

REFLECTING ON EASTER

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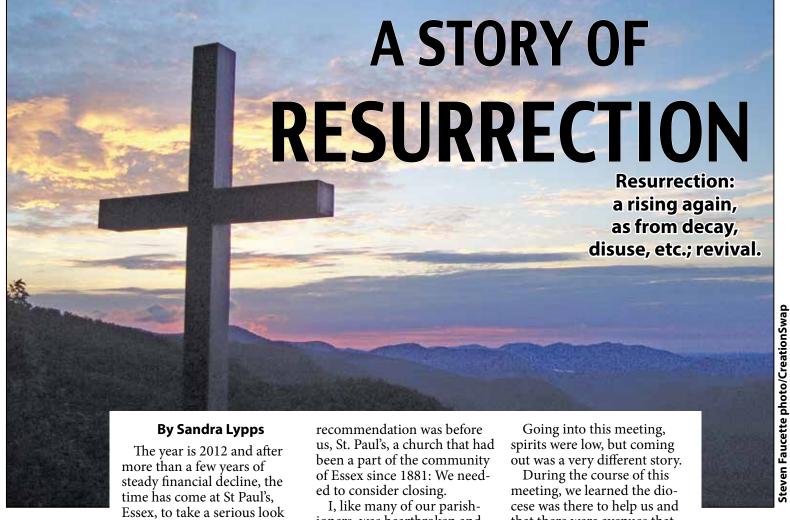
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There will be soup, sandwiches and a bit of a surprise at St. Paul's Social Services major fundraiser. Page 4



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feedback. After much contemplation and review, the recommendation that the subcommittee comes back with is this: St. Paul's needs to consider closing its doors.

at our options for the future.

A subcommittee is formed to

examine this issue and give

At the rate we were going we would deplete our diocesan investments within a handful of years and then not be able to pay our bills. The

ioners, was heartbroken and struggling with where to turn

Luckily, we here at St Paul's are blessed with an outgoing and ambitious incumbent who is not afraid to ask questions and try new things. So on our behalf, Rev Chris Brouillard-Coyle contacted the diocese and arranged for Archdeacons Richard Salt and Kim Van Allen to be a part of the church town hall meeting that had been planned to discuss our next steps.

that there were avenues that we could explore that would allow us to continue to be a presence in our community.

This was exactly what we needed to hear and from this point on, the wheels started turning and a sense of optimism began to resurface where only despair had recently existed.

And so began the process of renewal for St Paul's.

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A model of compassion for the dying

By Rev. Jim Innes

"I thought there had to be a better way," says Peggy Gillespie, a nurse and co-founder of Serenity House.

In the spring of 2002, working as a staff nurse at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital in St. Thomas, Gillespie realized that a dying patient needed "closer observation and more specialized attention" than was available. "It's more time than a staff nurse could afford to give."

Opening Serenity House was her creative response.

Serenity House is newly located at St. John's Church in St. Thomas and provides an emotional support system for those who have been diagnosed Peggy explains. "In so many also include outreach to their families and caregivers.

Peggy contends, "More people have passed away without our help than I care to count. We can make some people's journey a little better."

Serenity House was established on the principles of "holistic care" and is accredited through the Ontario Hospice Palliative Care Association. And through a seat at the table with the Elgin Hospice Palliative Coalition, it maintains professional ties within the community.

"We focus not on the disease but everything that matters to the person with the disease,"

with terminal illness. Services ways a person's life is changed by a terminal diagnosis and it is our intention to bring quality to the remaining time in their

Serenity House offers a caring and compassionate place to connect with needed resources. The staff is knowledgeable and the office walls are lined with referral pamphlets and informative material. Serenity House provides ongoing palliative training for its entire staff.

Serenity House also assists family and friends who are attending to a loved one with a terminal illness.

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Eggs, bunnies, or hope for world

nce again Christians are about to celebrate Easter. Once again we will sing our "Alleluias" and shout out "Christ is risen!" It will all be quite lovely and then we will get back to business as usual.



BISHOP TERRY DANCE

For many in our culture, Easter poses such an affront to reason that the day will be marked — if at all — by daffodils, chocolate bunnies and brunch at a local eatery.

What are we to make of it all? Really?

The Apostle Paul made a bold and unequivocal statement to the Church in Corinth. We might do well to think about his words.

"If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:13-14).

But that is not the faith of the Church. The Church for the last two millennia has shouted from the rooftops that Jesus Christ is risen!

Let me be perfectly clear about this. That statement is not ancillary to the faith; it is the faith.

Is it empirically verifiable? Of course not. But it is the very core of Christian belief.

Without the Resurrection, ours is a story of an itinerant preacher who, by all reports, did some rather extraordinary things while initiating a social movement to challenge the authorities of the day. Unfortunately it did not end well. He was executed.

Interesting enough reading I suppose, but so what?

But that is not what we affirm. That is not what we proclaim. While it may seem an affront to many in our computer-enabled, social-media-driven, increasingly secular world, we are an Easter people. Deal with it!

To say that we are an Easter people is to affirm three essential truths.

- Death is not the end; life is.
- Violence, evil and oppression will not win the day; love will.
- This is God's world, not Caesar's.

That is the Good News! That is worth getting excited about! That is a message to celebrate!

All of that is well and good, but when the alleluias of Easter die down and we return to life as normal, what does it look like to live as an Easter people?

It is one thing to say we are, but it is quite another to demonstrate what that means as we go about the daily routine



The Resurrection, by Germain Pilon (1525-90), Louvre.

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of life

N.T. Wright in his wonderful book Surprised by Hope says

"But I know that God's new world of justice and joy, of hope for the whole earth, was launched when Jesus came out of the tomb on Easter morning, and I know that he calls his followers to live in him and by the power of his Spirit and so to be new-creation people here and now, bringing signs and symbols of the kingdom to birth on earth as in heaven. The resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Spirit mean that we are called to bring real and effective signs of God's renewed creation to birth even in the midst of the present age. Not to bring works and signs of renewal to birth within God's creation is ultimately to collude with the forces of sin and death

themselves." (pp. 208-9)
We would do well, I believe, in the afterglow of Easter to reflect on how the Resurrection shapes what it means for us to follow in the "Way" of Jesus. What strength, hope and purpose was born on that first Easter morning? Further, how does the Resurrection help to define the mission and ministry of the Church?

Somehow, I believe our answer to those questions might well dictate the future of the Church and the fragile world in which we live.



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Process takes time, faith, perseverance

From Page 1

With a renewed sense of hope we engaged in council meetings and brainstorming and took steps to start improving our financial situation.

The archdeacons were there to guide and direct us as we went along and with that, goals were set, fundraisers were planned and we moved for-

In the midst of our planning, a vision statement emerged "One in God and community"— not a small ideal to live up to, but that's what vision is all about, dreaming and acting in a big way.

In addition to taking a good hard look at our finances and strategizing on how to increase revenues, we were also encouraged to look at our human resource situation. Archdeacon Kim suggested that if we couldn't draw from human resources within our own congregation, that we could look elsewhere, such as to our sister church, Trinity in Cottam, or a community group for help.

Another idea that came out of the renewal process was our Clothes Cupboard, which offers clothing free of charge to those who utilize the local food banks. We were looking at what needs were unmet in our community and how we could help and one of our council members came up with the suggestion. This ministry has grown by leaps and bounds as



Members of St. Paul's, Essex, are pleased with the help they can offer to their community with the Clothes Cupboard for food bank users.

it meets a vital need within our community.

The latest venture that we have embarked on here at St Paul's is our solar project. This spring after a new roof is installed on our church, we will see solar panels installed, which will produce green energy and give us income well into the future. This project is a commitment to the future of not only our environment, but our church as well.

In early 2014, we officially started the Renew Campaign through the diocese. After meeting with Amanda Gellman, one of the diocesan Renew co-ordinators, we put together our case for support and are looking into options for our big kick-off fundraiser to be held later this year.

The process has not been a quick one; it has taken time, faith and perseverance. But here we are in 2015 and things look much different than they did back in 2012.

We still have our struggles and still need to stay focused, but there is now a sense of hope where there wasn't three years ago before we had that direction-changing meeting with the archdeacons.

Thanks be to God!

Sandra Lypps is a member of St. Paul's, Essex.



With a lot of hard work, members of St. Paul's, Essex, including this group on the church steps, have gained a renewed sense of hope after almost deciding to close the doors of their church.

No need to be stuck with out-of-date software

eing a good steward of the resources entrusted to us in the church means stretching every dollar and often making do with used or old equipment and software. Many of our churches are still using old computer towers, Windows XP and Microsoft Office 2003 or



Media **B**YTES Rev. Marty

Often files sent to a church cannot be opened due to incompatibility issues from outdated software. Formatting of the document can change when attempting to convert the file to older versions of the program and can cause large headaches and much hair-pulling.

Thankfully, there are solutions even for churches stretching the office administration budget. Open Office (www. openoffice.org) offers software for free that can open most

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documents. Open Office allows for basic word processing and is a good, quick solution when you are stuck not being able to open a certain file.

But if you are looking for some serious upgrades to your software in your church, then signing up to TechSoup (www. techsoupcanada.ca) should be your next step. TechSoup offers discounted and free software to non-profits and charities. Many companies, such as Microsoft, Intuit, and Google, have software available through TechSoup to help empower the not-for-profit sector.

Each company sets its own eligibility guidelines, some of which exclude religious organizations. But don't be discouraged. Great deals and opportunities for churches are still available.

Microsoft Office, Intuit Quickbooks, Google Business



Suite for non-profits, and a Google Adwords grant of up to \$10,000 are all available to faith-based organizations that meet the eligibility criteria.

To sign up to TechSoup, you will need your Canada Revenue Agency number and your estimated budget for the coming year. After a background check that takes about 24 hours, your account will be activated and

you will have access to a library of free or low-cost programs and software.

Updating your church's computer can seem daunting and expensive. But thanks to socially-minded companies and portals like TechSoup, affordable and up-to-date software is just a click away.

Marty Levesque is the social media officer for the Diocese of Huron and rector of St. Andrew Memorial Church in London.





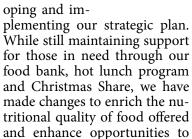
Dinner to assist cathedral social services

By Lynn Prentice and Percy O'Driscoll

Save the date of May 11 for St. Paul's Cathedral Social Services seventh annual Soup and Sandwich fundraising dinner and silent auction. Hosted for a seventh year by the London Club, this event brings many supporters of our programs together to break bread, have fun and learn

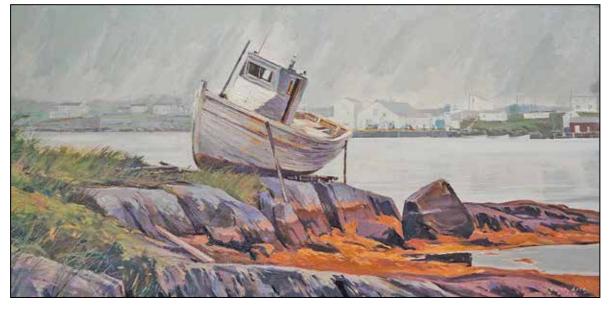
s o m e t h i n g new in the process.

Staff and volunteers at St. Paul's Social Services have been busy over the past 18 months devel-



build community.

We have also implemented some entirely new programming such as food skills and a



London artist Kevin Bice has donated this original oil painting to be auctioned at the Soup & Sandwich Dinner for St. Paul's Social Services.

community garden. Our programs are an integral and important part of a network of basic needs programs in London and area.

Our guest speaker at this year's Soup & Sandwich Dinner is Jennifer Kirkham, who works with the London Poverty Research Centre at King's University College. This new centre collects local data and other in-

formation to enable our community to reach a deeper understanding of poverty in London.

Also, as president and CEO of her own company, Mischevious Cat Productions Inc., Jennifer has provided strategy and management consulting to non-profit, private and government sectors since 2009. Prior to owning her own company, Jennifer worked for the City of

London for 16 years, managing a broad portfolio of programs including Ontario Works, childcare services, homelessness and social policy research.

Jennifer will share her extensive knowledge, passion, and insights about poverty in London and how our work at St. Paul's Social Services can continue to grow and respond to these needs in the best possible ways.

Please join us for a warm, fun and informative evening. And you may just take home a unique and interesting gift from our always changing and intriguing silent auction.

New this year, we will feature one live auction item, an original oil-on-canvas painting by acclaimed London artist Kevin Bice. The painting, donated by the artist, depicts a Newfoundland coastal scene. To read more about the painting and the artist, please visit www.dailybreadlondon.ca.

Lynn Prentice is executive director of St. Paul's Social Services and Percy O'Driscoll is the retired archbishop of the Diocese of Huron and chair of the 2015 Soup & Sandwich Dinner planning committee.

SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER

- When: Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Where: The London Club, 177 Queens Ave., London
- **Tickets:** \$75 (\$50 tax receipt) or \$750 for a table of 10. Call 519-521-2000 or buy online at www.dailybreadlondon.ca.

Kids focus of Ash Wednesday event

by Pat McMillan,

St. Mark's, Brantford, hosted a deanery children's Ash Wednesday holy day on Feb.18.

Six deanery churches were represented, with 30 children and teen guides and 19 adult volunteers.

Our theme for the day, From Ashes to Action, involved hands-on activities to reinforce how we can recharge our batteries for God during Lent.

The children rotated through activity stations involving banner making, baking "crown of thorns" Lenten cookies, learning about "lively praying" using bubbles and playdough, learning the importance of eating God's rainbow foods, meeting our parish nurse, crafting Lenten and Easter centrepieces and



making knotted prayer blankets and cards to give at a local retirement home.

Special thanks goes to Ron Robb, our "science guy", for demonstrating ooh-ahh experiments to renew our Christian spirit, and Jim Kelso for handling the palm leaf-burning ritual and to Rev. Tim Dobbin and Rev. Bill Graham for leading us in worship and song.

Pat McMillan is a member of St. Mark's, Brantford.





George and Lorna Roberts, centre, present a cheque for \$4,000 to St. John's, Thamesford, wardens David Salhani and Ruth Lamoreux as their commitment to a Renew challenge to their congregation.

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Parish rises to meet Renew challenge

By Rev. Larry Edwards

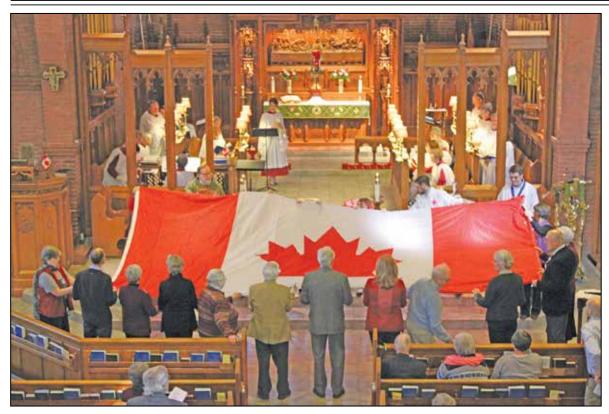
George and Lorna Roberts are Oxford area farmers and longtime members of St. John's, Thamesford.

As part of St. John's Renew campaign, the Roberts issued a challenge to the congregation: Every dollar of increase in givings in 2014 over 2013 would be matched by the Roberts dollar for dollar.

The congregation accepted the challenge and were able to make a significant increase in their offerings.

The Roberts have very generously offered to continue the challenge for 2015.

Rev. Larry Edwards is rector of the Parish of the Thames, which includes St. John's, Thamesford.



Children and those who have immigrated to Canada hold a flag at St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener, marking the flag's 50th anniversary.

Flag anniversary becomes symbol of hospitality

By Rev. Canon **Christopher Pratt**

The 50th anniversary of Canada's flag fell on a Sunday -Feb. 15 — so it became a natural element of a service at St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener, to highlight this major milestone in the life of our national com-

One of the themes of the worship at St. John the Evangelist that day was hospitality. We reflected on the hospitality that Canada has offered as a place of refuge and new beginnings for immigrants who arrive in this country from every part of our

At the conclusion of the 10 a.m. service, a large flag was unfurled at the front of the church. Greetings from Her Majesty the Queen were read, as was a message to all Canadians from the Governor General, the significance of the day highlighted by their words.

The Sunday School children were invited to hold onto the flag, which had been loaned to the church by a local law firm. All the people in the congregation who had immigrated to Canada and who were Canadians by choice, joined the children in holding onto the flag.

Led by our organist and a trumpeter, the parish family sang all four verses of O Canada. A number of people mentioned that was the first time that they had ever done that. The words of the full anthem had special meaning for the anniversary day.

Our local member of Parliament provided pins and flags for the children of the congregation and everyone was given a flag pin to mark the anniversary.

Rev. Canon Christopher Pratt is rector of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener.

Canterbury supports student excellence

by Amanda Forbes

Kayla Dunford (BSW '15) and Katelin Butler (JD '16) are the recipients of the 2014-15 St. Paul's Canterbury Memorial Scholarship.

Canterbury College provides a broad range of scholarships and bursaries, valued at up to \$1,000, to help support its students. St. Paul's Anglican Church, formerly located in downtown Windsor, moved in 2002 to a new chapel on the campus of the college, now known as "St. Paul's Chapel at Canterbury College." In 2009, a scholarship was established with the university during a provincial government matching program.

This award will help me out immensely," said Katelin, "I will have more time to fully devote myself to studying law and its many diverse divisions in order to find the area of practice that most appeals to me."

Katelin works full-time during the summer and part-

time during the school year, but still finds it difficult to raise sufficient funds for tuition, rent, and other necessities. The St. Paul's Scholarship has changed that reality, which meets Canterbury's goal of nurturing Katelin in mind, body

and spirit. "I'm very grateful to have been selected as the recipient," Kayla said. "It increases

my happiness Kayla Dunford choosing

Canterbury as a place to live. It also gives me satisfaction for all of the hard work I put into my classes, school work, and marks. Getting good marks is great on its own, but it's always appreciated when they are recognized."

Kayla worked the whole five years of her previous degree and works hard in the summer, saving enough to pay for school, but not to travel home.

"This money allows me to go home, which can be expensive between the long train ride and

The St. Paul's Memorial Scholarship has reduced Kayla's stress about money and supported her connection to her family and the Canterbury community.

Other awards given annually to students at Canterbury include Rev. Dr. F. Temple Kingston Scholarship, Canterbury College entrance scholarships, Anglican Church Women Clergy Bursary, Cyril B. Hallam Residence Scholarship, Edward Ernest Carey Residence Bursary, Fred and Catherine Musson Memorial Bursary and the William M. and Alice Holmes Memorial Prize. As well, the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen in Essex Deanery were one of the first contributors to the general scholarship fund.

Amanda Forbes is chaplain at Canterbury College in Windsor.

All men of Huron invited to conference

The annual conference of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen in the Diocese of Huron will be held at St. James, Ingersoll, on Saturday, April 25.

The theme for this year is Volunteerism in the Church, with particular emphasis on the role of men as volunteers.

We Christians are called to be volunteers. The "Hear, O Israel" on page 69 of the Book of Alternative Services says it well: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."

To obey this second commandment, we must be volunteers all through our lives.

At our meeting, you will be hearing how we can be effective volunteers from our childhood through to extreme old age.

The vast majority of Anglican churchmen have been volunteers in some capacity during

Small contributions such as acting as a greeter or sidesperson for a service, making a donation to a worthy cause brought to their attention during a service, or assisting a disabled person to get seated or return to their means of transportation are ways that we have volunteered.

Many men and women have done much more than this; in some cases they spend most of their waking hours providing voluntary services for their neighbours.

Our theme speakers for the conference are:

• Deb Landon, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and area: Bev has been an active member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters for 33 years, has served on its national and regional committees and is a Big Sister herself. She works hard for the needs of children through participation on local and regional are to be returned by April 13.

committees, school councils,

• Rev. Keith Nethery of St. Stephen's Memorial, London: Keith will speak on his many interactions with volunteers in the church during his pastoral career and will also review diocesan protocols for volunteers that have been sent to all active clergy. In the diocese, he has served as communications officer, media relations officer, member of the board of trustees and columnist for Huron Church News, Anglican host of Life and Faith TV, and has been a yearly presenter in a variety of roles at diocesan Synod.

• Dr. Paul Cavers, President of the diocesan BAC: Paul will describe one of the most successful volunteer programs in Canada, run by Beacon Community Services on the Saanich Peninsula, Vancouver Island. Paul's daughter Glenys, director of seven thrift stores and a large, vibrantly busy activity centre in Sidney B.C., oversees the work of more than 400 volunteers for Beacon. She has provided detailed information on her volunteer program to her father.

Further, there will be a local perspective with a description of the many worthwhile ways that the St. James' BAC assists the Ingersoll area community.

Bishop Robert Bennett will be our speaker at the banquet in the evening. He and BAC chaplain Rev. Greg Jenkins will be the celebrant and officiant, respectively, at the afternoon communion service and installation of officers for the BAC.

The fees for this conference are \$55 for all day including banquet, \$25.00 for meeting only and \$40 for students all day, including the banquet.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Scott Naisbitt at naisbittscott@gmail.com or 226-973-4573 for a brochure and registration form.

Completed registration forms

Youth conference ready to ignite

Coming this May, youth in May 22-24 at Huron Church "catch fire" — the theme of the annual Youth Conference.

Youth aged 12 to 18 are invited to gather for worship, music, fellowship, learning and fun as we are inspired by God to lead His church.

The conference will be held

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For information, more please contact organizers at dohyouthcommittee@gmail. com or huronyouthconference@ gmail.com, or watch your parish bulletin for more announcements to come.

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Military personnel thank church house staff for gifts

Huron Church House staff had a surprise visit in January from Major Tim Van Mourik of 31 Brigade and his wife Kim, a member of the board of the Military Family Resource Centre, to thank them for gifts donated at Christmas.

For several years, staff have collected toys, food and gifts at Christmas for donation to a

For 2014, staff chose to donate them to the military in remembrance of the tragic deaths of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent.

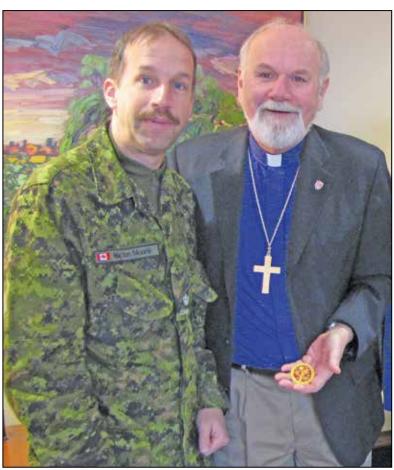
The baskets were delivered to the Military Family Resource Centre.

The Van Mouriks let church house staff know that the resource centre sent the parcels on to military personnel, including Major Van Mourik, based in Pristina, Kosovo.

The military personnel there shared the gifts with an orphanage in Peje, Kosovo.

In return, Major Van Mourik presented Bishop Bob Bennett with the Command Coin from Lt.-Col. Norm Ruttle as thanks for the generosity and sympathy of church house staff.

The coin will be displayed in Huron Church House for visitors to see.



Major Tim Van Mourik presents Bishop Bob Bennett with a Command Coin as thanks for the Christmas gifts donated by Huron Church House staff to military members.





Photos at left show the two sides of the Canadian Forces' Command Coin, like the one presented to Huron Church



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Hospice a future dream

From page 1

Peggy, who also teaches a palliative care program at the local college, stated, "People can be adversely affected for the rest of their lives by the experience. Often it takes someone skilled through specialized training to help the caregivers."

Francine Yolkowskie, the vice-principal at a local public school, came to St. Thomas two years ago to support her terminally ill Francine sister. "having lived hospital



After Yolkowskie

experience", she was greatly appreciative for the support of Serenity House.

"I never had to be a caregiver like this before. Everybody at Serenity had a story to share and you felt someone was available who understood what you were going through."

Francine, an experienced charities volunteer and the current director of human resources at Serenity, decided "to give back" to the agency. She states, "Taking care of the caregivers is an important task and is an increasing focus of the agency."

She feels strongly that one of the agency's "biggest hurdles" is educating the public about the available resources. "Too many are going through the dying process and know of nowhere to

turn for help."

The board



Peggy Gillespie

of directors is looking to the future with hopes of hiring a co-ordinator of volunteers and within five years, establish a residen-

tial hospice to meet the needs of Elgin County.

Funding is always an issue and, as shared by Francine, so is the need for volunteers.

"Death is a part of life. It's not a dark subject but a fact of life. The work is not all doom and gloom. There is a lot of joy here

Rev. Jim Innes is rector of St. John's in St. Thomas.

Port Lambton church marks celebrates its 100th anniversary

On Sunday, Oct. 5, the congregation of St. James', Port Lambton, celebrated its 100th anniversary.

An afternoon communion service attracted nearly 100 worshippers, including former ministers of the parish.

After opening prayers by Archdeacon Paul Millward, Rev. William Craven and Rev. Len Myers conducted the service, with Rev. Michael Farr acting as guest speaker.

Dedication of a plaque in

memory of Roy Grealis, a longtime member of the church, took place and historical aspects of St. James' were detailed.

A social time and luncheon followed at the community hall, with many articles of church memorabilia on display.

It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and revisiting old acquaintances.

Many thanks to all who participated in our 100th anniversary celebration.

Southern Trinity to take to stage

Southern Trinity of Harrow and Colchester will present The Borrowed Tomb on Friday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Harrow.

This musical presentation expands on the story of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea and their involvement with the death of Jesus.

You will find the musical uplifting, and the story of passing the blame very familiar to our own experiences.

Proceeds from the musical will go to The Good Samaritan, a program that helps local people who are in need of assis-

Friday night is dinner and the show for \$20. Tickets can be purchased from members of St. Andrew's or by calling 519-738-4198.

Saturday night is the show with an open basket donation.

Please call Andrea Kubis, director of The Borrowed Tomb, at 519-738-6160 if you have any questions.



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ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN Diocese of Huron

ANNUAL meeting & conference St. Paul's Cathedral – London Saturday 18th April 2015

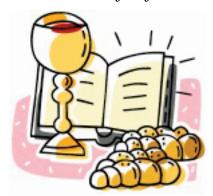
Registration 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer – followed by Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker

The Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz

Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada "Bread of Life"



Holy Eucharist 2:00 p.m.

Celebrant

The Right Reverend Terry A. Dance

Bishop of Norfolk

Everyone Welcome

NOTE: A set price (TBA) lunch will be provided
by the CWL of St. Peter's Basilica.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

To all Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of Huron, greetings from the diocesan council. By now, we all have had enough of this long, cold winter and are looking forward to the warmer spring weather when we will experience God's beautiful blossoms, leaves and flowers.

Hopefully, the time since Christmas has been a little less busy and frantic for everyone, as well as being a time of reflection as we now experience the wonderful journey toward Easter. We trust that wherever your journey takes you and however you chose to make that journey, it will lead you to a meaningful time of rebirth and joy.

Though your council took a break from monthly meetings during January and February, we have been busy planning for our annual meeting on April 18. This change in date will allow our primate, Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, to come to the cathedral to address our group. We feel very honoured that the primate has accepted our invitation and are very excited to hear his message. I trust you will make every effort to support what will be an extraordinary day for our annual

By the time you receive this issue of the Huron Church News, many of you will be busy making plans for your spring meetings, teas and so much more, and we wish you all well as you continue to work in your parishes accomplishing our goals as Anglican Church Women.

May I remind you of the



message of our chaplain, Rev. Patsy Allison, at the Quiet Day in October? She wants us all to be aware that as we prepare for our events that we do not get so busy that we forget to take time to be quiet and to remain centred, remembering the real purpose of our efforts is for the glory of God.

I would also ask that you please remember our national prayer partner, our Anglican sisters in the Diocese of the Yukon, who have a much different and at times more difficult set of issues with which to deal in their ministry in the North. I know that these wonderful women have been praying for us and that we will be strengthened by their prayers.

On behalf of council, I wish you all a fulfilling and meaningful Easter. We look forward to greeting you again in April at the annual meeting where we can renew existing friendships, as well as have an opportunity to make new friends with our sisters throughout the diocese.

Yours in Christ Catherine Henry Diocesan ACW President

Stitching a barn quilt tour

by Diane Watson

Holy Trinity Church in Chatham recently hosted Christine Crawford and Joyce Bruce from the Chatham-Kent Quilters' Guild. They gave an interesting presentation on the Barn Quilt Trail in Chatham-Kent.

Have you ever noticed the large, painted quilt blocks on the sides of barns between Chatham and London? They are part of the Longwoods Barn Quilt Trail as well as the Wardsville Barn Quilt Trail.

Combining a passion for history and quilting, the guild has taken up the challenge to extend the tour from Thamesville to Lighthouse Cove.

A barn quilt tells a story and draws attention to an historical place. For Chatham-Kent, the group has chosen the theme People of the Thames: 1750 to 1850.

The blocks will depict life as an early settler, events of the War of 1812, and the men and



The ACW at Holy Trinity, Chatham, recently learned about barn quilts, such as this example.

women who escaped slavery by travelling along the Underground Railroad.

There will be 30 painted blocks. Each will represent a story to explain the history of people, places and things. The wooden blocks are eight feet square and mounted on the side of a barn or building that's important to history. The cost of the project, which includes painting, coating the blocks with preservatives, and installation, is \$30,000. The group has received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and other donations.

The guild has a cloth quilt that depicts all of the blocks. It takes 15 volunteers approximately 1,000 hours to complete the quilt. Efforts include researching local history, designing the quilt and sewing it.

The quilts were produced to help explain the project to schools, service clubs and churches. There are three cloth quilts in total.

The group also plans to post the stories on a website that will be made available for visitors to download onto their iPads. These would then be used while travelling the route.

Following requests for printed copies, the guild is also looking into the idea of publishing a book of the stories.

Diane Watson wrote on behalf of the Kent Deanery ACW.

Woodrowe ladies make aprons for food program

The ladies from Woodrowe Group at St Bartholomew's, Sarnia, recently made aprons for the One Tomato Food Works program in Sarnia-Lambton.

This program helps prepare youth with the basic knowledge and skills required to succeed in creating healthy meals in their homes using local food.

More ACW news on Page 8

Tree of Life

Huron Church Camp 2015

Just imagine sitting under your favourite tree. Look up into its leafy canopy of green, green and more green, fluttering, rustling in the summer breeze . . . shelter, shade,



nourishment
for the
earth, home
to wild life,
source of
beauty,
wonder and
delight!
Come and
gather with
us at Huron
Church Camp,
where under
the trees
we worship

work and play and where, like the trees themselves, we root ourselves in our faith, grow in God's love and with arms spread wide, reach out to one another in Jesus' name, here . . . and beyond!

One-week Theme Camps Grades 1-8, ages 6-14, \$470 + \$61.10 HST

Roots and Branches - July 5 - 11 Wade in the Water- July 12 - 18

All Good Gifts- July 19 - 25

(No camp July 26 - August 1)

Blue Skies - August 2 - 8

Clap Hands, Clap Paws - August 9 - 15

We are Stardust - August 16 - 22

Senior Camp, Grade 8, \$990 + \$128.70 HST

Companions on a Journey 1 – July 5– 18 Companions on a Journey 2 – August 2– 15

Leader in Training, Grades 9 & 10, \$1,510 + \$196.30 HST

LIT1 - July 5 - 25 (Full)

LIT2 - July 5 - 25

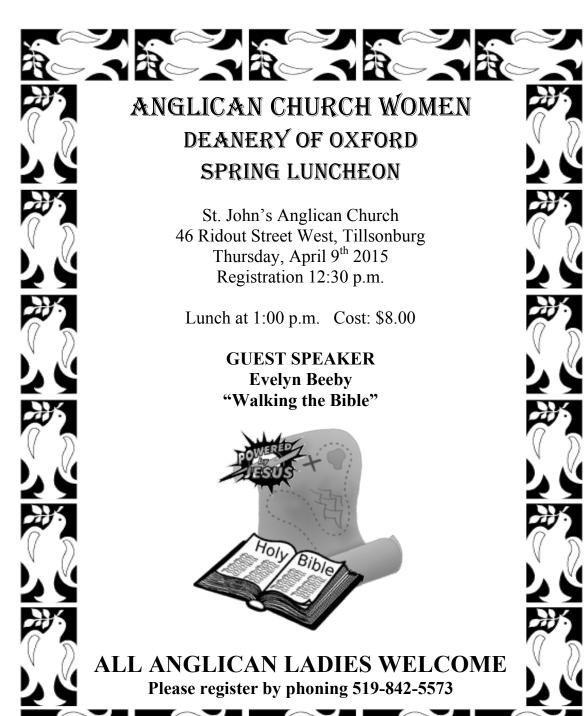
LIT1 - August 2 - 22 (Full)

LIT2 - August 2 - 22

Register online today at www.huronchurchcamp.ca

Contact us at 519-434-6893, ext. 217 huronchurchcamp@gmail.com

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN



In Memory

Brant & Norfolk

Grace, Brantford
Kathryn Element
Mary Louise Jepson
Nancy Miller (Pease)
Dorothy Simone Sayless

Huron & Perth

Holy Trinity, ExeterMaude Connon
Doris Ellerington

St. James, StratfordJoyce Campion
Gwen Carleton
Mary Lou Dunbar
Merci Fournier
Hilda Hyde

Kent

Trinity, Blenheim Jean Marlatt Dorothy Thomas

Lambton

Christ Church, Forest Wilhelmine Wilson

Oxford

Church of the Epiphany, Woodstock

Christine Anne Phillips
Sharon Louise Leis
Margaret Ann Saunder
Ruth Helen Webb
Ruby Eleanor Cole
Ruth Eckenstein
Ruby Irene McCallum
Cheryl Anne McGee
Reginald Charles Ward
Charles ("Chuck") H.J. Phelps
Brian Herbert Gill
Douglas Wilkinson Bragg
Douglas Albert Nutt
Gordon Russell Wood

Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodstock Evelyn Raynor Sadie Williams

London

St. Anne's, Byron Kathleen Pfohl

St. Luke's, Broughdale Violet Emma Farr

St. James Westminster, London

Beverley Charlotte Sercombe Irene Angelina Kuwata Ruth Norwood Margaret Diana Blosdale Glenus June MacPherson Margaret Ivy Jane Brown Andria Jean Hahn Anne Hilda Reynolds

St. Martin's in the Field, London

Marilyn Bowman Mary Campbell Pat Dinsmore Alma Duxbury Betty Godfrey Lois Marshall Kaye Try

Saugeens

Christ Church, Markdale Muriel Annetta Pynn Margaret Mae Mercer

St. Luke's, Pine River Curlene Fitkowski Jean Margaret Rodgers



Photo by Ruth Murray of Trinity, Durham,

Since the moon's orbit is about 28 days, there is no fixed time for the full moon. Hence Easter can fall anywhere from March 22 to April 25.

Calculating the date for Easter

by Mark Warring

Many times we have stated that "Easter is late (or early) this year". Why is this so?

In 325 at the Council of Nicæa, the date of Easter was fixed by declaring that Easter should be the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox.

(This declaration was intended to be the end of a long dispute between eastern and western Christian communities.)

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The question arises: "Is there a way (or formula) for calculating the date of Easter?" The answer

In 1800, Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855) published a formula for calculating Easter's date.

Sometimes referred to as the Princeps mathematicorum (Latin for "the Prince of Mathematicians" or "the foremost of mathematicians") and "greatest mathematician since antiquity," Gauss had a remarkable influence in many fields of mathematics and science and is ranked as one of history's most influential mathematicians.

Variable	Formula	Example	Value
a	y mod 19	2015/19 = 106 remainder 1	1
b	y mod 4	2015/4 = 503 remainder 3	3
С	y mod 7	2015/7 = 287 remainder 6	6
k	Int(y/100)	2015/100 = 20.15	20
p	Int[(13+8k)/25]	13+8x20 = 173 173/25 = 6.92	6
q	Int(k/4)	20/4 = 5	5
M	(15-p+k-q) mod 30	15 - 6 + 20 - 5 = 24 24/30 = 0 remainder 24	24
N	(4+k-q) mod 7	4 +20 - 5 = 19 19/7 = 2 remainder 5	5
d	(19a + M) mod 30	19 x 1 + 24 = 43 43/30 = 1 remainder 13	13
e	(2b + 4c + 6d + N) mod 7	2 x 3 + 4 x 6 + 6 x 13 + 5 = 113 113/7 = 16 remainder 1	1
	Easter's date is either March 22 + d + e or April d +e - 9	22 + 13 + 1 = March 36 or 13 +1 -9 = April 5	April 5

He was a German mathematician and scientist who contributed significantly to many fields, including number theory, statistics, analysis, differential geometry, geodesy, geophysics, electrostatics, astronomy and optics.

His formula involves the use of modular arithmetic. This is the technical term for the remainder when two numbers are divided. For example when 37 is divided by 7 the answer is 5 with a remainder of 2. So 37 mod 7 is equal to 2.

It also uses the integer function. This is that part of a number before the decimal point. The integer part of 37 divided by 7 [Int (37/7)] is 5.

The chart above shows the years shows the probability in-

steps in the formula and the calculations for this year, 2015.

Let y = 2015.

Your homework is to use this formula to calculate the date for Easter next year, 2016. (I will be nice and tell you it is March 27.)

What is the most common date for Easter? A computer simulation for over 5½ million

creasing from March 22 to 27, decreasing from April 21 to 25 and the rest of the dates about equally likely (about 3.4%) with on exception.

April 19 is the most common date with Easter falling on that date almost 4% of the time.

Mark Warring is a parishioner at Holy Trinity, Chatham.

'Go to' guy keeps Huron's financial records organized

By Heather Moller

Financial analyst Charlie Mungar is in his 19th year working in Huron Church House. He helps to manages all things financial, reporting directly to Paul Rathbone, director of administrative services.

Charlie maintains Synod finance records and administers and reconciles the diocesan trust funds, pension trust funds and parish trust funds.

The responsibilities of managing cash flow and banking issues, providing oversight and reporting on trust funds and liaising with parishes, committee members, and the broker on all insurance issues are in Charlie's experienced hands.

Charlie has the detailed and meticulous duty of preparing reports for the government and the diocese. He looks after the reporting and valuation of the investment portfolio, the HST

WHAT DO THEY DO?

HURON CHURCH HOUSE STAFF



Huron Church Camp, and the annual charitable return.

He also provides guidance to parishes with respect to tax rebates.

Many committees have Charlie as their "go to" guy. He provides information, materials and support for the investment subcommittee, land and property subcommittee, cemetery committee, insurance subcommittee, fire and insurance subcommittee, and administration and finance committee.

He prepares the agendas and manages minutes for many of these committees.

Charlie is a big part of the

reporting for the diocese and annual audit as well, for investment reporting is of significant accounting for the diocese.

In 19 years, Charlie has seen many changes at the diocese. He has worked under seven different bishops. He started the pre-authorized payment system and the use of credit cards. He has seen the increased use of computers in our offices to assist with every aspect of work.

Outside of work, Charlie stays active and involved in his community. He plays hockey with three different leagues three nights a week and he enjoys his time with his family and friends.

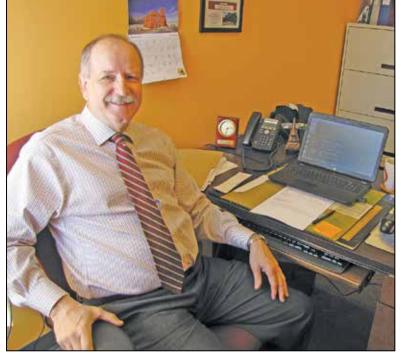


photo by Sandra Coulson

Charlie Mungar's management of all things financial in Huron Diocese requires meticulous attention to detail.

By Paul Rathbone

On behalf of our bishops and the diocese, a warm thank you to all of our congregations for their generous financial support in 2014 toward the ministry that is provided by the Diocese of Huron to our churches, our people and clergy.

Your generous support of our

ministry has resulted in total apportionment dollars toward our operation of \$3,167,471 this past year. This is almost 95% of our budget. Along with the generous and thankful financial support from the ACW, total revenues to fund our costs of ministry were \$3,197,272 for the year.

TOTALS

This is down from the year before by \$63,442. Please see the apportionment support from all of our congregations this past year in the following pages.

With operational costs managed well to plan and through the revenues aforementioned, the diocese incurred a small

DEANERY OF BRANT	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
/NORFOLK	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
Brantford, Grace	36,927.00	40,620.00	36,927.00	100.00
Brantford, St. James	18,999.00	20,899.00	18,999.00	100.00
Brantford, St. Jude's	30,995.00	34,095.00	24,850.00	8017.00
Brantford, St. Luke's	9,597.00	10,557.00	9,597.00	100.00
Brantford, St. John's	10,130.00	11,143.00	11,169.94	110.27
Mt. Pleasant, All Saints	12,446.00	13,691.00	10,000.00	80.30
Brantford, St. Mark's	44,160.00	48,576.00	44,160.00	100.00
Burford, Holy Trinity	14,183.00	15,601.00	8,000.00	56.41
Scotland, St. Mark's	1,425.00	1,568.00	1,425.00	100.00
Paris, St. James	24,152.00	26,567.00	24,152.00	100.00
Port Dover, St. Paul's	20,401.00	22,441.00	20,401.00	100.00
Port Rowan, St. John's	11,530.00	12,683.00	11,647.50	101.02
Simcoe, St. John's (Woodhouse)	8,249.00	9,074.00	8,226.00	100.00
Port Ryerse, Memorial	4,495.00	4,945.00	4,494.00	100.00
St. George, Holy Trinity	17,659.00	19,425.00	17,659.00	100.00
Simcoe, Trinity	36,315.00	39,947.00	36,315.00	100.00
Six Nations, Christ Church	402.00	442.00	-	0.00
Six Nations, St. Luke's	1,009.00	1,110.00	600.00	59.46
Six Nations, St. Peter's	185.00	204.00	204.00	110.27
Six Nations, St. Paul's	2,350.00	2,585.00	2,412.00	102.64
Waterford, Trinity	6,246.00	6,871.00	6,925.00	110.87
TOTALS	311,855.00	343,044.00	298,163.44	95.61

DEANERY OF DELAWARE	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
Aylmer, Trinity	14,211.00	15,632.00	14,211.00	100.00
Port Burwell, Trinity	5,914.00	6,505.00	5,913.96	100.00
Vienna, St. Luke's	2,539.00	2,793.00	2,551.13	100.48
Glencoe, St. John's	10,092.00	11,101.00	10,092.00	100.00
Mt. Brydges, St. Jude's	5,358.00	5,894.00	5,358.00	100.00
Newbury, Christ Church	3,053.00	3,358.00	1,853.00	60.69
Muncey, St. Andrew's	2,413.00	2,654.00	800.00	33.15
Oneida, Zion	2,634.00	2,897.00	1,262.50	47.93
Port Stanley, Christ Church	13,404.00	14,744.00	13,404.00	100.00
St. Thomas, St. Hilda's-St. Luke's	20,125.00	22,138.00	16,199.58	80.49
St. Thomas, St. John's	32,834.00	36,117.00	28,400.00	86.50
St. Thomas, Trinity	28,187.00	31,006.00	28,187.00	100.00
Tyrconnell, St. Peter's & Nativity	6,626.00	7,289.00	6,640.00	100.21
Burwell Park, St. Stephen's	815.00	897.00	815.00	100.00
West Lorne, Grace	2,836.00	3,120.00	3,120.00	110.01
TOTALS	151,041.00	166,145.00	138,807.17	91.90

DEANERY OF ESSEX	Apportionment
	Budget
Amherstburg, Christ	18,925.00
Colchester, Christ	10,258.00
Harrow, St. Andrew's	10,623.00
Cottam, Trinity	10,364.00
Essex, St. Paul's	11,776.00
Kingsville, Epiphany	26,177.00
LaSalle, St. Andrew's	13,193.00
Leamington, St. John The Evang.	33,426.00
Oldcastle, St. Stephen's	18,206.00
Colchester, Redeemer	8,300.00
Pelee Island, St. Mary/Calvary	2,553.00
Tecumseh, St. Mark's	26,659.00
Windsor, All Saints	51,193.00
Windsor, Ascension	35,703.00
Windsor, St. Augustine's	18,315.00
Windsor, St. David's-St. Mark's	11,504.00
Windsor, St. Mark's	11,922.00
Windsor, St. George's	11,678.00
Windsor, St. James	20,895.00
Windsor, St. John's	25,923.00
Windsor, St. Mary's	30,900.00
Windsor, St. Matthew's	15,416.00
Windsor, St. Michael & All Angels	6,965.00
Windsor, St. Paul's	1,514.00

DEANERY OF HURON	Apportionment
/PERTH	Budget
Bayfield, Trinity	12,952.00
Middleton, St. James	4,382.00
Exeter, Trivitt Memorial	28,838.00
Grand Bend, St. John's	14,801.00
St. Anne's, Port Franks	-
Goderich, St. George's	27,978.00
Port Albert, Christ Church	5,036.00
Lucan, Holy Trinity	12,116.00
Clandeboye, St. James	4,107.00
Parish of the Holy Spirit	
Clinton, St. Paul's	11,773.00
Seaforth, St Thomas	10,101.00
Parish of the New Beginning	gs
Blyth, Trinity	6,770.00
Brussels, St. John's	6,277.00
Wingham,St. Paul's-Trinity	9,295.00
Lucknow, St. Peter's	6,951.00

432,388.00

deficit of \$20,000 for 2014.

Huron Church Camp, through the requirement to remove many ash trees, incurred a \$45,000 deficit. If not for this cost, the camp would have again in 2014 seen a small operating surplus and total diocesan operations would have recorded a surplus for the year

of approximately \$30,000. Without the support of all of our churches, we would not be able to celebrate these good results and share in the work that is done across our church in Huron.

Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the operations of our diocese, which

serves to support so many here and across our Canadian church to proclaim the Good News in all that we do.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry together in this place.

Paul Rathbone is secretarytreasurer of the Diocese of Huron.

Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
Requests	Received	Apportionment
20,818.00	18,925.00	100.00
11,284.00	10,258.00	100.00
11,685.00	10,623.00	100.00
11,400.00	10,364.00	100.00
12,954.00	9,420.80	80.00
28,795.00	26,177.00	100.00
14,512.00	14,512.06	110.00
36,769.00	33,331.00	100.00
20,027.00	18,206.00	100.00
9,130.00	8,280.00	100.00
2,808.00	2,808.00	110.00
29,325.00	26,659.00	100.00
56,312.00	51,193.00	100.00
39,273.00	35,703.00	100.00
20,147.00	20,147.00	110.00
12,654.00	11,597.46	100.81
13,114.00	11,922.00	100.00
12,846.00	5,340.00	45.73
22,985.00	22,985.00	110.00
28,515.00	25,923.00	100.00
33,990.00	30,900.00	100.00
16,958.00	15,416.00	100.00
7,662.00	7,662.00	110.01
1,665.00	1,665.00	110.00
475,628.00	430,017.32	99.45

Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
Received	Apportionment
12,952.00	100.00
4,382.00	100.00
28,758.82	100.00
14,801.00	100.00
1,500.00	110.00
30,696.00	110.00
5,540.00	110.00
12,116.00	100.00
4,107.00	100.00
11,773.08	100.00
10,101.00	100.00
6,770.00	100.00
6,277.00	100.00
3,853.10	41.45
7,531.38	108.35
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DEANERY OF HURON	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
/PERTH	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
Parish of the Resurrection				
Listowel, Christ	8,047.00	8,852.00	8,047.00	100.00
Atwood, St. Alban's/St. David's	2,156.00	2,372.00	2,372.00	110.00
Gorrie, St. Stephen's	1,257.00	1,383.00	1,257.00	100.00
Fordwich, Trinity	4,165.00	4,582.00	4,165.00	100.00
Harriston, St. George's	4,195.00	4,615.00	4,200.00	100.12
Palmerston, St. Paul's	6,305.00	6,936.00	6,305.00	100.00
St. Mary's, St. James'	17,790.00	19,569.00	17,790.00	100.00
Stratford, St. James'	60,315.00	66,347.00	60,315.00	100.00
Stratford, St. Paul's	25,603.00	28,163.00	25,603.00	100.00
Stratford, St. Stephen's	9,786.00	10,765.00	10,765.00	110.00
TOTALS	300,996.00	331,100.00	301,977.38	100.33

DEANERY OF KENT	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
Parish of Rondeau Bay				
Blenheim, Trinity	19,008.00	20,909.00	19,008.00	100.00
Erieau, St. Pauls	7,289.00	8,018.00	7,289.03	100.00
Rondeau, Grace		Summer Parish	1	
Chatham, Christ Church	38,662.00	42,528.00	38,662.00	100.00
Chatham, Holy Trinity	38,604.00	42,464.00	38,604.00	100.00
Chatham, St. Paul's	12,882.00	14,170.00	12,882.00	100.00
Dover Twp., St. Thomas	6,631.00	7,294.00	6,631.08	100.00
Moraviantown, St. Peter's	574.00	631.00	-	0.00
Parish of the Transfiguratio	n			
Ridgetown, Advent	6,152.00	6,767.00	6,767.00	110.00
Highgate, Redeemer	1,763.00	1,939.00	1,763.00	100.00
Thamesville, St. Stephen	2,692.00	2,961.00	2,692.00	100.00
Dresden, Christ Church	5,315.00	5,847.00	5,847.00	110.00
Florence, St. Matthew's	3,415.00	3,757.00	3,415.00	100.00
Aughrim, St. John's	2,632.00	2,895.00	2,632.00	100.00
Comber, Ascension	2,623.00	2,885.00	2,623.00	100.00
Wallaceburg, St. James The Apostle	19,267.00	21,194.00	19,267.00	100.00
Port Lambton, St. James	6,198.00	6,818.00	6,200.00	100.00
TOTALS	173,707.00	191,077.00	174,282.11	100.33

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DEANERY OF LAMBTON	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
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Bright's Grove, St. John's	13,951.00	15,346.00	13,951.00	100.00
Camlachie, Christ Church	3,017.00	3,319.00	3,319.00	110.00
Courtright, St. Stephen's	6,035.00	6,639.00	5,994.96	100.00
Forest, Christ Church	11,051.00	12,156.00	11,051.00	100.00
Kettle Point, St. John's	1,684.00	1,852.00	500.00	29.69
Petrolia, Christ Church	17,767.00	19,544.00	17,767.00	100.00
Wyoming, St. John's	3,661.00	4,027.00	3,661.00	100.00
Point Edward, St. Paul's	14,879.00	16,367.00	14,879.00	100.00
Sarnia, All Saints	69,635.00	76,599.00	52,260.00	75.05
Sarnia, Canon Davis Memorial	20,389.00	22,428.00	20,388.96	100.00
Sarnia, St. Bartholomew's	24,530.00	26,983.00	24,530.00	100.00
Sarnia, Trinity	63,940.00	70,334.00	36,010.00	56.32
Strathroy, St. John the Evangelist	25,724.00	28,296.00	25,694.54	100.00
Parkhill, St. James'	8,475.00	9,323.00	8,417.00	100.00
Watford, Trinity	14,953.00	16,448.00	5,000.00	33.44
Kerwood, St. Paul's	5,636.00	6,200.00	-	0.00
Walpole Island, St. John the Bapti	9,100.00	10,010.00	7,292.04	80.13
TOTALS	314,427.00	345,871.00	250,715.50	79.74

DEANERY OF LONDON	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
London, All Saints	20,512.00	22,563.00	20,512.00	100.00
London, Church of the Ascension	38,643.00	42,507.00	18,105.34	46.85
London, Bishop Cronyn Memorial	29,779.00	32,757.00	8,004.00	26.88
London, Christ Church	22,553.00	24,808.00	3,500.00	15.52
London, Christ Church, Glanworth	3,867.00	4,254.00	3,867.00	100.00
London, Epiphany	14,448.00	15,893.00	5,000.00	34.61
London, Holy Trinity	20,169.00	22,186.00	4,915.54	24.37
London, Church of the Hosannas	6,291.00	6,920.00		0.00
London, St. Aidan's	33,820.00	37,202.00	40,111.00	118.60
London, St. Alban's	23,489.00	25,838.00	23,496.00	100.00
London, St. Andrew Memorial	22,782.00	25,060.00	22,782.00	100.00
London, St. Anne's, Byron	39,013.00	42,914.00	39,013.00	100.00
London, St. George's	47,544.00	52,298.00	47,544.00	100.00
London, St. James' Westminster	71,561.00	78,717.00	71,561.00	100.00
London, St. John the Divine,	24,752.00	27,227.00	24,752.04	100.00
London, St. John the Evangelist	63,392.00	69,731.00	63,392.00	100.00
London, St. Jude's	46,167.00	50,784.00	46,166.98	100.00
London, St. Luke's, Broughdale	15,184.00	16,702.00	15,184.00	100.00
London, St. Mark's	7,576.00	8,334.00	7,576.00	100.00
London, St. Martin-in-the Field	25,812.00	28,393.00	25,812.00	100.00
London, St. Michael & All Angels	38,296.00	42,126.00	38,296.00	100.00
London, St. Paul's Cathedral	140,604.00	154,664.00	140,604.00	100.00
London, St. Stephen's Memorial	23,552.00	25,907.00	23,556.00	100.00
London, Transfiguration	7,840.00	8,624.00	7,840.00	100.00
London, Trinity Lambeth	6,283.00	6,911.00	6,308.00	100.40
Middlesex Ctre, St. George's	13,752.00	15,127.00	13,752.04	100.00
Ilderton, Grace	9,312.00	10,243.00	9,312.00	100.00
TOTALS	816,993.00	898,690.00	730,961.94	89.47

DEANERY OF OXFORD	Apportionment
	Budget
Delhi, St. Alban's	5,264.00
Otterville, St. John's	5,395.00
Dorchester, St. Peter's	19,571.00
Ingersoll, St. James'	26,659.00
Oxford Centre, Christ Church	3,686.00
Eastwood, St. John's	3,431.00
Princeton, St. Paul's	8,743.00
Tillsonburg, St. John's	29,213.00
Woodstock, Epiphany	39,687.00
Woodstock, Good Shepherd	15,806.00
Huntingford, Christ Church	10,896.00
Woodstock, Old St. Paul's	25,254.00
Lakeside, Christ Church	2,211.00
London, St. Luke's(Crumlin)	4,022.00
Thamesford, St. John's	6,726.00
Thorndale, St. George's	8,730.00
TOTALS	215,294.00

DEANERY OF SAUGEENS	Apportionment		
	Budget		
Chatsworth, St. Paul's	3,697.00		
Desboro, St. John's	1,570.00		
Chesley, Holy Trinity	7,247.00		
Paisley, Ascension	3,470.00		
Tara, Christ	5,412.00		
Clarksburg, St. George's	27,023.00		
Hanover,St. James	14,011.00		
Durham, Trinity	12,451.00		
Kincardine, Messiah	22,702.00		
Kingarf, St. Matthew's	2,609.00		
Kinlough, Ascension	2,085.00		
Pine River, St. Luke's	3,334.00		
Walkerton, St. Thomas'	6,749.00		
Markdale, Christ Church	15,809.00		
Meaford, Christ Church	22,806.00		
Fairmount, St. James	4,281.00		
Owen Sound, St. George's	32,859.00		
Owen Sound, St. Thomas'	21,709.00		
Southampton, St. Paul's	11,833.00		
Port Elgin, St. John's	10,141.00		
Parish of Bruce Peninsula	25,197.00		
TOTALS	256,995.00		

SUMMARY OF DEANERIES Apportionment

Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of	
Requests	Received	Apportionment	
5,790.00	7,770.07	147.61	
5,935.00	5,395.00	100.00	
21,528.00	10,000.00	51.10	
29,325.00	26,659.00	100.00	
4,055.00	4,055.00	110.00	
3,774.00	3,774.00	110.00	
9,617.00	9,617.00	110.00	
32,134.00	29,018.04	100.00	
43,656.00	39,745.66	100.15	
17,387.00	15,806.00	100.00	
11,986.00	10,896.00	100.00	
27,779.00	25,010.28	100.00	
2,432.00	2,424.00	110.00	
4,424.00	4,070.00	101.19	
7,399.00	5,044.50	75.00	
9,603.00	8,730.00	100.00	
236,824.00	208,014.55	96.62	

Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
Requests	Received	Apportionment
4,067.00	2,300.00	62.21
1,727.00	500.00	31.85
7,972.00	3,400.00	46.92
3,817.00	2,740.00	78.96
5,953.00	5,412.00	100.00
29,725.00	29,760.00	110.00
15,412.00	14,011.00	100.00
13,696.00	12,451.00	100.00
24,972.00	22,702.00	100.00
2,870.00	2,609.00	100.00
2,294.00	2,085.00	100.00
3,667.00	3,667.00	110.00
7,424.00	6,749.00	100.00
17,390.00	16,997.00	107.51
25,087.00	23,000.00	100.85
4,709.00	4,281.00	100.00
36,145.00	32,859.00	100.00
23,880.00	21,650.00	100.00
13,016.00	11,833.00	100.00
11,155.00	11,155.00	110.00
27,717.00	26,197.00	103.97
282,695.00	256,358.00	99.75

DEANERY OF WATERLOO	Apportionment	Extra Mile	Jan-Dec 2014	Percent of
	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
Cambridge, St. Thomas	14,616.00	16,078.00	14,614.10	100.00
Cambridge, St. James	30,147.00	33,162.00	30,147.03	100.00
Cambridge, St. John's	32,492.00	35,741.00	32,500.00	100.00
Cambridge, St. Luke's	6,788.00	7,467.00	6,788.00	100.00
Cambridge, Trinity	59,804.00	65,784.00	59,804.00	100.00
Kitchener, Holy Trinity	22,176.00	24,394.00	5,000.00	22.55
Kitchener, St. Andrew Memorial	26,603.00	29,263.00	11,019.00	41.42
Kitchener, St. George's	41,324.00	45,456.00	41,049.00	100.00
Kitchener, St. John the Evangelist	56,719.00	62,391.00	56,718.97	100.00
New Hamburg, St. George's	13,720.00	15,092.00	13,719.96	100.00
Ayr, Christ Church	7,470.00	8,217.00	8,217.00	110.00
Waterloo, All Saints	39,458.00	43,404.00	39,195.23	100.00
Waterloo, Holy Saviour	42,995.00	47,295.00	43,826.00	101.93
Waterloo, St. Columba's	15,576.00	17,134.00	15,576.00	100.00
TOTALS	409,888.00	450,878.00	378,174.29	92.26

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	Budget	Requests	Received	Apportionment
BRANT/NORFOLK	311,855.00	343,044.00	298,163.44	95.61
DELAWARE	151,041.00	166,145.00	138,807.17	91.90
ESSEX	432,388.00	475,628.00	430,017.32	99.45
HURON/PERTH	300,996.00	331,100.00	301,977.38	100.33
KENT	173,707.00	191,077.00	174,282.11	100.33
LAMBTON	314,427.00	345,871.00	250,715.50	79.74
LONDON	816,993.00	898,690.00	730,961.94	89.47
OXFORD	215,294.00	236,824.00	208,014.55	96.62
SAUGEENS	256,995.00	282,695.00	256,358.00	99.75
WATERLOO	409,888.00	450,878.00	378,174.29	92.26
TOTALS FOR DEANERIES	3,383,584.00	3,721,952.00	3,167,471.70	94.93
A.C.W. Fair Share	35,000.00	35,000.00	29,801.37	85.15

Extra Mile

Jan-Dec 2014

Percent of

Across Canada

Prayer fellowship meets in Nfld. Report shows 'drastic' income gap

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer diocesan representatives, from June 1-5, will gather at the for a national consultation conference. Attendees will meet with the national executive and share in fellowship with other diocesan and parish representatives.

The purpose of this consultation is for members to participate in an exercise to further its ministry. The AFP seeks to be relevant to the needs of church and wants the input of participants.

To learn more about the national consultation, contact Valerie Kenyon at vvkenyon@rogers.com.

— Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada) news release

Bishop Jane Alexander of the Diocese of Edmonton said she was shocked by the "drastic" gap be-Lavrock Centre in Newfoundland tween rich and poor, mapped in a report from the Edmonton Social Planning Council in January.

"I knew it existed, but until I saw the report, I wasn't aware how really bad it is," she said.

According to the report, the top 1% of tax filers in the city saw a 50% increase in their after-tax incomes, while the rest of the population gained 7.3% since 1982.

In 2013, more than 75% of jobs in metro Edmonton were in low-paying service sectors. The report also found that a disproportionately high number of aboriginal people are living in poverty, including 43.7% of children under six.

— The Messenger

Ministry creates welcoming space

People in the town of Schumacher, Ont., told the leaders in the Diocese of Moosonee that they lacked a safe place to gather. The Anglican church there closed years ago, so Threshold Ministries has opened The Living Room, a space in an office complex downtown, as a sanctuary for all ages.

Evangelist Catherine Murkin writes that it will be a place to "find a listening ear, a cup of something warm . . . If there are concerns and cares you would like to pray about or discuss, we are here."

The hope is that it will also provide a comfortable place for people to connect and enjoy companionship. "The younger crowd will find a great place to 'hang,' and we will have a play area for young children," said Murkin.

— Northland

Coaching encourages relational ministries

By Archdeacon Perry Chuipka

ne thing Huron's Congregational Coaches try to encourage in congregations is the value of relational ministries. Let me explain this after sharing some of the responses from congregations that have participated in a coaching experience.

- "The group work was so beneficial in educating us, but also developing more community in our parish."
- "I valued the way that you encouraged the group to get to know each other by sharing a bit of their story."
- "You got us to look outside the box of our own church walls to see the many potential relationships in our community."
- "I got to know more people in my parish family and under-

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stood more of their concerns about ministry."

• "Thank you for challenging us to step out and see God in relationships that we have yet to explore."

Notice how those comments illustrate the value they see in building relationships.

Relational ministries is about sustaining the relationships we have in our parish life and creating new ones in the community in which we live.

Let me re-state a few words from Eric Law, author of Holy Currencies:

"In the last 60 years, the North American norm has shifted. Sunday morning is no longer set aside exclusively for church or any kind of faith community gathering. People no longer are necessarily expected to go to church. One

expected to go to church. One of the determining factors for whether one goes to church is relationships. Today, people go to church because they have relationships with people there, and these relationships are what sustain them in their lives."

He goes on to say, "many

have not learned to move from 'doing church' to 'being a church' with people who relate to people. And 60 years later, many churches are shrinking in attendance and financial resources. We need to refocus our churches ministries on being relational."

On our coaching visits with parishioners, we get them to experience relational ministry through our group work. We also spend quality time giving them permission to share some of their story.

Another way that we emphasize building relationships is to get them to see new ways of developing their relationships, not just at coffee or tea time, but in their worship. For example:

- Make a conscious effort to sit with someone new, not just our friends.
- Don't leave the greeting to specific people; greet others in the pew.
- Wait together as a group at the communion rail before getting up to leave.
- Have different people serving others at coffee and tea hour.
- Remember at the Peace that it is quality not quantity of

greetings. Take time to pause, look people in the eye and allow them to absorb the Peace of Christ.

 At coffee and tea time go to someone you don't know and do some intentional listening.

Let me conclude that Huron's Congregational Coaching Team has many resources and processes in our toolkit to help revitalize parishes. But just as important, coaches teach congregations the importance of relationship-building by example through what we say and how we listen to parishioners in our visits.

Would your parish benefit from some relational ministries that not only feed your parishioners but also help them look outward to develop relationships and see Christ in their communities?

Perry Chuipka is archdeacon of coaching congregations for Huron.

Scrutiny of assistance recipients can be degrading

By Rev. Matt Arguin

t the beginning of February, the Rick Mercer Report highlighted the story of Master Cpl. Paul Franklin, a veteran who was required each year to provide proof of disability to gain access to a wheelchair and other equipment.

My Facebook feed exploded with people voicing their disgust at the government's behaviour. There was an outrage that a soldier, someone who had served Canada and aided civilians of Afghanistan in improving their quality of life, would be forced to undergo such scrutiny every single year.

In a followup article, Franklin explained that Veteran Affairs

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Social Justice Huron



had taken away his wheelchair twice, taken him to court over being able to claim disability payments, and at times left him questioning how he would be able to put food on the table.

The outrage people felt was more than justified, but I think many people don't realize this is a lived reality for many people in Southwestern Ontario. Every month, individuals who are on Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program have to trek to the downtown office and provide

photocopies of pay stubs, cheques and any other sources of income in the last 30 days.

This is an experience that I have encountered personally. As a priest in the diocese who happens to have cerebral palsy, I am entitled to access certain benefits and a small pension from ODSP. Yet every month I — alongside many others — have to consistently prove my existence to the government and the wider world.

This process can often feel humiliating and degrading, especially at times of unemployment or hardship. All for a sum of money that might not even cover the rent.

On the one hand, I understand the desire and need for clarity when it comes to providing government funds. On the other, I have been in the situation of having my equipment claims scrutinized, despite the fact that cerebral palsy is a disability that will not change and has not changed since I was an infant.

There has to be a better way, a better balance. As we approach a federal election, I think there are some questions that should be asked of our candidates: How do we uphold the dignity of those on government assistance? How can we provide

programs that allow people not only to survive but also to thrive? How can we respect not only veterans, but all Canadian citizens who have gifts to offer in our society and nation?

As a church, how do we help to remove the stigma that often accompanies individuals on government programs? How do we embrace them, rather than making them prove their worth as members? How do we empower the gifts of those who might not be able to offer anything on the plate? Most of all, how do we uphold the dignity of every human being, loving our neighbours as ourselves?

Rev. Matt Arguin is co-ordinator of outreach and evangelism at Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church in London.

String of difficulties reveals different ways to pray

By Rev. Kim Metelka

n the last few months my prayer life has changed in many ways.

Facing with difficult situations, having to face the unknown or trying to discern what to do in the future are the types of situations that can open us to discover different ways of praying. Each situation or decision we face can change the way we bring it to the Lord.

The one thing that does not change is that we are taught by Jesus to pray to "our Father who art in heaven . . . your will be done". I am thankful that God removes the burden from

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Am I saying that God chooses who lives and dies? No, but I do believe when we hand our problems over to God, we are shown the correct path to take if we are willing to listen and give up our control of the situation.

Will it always be the outcome we want? Of course not, but we will receive peace knowing we did what we could.

When it came time to begin the discerning prayer with the



good people of Christ Church, Camlachie, for the future of their church, we had to be open to the signs and messages we received as we discussed what to do next. The prayer was for direction and yet it also included meditation, a time to sit quietly and listen.

I believe we were shown the way to go through different messages and things that happened. That helped everyone to make the final decision to close the building, so no one was left with the feeling of "but what if ...?"

When our 24-year-old son was diagnosed with cancer and it spread, this needed another type of prayer. We sent it out to everyone who would or could pray for him and for us.

We have several prayer circles and groups who pray for him on a continual basis, from my own parish of St. John in the Wilderness, Brights Grove, to St. Edmund's in Tobermory. The knowledge that we are not alone gives us such comfort and strength, and we give thanks to God for all of you.

Interested in learning more about the different ways to

pray? I invite you to expand your prayer practices by attending the Bishop's Conference on Prayer on May 2 at the Church of the Ascension, London, "Going Broader... Going Deeper," where conversation and time will be given to exploring a variety of ways to pray.

I look forward to receiving your registration form at Rev. Kim Metelka, 2896 Old Lakeshore Rd., Brights Grove, Ont., N0N 1C0, or phone 519-869-2403, e-mail kametelka@gmail. com or text 519-464-8892.

Blessings.

Rev. Kim Metelka is the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Huron Central co-ordinator and Huron executive member.

Memorial uncovers extraordinary life

By Rev. Canon Douglas Leighton

arish churches in the Diocese of Huron usually contain a number of memorials: wall plaques, stained-glass windows and furnishings are the most common forms of such reminders of past parishioniers. Many of us cease to pay attention to them because they are simply part of the routine physical fabric of our buildings, always present, week in and week out.

Yet such memorials remind us that our church communities exist not only as physical spaces but also across time. They provide a ready record of congregational life, publicly open to all who take the time to study them. They are valuable resources for historians and sometimes contain puzzling information that can shed new light on parishes and people.

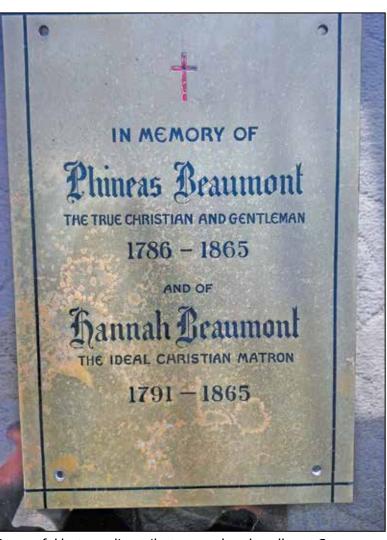
One such plaque hung for many years on the southwest wall of Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church in London. Now kept in the church office, it reads as follows:

In Memory of Phineas Beamont The True Christian and Gentleman 1786-1865 And of Hannah Beaumont The Ideal Christian Matron 1791-1865

This graceful tribute seems at first glance to be quite conventional, but becomes puzzling when one notes that Bishop Cronyn Church, then usually styled "The Memorial Church", opened for worship in Decem-

Who were the Beaumonts and why are they memorialized in a church that opened eight years after their deaths?

A chance encounter with an extensive obituary notice in the London Free Press provided a partial answer, giving in-



A graceful but puzzling tribute on a church wall sent Canon Historian Doug Leighton on a hunt for information.

sight into a fascinating clerical

The March 1915 article noted Rev. Dr. Joseph Wilson Beaumont, one of the Diocese of Huron's oldest clerics, had died on March 23 that year at the age of 86 and that he had served for 18 years in retirement as an honorary assistant at Bishop Cronyn Church.

Here was the answer to the mystery of the plaque: J.W. Beaumont had commissioned a memorial to his parents in his last parish.

The Beaumonts were a Yorkshire family with Non-Conformist and Quaker roots, residing in Wakefield, where Joseph Wilson Beaumont was born in 1828 or 1829.

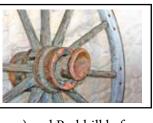
Graduating in 1861 with an

M.D. from St. Andrew's University in Scotland, he established a medical practice in Sheffield and became an active Anglican layman, offering medical help to the poor and functioning as a lay preacher.

By the later 1860s, he felt called to ordained ministry. The Colonial Church Society suggested he contact Isaac Hellmuth, the second bishop of Huron and an active society supporter, about sponsorship as a candidate for ordination.

By late 1871, Hellmuth had accepted Beaumont on the basis of his "soundly Protestant and thoroughly Evengelical" views. Beaumont himself acknowledged a sense of double vocation to both medicine and ministry and the impossibility

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Diocese of Huron Archives Rev. Dr. J.W. Beaumont

of doing both. As he put it to Hellmuth, "one or the other must be laid aside".

In December 1871, Beaumont obtained glowing letters of reference from three Sheffield clerics as well as one from a London, U.K., rector and an endorsement from no less an authority than the archbishop of York.

Sending 100 pounds ahead of his trip in care of Hellmuth, he arrived in London, Ont., in January 1872. Ordained deacon on Jan. 21, he was priested the following June 30.

Assigned to Petrolia, he helped to establish congregations at Oil Springs and Sombra, noting the local roads were terrible and he preferred to take the train to Sarnia and then travel by river steamer to

In the later 1870s, he noted the difficulties faced by some parishes, commenting particularly on the financial plight of the Dresden congregation. He served churches in Berlin (now Kitchener) and Parkhill before retiring and moving to London.

Beaumont was professionally and academically active throughout his career. He was a life member of the General Council of St. Andrew's University. He undertook theological study through the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., obtaining a bachelor of divinity by general examination as early as 1872 and being awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by the college in 1879.

He wrote three books: one on church history, one on eucharistic theology and one on Christian financial giving.

Described as possessing "bodily vigour, deep piety, decided talents, superior education, a ready utterance and a gentlemanly and sympathizing demeanour," Joseph Wilson Beaumont was in many ways the ideal Anglican cleric.

His pastoral and intellectual energies provide models for both clergy and lay people in this diocese to emulate. His courage in addressing a sense of late vocation to ordained ministry and his willingness to emigrate to an entirely unknown situation were remark-

As we approach the centenary of his death, a simple act of filial devotion to his Yorkshire parents — the puzzling, anachronistic placement of their memorial plaque in an Ontario church — provides us with a view of this man's extraordinary career and reminds us of the value of such memorials.

Rev. Canon Doug Leighton is canon historian of the Diocese of Huron.

PASTORAL PROGRESSIONS

Appointments

Bishop Bob Bennett appointed Rev. Lyn Fisher as incumbent (part-time) of Grace Church, Ilderton, and St. George's, Middlesex Centre, effective March 1. Lyn previously served in the Dioceses of Algoma and Niagara.

On behalf of Bishop Bob Bennett, Bishop Terry Dance has appointed Rev. Laura Lightfoot as the rector of St. Stephen's, Stratford, effective May 1. Laura is currently the rector of the Parish of the Resurrection (Christ Church, Listowel: St. Alban's and St. David's, Atwood; St. George's, Harriston; Rest in Peace St. Paul's, Palmerston; St. Stephen's, Gorrie; Trinity, Ford-

Resignation

Bishop Bennett has accepted the resignation of the Very Rev. Kevin Dixon as dean of Huron and rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, effective April 7. His last Sunday in the parish will be April 5. Dean Kevin has accepted the position of vice-president of operations at International Justice Mission (Canada). He remains a priest in good standing in the Diocese of Huron and will hold a general permit from the bishop of Huron.

Betty Cook, widow of the late Rev. Francis A. Cook, died on Jan. 28. Betty married Francis in September 1969. Francis was ordained a deacon in 1936 and a priest in 1937, both in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. He came on the strength of Huron in 1955 and served the parishes of Kincardine and Pine River, and St. James', Brantford, from which he retired in 1973. He died in 1998. A funeral service for Betty was held in Brantford.

Yvonne Birtch, widow of the **Birth** Ven. Robert Birtch, died on Feb. 10. Yvonne was born in 1933 and married Bob in 1954. Bob was ordained a deacon in May 1969 and priested in May 1970. He served the parishes of Princeton, Ayr and Drumbo; St. Timothy and St. David's, London; Trinity, Cambridge; and New St. Paul's, Woodstock. He retired in 1994 and died in 2001. The funeral service was held on Feb. 14 at St. James', Cambridge.

Gisela Konstantin, sister of the Ven. Willi Kammerer, died on Feb. 23. Gisela's funeral was held on March 2 in Mutschelbach, Germany.

Bishop Terry and Diane Dance are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their grandson Lion Terrance Joseph Dance early on the morning of Feb. 21. Lion is the first child of proud parents Jason and Ashley

We need another list? Really?

Per since the movie The Bucket List came out in 2007, this phenomenon of bucket lists has entered our lives. It is great to have dreams and be able to attain them. But really, do we need another list in our lives?



Laurel Pattenden

One day, after an exercise class, a woman was talking about ticking Ireland off her bucket list. So the discussion began. Everyone listening and then joining in with their own.

I mentioned I would like to read more classical literature. Silence followed this disclosure and then two comments were made. The woman who ticked off Ireland commented, "Different strokes for different folks." That only prepared me for the next comment. A woman in her mid-80s exclaimed, "Good grief, you can read when you're in the nursing home." Harrumph!

Items on a bucket list can be so diverse. If you have trouble with ideas for your list, just log on to your computer and look up "bucket list". You will be astounded, honestly, by the sites available.

One I found was the "Get Off the Couch — Achievable Bucket List". My bucket list spirit drooped again after the last site I looked at was titled "I Took My Dying Dog on a Bucket List Adventure".

Reading about Holy Week and Easter, I realized Jesus' approach to the cross contained bucket list ideas far superior to those found online. Holy Week begins with Jesus, entering Jerusalem, riding on a colt that no one else had ridden. He rode into Jerusalem in meaningful style, his style, for who he was. Our journey to our end needs to be in meaningful style, our style, for who we are. This begins the list.

The Passover meal (the Last Supper) gave me two more items. Jesus feasted with his closest friends, who knew him and loved him. Continuing fellowship with those you love is important, but so is showing them that you love them. Jesus did this by the washing of their feet

Using Jesus' examples I added this to my list: to feast with our loved ones and let them know they are loved.

Next, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray not just once but three times: first for himself, then for his loved disciples and lastly for all the world. The prayer for himself changed from "spare me" to "your will be done." As we pass through our years, our prayers will also change with our changing circumstances. Jesus stayed close to God.

No. 4 then is staying close to God with a steady practice of prayer and meditation.

Moving through Holy Week we come to No. 5, this being the understanding that not all of our close friends will be able to join us on our journey. Peter loved Jesus with his whole heart, but he did deny Jesus three times. These denials broke Peter's heart, but Jesus continued to love him and befriend him. Stay open to new relationships.

Simon of Cyrene entered Jesus' life late. He bore the weight of the cross for Jesus. He lightened the load of those last steps. You never know who or when someone will lighten your load, nor when you may lighten theirs.

The last items for the list are to leave those you love in a loving situation — Jesus left his mother in the care of the most loved disciple — and to forgive those that you have held off forgiving as Jesus forgave from the cross.

That brings the list to eight bucket items. These items have the potential for healing our spirits, our hearts, and our relationships and for living in the moment close to God.

Jesus was with God every step of the way. His life was not all that long, but it was certainly very wide, full of examples to list.

Really, we do need a list — Jesus' list. You may now add a trip to Ireland or read the classics, if needed.

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Experience the story of Holy Week live

Generally we avoid sentiments that we do not wish to acknowledge.



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Then there are times when we positively wallow in the sentiments that present themselves

As an example, think of your favourite sad movie or roman-

tic comedy, in which the very deep truths about love and longing are laid bare before us and we can shed a few tears.

Of course we look for it all to wrap up in a happy package, but sometimes when feeling a bit blue, watching a film that will break through and let us cry or laugh or feel the drama of love is exactly what we need.

The drama of Holy Week is one of those stories for me. There are very few Holy Weeks when I am not moved to tears at some point — either on the Thursday evening liturgy or in the stunning rebuke of my sin in the reproaches on Good Fri-

day. Even the long wait through the vigil of Easter on Saturday is a moment of tension as I wait for the Easter proclamation.

At some point, the Lord gets a hold of me in the story of his passion and I find my words catching in my throat and a lump forming.

This is difficult for some, who are used to avoiding the unpleasant realities that the cross and death of Jesus force us to face. It is very important that we never lose sight of the exact cost to God of loving us, and that the cost was paid willingly, freely and without our asking for it

The rush to get to Easter can in fact blow past the reason for our joy: the resurrected One was hung on a cross and died and has been returned to us.

Returned to us not so that we can hold on to the Jesus we know and with whom we are familiar. We are presented with an empty tomb and a Jesus who will not be less than who the Father has raised him to be: eternally merciful, eternally loving and our judge at the last.

This coming Holy Week I invite you to immerse yourself in the story of Jesus' last hours so that you can more deeply appreciate the joy of the resur-

rection on Sunday morning.

Take time to say thank you to the crucified One, who has been through the grave and gate of death and returned for us that we might also be raised.

Wait with his mother at the cross, with Peter at Pilate's gate and with Nicodemus in the dark, carrying the burial spice.

But go with them all and live into the story that changed everything — and be changed yourself.

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They know not what they do

Some people just don't like us. For whatever reason, these "difficult" people define us (and/or what we do) with a rejecting negativity.



As I SEE IT

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And no matter how many attempts we make to change their minds, we can't love them enough. Our attempts just feed their fire.

And they have the potential to make life absolutely miser-

Though we may try to take it

on the chin, it eventually wears thin even those with the thickest of skin. Try as we might to turn manure to fuel, their critical bite has the potential to create a personal crisis.

When we can't avoid sharing space with those who don't like us (such as at work or among family), we suffer all kinds of conflicting thoughts and emotions.

And it is a most unfortunate circumstance when the difficult person is someone for whom we have responsibility and/or may care about, such as a child, a patient, a customer, or an employee.

When this is the case, we suffer a loss and we are forced into the grievous dilemma of caring for those who don't care for us. Because we can't change the way some think negatively of us, we need learn to limit the harm.

In my experience, this has much to do with not giving away our personal power — which means (in this article) not letting our thoughts, emotions, and subsequent action (or inaction) be dictated (excessively) by what others think about us.

When we give up our personal power and another's opinion dictates our moods (and possibly our health) beyond the limits of tolerable, we have over-empowered that difficult person.

We have, at that point, moved beyond any healthy self-evaluation and slipped into self-doubt. We have, as they say, been triggered wherein "we lose our footing and slip into a sinkhole," in the words of life coach and author Shann Vanderleek.

In my experience, limiting the effects of such negative energy has been most successful when one appreciates that it is not what we get but what we give that brings us into a sense of well-being.

And it must be remembered, there will always be those who don't like us or trust us.

When we are overwhelmed, it is important that we stay around people who do like us and whose counsel we respect. In conversation with them, we revisit the values that give our life focus and bring us a

sense of well-being. The gentle respect of those who do like us will be a balm that heels and a consolation that reinforces (or builds) our self-esteem.

As I see it, there is no quick and certain way to manage the experience of not being liked by somebody. It is a hurt and it can't always be resolved direct-

For this reason, one of the most poignant teachings of Jesus (an example of pure centeredness) came not by lecture, but in reaction to those who crucified him: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do".

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