gathered at Holy Trinity Church, North Saanich on March 14 for a day of nurturing spiritual and physical relationships.

The Ven. Penelope Black presided at the Eucharist, using a liturgy compiled from a variety of sources. This was a most uplifting time of worship that re-engaged the worshippers to listen to words that bring us into God's presence. Assisting at worship were the Rev. Norah Fisher, Joanne Lambert, Katharine Ellis and Janet Billingham.

Focusing on the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Archdeacon Penelope stated that just as in the present where all religions as well as civic relationships are in a time of turmoil, so too was the world that Jesus was born into. She expressed the idea that times of change provide great possibilities for transformation and reformation if we take to heart the 'radical string' that God's mercies are for all who repent and



Photo: Barb Coleman

Karen Wilson speaking at the Tri Regional meeting

let go of attitudes that declare 'others as less worthy'. Whether the dispute is of an international or personal nature, Archdeacon Penelope called for a humbling of oneself, and urged us to find common ground since we all fall short and to seek ways for God's will to be done. She reminded us that personal fulfillment is not the centre of faithful journeyers but we are called to nurture hearts full of gratitude for God's love for all people. The Spirit is

alive and active. "Do we have," she asked, "The grace and courage to work together to extend God's justice, peace and love in areas we are called to serve?"

Following the service the meeting was held in the parish hall. The Rev. Norah Fisher, Spiritual Health Practitioner at Saanich Peninsula Hospital introduced guest speaker Karen Wilson, Spiritual Health Practitioner at Victoria General Hospital.

Ms. Wilson said the verse "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 9:1) undergirds her work, and linked the changes and transformation of her role within the hospital to the homily given in the service.

Karen gave a brief background sketch from the establishment of St. Joseph's Hospital in 1876 by the Roman Catholic Sisters of St. Anne through to the Provincial Ministry of Health absorbing administrative care of hospitals.

In the initial transition of hos-

pital management moving from Christian based communities to Provincial government operated facilities, the inclusion of pastoral /spiritual care was a challenge. She expressed gratitude for the Pastoral Care provided by the Anglican Diocese to a number of care facilities during this transition and spoke of the Rev. Muriel Addy's work at Victoria General being foundational to re-establishing 'spiritual care' not only for patients but also for staff and families in a multi-faith society where fewer people identify themselves as Christian.

The term Pastoral Care had less and less meaning, so the challenge was to find new ways to provide spiritual care within the current cultural realities. When Karen took up the position she was able to repurpose a playroom for an Interfaith Chapel. On a personal level the shifting did not come easily for her, and she had to work at being open to recognizing God's hand at work in her own life and in the lives of others. In this pro-

cess she came to recognize how God used all the events in life, successes and failures, to prepare her for the work she currently does.

The change in name to Spiritual Health enables others to hear that she is open to coming along side and being willing to listen and learn the needs of the other thus helping them to find hope, healing, peace and comfort. Part of her work involves educating staff on things to look for that may indicate spiritual needs to assist in the healing of a patient. Her role is very much a ministry of presence; of listening in order to meet the needs of patients, medical staff and families.

The gathering of 46 women from 13 parishes was fed spiritually and physically, and a vote of gratitude was expressed to the women of Holy Trinity for their cheerful hospitality. The free will offering went to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Chaplaincy Fund.

The Amazing Journey Day Camp planned for July 6 - 10

Barb Prescott

St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill and the Lutheran Church of the Cross are planning an *Amazing Journey* Summer Day Camp for the week of July 6 - 10. This year will be our fourth year working together on a Summer Day Camp program.

During our *Amazing Journey* Day Camp this year we will be time-travelling back to when Jesus was a boy in Nazareth. We'll be singing and dancing, making crafts, playing games and listening to Bible stories. It all adds

up to one exciting week!

The camp will take place in the mornings from 9 am to 12 noon at Lutheran Church of the Cross (3787 Cedar Hill Rd). We invite children born in 2004 to 2011, throughout the Diocese, to take part in this adventure.

Parents of children who are too old for this camp, but would like to be a helper, can contact us by e-mail and we will find a place for your child to be a helper. We also welcome teens and adults who would like to assist

with this camp. Please contact St. Luke's Church Office (st.lukes@shaw.ca) if you are able to help in this way.

Registration fees are \$30 first child / \$25 second child / \$20 third child. Early Bird Registration Fees are \$10 less per camper until June 5. As part of our June Fantastic Friday, we will have an Early Registration Evening in the hall at St. Luke's from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

More details about the camp and the Early Registration Eve-

ning will be sent out in the Diocesan monthly mailing and by e-mail to parish offices. Registration forms will be available by e-mailing the Camp e-mail: amazing3738@gmail.com and from St. Luke's website: www.stlukesvictoria.ca.

We hope to see your children or grandchildren at *The Amazing Journey* Day Camp this summer!

Pictures from last year's *Wilderness Escape* Day Camp are posted at the Image Gallery of St. Luke's website (www.stlukesvictoria.ca/imagegallery.htm).

See the Ad for the Camp on page 8 of *the Post*.

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Shelbourne Community Kitchen Official opening



The new Shelbourne Community Kitchen home

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Barb Prescott

An exciting event happened on March 23! The Shelbourne Community Kitchen officially celebrated being in its new location with a ribbon cutting ceremony and an Open House.

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is a collaborative effort of a diverse number of community partners including the Lutheran Church of the Cross, St. Aidan's United Church, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Mt. Tolmie Community Association, Camosun Community Association as well as local businesses and individual residents.

These partners started meeting in 2012 to identify poverty-related needs in the Cedar Hill/Shelbourne Valley area. Their discussions culminated in the creation of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen in 2013.

For its first two years, the Shelbourne Community Kitchen operated in satellite locations but recently was able to obtain

a long-term lease on a privately owned house on Shelbourne Street. After obtaining a Temporary Use Permit from the District of Saanich, the house was renovated, and the Shelbourne Community Kitchen moved to its new location.

The purpose of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen is to provide support through a neighbourhood resource centre for those in the community who lack adequate access to healthy food. At the kitchen, groups will be able to cook meals together, work in the community garden and access the food pantry.

For more information about the Shelbourne Community Kitchen, visit the Kitchen at their website (<http://shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca>) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ShelbourneCommunityKitchen>. Or contact Kim Cummins, Program Coordinator, at info@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca



Community Kitchen Volunteers at the opening of the new kitchen

Photo: SCK Staff

Doors and Windows Available

Church windows and doors (1951) are available due to renovation at St. George's Church in Cadboro Bay. These are frosted/leaded windows, and the doors solid wood in an arch. For further information, please call Terry at 250 477 9870.



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pwrdf corner

PWRDF and Earth Day - What's the connection?

Last month we celebrated *Earth Day*, a day when we remind ourselves of our responsibility to care for all of God's creation. Concern over global warming has now become a constant reminder of that responsibility. You might ask whether that concern is valid, and why are we speaking about it in the *PWRDF Corner* anyway?

Too often, concerns over global warming focus on the 'global temperature increase' and predictions of 2-5 °C warming in this century, but so what? The 'so what' is that the important physical quantity is the tremendous amount of 'heat' that humans are adding to the atmosphere and oceans (oceans account for over 90% of the total), and how this heat influences ocean currents, winds, and weather systems, the control mechanisms for our climate. The lay person may fail to grasp just how thin the atmosphere really is, that is, the lower layer that really counts, called the troposphere. This troposphere is where all living organisms reside, and where most water vapour and virtually all weather systems and clouds are confined. It averages only 12 km deep, barely 1/1000th the diameter of Earth, and is analogous to the thickness of an apple's skin. Note in the global weather image attached that you cannot distinguish any cloud depth at the Earth's edges (horizon). That's simply because the atmosphere (troposphere) is really *that thin*. And similar to the apple, when you damage that atmospheric skin, the damage eventually spreads throughout the underlying surface, as is slowly happening throughout the globe today.

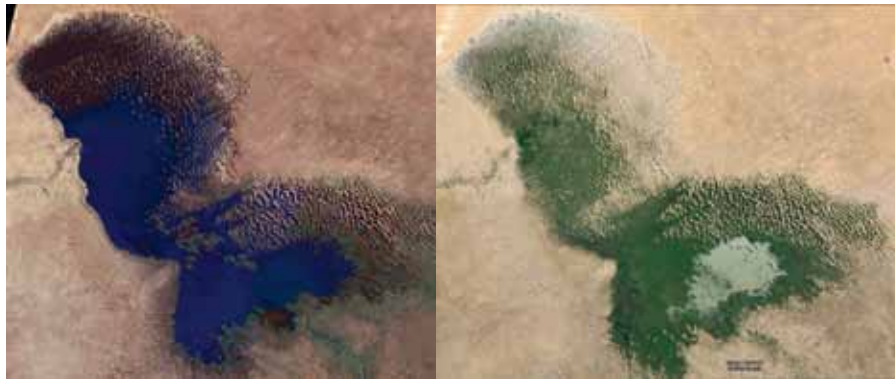
So, what this has to do with *PWRDF*? Everything as it turns out! We have all been informed of the obvious impacts over Arctic/sub-arctic regions, which have experienced the most rapid warming. But the tropics and subtropics have experienced even more drastic impacts from global warming, partly because population densities are much higher (more than 3 billion compared with 1 million above 60N latitude). These regions also happen to be where most emergency relief and development aid such as from *PWRDF* is required. Some direct impacts of global warming

in the sub-tropics to date include: 1) *desertification* of traditional agricultural lands in the past 30 years, including the Sahel region of northern Africa (see before/after images of Lake Chad below), and Mozambique in southern Af-



Note the apparent lack of cloud depth on the horizon in this ISS image from NASA, 04 Jan. 2012

rica; 2) *sea-level rise* due to thermal expansion of tropical oceans (over 90% of all extra heat going into the atmosphere is transferred to the oceans), and subsequent forced permanent evacuation of people from low-lying south Pacific islands; 3) more frequent *category-5 hurricanes* such as Typhoon *Haiyan* in the Philip-



Lake Chad in the Sahel in 1973, and with minuscule open water patches in 2015 (green is 'wetland').

ines (2013) and Tropical Cyclone *Pam* in Vanuatu (2015); 4) *ocean acidification* caused by increased absorption of carbon dioxide into the oceans, with predictions that most corals and shellfish (a valuable food source) will be destroyed by 2050.

These impacts have already imposed extreme pressures on people in the tropics and subtropics, to the extent that aid agencies cannot keep up with more than a fraction of the demands. We hear relatively little about this in news reports, likely because these countries do not have the economic clout of oil and industry, and thus lack strong economic ties to western industrial countries. When did you last hear that the poor countries immediately

south of the Sahel region have hundreds of refugee camps totalling more than three million souls, and increasing daily? Why do news agencies blame the civil wars in the Sudan and Mali on religious factions between Muslims and Christians, when the root cause is the intense competition for arable land and water? Who cares about people in the Sahel or south Pacific islands anyway? Well, Anglicans care through the *PWRDF*, since approximately 90% of *PWRDF* funds go to regions in the tropics and sub-tropics. The other 10% goes to areas such as Pikangikum, the northwest Ontario First Nations community highlighted in last month's *PWRDF Corner*.

In the past 5-10 years, we have started to feel direct impacts of global warming in our own mid-latitudes. These trends can only worsen if humans do not drastically reduce carbon emissions to the atmosphere. Suggesting that global warming is mankind's most threatening problem ever is not at all an overstatement, and it will not go away without proactive action by everyone, with comparable actions by government. We should all

be more vocal about the threat of global warming, and since this is a federal election year in Canada, the environment and climate need to be on the election agenda. The lives of our great-grandchildren will depend on climate action decisions that we make in this decade.

Geoff Strong, *PWRDF Diocesan Representative, Diocese of British Columbia*

Geoff is an atmospheric scientist by profession. In addition to *PWRDF*, he has developed a bible study on environmental stewardship at the parish of St. Peter in Duncan, and is a member of the *Diocesan Creation Matters Group* in this diocese. Contact geoff.strong@shaw.ca or call 250-710-8011 for more information.

PWRDF Diocesan Spring Workshop

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) will hold its second spring workshop at St. Mary's Anglican Church at 2600 Powder Point Rd, NanOOSE Bay, on Saturday, 23 May, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Guest speaker is Maureen Lawrence, a member of the PWRDF board, who will talk about her 2012 trip to India and Sri Lanka where she visited camps for refugees and internally displaced persons who are supported by PWRDF. The workshop will also review the history and present work of PWRDF throughout the world and in Canada, and answer any questions you may have. Anyone is welcome to attend this workshop, especially clergy and PWRDF Parish Representatives. Please bring a *bag lunch*.

To R.S.V.P. or for further information, contact: *Geoff Strong, PWRDF Diocesan Representative, Diocese of British Columbia*, email: geoff.strong@shaw.ca or phone 250-710-8011.

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