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BISHOP JOHN STEPHENS
Bishop, the diocese of New Westminster

It is my pleasure and privilege to announce that the Reverend Philippa Segrave-Pride will be the next Executive Archdeacon and Archdeacon of Vancouver of the diocese of New Westminster. Philippa brings to this position a wealth of experience from her work across the Anglican Church.

I am grateful to the interviewing committee formed to help in the search. We had several applicants and this committee helped discern the direction the Holy Spirit was leading for this appointment. The committee was impressed with Philippa's abilities and the breadth of parish experience. She has many skills related to organization, pastoral care, attention to detail, knowledge of the Anglican Church, and ability to work as part of a team. She has a good sense of humour and a commitment to living out the gospel.

I have known Philippa for several years as we were fellow archdeacons in this diocese. Her love of the church, and commitment to doing things fairly and competently have always impressed me. I look forward to welcoming her into this role. She will begin her new ministry on October 17, which will give her approximately two months to work alongside Archdeacon Douglas Fenton.

Upon his retirement January 4, 2023, Archdeacon Douglas will have been Executive Archdeacon of the diocese for ten years. He has brought to that role a dedication to transparency, competency, relationship with the lay and ordained people of the diocese and a commitment to developing better practices in how we do things. Archdeacon Douglas has had an enormous impact on the life of this diocese and will be greatly missed as he moves into retirement. His diligence, calm demeanor and faith have inspired and encouraged so many of us. We are grateful for his ministry in this role.

About the Reverend Philippa Segrave-Pride

Philippa is a lifelong Anglican. She has had a broad experience of the church from "quietly charismatic" to "formal Anglo Catholic" parishes, giving her an appreciation for the diversity of the Anglican Church. The Eucharist has been at the heart of her spiritual nourishment and practice since childhood.

Philippa graduated from Westhill College at the University of Birmingham with a Bachelor of Theology. She



The four new priests ordained on the Feast of St. Barnabas, June 11, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral with Bishop John Stephens.

(Left to right) The Rev. Montgomery Tugwete who will continue as Assistant Curate at St. Alban the Martyr, Burnaby and Holy Trinity Cathedral; the Rev. Lorie Martin who is now serving as Assistant Curate at St. Thomas, Chilliwack and St. Andrew, Langley; the Rev. José Luis Aranda Moyano continues as Assistant Curate at St. Paul's; and the Rev. Brynn Craffey officially began as Assistant Curate at St. Thomas, Collingwood on July 1, following a student placement there of several months. Other assistant curacies currently in the diocese include the Rev. Amanda Ruston at St. James and the Rev. Adam Dawkins at Christ Church Cathedral.



LEFT In the photo we see the Rev. Lorne Manweiler (left) installed by Bishop John Stephens as Regional Dean of Point Grey in the Archdeaconry of Granville during the ordination liturgy on June 11. The Rev. Manweiler is Rector of St. Philip, Dunbar. RIGHT During her collation as Archdeacon for Deacons in the diocese of New Westminster which also took place during the July 11 ordination liturgy, the Ven. Peggy Trendell-Jensen is vested by the Very Rev. Christopher Pappas in a beautiful new cope created by Thomas Roach, ODNW and provided to the new archdeacon by the members of the Parish of St. Clement, Lynn Valley. Archdeacon Trendell-Jensen serves as dean of that North Shore parish.



was active in student politics at Westhill College and on the Board of Governors. She then completed a Post Graduate Diploma (Diploma of Ministry) at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford.

Philippa was ordained to the diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Mark Santer of the diocese of Birmingham on July 4, 1999. Bishop Santer ordained her to the priesthood on July 1, 2000.

Philippa was Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Harpenden; Team Vicar, St. Michael and All Angels, Hatfield; and Team Vicar, for St. Mary, Puttenham, St. Cross, Wilstone, and All Saints, Long Marston in the Church of England, diocese of St. Albans. She was Assistant Curate at St. Peter, Harborne, in the diocese of Birmingham. She served on the St. Alban's Diocesan Board of Education, as the Diocesan



Bishop John and the Rev. Segrave-Pride on July 11, two days before the appointment announcement. PHOTO Randy Murray

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Taizé Pilgrimage Coordinator, and was an elected representative to Synod. She worked with the St. Alban’s Ministry Department on a pilot project for pastoral visiting training



The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride. PHOTO Cheryl Kathler

from which was created the St. John’s Visitors, a pastoral care team in her last parish in the UK. From 2006–2010, she was Ethical Advisor to pharmaceutical companies conducting drug trials at the University of Hertfordshire. She also served as a school governor in several primary schools in the UK.

Philippa moved to Coquitlam in 2013. Here in the diocese of New Westminster, Philippa is currently Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Helen, Surrey. She also served in that capacity at: St. Philip, Dunbar; St. Mark, Ocean Park; and St. Clement, Lynn Valley. Prior to these appointments she was Assistant to the Rector and Interim Vicar at Christ Church Cathedral. Philippa counts it a great privilege to have accompanied people in their life journeys, both in times of celebration and in times of fear, pain and sadness, over the course of her ministry.

Currently, Philippa is Chair of the diocese of New Westminster’s Mission and Ministry Development Committee. She has served as an elected representative to the Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Appointments (BACA) and more recently as a member of the diocesan COVID Safety Planning Group. Philippa has been Archdeacon of Loughheed and Archdeacon of Burrard and has served on Diocesan Council.

Philippa is the parent of a teenaged daughter and has

been active on the Parent’s Advisory Committee (PAC) of their elementary school, and on the board of the charity associated with her daughter’s Irish Dance school. Philippa enjoys baking, photography, walking her dogs, reading, crafting (including quilting and jewelry making), travel, and dining out, discovering the diverse cuisines available in the Lower Mainland.

When requested by diocesan communications to share her thoughts on the appointment, the Rev. Segrave-Pride had this to say:

“I am delighted to accept Bishop John’s invitation to serve as Executive Archdeacon for the diocese of New Westminster. It has been a privilege to serve in this diocese for the past nine years and I look forward to this new chapter.”

I am excited to be working with Bishop John and diocesan leadership in a role that will bring me into contact with so many different worshipping communities and groups across the diocese.

I am grateful to Archdeacon Douglas Fenton for all that he has given to this position. I look forward to learning from him during our time of transition.

Please pray for us all as we pray, learn and grow together in these new relationships.” ✠



Holy Trinity, New Westminster’s Heritage Revitalization Passes Third Reading

RICHARD LEGGETT

Vicar of Holy Trinity Cathedral; Archdeacon of Westminster

New Westminster City Council unanimously approved the Heritage Revitalization Agreement and associated by-laws on third reading on Thursday, June 30, 2022. City Council Chambers was full of community members, Cathedral members and members from both Conwest, Holy Trinity Cathedral’s (HTC) development partner, and Terra Housing, HTC’s housing consultant.

The initial development goal is as follows:

Conwest Developments Ltd. and Holy Trinity Cathedral are proposing to redevelop, seismically upgrade, and restore the Holy Trinity Cathedral currently located on 514 Carnarvon Street and develop a 30-storey residential tower with a mix of market condo and secured market rental units. The project will provide a significant benefit to the neighborhood and the City of New Westminster and delivers on several community objectives.

During the public hearing, disappointment was voiced at the inability to include the non-market rental housing that was a component of the original plan. BC Housing announced in June 2021, that it was able to fund only 20%

of the projects for which applications were filed and HTC’s application was not successful.

However, the revised project enhances community space making, including a significant commitment to the visible recognition of Aboriginal place in art and language, as well as a revised community use policy that prioritizes Aboriginal use of Cathedral facilities. These conversations can now proceed more vigorously after third reading.

Diocesan communications through Topic and diocesan online vehicles will continue to distribute material about this exciting project. There are several parish property development initiative proposals at different stages of development around the diocese of New Westminster, however this is the first of the current projects to get this far. Please keep the parish of HTC, the folks at Conwest and the folks from Terra Housing in your prayers as they continue this important work. • Editor ✠

More information about the redevelopment project is available at <https://514carnarvon.com/>

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Thank you!

Sea Sunday at St. David's Honours Global Mariners

ELIZABETH MURRAY, ODNW
Information on where she's from please

St. David's, Tsawwassen—a parish by the Salish Sea—has a congregation of residents whose Sea Sunday observance, July 10, honoured mariners around the world, and embraced new concern over supply chain disruption.

Guest preacher, Senior Port Chaplain, the Rev. Peter Smyth, is also deeply troubled by the effect current conditions are having on seafarers within his jurisdiction and beyond. Through his ministry at Mission to Seafarers: Flying Angel Club, the Rev. Smyth's concern is unprecedented.

Recent global events have created new levels of hardship in supply schedules within the world's leading container shipping lines, whose vessels call at the Port of Vancouver and Deltaport providing regular service to-and-from Asia, Europe, Latin America and Oceania.

Parishioner John Horton, OBC, captain of the *Delta Lifeboat* and a senior lifeboat commander with Canadian Lifeboat Institute (CLI), spoke on the relevance of Sea Sunday; David Rushton, ODNW, read the Lessons; and John More (CLI) read special prayers, in a service of thanksgiving for *They that go down to the seas in ships*.

Here in Ladner/Tsawwassen, local dependence on seafarers is fairly obvious given the area's proximity to BC Ferries, Seaspans barge/ferry Terminals on the Fraser River in Delta and Surrey, tugs and barges hauling wood products, rock, gravel and cement, not forgetting the commercial and native fisher folk who provide food for the table.

The Order of Service also included the rector, the Rev. Simbarashe Basvi blessing a wreath in memory of souls lost at sea, and parishioner Nick Robinson ringing "eight bells" to mark the "End of the Watch."

The ceremony of casting afloat the memorial wreath in the main channel of the Fraser River took place from the upper deck of the *Delta Lifeboat* to the sound of eight bells, the Bosun's call and prayers by the Reverends Peter Smyth and Simbarashe Basvi. ✠



LEFT Guest preacher, the Rev. Peter Smyth speaking from the pulpit displaying maritime Church signal flag. RIGHT Parishioner John Horton, OBC captain of *Delta Lifeboat*. ALL PHOTOS Mary Horton



Calm water for participants in Sea Sunday ceremony on main channel of Fraser River.

"They that go down to the seas in ships."




St. David's rector, the Rev. Simbarashe Basvi, with Senior Port of Vancouver Chaplain the Rev. Peter Smyth on board *Delta Lifeboat*.




The Reverends Basvi and Smyth cast afloat memorial wreath in memory of souls lost at sea.


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Episcopal Visit to St. Helen's, Surrey on the First of May

RANDY MURRAY
Communications Officer & Topic Editor



A big smile from Pat Nociar, ODNW to greet Bishop John. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray

On May 1, Easter III, Bishop John Stephens paid the first visit of his episcopacy to his Parish of St. Helen, Surrey, the beautiful heritage church in Surrey's Gateway/Whalley neighbourhood.

There was a good-sized congregation, and the Eucharist included a Reception into the Anglican Communion. Bishop John Stephens preached and presided with the assistance of a sanctuary party consisting of the parish's Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride; deacon, the Rev. Steve Thompson; Crucifer/Liturgical Assistant and Psalmist, Maureen Thompson; Bishop's Chaplain, Wendy Russell; and parish musician, Matthew Ma. Matthew did a fine job with the hymns, service music, prelude, postlude and added a beautiful piece played on the parish's Baby Grand piano during Holy Communion.

The first worship service at St. Helen's Anglican Church in the South Westminster (now known as Whalley) neighbourhood took place on November 26, 1911. The parish celebrated its 110th birthday this past November.

Things have changed a great deal in the Surrey neighbourhood since that first worship service 110+ years ago when the neighbourhood of South Westminster was home to men and their families who made their living from the Fraser River: fishing, milling, dock-working and other la-

bours associated with the Lower Mainland's then growing natural resources industries.

Now it is one of the most multi-cultural regions in the country but still home to working families and the parish reflects the diversity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

In his sermon, Bishop John focused on the Gospel text, *John 21:1-19*. The *Fishers of Men* and *Feed my Sheep* passages. He encouraged the congregation to be inspired by the relevance of the message and Christ's resurrection in the here and now and how it is reinforced through the Eucharist:

"When Jesus met with the fishing disciples in the gospel passage of this morning, he offered them some bread and some fish. The same as what he offered about 5,000 of them on a different occasion. Bread and fish meant to be more than the obvious but in fact signs of God's blessing, of God's grace, of God's abundant love. And each week we come together as a community and continue to share in this same bread, if you will. It could be something that we simply do because we were told we should. It could be a mere routine kept going for the sake of a tradition. But something happens at Communion that we can never quite fully understand. It is a holy moment as people stretch out their hands to receive the bread. It is a holy moment as everyone who comes forward: rich and poor, strong and weak, old and young, shy and outspoken, questioning and calm-spirited, all come forward to receive that same bread. It is offered to all. It is a sign that God's love is larger than our minds comprehend. It is a sign that we can discover the holy in our midst. It is a sign each time we share that bread, Jesus, the resurrected Jesus is in our midst too."

St. Helen's church building is one of the most beautiful early 20th century Gothic Revival design constructions in the diocese of New Westminster and it is situated in a wonderful setting. Well worth a visit if you've not been there. ✦

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Here is the link to Bishop John's sermon on the diocesan website
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/2022-06-05-sermon-for-pentecost-come-holy-spirit-come>



Parish musician, Matthew Mah.

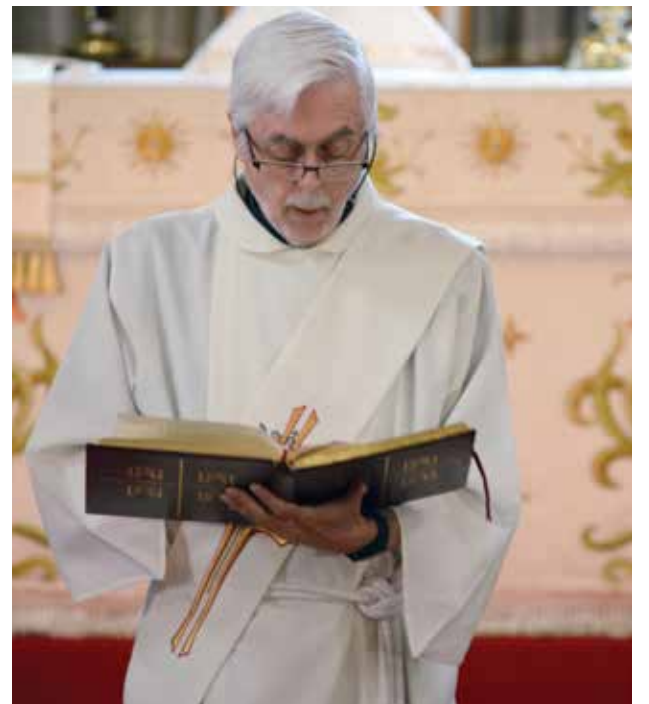


Angelita Sotana shares the First Reading, Acts 9:1-6.



Liturgical Assistant, Maureen Thompson led Psalm 30.

*"It is a holy moment
as people stretch out their hands
to receive the bread.
It is a holy moment
as everyone who comes forward:
rich and poor,
strong and weak,
old and young,
shy and outspoken,
questioning and calm-spirited,
all come forward
to receive that same bread."*



Deacon of the Word and Table the Rev. Steve Thompson proclaims the Gospel John 21:1-19.



Jacquie Stinson, the Second Reading, *Revelation 5:11-14*.



Bishop John preaching.



Bishop John greeting at the Peace.



Sursum Corda/Eucharistic Prayer.



The Eucharist.



The Priest-in-Charge's announcements.



May anniversaries and birthdays celebrated before the closing of the liturgy.



The Rev. Steve Thompson, Bishop John Stephens and the Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride in the posed, vested clergy photo.

Discovering Pilgrimage

ALECIA GREENFIELD

Vicar of Holy Cross, Vancouver; Mission & Ministry Special Projects Facilitator, diocese of New Westminster

As big as the sky and as wide as the ocean. That's how big a ministry of social and ecological justice can feel. And as soon as I learn anything, for example, the more I know about climate justice, the more I see the racial injustice, the social injustice, and the loss of biodiversity... *Sheesh*. How can one person make any impact at all? Let alone as "one more thing" on top of my responsibilities to my family and my work. Some days I can hardly see the mountain of problems from the fog of my despair. So, I do nothing. I pace my discontent back and forth across the floor of my usual rooms in my usual patters.

Only this season, I feel different. This year I am joining a flood of interest in pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is a quest to find God, a journey into the unknown, or at least a temporary separation from everything I think I already know. I long for more God. I pray for less worry; more God and pilgrimage is path in that direction

Christ Church Cathedral is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this October. Cathedral Dean, the Very Rev. Chris Pappas, will be chaplain for the Rev. Richard LeSueur's tour. The organizers invite us on a trip to trans-

form faith. The Anglican Church of Canada is subsidizing a youth pilgrimage to Jerusalem in May 2023. Experience shows faith is nourished by being in a place of spiritual significance.

International pilgrimage is only one option. We can quest for God here too. I believe all land is holy.

This Season of Creation, the Social EcoJustice Working Group of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (hereafter known as SEJ because —yipes— what a name) is walking local pilgrimages. We are introducing walks across BC, including routes in the diocese of New Westminster. We will walk not to fix anything but to enter a deeper relationship with all Creation. Walk to listen for God and wonder what our neighborhoods reveal. We will step our prayers into the earth and receive the hospitality of Creation as we find it.

If you are also interested in and want to explore this practice, join us this season of Creation in walking in your place. In addition to SEJ's local pilgrimages Salal + Cedar host contemplative walks and outdoor worship.

And just in case you would prefer to prepare with

a book or two, here are my favorites: *The Art of Pilgrimage: The Seekers Guide to Making Travel Sacred* (1998) by Phil Cousineau. This book is an invitation to the spiritual practice of pilgrimage through poetry, art, and personal stories. *Wanderlust: A History of Walking* (2001) by Rebecca Solnit. Not a specifically spiritual book, there are chapters on pilgrimage and protest walks. This book acknowledges that women and people of colour may experience walking in public through the lens of past and present harms.

But I hope you put the books down and exit the fog of fear to step into the world—a pilgrimage to interrupt our worries and disrupt our lives. God's grace is everywhere. ✠

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 Details about the pilgrimage to the Holy Land this October can be found on the Christ Church Cathedral website at <https://www.thecathedral.ca/blog/the-ascent-to-jerusalem-from-psalm-to-reality>

Details about Salal + Cedar's contemplative walks and outdoor worship can be found on their website at <https://salalandcedar.com/events-calendar/outdoor-worship/>



Images in this layout are from photos Alecia has taken during walks in the lower mainland.

Pathways to Reconciliation #4 | Report

SIMON JOHNSTON, ODNW

Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock

Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Mark, Ocean Park co-hosted their fourth study group session to learn and discern *Pathways to Reconciliation* on Saturday, June 18 at St. Mark's church hall. There were over 40 participants. This gathering was the final meeting of the series. The study group began last October with discussing *The Doctrine of*

Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts, a video made by the Anglican Church of Canada. In March, parishioners heard Lynda Gray discuss her book *First Nations 101: lots of stuff you need to know about First Nations people*. And on April 2, the topic was *The Indian Act and Residential Schools*.

The fourth gathering's theme was *Resilience and how we*

can move forward. Kerry Baisley, ODNW, the diocese of New Westminster's Missioner for Indigenous Justice gave an overview of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its 2015 report that contains 94 *Calls to Action*. Participants were provided with copies of the 94 *Calls*. Kerry presented on:

- i. The number of recommendations that have been completed.
- ii. How many are in still in the process of being completed.
- iii. How many have not yet begun.

Participants learned that, although many action items have started, only three calls have been completed to date.

He commented on calls to action #58 to #61. These specifically invite churches and religious organizations to participate in the process of healing. Several videos were shown, and a robust discussion followed on how parishes can find opportunities to build relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Mark, Ocean Park's staff and volunteers as well as the planning committee. The organizers will meet over the summer to plan the next steps on the journey. ✠



Kerry Baisley, ODNW presents to the plenary. ALL PHOTOS Brian Hsieh



Simon Johnston, ODNW.



Kerry facilitates a group Q&A.

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 SOURCE MATERIAL DISCUSSED ON JUNE 18

Yellowhead Institute (see page 4), <https://yellowheadinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/trc-2021-accountability-update-executive-summary-yellowhead-institute.pdf>

Reconciliation Feast, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ounbdtsVw2I>

Circle of Eagles Lodge Society, <https://www.circleofeagles.com/>

Urban Native Youth Association, <https://unya.bc.ca/>

Metis BC, <https://www.mnbc.ca/>

We Won't Forget You, <https://youtu.be/u0YYkvIWbng>

Conservation through Reconciliation, <https://conservation-reconciliation.ca>

Hide and Seek (video, 4 minutes), <https://youtu.be/G4JFaB0b4bg>

To watch the documentary, *The Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts* go online to <https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfcd/rj/doctrineofdiscovery>



“Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Cayleigh with your Holy Spirit; empower her for service; and sustain her all the days of her life.” ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray



The choir at the chancel crossing, Music Director George Ryan, ODNW at the piano leads the choir as they sing *Spirit of the Living God*.



Reader and Psalmist, Robert Smith leads *Psalm 104*.



Deacon of the Word, the Rev. Carole Neilson prepares to proclaim the Gospel, *John 14:8*.



The deacons, the Reverends Carole Neilson and Monte Tugwete prepare the altar during the Offertory, *Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost*.

Come Holy Spirit, Come Episcopal Visit to Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster

RANDY MURRAY
Communications Officer & Topic Editor

“Come Holy Spirit, come” were the words that concluded Bishop John Stephens’s sermon preached on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5, 2022. Bishop John was making the first visit of his 15-month-old episcopacy to his “other” cathedral church. Archbishop Adam de Pencier believing that the town of Vancouver would become the largest centre in the diocese of New Westminster after negotiations with the parish council moved the Cathedra (the bishop’s throne) to Christ Church, Vancouver in 1929. However, Holy Trinity (HTC), a parish established in 1859 and designated the cathedral church in 1879 retained its cathedral status. There is a lot more to the story as the late, great Lyndon Grove, ODNW pointed out in his 1979 biography of the diocese of New Westminster, *Pacific Pilgrims*:

“There had been episcopal rumblings about changing the see

to Vancouver since 1898. Now the time had come. (Christ Church was not de Pencier’s first choice. There had been plans to build a see house and cathedral on South Granville, where St. John’s, Shaughnessy, now stands. Pledge cards were printed in an attempt to raise funds for a new cathedral there.)

The people of Holy Trinity in New Westminster were not amused—‘bitterly disappointed’ is Leslie Pearson’s description—and, according to Harry Ratcliff, ‘New Westminster city council was furious when word reached it... I understand they made the bishop a prisoner in his own see house on Agnes Street until they all came to terms.’

The terms included Holy Trinity’s right to retain the title ‘Cathedral’ and to receive half the revenue from the sale of the New Westminster see house property. Agreement was reached in time to prevent civil court action and the playing out in Supreme Court of a Trollopean church comedy.”

Suffice it to say that as one of the first Anglican churches built in what is now the diocese of New Westminster, Holy Trinity has a colourful history and now, what is looking like a very bright future.

For more than a decade Holy Trinity has been working on a plan to partner with a developer and develop a section of the parish’s real estate footprint. This journey has been well documented in diocesan communications over the years. On Sunday, June 5, 2022, during the vicar’s announcements prior to the Closing Hymn and Dismissal, the Ven. Richard Leggett asked several people in the congregation who have been working on the project to stand and be acknowledged. He informed the congregation that there is a very good chance that the develop project will soon be going to First Reading by New Westminster City Council. A few weeks later Archdeacon Leggett’s prediction became true and even more than that. The progress of the project as of mid-July 2022 is available on page 2 of this issue of *Topic*.

And on this day when the arrival of the Holy Spirit is welcomed, Cayleigh was confirmed by Bishop Stephens, an appropriate ordinance for such a day that includes the following words said by the bishop:

“Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Cayleigh with your Holy Spirit; empower her for service; and sustain her all the days of her life.”

The HTC choir under Director of Music and Organist, George Ryan, ODNW led the hymns and mass setting. Assistant Curate, deacon, the Rev. Montgomery Tugwete was Deacon of the Table and filled the role of Bishop’s Chaplain. The Rev. Tugwete was priested at Christ Church Cathedral on June 11 and continues his curacy at HTC as well as serving as assistant curate at St. Alban’s, Burnaby in ministry with the Rev. Greg Jenkins. Honorary Assistant, the Rev. Michael Deck was vested and present and HTC’s deacon, the Rev. Carole Neilson was Deacon of the Word.

Following the worship all were invited to a “build your own sandwich” lunch in the parish hall.

Please keep Cayleigh and the Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster in your prayers as they embark on these new phases of their journeys in faith and service. ✠



The unmasked, vested episcopal visit clergy posed photo. Honorary Assistant, the Rev. Michael Deck; Deacon of the Table, the Rev. Monte Tugwete; Bishop John; Deacon of the Word and Deacon of HTC, the Rev. Carole Neilson; and Vicar of HTC and Archdeacon of Westminster, the Ven. Richard Leggett.



As of the morning of June 5, New Westminster’s newest confirmed Anglican, Cayleigh, with Bishop John.

Celebration of a New Ministry Eucharist in White Rock

Father Joe Dirbas inducted on the Commemoration of Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham

SEAN LATIMER

Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock

On Thursday, June 16, 2022, the Rt. Rev. John Stephens inducted the Rev. Joseph James Dirbas as Rector of the Parish and Church of the Holy Trinity in White Rock. The ministry post had essentially been vacant for four years since the retirement of the Rev. Neil Gray in April of 2018.

The Ven. Louie Engnan, Archdeacon of Fraser who in the absence of the Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Douglas Fenton was tasked with initiating the Covenant in Ministry. He related the history of the Canonical Search process which is central to the story that brought Fr. Joe to the parish:

“After a long incumbency, the Canonical Committee was convened to provide parish leadership and representation in the selection process of a new rector. The first few months were devoted to a listening process which included town hall meetings and focus groups. According to the wardens, they were able to consult with more than ninety percent of their congregation.

The next step was the actual writing of the parish profile in January 2019. Once finalized with diocesan leadership, it was posted for application. Then the Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Appointments was convened to review the applications, after which the names of the short-listed candidates were sent to the Canonical Search Committee for interviews.

During the first round of interviews, there wasn’t a candidate that they could recommend to the bishop for appointment. So, they had to repost the profile and invited priests once again to apply for the position of rector of the parish. They went through the process two more times.

After reflective meditation, the Canonical Search Committee contacted the bishop, and recommended a candidate for appointment. Following much excitement and anticipation for the coming of your new rector, unfortunately, it was a very short-lived incumbency of only three months.

The Parish and Church of the Holy Trinity, through the assistance of the Bishop’s Office, was able to secure an interim minister after the rector abandoned the parish. The parish grieved because of this sudden and unexpected situation. Still in a state of shock and confusion, the leadership team organized a Listening Circle, a form of prayer-reflection where people meet to listen and invite God’s healing presence into a present dilemma or an unhealed memory.

Still in the midst of searching for a new rector, the parish was blessed to receive a bequest from a very dear and beloved parishioner. But not without the drama that occurred within the church. Again, with assistance from the Bishop’s Office, and the vice-chancellor of the diocese, they were able to hurdle another challenge in the life of the parish.

In all these challenges and opportunities, the leadership remained faithful to their call to serve God and God’s people. I believe that the celebration of new ministry that we are having today, is an expression of what is at the very heart of who you are, for as your published profile states, ‘In Christ We are a Caring Christian community seeking and welcoming others to join us in our journey of faith.’”

The liturgy on June 16 was a Celebration of a New Ministry Eucharist on the Commemoration of Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham. Approximately 65 people were present in the sanctuary with many more participating online through the parish’s livestreaming platform. Father Joe’s family were present: The Rev. Terry Shields Dirbas, Rector of St. John’s, Shaughnessy, and their five young children: George, Jeannie, Chatham, James, and Mary.

The preacher for the Eucharist was the Dean of the diocese and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas.

Dean Pappas concluded his sermon with the following words directed to the new rector:

“You’re to tell the story that the established power relationships will not continue because the world as it is has been defeated. The Empire has lost, in episode VI, Return of the Jedi.”

Joseph, tonight we are affirming that you have been called to be a part of this process of proclaiming the story of the good news at this time in this place. We are affirming that you have been called to proclaim the good news of the resurrection, proclaim the victory of the God of love, you are to go into the world not one day in seven but seven whole days, you are to teach, to preach, to reconcile, to forgive, to absolve, to pray, to bring wholeness, to build up the body of Christ.

Sounds like a lot doesn’t it. Yes, it does but don’t worry... do not



LEFT Bishop John Stephens presents the Rev. Joe Dirbas as Rector of the Parish and Church of the Holy Trinity in White Rock.



RIGHT The congregation gathers prior to worship. ALL PHOTOS Cliff Caprani



The Very Rev. Chris Pappas preaching.



The Ven. Luisito Engnan.



Receiving a Bible from Ron Dicks during the Covenant in Ministry.



Receiving the elements of Communion from Susan Lazar.



LEFT Sean Latimer and Frances Fagan, ODNW present the Constitution, Canons and By-laws of the diocese of New Westminster. RIGHT Pouring the water into the font.



LEFT Rector’s Warden, Robert Inglis and People’s Warden, Priscilla Archer, ODNW are ready to hand over the keys.



MIDDLE Greeting from the Regional Dean, the Rev. Stephen Rowe. RIGHT Holy Trinity’s stained glass window.



be afraid as the angel said, because you are equipped, you are accompanied, and you are empowered. You are equipped by the tools of your ministry as seen in these symbols presented tonight. Like Iron Man donning the Mark 46 armour or perhaps the Nano armour from Infinity War we can imagine the gauntlets, the chest plate, they are flying through the air and wrapping around you to empower and equip you: the Bible, the prayer book, the water of baptism, the oil of anointing, the bread and wine of the great thanksgiving, this is your Iron Man suit. And you do it empowered, for this shared ministry is built on the sure foundation of Christ who empowers and connects you to the earliest disciples through the apostolic succession of our bishop who shares with you tonight the ministry he has received

from those who walked with Christ on earth as we hear in the words the bishop will speak at the end of this ritual. Joseph let all these be signs of the ministry, which is mine and yours, and is shared by all the people of God. Amen.”

Following the Covenant in Ministry, with the Oaths and Subscriptions and License of Institution, and the Presentation of Symbols of Shared Ministry, Bishop John presented Fr. Joseph to the assembly of parishioners and visitors who responded with lengthy, thunderous applause.

The Rev. Stephen Rowe, Regional Dean of Peace Arch and Rector of the Anglican Parish of the Church of

PRAYERS FOR ST. ANSELM AT CANTERBURY

In honour of the 70th Jubilee of St. Anselm's UBC



Pilgrimage to Canterbury for 2023 The Parish of St. Anselm's 70th Anniversary to be celebrated

In 2023, the Parish of St. Anselm's, Vancouver will enter its 70th year of mission and ministry to the West Point Grey and University of BC neighbourhoods. As the parish approaches this jubilee year, they are making this a year of pilgrimage. Pilgrimage into their history, pilgrimage into a deeper sense of community, all of which is preparing for the pilgrimage into the next 70 years of life together in the gospel. An anchor for their pilgrimage is prayer, which is a time of intentionality and sacred listening to the presence of God, that helps locate the sacred presence in the mundane everyday activities of life, like walking.

To begin the pilgrimage towards the 70th jubilee of the parish, Vicar, the Rev. Alex Wilson, embarked on a pilgrimage to their patron saint's grave at Canterbury Cathedral. The Rev. Wilson was in London, June 5 and 6, 2022 for HM Elizabeth's Jubilee and visited the shrine during that time. Accompanying him on the journey were the collected prayers, petitions, and intercessions of the congregation to be offered at St. Anselm's grave. Prior to departure, the Rev. Alex had this to say about his pilgrimage:

"I am really excited about going on pilgrimage again after the long challenges of COVID-19 and travel. This will be my first trip to Canterbury, and I pray that it will be a wonderful opportunity to walk a sacred path in prayer with my community on my heart. Pilgrimage, as a spiritual practice was introduced to me as a teenager as part of diocesan programming for youth, when we went to Taizé in France with Bishop Michael Ingham who was Diocesan at that time. That simple invitation to come and walk, in prayer, to a new place and new experience of what God is up to in my life and the world, has become an intersection point in the rest of my life. Pilgrimage has become a constant reminder that prayer can do more than I could ever ask or imagine. I am grateful to the parish for supporting this trip, for our shared ministry and for me. I pray that this year of pilgrimage as a parish will be a year of transformation and celebration as we recognize the grace of God's Jubilee life active and alive in the ministry of this parish."

St. Anselm's moved to its present location in 1953, and has seen the changes of decades of social challenges come

through its doors. From the glory of packed pews to the graveside option of a "dignified closure," this parish remains a living example of what the power of the Resurrection can do. New life floods every aspect. For the last 15 years, the parish has been a founding member of the West Side Anglican's Neighbourhood Ministry, which, alongside its sister parishes of St. Philip's, Dunbar; St. Helen's, West Point Grey; St. John's, Shaughnessy, seeks to serve and build community with those who are homeless and underhoused in their community. They take seriously the call of Christ to love their neighbor as they continue to discern and live a life which breaks down the walls and barriers of isolation that many students and seniors feel in an ever-changing world. The Parish of St. Anselm's continues to be a bedrock of support for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), and recently expanded their commitment to support the work of the Vancouver General Hospital Chaplain and the work of the Urban Aboriginal Ministry. ✠

To find out more about St. Anselm's ministry, visit www.stanselms.ca

Celebration of a New Ministry Eucharist in White Rock Father Joe Dirbas inducted on the Commemoration of Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham

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Epiphany, Surrey welcomed Fr. Joseph to "the most creative and innovative archdeaconry in the diocese." The Ven. Louie Engnan, Regional Archdeacon of Fraser and Vicar of St. Michael, Surrey and Christ the Redeemer, Cloverdale welcomed Fr. Joseph to the Fraser archdeaconry as "the most creative and innovative deanery in the diocese."

The laity of the parish was represented by wardens, Priscilla Archer, ODNW and Robin Inglis and 12 more, many participating in the liturgy as members of the sanctuary party, readers, choristers, greeters, livestream/tech, and presenters of the symbols of ministry.

There were several clergy present including the Archdeacon of Burrard and Rector of St. James Church, the Ven. Kevin Hunt.

Music in worship was led by the choir and organist, Ulo Valdma.

Following the Episcopal Blessing, the Dismissal was proclaimed by Deacon Paul Richards.

Please keep the Parish and Church of the Holy Trinity, the new rector and his family in your prayers as they continue forward in loving, innovative, collaborative and meaningful ministry together. ✠



The posed, archival clergy photo.

Dean Chris Pappas's sermon is available online at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/2022-06-16-celebration-of-a-new-ministry-in-white-rock>

St. Michael's Multicultural | A Keystone Redevelopment in the Diocese

A Vestry 2021 Beginning | Concept Development Complete by Vestry 2024

THE REDEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE (MAY 18, 2022)
St. Michael's Multicultural

A post on the diocesan website news pages, March 27, 2022, and also in the May 2022 issue of *Topic*, it was announced that the Diocesan Task Force on Homelessness & Housing Affordability began their work in February 2022. The Task Force was put together as the result of a resolution passed on May 15, 2021, the most recent Diocesan Synod.

At the Vestry meeting held on February 7, 2021, St. Michael's Multicultural (SMM) on Broadway ratified *Strat Plan 2028*, with a core *Smart Goal* of initiating a redevelopment project, with a primary focus on providing affordable housing for Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighbourhood. In refinement since then, the parish team has come to understand that financial realities will likely lead to mixed affordable housing. The graphic below shows what the continuum/options of affordable housing looks like and anticipates that the ultimate business plan "mix" will likely be on the right-hand side of the accompanying graphic. With the intention to work towards completion of our Business Plan/Case by February 2024, it is anticipated that the Diocesan Task Force (although with a limited timeline as they report back to Diocesan Synod in May of 2023) will add refinements and more granularity to this continuum to assist in our business case (see IMAGE #1).

The seminal one-pager presented to the 2021 Vestry was co-written/approved by the Diocesan Redevelopment Team and SMM, after their initial Zoom meeting, December 17, 2020. After the SMM leadership team met with then-chair Tom Rowe (Tom left the Redevelopment Committee in early 2022), the Rev. Tellison Glover, and the Rev. Paul Woehrle, the letter documented three conclusions:

1. We (diocesan leadership) recommend that you (SMM) consider redevelopment on a major basis.
2. The (diocesan) Redevelopment Committee is here to support.
3. SMM has the potential to be a keystone redevelopment in the diocese.

The catalyst for setting up the initial meeting with the Diocesan Redevelopment Committee was the announcement by the City of Vancouver of the proposal to build the Broadway Corridor Skytrain extension and have it in service by 2025. The map shows the Broadway Skytrain extension, while the bottom "X" shows SMM at the "bend" of the line, within four blocks of, not one, but two different Skytrain stations (see IMAGE #2).

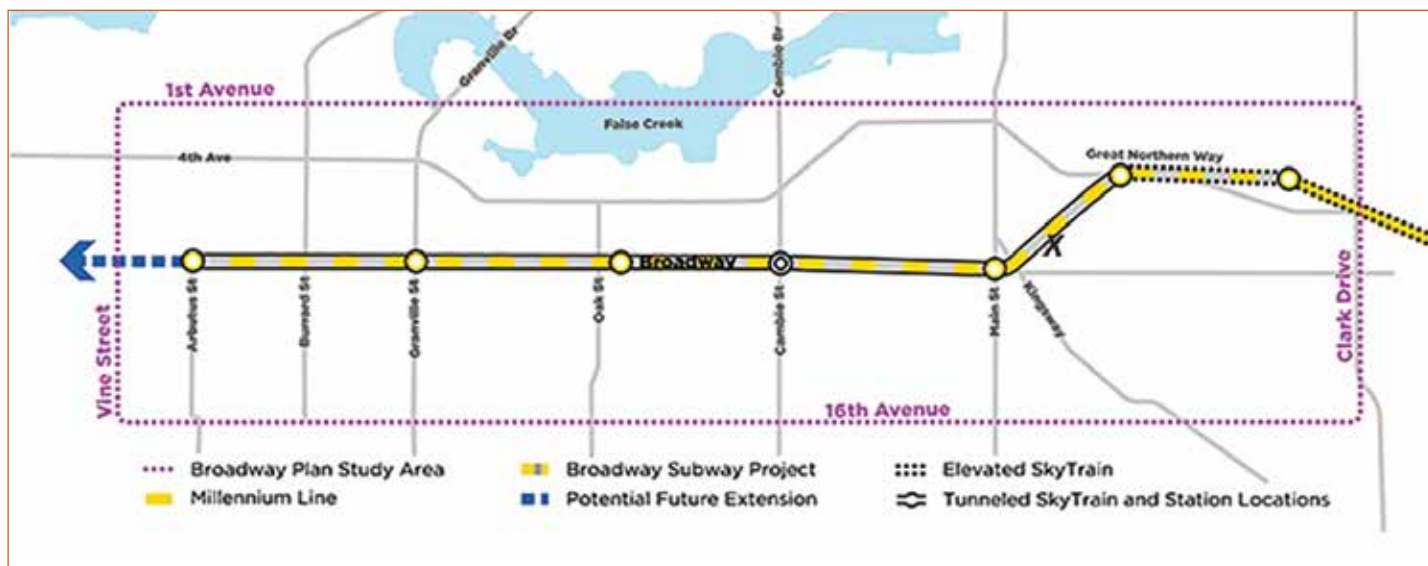


IMAGE #2 | Broadway Subway Project — 2025 Completion — 'X' = SMM



IMAGE #1 | The Housing Continuum

With a full city block of Broadway frontage, it is easy to see how one of the consulting firms that SMM have met with would characterize the site as a "fantastic opportunity for affordable housing." Part of that testimonial came from research they had done confirming that the City of Vancouver's Broadway Plan rezoning initiative will likely allow at least a 20-storey development at 409 E. Broadway.

In the 18 months since the initial meeting with Tom, Tellison, and Paul, SMM has concluded much of its fact finding/visioning work. It is now actively seeking a Concept Development Partner/Consultant, with a tentative objective of completing the Concept Development/Business Case phase by SMM's 2024 Vestry. If things go according to plan, SMM should then be able to consider four next steps—finding a Development Partner, arranging financing, planning for when construction might begin, and arranging an alternate site for worship during the construction phase.

By way of giving the congregation a redevelopment sense of reality, we have taken to showing them the cornerstone of the current sanctuary, laid in 1932 (see IMAGE #3). We use this photo as inspiration that redevelopment could realistically be completed by the 100th anniversary of the laying of that stone. With a full city block of Broadway frontage, and our proximity to two future Skytrain stations, the consulting firms with whom we have engaged reinforce the three diocesan points at the beginning of this article, and that we should be able to come in well before 2032.

Support from the Diocesan Redevelopment Committee has allowed SMM to move faster and with more assurance than we thought possible during our initial meeting in 2020. This support continued as recently as May 10, when the Rev. Paul Woehrle provided the SMM Redevelopment Team with four Parish Development Guides. Based on 18 months of learnings, it is a guarantee that these four guides may substantively help and speed up the learning curve for other diocesan churches who choose to go down the path we have

followed.

And, for diocesan churches choosing affordable housing as the primary focus of their redevelopment plans, it can be seen that the Diocesan Task Force on Homelessness & Housing Affordability could have the same effect.

For diocesan churches considering redevelopment, a word of hope; if you have considered redevelopment in the past, and for whatever reason put it off, don't be fearful of revisiting the idea. At SMM we invested much of our leadership's energies in exploring redevelopment over five months in 2005. At that time, we eventually decided that the focus of the leadership should be on mission. In hindsight we made the right decision, and, only now, after 17 years, do we feel we have what we need to embark

with confidence on a redevelopment project with the possibility of a new building on the 100th Anniversary of the current church.

Finally, returning to our genesis meeting December 17, 2020, the Rev. Paul Woehrle provided us with enduring inspiration when he concluded our discussions with a prayer that St Michael's has since adopted as their Redevelopment Prayer:

*O God,
Let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down
are being raised up,
and things which had grown old
are being made new, and that all things
are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things are made.
Amen.*



IMAGE #3 | In St. Michael Multicultural's 133rd year, the 1932 Cornerstone of the fourth church.

From the City of Vancouver's Website

The Broadway Subway Project is a 5.7 km extension of the Millennium Line, from VCC-Clark Station to Broadway and Arbutus. It will provide fast, frequent and convenient SkyTrain service to BC's second largest jobs centre, world-class health ser-

vices, and emerging innovation and research hub, and growing residential communities.

- 700 metres will be elevated, extending from VCC-Clark Station to a tunnel portal near Great Northern Way.
- Five kilometres will be tunneled below the Broadway Corridor from Great Northern Way to Arbutus Street.
- Six underground stations will connect communities and the region, including a direct underground connection to the Canada Line at Cambie Street.
- The 99 B-Line bus service will connect from Arbutus Street to the University of British Columbia.

The project is on schedule for the new line to open in 2025. ✦

To see the tunnel maps for the Broadway Corridor please go to <https://www.broadwaysubway.ca/construction/maps/>

To view the six underground stations please go to <https://www.broadwaysubway.ca/about/stations/>

Blessing of the Bicycles for 2022

RANDY MURRAY
Communications Officer & Topic Editor



The Reverends Laurel Dykstra and Beth Carson-Malena pose by the sign.
PHOTO Courtesy of Laurel Dykstra

On Thursday, June 2 at 4pm, the worshipping community of Salal + Cedar in conjunction with the Parish of Christ Church Cathedral combined to host the 2022 iteration of the Blessing of the Bicycles at the diocesan Cathedral situated in the heart of downtown Vancouver. Salal + Cedar's gathering priest, the Rev. Laurel Dykstra put together a clergy team consisting of diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Stephens; Lutheran pastor, the Rev. Beth Carson-Malena; United Church minister, the Rev. Christine Boyle; Deacon of Salal + Cedar, the Rev. Elizabeth Mathers; and the sanctuary party was completed with Cathedral Server's Guild member, Dana Osborne as Crucifer and Liturgical Assistant. Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Chris Pappas was present to welcome the congregation and Children, Youth and Families minister, Lauren Odile Pinkney was the Cathedral's onsite representative.

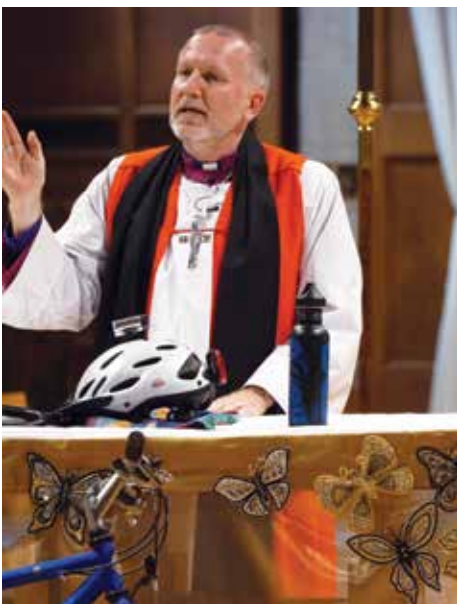
Bishop Stephens presided at the liturgy including the Blessing of Bicycle Oil and other bike related items; the Rev. Boyle shared the one reading, *Ezekiel 1:15-21* and Pastor Carson-Malena was the intercessor. These three clergy were joined by the Rev. Dykstra for the blessing of the bicycles, riders, bus passes and more which took place after the Dismissal. The procession in was accompanied

by a recording of Queen's 1978 song *Bicycle Race* which certainly set the tone.

Blessing of the Bicycles in the diocese has a long history, however due to COVID, the event had not been staged to this degree for a couple of years, although there have been regular annual bike blessings celebrated by Salal + Cedar and other worshipping communities during the pandemic. It was great to be able to open the Cathedral's doors to all and that invitation was accepted by a good number of riders of all ages. Following the liturgy and the blessings, all present were invited to process outside, turn north on Burrard Street, and gather by the Hellman Garden adjacent to the Cathedral's lower-level entrance for refreshments and bike care where a Celebration Station had been set-up.

A Media Release sent out by Salal + Cedar and Christ Church Cathedral generated a great deal of interest with both CBC and CTV sending cameras and operators, and host of CBC radio's *On the Coast*, Margaret Gallagher was onsite with her bicycle. She participated in the blessing and remained to speak with the Rev. Dykstra and Bishop John Stephens.

The event was a part of HUB Cycling's *Spring Go by Bike Week*. ☩



Bishop John raises his hand in blessing.
PHOTOS Randy Murray except where noted



Bishop John blesses the bike related items on the altar.



Deacon, the Rev. Elizabeth Mathers and Bishop Stephens process into Queen's *Bicycle Race*.



LEFT As 4pm approaches the Cathedral's nave fills with bikes and riders. RIGHT The Rev. Christine Boyle reads *Ezekiel 1:15-21*.



LEFT Pastor Beth Carson-Malena offers the Prayers of the People. RIGHT The Rev. Dykstra blesses a bike and a young rider.



Bishop John blesses a bike and rider.



LEFT Bike care and refreshments were offered in the lower-level plaza. RIGHT Bishop John chats with the CBC's Margaret Gallagher and the Rev. Boyle. PHOTOS Courtesy of Laurel Dykstra





St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Riga, Latvia.



Greetings and Blessings from the Clergy and Congregation of Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster, Canada. In these difficult times, we pray for peace in the world, comfort for the afflicted, a companion for the lonely, and strength to continue the work of God on this fragile Earth.

A Postcard to Rīga

GEORGE RYAN, ODNW
 Director of Music, Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster

Recently, our diocese received a request from St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga, Latvia asking for a greeting by way of a postcard or electronic letter from other Anglican churches around the world for them to display in their recently renovated church. Having had a delightful visit to Rīga in 2007, and seen St. Saviour's, I was very pleased to respond on behalf of Holy Trinity Cathedral (HTC).

I recounted my delight when, on turning a corner as I was exploring the Old City, to come across an actual Anglican Church, where I least expected one to be.

The church is located on the aptly named Anglikanu Street, on the western edge of the Old City right beside the river.

I sent the "electronic card" (see left) and within a few days received this reply from Joe Horgan, who was coordinating the whole project. He wrote:

Dear George,

Thank you so much for the lovely card and for the story of your connection with Rīga! I'm so happy to hear that you had a positive experience in your time here. It is quite strange to find an Anglican church here, especially one that is technically part of the Church of England, but there has actually been quite a strong Britain-Latvia connection over the years. British sailors built our church in the 1860s due to the amount of trade that they did with the port of Rīga, and one of Rīga's most famous

mayors was a British man named George Armitstead. Prince Philip also visited our church about ten years ago to unveil a plaque commemorating British soldiers who gave their lives in the Latvian War of Independence.

Although I don't think I'd passed through New Westminster, I did have the pleasure of driving through British Columbia as a part of a trans-Canada road trip that I did with my best friend about ten years ago. You are lucky to live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, with lakes, forests, and mountains everywhere that leave you in awe of the wonders of creation.

Thanks again so much for the postcard and have a blessed week!

Several weeks later, when the time for receiving postcards was up, a subsequent message came, outlining the results of the project.

...Dear friends around the world,

From the bottom of our hearts, we cannot thank you enough for supporting our Baznicu nakts (Night of Churches) event by sending us cards for our special display. In all, we were blessed to receive cards from more than 250 churches in 36 countries throughout the world!

Throughout Saturday evening, more than 500 people visited the church and were able to enjoy your cards and learn about your special churches...

I have attached a few pictures from the event so you can see how the cards were displayed. We attached them hanging on strings so that our visitors could read your lovely messages as well. This was also the very first day after we'd finished phase 1 of a massive ongoing ceiling renovation project, so we were blessed as well to finally have the large scaffolding down (at least for now!) and to be able to access the entire church building.

We have decided that even after the event is over, we will still continue displaying the cards as a permanent exhibition in the back of the church, and we will continue adding to it over time if anyone else continues to send us postcards. If you are ever able to make it out to Rīga one day, then perhaps you can find your card on our wall!

Thanks again for your friendship and cooperation in making this idea a reality!

*Yours in Christ,
 St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga*

I was delighted to participate along with several other parishes in our diocese with this wonderful "people-to-people" project. It brought back several wonderful memories of my time in Latvia, and answered a question that had been puzzling me ever since... "Why is there an Anglican Church in such an unexpected setting?" ✠



The display of cards from around the world.



A part of the display that includes the map showing where all the cards have come from.



Another part of the display.

The Phantom of the Opera
 Silent Film with
 Organ Concert by Michael Murray

St Philip's Anglican Church
 3737 W 27th Ave
 Saturday, October 29, 7:30

Tickets stphilipsdunbar.com
 Admission \$40. Seniors & Students \$25
 Proceeds to St Philip's Organ Fund

IN MEMORIAM

Glen Mitchell, ODNW**August 23, 1951 – June 29, 2022**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Glen Mitchell, ODNW, KSJ, MATS on June 29, 2022, at the age of 70.

Glen is well-known throughout the diocese of New Westminster, Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, Anglican Church of Canada and in the Episcopal Church for his profound faith and his commitment to Christian Stewardship in all its forms.

Glen lived in British Columbia his entire life, born in the East Kootenays, raised in the village of Galloway, BC and went to school in Fernie, BC. He moved to Vancouver to attend the University of British Columbia and soon after began attending the Parish of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale (SMK). He was a parishioner for almost 46 years and was invested into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster in 2020.

His Citation for the ODNW reads as follows:

At St. Mary's, Kerrisdale, in this diocese, nationally, and internationally, Glen has been a tireless steward and advocate for stewardship—raising and managing funds for the church's mission. He has served at all levels on committees too numerous to mention. Glen is also a man of prayer, a musician, a reader, a Eucharistic minister, and has been a board member of Missions to Seafarers and Camp Artaban. Passionate about social justice and human rights issues, he is a member of the Executive Committee of Cristosal where he serves as Secretary and on the board. We all know Glen as "donorguy,"—the man who gives of himself.

In 2003, Glen was appointed to Synod Office Staff as Director of Planned Giving, and it is through that role that many in the diocese of New Westminster came to know him and benefit from his many gifts. He brought with him skills in fundraising, campaign management, not-for-profit management and process, financial planning, tax planning, and wills and estate planning, just to mention a few.

In the years leading up to his December 31, 2017 retirement, Glen was additionally responsible for stewardship in the diocese, working closely with the Mission and Ministry department, planning and presenting workshops and annual stewardship campaigns for diocesan parishes.



PHOTO Kingsley Blair

In 2018, Glen was invested into the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller.

Glen's career was also his vocation and his passion. As a parishioner at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale he regularly served in leadership roles and for more than two decades dedicated himself to that parish's continuing ministry of compassionate service bringing aid and support to the people of El Salvador. Glen became deeply involved in this ministry and was appointed to the Board of Directors of *Foundation Cristosal*, a collaboration born in the year 2000 between Episcopalian clergy in the US and El Salvador as a way for individuals and churches from North America to share relationships and resources with the Anglican Church of El Salvador focusing on the pressing need for justice and rights in that country still reeling from civil war and exploitation

by corporations and foreign governments. He travelled to El Salvador numerous times including three times to work as an election observer for the presidential and legislative/municipal elections.

During his years on Synod staff, he continued to improve his skills, pursuing professional development opportunities by attending workshops and seminars. Glen undertook studies in theology and parish development, receiving a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) from Vancouver School of Theology (VST) in 2011, and a diploma from the Diocesan School for Parish Development in 2013. He served numerous times as a Delegate to General Synod and to Provincial Synod representing the diocese of New Westminster, and as a parish delegate to Diocesan Synod.

Glen was a sailor and shared his skills during many summers with campers at Camp Artaban. He enjoyed cycling and photography and was a fine pianist, a talent that he often shared with his parish and at diocesan events.

In a December 2017 interview, Glen selected two pieces of Scripture as the texts that best described how he lived into his faith:

"Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Peter 2:4-5

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?"

Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James 2:14-17

Glen is survived by his wife Christine and their two daughters Tonia and Lisa.

A Celebration of Glen's life and ministry was held on Friday, August 26 at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale. ✠

Raising Hearts to Remember | Never Look Away Again

KERRY BAISLEY, ODNW

Missioner for Indigenous Justice, diocese of New Westminster

Since late May 2021, thousands of unmarked graves have been located on the grounds of former residential schools throughout Canada. Many of these graves are those of children who attended the residential schools and never returned home. Indigenous Peoples have always known about these *Missing Ones* and have lived with the loss and the pain.

The institutional abuse they suffered while alive was horrendous, the lack of respect after they died was disrespectful and shameful to those who operated these schools.

Raising Hearts to Remember seeks to honour the memory of the missing children of Canada's Indian Residential Schools who are buried in those unmarked graves. It is a vigil for the *Missing Ones*, their families, and communities during the process of identification and repatriation. It is also a reminder to all that this is not history, it is about the present day and how we work together towards healing, caring and relationships with a foundation of mutual respect.

In the words of Dr. Cindy Blackstock, "We should never look away again."

Over 100 individuals, all age groups, from 17 parishes and community organizations participated in the project, including: All Saints, Agassiz—Wrongs to Rights Group; St. Dunstan's; St. Clement's; St. Faith's/ St. Hildegard's Sanctuary; Holy Cross; St. Michael's Multicultural Anglican Church; St. Laurence's; St. Martin's; St. Timothy's; St. John's, Maple Ridge; St. John's, Port Moody; St. John's, Shaughnessy;



PHOTO Randy Murray

St. Thomas', Collingwood; Christ Church Cathedral; St. Brigid's at Christ Church Cathedral; and the Whonnock Spinners and Weavers Guild.

Over the past year the participants learned about Canada's residential school history, and some shared their personal stories. They made felted hearts, representing the missing children, and tanned over 200 Salmon skins into leather, the salmon symbolizing the journey home and assembled these to create a seven-foot Medicine Wheel that serves as a visual reminder of our shared responsibilities in Reconciliation.

Our goal is to bring together parishes across the diocese to raise awareness and learn to truly listen to the experiences of our Indigenous, Inuit and Métis sisters and brothers.

The next step is to build communities developing creative ways to support the work of Elders, Traditional Knowledge holders, and language programs that facilitate the healing journeys of survivors of Indian residential schools and those living with intergenerational trauma.

A gathering to pay respect to the Missing Ones and thank all who contributed to the work will be held on September 10, 2022, at the Synod Office/St. John's, Shaughnessy. Please visit the diocesan website at www.vancouver.anglican.ca news and events pages for current information.

Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about how to participate in this ongoing work. ✠

Retired Clergy & Spouses Luncheon in West Vancouver

RANDY MURRAY
Communications Officer & Topic Editor



Deacons, priests, spouses, archdeacons and a bishop chatting prior to lunch.



Co-Chaplain to the Retired clergy, the Rev. Karin Fulcher was checking in folks to the spring edition of the luncheon held at St. Christopher's, West Vancouver.

The Spring 2022 edition of the Retired Clergy and Spouses Luncheon took place at St. Christopher's, West Vancouver on Monday, June 6. The bright, spacious parish hall with its roomy, well-equipped kitchen was the perfect venue for the event. Although there were still a few masks (and nothing wrong with that), attendance was robust, the energy was high, and it was obvious that this group of folks were very grateful for the opportunity to gather in person and spend some time together.

Co-chaplain and co-organizer of the Retired Clergy and Spouses events, the Rev. Karin Fulcher was on her own as co-chaplain, the Rev. Neil Gray was indisposed and not able to attend. Karin also took on the role of MC. Chief volunteer and support to and for the Retired Clergy and Spouses, Jane Dittrich staffed the bar, was a cheerful presence and assisted with food service and clean-up. Jane's mother and father, Jean and the Rev. Douglas Dittrich were unable to attend due to travel and health concerns. Doug had recently celebrated 60 years of ordination to the priesthood and this milestone was commemorated during the luncheon.

Catering for the spring edition of the lunch was handled by Bette Geddes and *Sharing Abundance* who put together the Anglican church potluck classics, ham and scalloped potatoes with a garden-fresh fruit and veggie salad, a colourful and tasty assortment of steamed vegetables and vol-au-vent filled with custard or berry coulis topped with fresh cream.

Prior to lunch being served, the Rev. Fulcher made a few announcements paying particular attention to the milestones being celebrated by some members of the group,

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Chief volunteer and support to and for the Retired Clergy and Spouses, Jane Dittrich staffs the bar.



LEFT The Sharing Abundance catering team, unironically preparing ham and scalloped potatoes. PHOTO Jane Dittrich RIGHT Lunch is almost ready.



Lunch is served.



Many thanks to the Rev. Jenny Wong Nam and the folks at her table for striking a friendly pose for the photographer.



The Rev. Pinkney displays a mosaic Madonna (detail right) created by a parishioner out of individual pieces of local wood.



LEFT Bishop John gave the blessing and a brief address complete with Q&A. RIGHT Sandy and the Ven. Ronald Harrison at the buffet.



Lynn Shozawa and the the Reverends John Shozawa and Gary Hamblin.



Order of the Diocese of New Westminster Nominees & Appointees for 2022

Congratulations to all those nominated and appointed for investiture into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster for 2022. Forty-four parish nominees and ten appointed by Bishop John Stephens have all been notified and have agreed to be invested into the Order.

The purpose of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster is to honour and give special recognition to lay members of the diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. The inaugural year was 2009 and initially it was an annual event, since 2015, the Investiture Service takes place every other year.

Here is a list of those nominated by parishes for 2022

- Mr. Wayne Adams • *St. Thomas, Chilliwack*
- Mrs. Mona Atkinson • *St. Mary the Virgin, South Hill*
- Mrs. Lily Bad-ay • *St. Michael Multicultural, Vancouver*
- Mrs. Cathy Barnes • *St. Andrew the Apostle, Langley*
- Mr. Dick Blades • *All Saints, Mission*
- Mr. Steve Bottomley • *Holy Cross, Vancouver*
- Ms. Alison Brookfield • *St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver*
- Ms. Linda Burton • *St. Matthew, Abbotsford*
- Ms. Lynann Burton • *St. James, Vancouver*
- Ms. Lorie Chortyk • *St. Thomas, Vancouver*
- Mrs. Janet Coghlan • *St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge*
- Ms. Carol Cook • *Christ Church Cathedral*

- Mrs. Johanna Coughlin • *Christ Church, Hope*
- Mrs. Helen Davison • *Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock*
- Mrs. Anne Denis • *St. Alban, Richmond*
- Ms. Sheila de Vaal • *St. John the Apostle, Port Moody*
- Ms. Christine Duamel • *St. George, Maple Ridge*
- Ms. Florence Erwin • *St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton*
- Ms. Deborah Foster • *St. Hilda, Sechelt*
- Ms. Joyce Harwood • *Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster*
- Mrs. Ann Hasle • *St. Martin, North Vancouver*
- Mrs. Gail Helmcken • *St. Mary, Kerrisdale*
- Mrs. Betty Higginbottom • *Church of the Epiphany, Surrey*
- Mrs. Mimi Hunfeld • *Holy Spirit, Whonnock*
- Mrs. Sue Indridson • *St. Mark, Ocean Park*
- Ms. Mildred Johnson • *All Saints, Burnaby*
- Mrs. Cori Kaweski • *St. Michael, Surrey*
- Ms. Patsi Longmire • *St. Margaret, Cedar Cottage*
- Ms. Theo Madeley • *St. Faith, Vancouver*
- Ms. Heather Peacock • *St. Catherine, Capilano*
- Mrs. Jean Quinton • *Holy Trinity, Vancouver*
- Mrs. Val Reimer • *St. Cuthbert, Delta*
- Mrs. Pat Sallis • *All Saints, Ladner*
- Ms. Rosemary Schipizky • *St. Anselm, Point Grey*
- Mrs. Dianne Sharp • *St. George, Fort Langley*
- Mrs. Pat Sharpe • *St. Laurence, Coquitlam*
- Ms. Sara Shaw • *St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby*
- Mr. Brian Smith • *St. Dunstan, Aldergrove*
- Mrs. Elizabeth Smith • *St. Christopher, West Vancouver*
- Mrs. Sheila Snell • *St. Oswald, Port Kells*
- Mr. Roger Sweeny • *St. Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver*
- Mrs. Jeanette Terrace • *St. Clement, Lynn Valley*
- Mrs. Marilyn Watson • *St. Agnes, North Vancouver*
- Mr. Craig Wilson • *St. Philip, Dunbar*

Bishop's Appointees For 2022

- Mr. Peter Bailey
- Mr. Wayne Chose
- Ms. Jane Dittrich
- Mr. Jeddy James
- Ms. Rikki Kooy
- Mrs. Barbara McLaren
- Mr. Gilli McLaren
- Ms. Joan Stewart
- Ms. Clare Urquhart
- Mr. David van Blarcom ☩

Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster 2022

WHEN Saturday,
November 5, 2022
at 10:30am

WHERE The Massey Theatre
735 Eighth Avenue,
New Westminster



Retired Clergy & Spouses Luncheon in West Vancouver

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and reminding the plenary that cards were available in the narthex for signing: a birthday card for Bev Barnes; a birthday card for the Rev. Sue Foley-Currie; a congratulations card for the Rev. Doug Dittrich on his 60th anniversary of ordination; a congratulations card for the Ven. Ronald Harrison on his 50th anniversary of ordination; and a Get Well Soon card for the absent co-chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Spouses, the Rev. Neil Gray. She then introduced the Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Christopher's, the Rev. Jonathan Pinkney who greeted the guests, provided a little bit of his personal history, and displayed a beautiful handmade mosaic created by a parishioner using small tiles of locally sourced wood.

Once the group had their desserts and hot beverages, Bishop John Stephens provided a brief update, that among numerous topics included profiling current mission and ministry in the diocese, the upcoming conference in Lambeth, July 26–August 8, and also engaged in a discussion around the recent closing and merging of parishes.

All in all, a successful gathering. The next Retired Clergy and Spouses Luncheon will likely be the Advent edition usually taking place on the first or second Tuesday of December. Information about the next luncheon will be distributed as it becomes available. ☩



Bev Barnes celebrating a birthday.



The Rev. Sue Foley Currie was also celebrating her birthday.



Dean of the diocese and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Chris Pappas welcomes the congregation, onsite and online. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray



Sophia of St. Laurence, Coquitlam presents the First Reading, *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26*.



Florian of Christ Church Cathedral and the first confirmand of the day, reads the Epistle, *Philippians 3:13b-22*.

Celebration of Confirmation Eucharist on the Feast of St. Matthias

RANDY MURRAY
Communications Officer & Topic Editor

Twenty confirmands representing seven of the diocese of New Westminster's 66 parishes and worshipping communities gathered with their sponsors, families, and parish supporters at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, May 14, 2022, to (as was printed on the inside front cover of the service bulletin) "celebrate and renew our commitment to Jesus Christ through the Apostolic Rite of the Laying on of Hands, commonly called Confirmation."

This was the second diocesan confirmation liturgy during Bishop John Stephens's episcopacy. The first was celebrated on October 30, 2021. At that liturgy there were 50 confirmands, three were received into the Anglican Church and one person reaffirmed their faith, receiving the bishop's blessing. Thirteen parishes were represented with most of the confirmands coming from two parishes, St. Cuthbert, Delta and St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton. The two parishes have a large cohort of younger parishioners and they had been waiting since the pre-COVID days of 2019 to be confirmed. October 30, 2021 was just a couple of weeks prior to the onset of the Omicron variant which somewhat curtailed onsite gathering at diocesan churches through the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, so it was fortunate that the many confirmands last fall were spared the wait through another wave of COVID-19.

During Bishop John's episcopal visits to the parishes of the diocese it is not unusual for him to preside at confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations for those who have prepared and do not wish to wait until the diocesan liturgy which is usually celebrated in May during the final weeks of Easter Season.

On April 30, Missioner for Christian Formation, diocese of New Westminster, the Rev. Jessica Schaap was joined by Bishop John and parish sponsors to welcome the candidates to a confirmation preparation day at Christ Church Cathedral. Questions were answered and the space became more familiar to the confirmands, many of whom had not visited the diocesan cathedral.

Those participating in the liturgy on May 14 included confirmands, Sophia Robbie of St. Laurence, Coquitlam and Florian Burfeind of Christ Church Cathedral who offered the First and Second Readings. The Rev. Peggy Trendell-Jensen of St. Clement's, Lynn Valley was Deacon of the Word and Table. The Rev. Trendell-Jensen has been appointed Archdeacon for Deacons by Bishop John. Her incumbency began at the end of last May, she was collated during the Ordination Eucharist, June 11, 2022, and is now entitled to the honorific, "The Venerable." Three of the 20 confirmands were from St. Clement's. Three cathedral liturgical assistants, Vincent Carey, Andrea Gailus, and Kevin de la Mare took the roles of Subdeacon, Crucifer and Bishop's Chaplain. It was announced on May 16, that Kevin has been made postulant to the diaconate by Bishop John Stephens. Music in worship was led by Members of Cathedral Choir and Organist and Director of Music, Rupert

Lang. The music in worship consisted of well-known hymns and music for Communion to encourage congregational participation. There was also a beautiful setting of *Psalm 15* with the Antiphon, "Lord who may dwell in the tabernacle of God who may abide upon your holy hill." The Psalm with music composed by Rupert Lang was led by the choir. Bishop John was preacher and presider and the Dean of the diocese and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very

Rev. Chris Pappas, welcomed the congregation onsite and online and assisted the bishop during the liturgy. The Rev. Jessica Schaap is the Synod Staff person with responsibility for the diocesan Confirmation Eucharist, overseeing the design of the liturgy and the service bulletin.

In his sermon, Bishop John made reference to the First Reading, *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26*, one of the readings chosen

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LEFT Deacon of the Word and Table, the Rev. (now the Ven.) Peggy Trendell-Jensen proclaims the Gospel, *John 15:6-16*. RIGHT The intercessor, Oivette Missick.



Confirmation candidates are presented to the bishop by their sponsors.



Bishop John and Deacon of the Word and Table, the Rev. Neil Seedhouse discuss the upcoming liturgy.



Bishop John acknowledges the altar during the Entrance Hymn, *You are Salt for the Earth*. Deacon, the Rev. Martha Cameron (left) was tasked with facilitating the Facebook livestream from her iPad.



Doug, one of two confirmands shares the Second Reading, *Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3*.



The Children's Talk.



Bishop John preaching.

PHOTO FEATURE

An Episcopal Visit to St. Barnabas, New Westminster on the Feast of St. Barnabas

Bishop John Stephens visited his Parish of St. Barnabas, New Westminster for their patronal festival (transferred to Sunday, June 12 from the feast day, June 11). This joyful celebration of the Eucharist included nine baptisms and two confirmations. The baptized were: Auger, Deng, Awak and Adieu; Elora, Michel, Tiffany, Iris and Chantal; confirmed were Jill and Doug Shortt. The church structure (*A*

Beacon on the hill, where all are welcome) and the hall have been an important part of the neighbourhood since 1891. ✠

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 Bishop John Stephens sermon is available on the diocesan website at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/2022-06-12-everything-everything-everything-is-waiting-for-you>



LEFT Candidates for baptism and sponsors gather with the clergy around the font for the Baptismal Covenant and the Prayers of the People.



RIGHT Roland leads the Prayers of the People.



Jill is confirmed.



The newly baptized, pose with the rector, the bishop, the music leader (Patti) and a sponsor.



Doug is confirmed.

Archdeacon Bruce Morris Retirement

BRUCE POND
St. Hilda, Sechelt

What do:

- a voyage from Iceland to Scotland in a 107-year-old, little Dutch sailing boat,
- the Very Very Reverend Dufferin Dumble,
- a bomb-scare at St. Hilda's, Sechelt,
- and a sermon delivered from a wooden dinghy in the Salish Sea,

have in common?

Answer: Bruce Morris.

Bruce, former Archdeacon for Deacons in the diocese of New Westminster appointed to St. Hilda's, Sechelt, retired from his ordained diaconal ministry at the end of May 2022. The St. Hilda's community and some of Bruce's family and friends honoured him and wished him well in his retirement at a service and reception on May 29.

Bruce has been a member of St. Hilda's since arriving on the Sunshine Coast in the mid-1980s and has ministered as a deacon for the last 27 years. During that time, he has served with at least ten clergy, and has been a constant guiding star for both clergy and laity, full of grace and compassion. However, Bruce's primary ministry has been, as is the case for deacons in the diocese of New Westminster, beyond the parish and in the community, largely in ways unseen by most of us. For the last seven years, Bruce was Archdeacon for Deacons, a role that serves and supports deacons across our diocese. All this to say that while Bruce has been an active minister of the clerical team at St. Hilda's, he has had a significant ministry serving others beyond the bounds of St. Hilda's Parish.

In his ministry at St. Hilda's, between rectors during COVID restrictions, he intended to lead a service by Zoom from his sailboat — *Capella* — on the Salish Sea. However, the cell signal wasn't strong and consistent enough where he was moored, so he set out rowing around in a wooden dinghy, which he had made, in search of a better spot for cell coverage. As a member of the congregation that morning, it was hard not to covet his spot out in the sun on the sparkling salt water. In his most recent sermon on the occasion of his retirement (the link can be found at the end of the article), Bruce spoke of a wonderful transcendent time, as he passed from Saltspring Island back to Secret Cove, in which he felt he was journeying with the presence of the Christ of Creation, a feeling of oneness with the divine. That is something we all might be sensitive to, placed as we are, in midst of this wondrous creation.

You will see, among the photos, one of the revered Quite



Terry "Coyote" Aleck, St. Hilda's Indigenous Teacher-in-Residence, shares *The Welcome Song* to begin the service. ALL PHOTOS Bruce Pond



Archdeacon Bruce Morris about to read the Gospel with the rector, the Rev. Steve Black and deacon, the Rev. Taras Pakholchuk of St. David and St. Paul, Powell River.

Reverend Dimbly Rumble addressing the congregation. The Quite Reverend Rumble is the son of the Very Very Reverend Dufferin Rumble, who, in the person of Bruce Morris, addressed the congregation of St. Hilda's several times over the years, much to their delight and to great hilarity. Bruce has a wonderful sense of humour, which must be a heritable trait, as Bruce's son Ian (aka the Quite Reverend Dimbly Rumble) seems to be similarly blessed.

This autumn, taking advantage of retirement freedom and fully indulging his passion for sailing, Bruce is planning to sail from Iceland to the Faroe Islands and onward to the Shetland Isles, the Orkneys, Hebrides and ultimately to Scotland. He will be one of 12 working passengers with a small permanent crew on *Tecla*, a two-masted 80-foot Dutch fishing boat built in 1915. This voyage is symbolic of the break that Bruce considers important between him and St. Hilda's so that the parish may have time to hear God's call for the next stage, unhindered by the habits and patterns that we have established over the 27 years of his ministry. He asks for the prayers of all of us as he, and we, seek guidance for life after he retires from his ordained ministry as deacon.

And the bomb scare? Well, Bruce has been involved with Boy Scouts for years, and in the mid-1990s, Bruce, with another scout leader, designed a summer camp for Cubs themed on spy-craft and espionage. The Cubs received (simulated) coded messages from CSIS on the church fax machine, searched for (simulated) bombs and used instructions to disarm them. Over a decade later, post 9/11, a church staff member discovered a brown paper bag, containing wires, and lights and pieces of broomstick — which looked rather bomb-like. They called the RCMP, who called the bomb squad, who brought in a robot to disarm the threat. The connection to Bruce was eventually made and he got a proper dressing down from the RCMP detachment chief. This incident is one of the many stories of the rich relationship between St. Hilda's and Bruce Morris.

All the best in your retirement, Bruce. To paraphrase your paraphrase at the end of your sermon: "We pray that God... may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him even more, so that with the eyes of your heart enlightened you may know the hope to which the Father is calling you..." Blessings. ✠

To view Bruce's sermon on the occasion of his retirement, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94ajHotPRAw>



Archdeacon Bruce Morris, gifted with a prayer shawl from St. Hilda's, receiving blessing from the congregation.



LEFT Marg and Bruce Morris enjoying the post-service speeches and antics. RIGHT Bruce's son, Ian, revives a role invented by Bruce himself. The genius of the Quite Reverend Dimbly Rumble had parishioners howling with laughter!



LEFT Bruce receiving a gift certificate for Talewinds Books and a lovely bottle of scotch for sipping while he reads; presented by Janet McIntosh. RIGHT Bruce proudly showing off grandbaby photos to Marisa Alps and Michele Mocellin.



The first assault on the retirement cake; Bruce is aided and abetted by his son Ian and Marg.

Change is Inevitable | Spiritual Growth is Optional

Want to see a greater connection between your faith & your everyday life?

JESSICA SCHAAP

Missioner for Christian Formation, diocese of New Westminster

After the trials of the pandemic, many were seeking recovery and renewal in all parts of life. Earlier this past summer, a group at St. Mary Magdalene's church piloted a six-week program from *Living Compass*, a non-profit organization rooted in Anglicanism and clinical counselling, called *The Faith and Wellness Circle*. The program offered members a chance to explore their current state of being, learn theories about making change, and set simple goals to grow in body, mind, heart, and strength. Whether they were adapting to physical changes, employment, wondering where God was calling them next, or just wanting greater clarity about faith and life, the group was a chance to go deeper with fellow travellers.

I was privileged to lead the small group through six sessions as they explored greater connection between their Christian faith and different aspects of life, including emotions, relationships, spirituality, rest and play, care of the body, stress resilience, vocation and organization/stewardship. Each week members chose a spiritual practice to accompany them in their journey—from meditation to Taizé chants to prayerful walking—it was a time to grow and reflect on how different forms of prayer and the nurturing of that prayer integrated with all other parts of life.

The Rev. Tasha Carrothers, the vicar at St. Mary Magdalene's and co-facilitator, said this at the conclusion of the program: "I loved the gentleness of the process. There was forward momentum without feeling rushed."

And Kim Seary, a parishioner who participated said, "At the end of the six weeks, I noticed that I was able, not only



to cope with change that previously had been detrimentally stressful for me, but to embrace changes joyfully. The Living Compass workshop was a transforming experience, opening me to more life-giving activities, and strengthening my faith."

The concepts of whole person wellness and wholeness are deeply rooted in the Christian tradition and especially wellness and wholeness known at the communal level. God

desires "shalom," a Hebrew word meaning well-being, for us and the world. While our society might emphasize the personal and physical dimensions of wellness; our wellness integrates the physical, the social, and the spiritual; and it is meant for all. Not only that, but our faith doesn't put limits on what wellness or wholeness can look like. The presence of illness, disability, loss, or unplanned change doesn't determine whether one knows and has a sense of deeper wellbeing. In the words of one participant, the circle helped her "befriend change."

Our society has often commercialized wellness as well, making it a product to be bought or an expensive service. The Faith and Wellness Circle incarnates the belief that God is freely active in our lives drawing us into more deeply integrated ways of living for the sake of world. *The Living Compass Faith and Wellness Circle* is free for participants and for parishes to use in whatever way they see best. It can even be a resource for outreach or service. A version of the faith and wellness circle is available for secular settings, and they are currently used in schools, parent groups, and community centres. As the Program Director from Living Compass, Carolyn Karl, puts it, these wellness circles can be a way "to extend Jesus' ministry of healing beyond the walls of our churches." ✠

To find out more about the resources from Living Compass, including for Advent and Lent, parents, teens, and seniors see www.livingcompass.org

Celebration of Confirmation Eucharist on the Feast of St. Matthias

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for the Feast of St. Matthias, which is the only time that Matthias is mentioned in the Bible and is the story of the choosing of Matthias to be the twelfth apostle replacing Judas. Two were nominated, the other, Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) lost out to Matthias as the eleventh "cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias." In his

sermon he said:

"... the reading from the book of Acts makes it sound that the eleven disciples felt that they must keep to the number twelve now that Judas was no longer with them. The number twelve was important to align with the twelve tribes of Israel. And

if you are one for whom numbers are very important you can really run with this. And perhaps it was extremely vital that the number twelve was central to all this. But personally, I am not really in that camp.

We know without a doubt that there were plenty of other people surrounding Jesus who were clearly not listed as one of his disciples but were at least influential on his life. We know this; it is very clear in the Bible that there were many others who were devout followers of Jesus but not necessarily counted among the twelve, like Nicodemus or Lazarus or Joseph of Arimathea. But perhaps much more importantly were the women: Martha and Mary and Mary Magdalene and Joanna and a woman at a well to name but a few. Women who were anointers and debaters and weepers and grievers and first witnesses to the resurrection.

And this, for me is where Matthias comes in. For apart from being elected to be the twelfth, we never hear from him again. He suddenly becomes completely obscure, never to be mentioned again in our holy book. On one level this seems rather strange.

And to be honest I like this. Because it reminds us that Matthias is us... and we are Matthias. What I mean by that is that we are now the disciples of this age. By our baptism, with the water splashed upon us in the name of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we have become Matthias. The next ones."

It was a joy-filled, prayerful gathering at Christ Church Cathedral, an experience that those involved will remember all their lives. And after the Dismissal, Bishop John stayed behind on the chancel platform to pose for many photographs in many different combinations of confirmand(s), sponsors, parents and full parish groups that included: Christ Church Cathedral; St. Clement's, Lynn Valley; St. John's, Shaughnessy; St. Laurence's, Coquitlam; St. Martin's, North Vancouver; St. Michael's Multicultural, Vancouver; and St. Timothy's, Brentwood.

Please keep the confirmands in your prayers:

God of mercy and love,
Grant that your servant may grow
Into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness,
Amen ✠

Follow this link to Bishop John's sermon posted on the diocesan website <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/2022-05-14-we-are-called-to-be-the-matthias-of-this-world-and-of-this-time>



Helen of St. Laurence, Coquitlam is confirmed.



The Eucharist.



Carson of St. Clement, Lynn Valley is confirmed.



The St. Michael's Group Shot.



Danavio of St. Laurence, Coquitlam is confirmed.



The St. Clement's Group Shot.

Celebrating 76 Years of Ministry

The Closing Eucharist of St. Chad, Vancouver on Ascension Day, 2022

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On Thursday, May 26, 2022, the Rt. Rev. John Stephens presided and preached at the Ascension Day Eucharist at St. Chad's. This would be the Closing Eucharist for the parish, as several weeks earlier parish members had notified the Bishop that they had voted to close the parish.

Although a bittersweet event, the true message of the Eucharist was to celebrate 76 years of Anglican ministry in the Arbutus Basin and beyond. The legacy of St. Chad's will be renewed efforts to establish Chinese language ministry and worship in the diocese of New Westminster.

Rector, the Rev. Bill Mok welcomed the bishop, former rectors, current members of the congregation and former members of the parish to worship.

There was a good turnout of clergy from the Point Grey Deanery, in clericals worshipping congregationally as well as representatives from the Synod Office and two former rectors, the Rev. Paulina Lee (2002–2020), and the Rev. Jenny Wong Nam (1994–1998). The Rev. Wong Nam was one of the readers, sharing the First Reading, *Acts 1:1-11*.

A sizeable portion of the congregation was comprised of members of the families of Ruth Pasemko and Rosemary Misfeldt. Ruth and Rosemary are two of the Rev. Norman Southcott's five children. The Rev. Southcott was the first rector of the parish from 1946–1963. Ruth's and Rosemary's siblings not present were Caroline Burnett, John Southcott (deceased) and Marina Didyk. In an email sent to diocesan communications, Ruth shared some information and her thoughts about the closing of the parish and what the parish means to her and to the family.

"For my Sister Rosemary Misfeldt and I it was a very sad, emotional day as St. Chad's held its final service before closing on Ascension Day, May 26, 2022.

Seventy-five years ago, our father, the Rev. Norman Southcott planted the church in a storefront at 16th Avenue and Macdonald Street. Rosemary and I moved into the new rectory at 2649 West 23rd Avenue in 1950, behind the present church and hall.

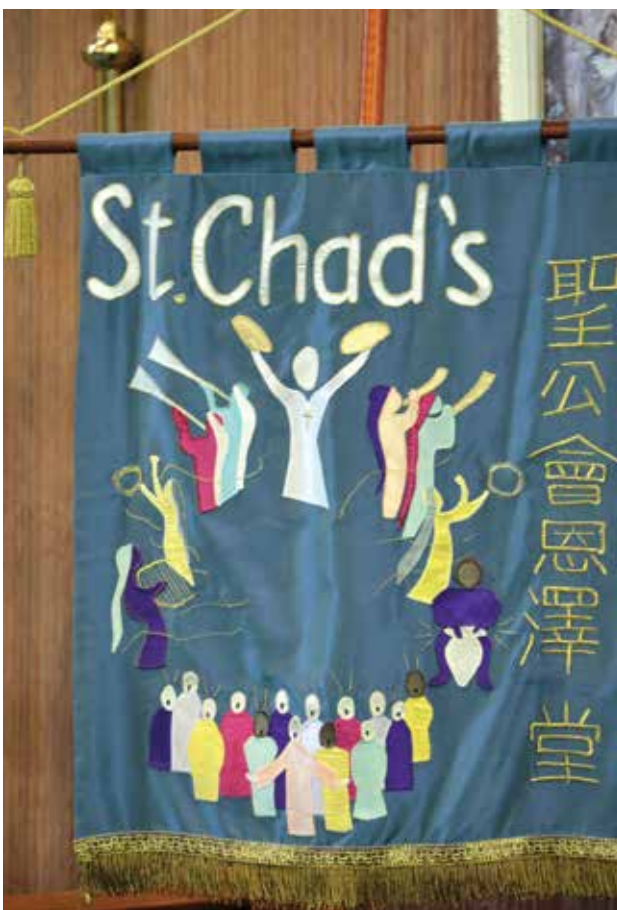
We have many fond memories of the very active life of St. Chad's. Friday night club as teenagers and teen dances in the church crypt. Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas Eve trimming the tree, bazaars, newspaper drives, singing in the choir, girls auxiliary, AYP (Anglican Young People's Association), Sunday School picnics at Bowen Island, Camp Artaban, baptisms and confirmations as well as Rosemary's and Pat's wedding in 1968.

We made many friends at St. Chad's including Eve Anderson who was the organist our father hired in the 1950s and who still attended St. Chad's until recently. She was well into her 90s.

We left Vancouver December 31, 1963 on the Northland Prince from Vancouver harbour bound for Kitimat where our father was inducted Rector of the Parish of Christ Church in the



Group photo of everyone at the liturgy, May 26, 2022. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray



The parish's bilingual banner from the 1980s perhaps?

diocese of Caledonia until his untimely death in 1970 at the age of 57.

Our fathers' and his parents' remains are interred in the wall of the St. Chad's Lady Chapel where the Chippendale altar is located.

Family members present at the service were my sister, Rosemary and husband Pat Misfeldt, my daughter Melanie and husband Dean Knoblauch with our grandchildren, Madison and Jacob Knoblauch and my husband Jim Pasemko."

Ruth and Rosemary brought with them a treasure trove of memorabilia from their years at St. Chad's, photographs and brochures that were laid out on one of the pews for folks to view.

In his sermon, Bishop John explored the life of St. Chad of Lindisfarne and Ascension Day and how these topics connect to the closing of the parish. Toward the end of his sermon, he unpacked the Gospel reading for the day, *Luke 24:44-53* and its connection to the celebration of 76 years of ministry and the opportunity for ministry to evolve and grow.

"In the gospel passage for this evening, Jesus phrased it this way:

'See I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

The parish of St. Chad's has been clothed with this power, the power of the Holy Spirit for all the years of its ministry. And even as we prepare for the conclusion of St. Chad's ministry

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LEFT Setting up the Mevo/Zoom link prior to worship. RIGHT Deacon for the Eucharist, the Rev. Katherine Yeo fills the font.



LEFT The Rev. Jenny Wong Nam reads *Acts 1:1-11*. RIGHT The Chippendale reredos in the Lady Chapel.



Bishop John with the Rev. Bill Mok gather the community with prayer following the procession in.



LEFT Left to right: former rectors, the Reverends Paulina Lee and Jenny Wong Nam; Bishop John Stephens; the Rev. Marion Wong, currently Vicar of St. Titus, Oakridge; and Annie and Jackson Lau. Annie was active in cross-cultural ministry at St. Chad's and is now at St. Titus, Oakridge. RIGHT Ruth Pasemko, Bishop John and Rosemary Misfeldt.





Margaret in the chancel.
PHOTOS Courtesy of Margaret Marquardt except where noted



A view of the shore of Cadenabbia with Church of the Ascension located in the middle of the buildings on the shorefront.
PHOTO Diocese of New Westminster Communications Archives

Hello from Cadenabbia, Lago di Como, Italy

Notes from a “Retired” Priest

MARGARET MARQUARDT
Retired Priest of the diocese of New Westminster; Chair of the diocesan Justice & Peace Unit

Greetings from Ascension Anglican Church, Cadenabbia, Como Lake, Italy.

I’m taking care of this parish for six months having arrived Holy Week, and here for a total of six months. My stay concludes in October 2022.

The parish is 131 years old and located on the waterfront across from the ferry that goes to Bellagio. It is the only English-speaking congregation on Como Lake.

I recently found myself opening a birdcage with three doves inside, for a couple to release who had just had their Marriage Blessing at Ascension Parish presided by Bishop Toma of the Syriac Orthodox Church in London, UK. It is traditional to do this at such a Blessing. I just hope the doves found their way home.

The time here has been an experience in many areas.

What I enjoy most is that I’ve have come to know most of the proprietors and staff at the local “bars” (Italian name for cafés), and restaurants along this western side of the lake near Cadenabbia. I was moved when a Turkish man who is assisting at one of the restaurants told his wife, who is one of the cooks, that I was his first friend since arriving in this part of Italy. He too is trying to build on his Italian as am I.

From my daily walks along the lake, stopping for a café macchiato, connecting with the folks I’ve come to know, chatting with tourists at tables, it has reinforced for me that *being present* is to be a *face* of the church in a very *touristy* area. It is a way to break through some of the stereotypes people have about the church and priests, creating opportunities to engage on matters about the care of our world as folks tell me about their lives and the concerns they have about their countries and their issues. While my Italian is improving, I thankfully have been able to at least get all the basics down of greetings and friendly chat, so that is coming along.

I leave the church open during the day and sometimes I’m there when visitors pop in to see what’s inside this big church across from the main ferry terminal. I have been privileged to hear them speak about important matters that are going on in their countries including some folks visiting from Syria and Ukraine.

So, I’m still able to wear my “Justice and Peace” hat, sharing experiences from our diocese and Canada and hearing how people in other lands are contributing to the com-

mon good. The parish now has a working group planning for September of next year, 2023, for a Holiday Retreat: *Celebrating the Gifts of Creation—New Eyes for Seeing.*

We will be visiting and hearing about places where there are sustainable environmental practices on land and sea. There will of course be lots of time for people to gather and meet new friends, reflect, share in liturgy and wonderful meals... gifts of the land.

More about this to come. Please keep an eye out for it if it something you might consider or share with others. If anyone is visiting this area it be wonderful to meet you.

A note to other retired clergy: for your consideration this parish and others in the diocese of Europe from time to time, need other priests to come and serve, so glad to tell anyone more about this. ✠

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Ascension Anglican looking across Lago di Como to the mountains behind the lake.



The doves about to be released at the Marriage Blessing.



The building on May 26, 2022.

Celebrating 76 Years of Ministry

The Closing Eucharist of St. Chad, Vancouver on Ascension Day, 2022

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here in the Arbutus area, we know that the same Holy Spirit is inviting a new ministry to form and develop. A ministry focused on some of the things that guided St. Chad and now will guide towards the future. A ministry based on Chinese language and to continue to spread the gospel and build up the church but in new ways. There is resurrection and not simply death. There is ascension but also a new calling.

As we look to the future this evening, we also look to the past. We give thanks for all of the past clergy, who, like Chad were called to ordained ministry and part of that calling was to have served here; for their gifts and talents, their commitment to living out the Holy Spirit’s calling, their dedication to preaching and praying and living the good news. But it is

certainly much more than the work of the clergy that we are honouring today. We remember all others called to ministry: the wardens, the treasurers, the trustees, the parish councils that have sought to discern new paths over the years. We remember Sunday School teachers and students, youth groups and youth group leaders. We remember those who gave so much of their time and treasure and talent as stewards giving back to God what God placed in their lives. We are grateful and thankful to all of these people.” ✠

The bishop’s sermon is available on the diocesan website at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/2022-05-29-there-is-ascension-but-also-a-new-calling>

Episcopal Visit to Rev on the Roof II

RANDY MURRAY
Communications Officer & Topic Editor

On June 29, the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Bishop John Stephens made an episcopal visit to his Parish of St. John the Divine, Squamish located in the Garibaldi Highlands neighbourhood about five kilometres north and east of the Squamish town centre. This parish was Bishop John Stephens's first incumbency in the diocese of New Westminster and the construction of the current church building was in part due to his enthusiasm and leadership back in the 1990s. One of the identified deficiencies of the original construction had to do with the roof and for the past 30 years the St. John's roof has been an ongoing problem. The current rector, the Rev. Cameron Gutjahr just celebrated the third anniversary of his induction as ordained leader of the parish, July 1, and over the past months he and the members of the community have been focused on getting the roof repaired, sourcing topnotch contractors (*Highland Roofing and Cladding*) to do the work and sourcing revenue to pay the bill. Part of that sourcing and awareness raising has been the Rev. Gutjahr's *Rev on the Roof* fundraising drive, where he spends a couple of nights sleeping under a tent on the roof. June 29 was the last *Rev on the Roof* day of the second iteration of the event that ran June 27 to 29 and was a follow-up to the first which found the Rev. Gutjahr spending one night on the roof last September.

In an email to the local newspaper, *The Squamish Chief*, the Rev. Gutjahr wrote:

"The purpose of these antics was to fundraise to fix two leaking sections of the church roof, while also bringing some levity to the type of project that can be expensive, uninspiring and depressing for a community to deal with."

Not one to shirk responsibility, Bishop Stephens was happy to travel to Squamish on the morning of Wednesday, June 29 to help with *Rev on the Roof II*.

The congregation consisted primarily of parishioners, who'd braved the cloudy and potentially wet weather to worship in the church parking lot as the two clergy led the prayers, readings, and hymns from the roof.

In his homily which was based on the Holy Day being celebrated and the Gospel reading, *John 21:15-19*, Bishop Stephens said:

"On this day in churches all around the world the feast day of St. Peter and the feast day of St. Paul will be celebrated. We are joining with a whole chorus of others as we remember these two great saints, great pillars, great voices in the Church. The tradition is that both Peter and Paul were martyred on June 29 and so we celebrate them together. It is a major holy day and holiday in Rome and there is of course

a special mass at St. Peter's in Vatican City.

From three years ago, Pope Francis used this occasion of celebrating these two saints to preach about unity in the church. Recognizing that Peter and Paul were very different individuals from differing backgrounds, who often disagreed with one another, Pope Francis said, they found their unity in Christ; in their faith, not in their ability to debate or be opposed to one another. He said: 'What would happen if we prayed more and complained less? The same thing that happened to Peter in prison: now as then, so many closed doors would be opened, so many chains that bind would be broken... Let us ask for the grace to be able to pray for one another.' These are important words for the Church throughout the world to hear and to respond to on this day. To move away from disagreements and to pray for one another that we might see God's light in one another. To pray for one another and respect the dignity of every human being; not break into more and more divisions of a divided

church. How can we stop to simply see one another as being made in the image of God?"

After unpacking the three questions asked by Jesus in the gospel reading, Bishop John concluded his brief address with these words:

"We are called to live out a compassion, a hope for justice, a plea for loving our neighbour, a guidance to see the risen Christ not only in the pages of Scripture by the sea of Tiberias but also amongst us here and now. We are called to recognize that we like Peter and like Paul and countless other saints and sinners are called to see with fresh new eyes that Christ, the risen Christ, is in our midst. May our lives reflect this vision on this St. Peter and St. Paul Day, on this roof, in this church and in our living. Feed my sheep."

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The project that began late last September has been plagued by a number of gremlins, specifically the weather which has included, atmospheric rivers, a cold and snowy winter and a rainy spring and early summer. The contractors had finished the work on the flat portion of the roof, however there was more to be done which required warmer weather.

The maximum \$200,000 budget is a hefty price tag, but the parish has raised more than half (this includes a \$40,000 diocesan grant). Completion of the project depends on a variety of factors, primarily weather.

The Parishoners at St. John's, Squamish are enthusiastic and hopeful and would certainly not say no to donations from the folks in the diocese and beyond. ✠



Bishop, rector and the Highland Roofing and Cladding folks. PHOTO Bruce Hancox



Bishop John on the roof prior to worship, the work area is visible on the left. PHOTO Randy Murray



The Rev. Gutjahr sets up the stand for the MEVO stream. PHOTO Randy Murray



Congregation waves. PHOTO Bishop Stephens.



Bishop John preaching. PHOTO Randy Murray



The Rev. Gutjahr leads the singing. PHOTO Randy Murray



After worship visiting. PHOTO Randy Murray



Episcopal Blessing. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Pitt Meadows Community Church at age 100, home to the Anglican Parish of St. Columba, 1926 – 2022 as it looked on June 9, 2022. MIDDLE The Rev. Harris welcomes the congregation to the Closing Eucharist. RIGHT The Vestry Prayer. Vested clergy included: current Priest-in-Charge of St. Columba, the Rev. Georgina Harris; Vicar of St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge, the Rev. Laurel Dahill who was crucifer; Deacon at St. George, Fort Langley, the Rev. Eileen Nurse; Rector of St. George, Maple Ridge, the Rev. David Edgerton; Retired Rector of St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge and a frequent Sunday Supply priest for St. Columba, the Rev. Charles Balfour; and the Regional Archdeacon of Lougheed and Rector of St. George, Fort Langley, the Ven. Kelly Duncan.

The Little Church on the Corner

The Closing Worship for the Parish of St. Columba

RANDY MURRAY

Communications Officer & Topic Editor

On June 9, 2022, the Feast of St. Columba, an Irish abbot and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in what is now known as Scotland, the Pitt Meadows Community Church, a rare example of a prefabricated structure produced by the BC Mills Timber and Trading Company which flourished during the second decade of the last century was the venue for the final Anglican Eucharist of the Parish of St. Columba. The first Anglican worship took place four years after the Community Church Society formed to take over the purchase of the prefab building in 1922. Originally owned by the Seventh Day Adventists; Anglicans, Methodists, and Presbyterians formed the Community Church Society pooling their resources to come up with the \$1,000 purchase price. Those were the days! Anglican and United Churches (the Methodists and Presbyterians merged in 1925 to become the United Church) have been the core supporters of the building but there have been several other Protestant denominations worshipping in the space and that remains the case right up to today. The Anglican community of St. Columba had been in decline for many years and continuing the parish was no longer viable. The parish had almost always been a part time ministry position except for the era of the Rev. Gladys Olsen's incumbency in the 1980s. The Rev. Olsen was present for the Closing Eucharist, and it was a great joy for everyone present to have her in the congregation.

The Rev. Georgina Harris was appointed Priest-in-Charge by Bishop John Stephens for an interim period of July 1 to December 31, 2021, but continued through until June 30, 2022. The Rev. Harris had ministry experience in the region having been the interim at St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge from the beginning of 2016 until the arrival of that parish's vicar, the Rev. Laurel Dahill on July 1, 2018, a ministry post that had often included supplying Anglican ordained leadership to the Parish of St. Columba. Clergy for the Closing Worship included the Rev. Harris; Bishop John Stephens; Deacon, the Rev. Eileen Nurse; Crucifer, the Vicar of St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge, the Rev. Laurel Dahill; Rector of St. George, Maple Ridge, the Rev. David Edgerton; Retired Rector of St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge and a frequent Sunday Supply priest for St. Columba, the Rev. Charles Balfour; and the Regional Archdeacon of Lougheed and Rector of St. George, Fort Langley, the Ven. Kelly Duncan.

Following the Processional Hymn, *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* and Opening Prayers including the Collect for the Feast of St. Columba, Bishop John Stephens gave thanks for the ministry of the parish at the font and the lectern.

For his text, Bishop John engaged with the Epistle, *1 Corinthians 3:11-23*, the Gospel, *Luke 10: 17-20* but much of his focus was on the Saints Day being celebrated and how that connected to the life of the parish.

As we look back over the life of this parish, we know well that all those who have gone before us trusted and knew this hope of God with us, revealed to us in Jesus, and it was central to every act of worship and decision made, including our worship here and now. Or as we heard from the passage from First Corinthians a little while ago, 'For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.' And so, we recall so many people as we gather this evening. We give thanks to Georgina for her ministry over the

last while, for her pastoral care and guiding leadership at this time. For past clergy who have offered the sacraments, prayed, given pastoral care, opened the words of Scripture to new understanding, baptized, prepared for confirmation, presided at weddings. They all served with great care and compassion, and we give thanks for their ministry.

But there were so many others who gave great leadership here. Who gave generously of their time, talent and treasure. Those who were wardens or treasurers or cared for the property. People who taught Sunday School, who greeted at the doors, who organized parish picnics. People who provided music, sang with great gusto; those who invited others, prepared the church for worship services, and prayed regularly for this community. Those who were baptized here, married here or were buried from here. Those who organized parish suppers or community gatherings or Christmas celebrations. So many people whose faith inspired them to live into what St. Columba invited. We give thanks to God for all these people and so many more. All those who discovered this church to be a thin place, if you will, a place where the distance between God and us seems thinner.

St. Columba is credited with saying: 'My dearest Lord, be thou a bright flame before me, a guiding star above me, a smooth path beneath me, a kindly shepherd behind me today and for evermore.'

These words were known and lived out in this parish and will continue to be lived out. We are saddened, it is true, that this is the concluding liturgy of ministry here, but we are so grateful for God's steadfast foundation, God's guidance, God's grace, God's blessing, and God's purposes. For this will never leave this place or our lives. May we know this blessing all the days of our lives and even beyond. That does not end with this service tonight."

Following worship there was a reception in the parish hall, a 1958 construction that served the needs of the participating parishes including Sunday School, wedding and funeral receptions, for a period of time it was a pre-school and throughout served as a meeting place for the Pitt Meadows community.

To commemorate the life of the Anglican Parish of St. Columba in the diocese of New Westminster, cardboard bookmarks were made available with a message and a partial listing of the Anglican priests that had Celebrated at this place. The bookmark reads:

St. Columba Anglican Church 1926 – 2022

An Anglican Community has met faithfully for almost 100 years in the Community of Pitt Meadows. Over the many years of faithfulness Anglican Clergy have given of their time to provide leadership. There have been many weddings, baptisms and funerals celebrated in this historic building.

Former clergy of the Anglican community in Pitt Meadows and St. Columba include:

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| H.E. Harris | Peter Niblock |
| Donald Gordon | Peter Heritage |
| Denis Harris | Jeanette Stigger |
| Charles R. Cannon | Doug Dittrich |
| William Pike | Paul Strudwick |
| Fr. John Clark | Gordon Dominey |
| Paul Wheeler | Charles Balfour |
| Gladys Olsen | Georgina Harris ✦ |



Blessing the water in the font.



Dawn Power shares the Epistle, *1 Corinthians 3:11-23*.



Bill Neufeld was the Psalmist leading *Psalm 89:20-26*.



Bishop John administers the Body of Christ to a congregant for the last time in the 97-year lifespan of the Parish of St. Columba.



A posed photo with the Rev. Gladys Olsen (the only Rector in the Anglican history of this church), Bishop John and the Rev. Georgina Harris.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The 55th Anglican Church Women AGM A Report on the May 7, 2022 Meeting

SUBMISSION Kelly Bowman, *President, diocese of New Westminster ACW*

The Parish of St. Cuthbert's, Delta hosted the 55th AGM of the Anglican Church Women (ACW) of the diocese of New Westminster on Saturday, May 7. The theme of the AGM was *Thrive in God's Service*.

The event was well attended with 53 members plus guests. Bishop John Stephens presided at the Eucharist, installed the new officers and blessed the ACW members and guests who were present.

The guest speaker for the event was Joan

Stewart of the diocesan-related, Westside Anglicans Neighborhood Ministry, a collaborative ministry offered by the Anglican parishes of St. Anselm's, St. Philip's, St. Helen's, and St. John's, Shaughnessy on Vancouver's Westside. The Neighbour-

hood Ministry offers care, companionship and practical help to their most vulnerable neighbours living on the Westside streets and in marginalized conditions. The newly elected president, Kelly Bowman remarked that the information contained in the talk provided wonderful examples of how we can "Thrive in God's Service."

When asked for comment about how Kelly sees her new role, she said:

"As the new ACW President in the diocese of New Westminster, I am delighted and honoured to be part of such a giving and gifted group of women. As I step into the role of president, I pray that God will inspire me to walk in the path Jesus set for us in servant leadership.

My vision is to lead into a thriving future that will last for generations. All Anglican Church Women, young and senior, to grow and flourish together. Let's build upon the legacy gifted to us by learning and changing to adapt to our current and future progress as ACW.

I'm looking forward to meeting and working with many of you over the next three years. Together, we will Thrive." ✦

AT THE AGM THE FOLLOWING

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WERE ELECTED

- Kelly Bowman, *President*
- Ameila Foster, *Vice President*
- Gail Revitt, *past president & Social Action*
- Alberta Rudolf, *Secretary & Vancouver Council of Women*
- Mary McIntyre, *Treasurer*
- Vera Morgan, *Membership (appointed position)*
- Beth Fortin, *Social Action (appointed position)*
- Judith Carling, *member at large*
- Val Hampton, *member at large*
- Sylvia Enga, *member at large*
- Anne Blue, *member at large*
- Judy Nicholson, *member at large*

STEPPING DOWN ARE

- Sheila Puls, *past president*
- Paulette Smith, *Southwest area Rep*
- The Rev. Juanita Clark, *member at large*
- The Ven. Beverly Stewart, *Chaplain*



(Left to right) Judy, Sylvia, Ann, Kelly, Gail, Ameila, Beth, Alberta, Mary and Bishop John in the back. PHOTO Submitted

Happy 100th Birthday Margery!

On Sunday, May 29, 2022, members of the Parish of Christ Church Cathedral gathered after worship to celebrate the 100th birthday of long-time parishioner and lay leader, Margery Kellett, ODNW.

Among many accomplishments, Margery was a Warden of the parish, 1981,

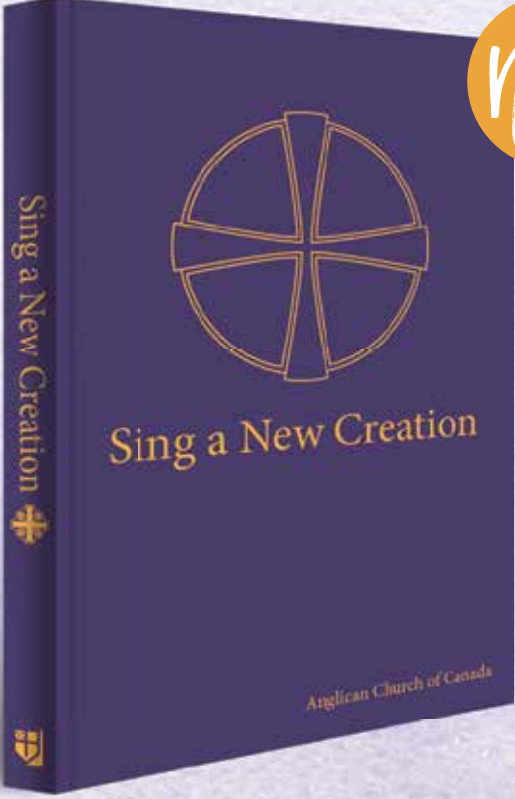
1982 and 1984.

She was the first Cathedral parishioner to be nominated and invested into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster in its inaugural year of 2009.

Her Citation reads:

Margery is a member of Christ Church Cathedral and is being honoured today as an elder of the Anglican Church. Her years of faithful prayer, wise counsel, and solid guidance have inspired a succession of Deans and Bishops in this Diocese. As well as serving as Warden and Trustee of the Cathedral, Margery has given great support to the Sorrento Centre—the Conference Centre of the Anglican Church on Shuswap Lake.


The party was organized by Margery's daughter, Ros Kellett and it was attended by Margery's many friends and admirers. Folks in attendance included retired dean and rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, the Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll and his wife Paula O'Driscoll who made the trip over from Victoria. Canon O'Driscoll was the incumbent when the Kelletts began attending the church in the 1970s. ✦



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Daughter Ros lights the candles. ALL PHOTOS Jane Dittrich



Blowing out the candles.



Celebratory greetings from the Prime Minister.



Margery with Canon Herbert O'Driscoll.

Gratitude for Archdeacon Bruce Morris

At the conclusion of the May 19, 2022 meeting of the bishop, archdeacons and senior staff of the diocese of New Westminster, Bishop John Stephens acknowledged with great gratitude the Ven. Bruce Morris's nearly seven years of leadership in the diocese as Archdeacon for Deacons. The Ven. Bruce Morris's official diocesan retirement was May 31, 2022. He was succeeded by the Rev. Peggy Trendell-Jensen, Deacon of St. Clement's, Lynn Valley who was collated "Archdeacon" on June 11, 2022, during the Ordinations Eucharist. ✦



PHOTO Shailene Caparas

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A Bit of Britain Graced St. Matthew's Fireside Area on Sunday, May 29

SUBMISSION Linda Burton, *St. Matthew, Abbotsford*

In honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, St. Matthew's parishioners enjoyed tea and scones following worship. The price of admission? A baby outfit. The Anglican Church Women (ACW) of the parish set a goal of 70 outfits (for the 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign) and during the month of May, parishioners rose to the challenge with many more than 70 new outfits gathered. These will be part of the diocesan ACW's outreach to northern Canada and to local needs.

As part of the gentle fun of the day, the Queen's smiling photo and the Union Jack took pride of place on the mantel in front of the display of baby outfits. A real live corgi (courtesy of Belinda Kishimoto)

added royally around adding to the festive atmosphere. A vintage *Vancouver Sun* newspaper (courtesy of Paulette Farquhar) displayed 1953 photos and accounts of the coronation. Our chef, Rose Rourke, prepared homemade scones, and Fran Bates made the clotted cream. Others contributed jam, China teapots and silver spoons. Lloyd Bates (with careful moving) wheeled the grand piano into the tea area and played appropriate palm court teatime music, starting, of course, with everyone standing for *God Save the Queen*.

After so many years without an in-person event, it was a pleasure to dress up in our finery with fancy hats and fascinators and celebrate outreach and fellowship. ✦



LEFT Author and photographer, Linda Burton (foreground) and her intergenerational "hatted ladies."
RIGHT A view of the "Tea Room." ALL PHOTOS Linda Burton



Belinda Kishimoto kindly made her Corgi named Pippit available to add to the Royal British atmosphere.



The goal of 70 baby outfits for ACW outreach initiatives in the north and our local community was surpassed.

Strawberry Tea for Queen's Jubilee

SUBMISSION Hilary Clark

On Sunday, June 5, several important events were held at St. Stephen's, West Vancouver: the Eucharist celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, the Community Singers Spring concert, and the Strawberry Tea to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

In preparation for the celebratory service for the *birthday of the church*, rector, the Rev. Ken Vinal asked that parishioners wear red, the Pentecost colour. The service began with a trumpet and organ prelude, *Overture (Suite in D)* by George Frideric Handel performed by trumpeter Paul Dubnik and Minister of Music/Organist Dr. Annabelle Paetsch. The congregation was invited to remain after the service to enjoy the presentation of St. Stephen's Community Singers, an open non-auditioned community choir based at St. Stephen's that rehearses on

Thursday afternoons.

The community choir program opened with a vigorous singing of *God Save the Queen* and proceeded to a humorous shanty *A Sailor Ain't a Sailor*. Continuing the nautical theme, the group performed *HMS Pinafore: A Choral Suite* and ended with an excerpt from *The King and I—I Whistle a Happy Tune*.

The Strawberry Tea followed featuring delicious strawberry shortcake and a raffle to raise money for several parish compassionate service food ministries through the diocesan flow-through giving vehicle, *care+share's 2022-2023 Feed My Sheep* campaign. The event raised about \$500 that goes directly to these parishes and affiliated groups feeding the hungry in the diocese of New Westminster. ✦



LEFT A younger member of the parish enjoys some Strawberry Shortcake.
RIGHT A close up of the serving. ALL PHOTOS John Ruddick



The St. Stephen's Community Choir.

Queen's Green Canopy Initiative Now Includes St. David's, Tsawwassen

SUBMISSION Elizabeth Murray, ODNW

St. David's, Tsawwassen began its June 5 Big Lunch Platinum Jubilee celebration under a canopy of red, white and blue, and ended it in a bow to the Queen's Green Canopy invitation to *Plant a Tree for the Jubilee*.

In compliance with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's wish to create a legacy which will benefit future generations, a *Paul's Scarlet Crataegus laevigata* Hawthorn tree was blessed by the Rev. Simbarashe Basvi and planted by 90-year-old John Hedgecock and six-year-old Akeela (the coincidental 90+6 years did not escape those who respect the monarch's age!).

Due to a weather forecast that promised rain, the Big Lunch was moved indoors where parishioners, friends and neighbours mixed socially while piper George Panagiotou of Simon Fraser University's Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band played in the background. Hamburgers and hot dogs sizzled on the barbecue and volunteer servers, at a buffet table of assorted salads and condiments, stood-by until after program participants were piped to the platform.

MC, Warden Anthony Hanna extended welcome greetings and invited parishioners Rosemary Gahr and accompanist Allen Desnoyers, to lead the singing of *God Save the Queen*, and *O Canada*. The Rev. Basvi said Grace, and St. David's ninth Big Lunch was underway.

Between salad and dessert courses, attention was directed to the cake-cutting

ceremony by the piping to the platform of Kay Foord with a celebratory cake in honour of the sovereign and a decorated with Queen's cypher. Kay announced that in recognition of Elizabeth Murray's nine-year chairmanship of Big Lunches (beginning with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012), she was asked to cut the cake, a

ritual Elizabeth performed with her family hereditary jewelled Sgian Dubh Dirk.

The Big Lunch concept, launched in 2009 by the Eden Project (located in a small south Cornwall hamlet in the Parish of Saint Blaise), is about the millions of people across the Commonwealth getting together to meet, greet, and share a meal

every first weekend of June.

This year was a remarkable Commonwealth-wide-tribute to the longest serving monarch in British history, and second longest in world history. Sharing this celebration with others from afar, the Big Lunch at St. David's coincided with London's extraordinary four-day festival of events. ✦



Elizabeth Murray cutting celebratory cake piped-in by George Panagiotou. ALL PHOTOS Loy Seng



Face-painting Akeela before her participation in tree-planting ceremony.



Guests Josephine Forster and Rev. Maggie-Rose Muldoon.



LEFT BBQ team Elinor Attalla, Peter Forster, Ivan Basvi and Moe Attila.



RIGHT Group with Rev. Simbarashe Basvi after planting of commemorative Scarlet Hawthorn tree.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Hot Lunch in Gibsons

St. Bart's Food Bank launches new initiative

SUBMISSION Pamela McElheran

On Wednesday June 8, the St. Bart's Food Bank in Gibsons launched its first *Hot Lunch* for the Sunshine Coast community. Everyone was welcomed... no questions, no barriers, no cost. The goals of this new ministry are two-fold: provide a nourishing hot meal using local ingredients to the extent possible; and offer a safe, welcoming environment where people socialize and reconnect.

Response was enthusiastic:

"Great food. Great service."

"I joined others for a meal for the first time in 22 months!"

"The food was so fresh."

"You were so good at looking after us!"

Over a dozen volunteers helped make the launch of this ministry a success. Deacon of the parish, the Rev. Steve Bailey was on hand to welcome people, offer prayer, and ring the church bell to celebrate. Twenty-four people had sit-down meals and 17



The menu board (sic).

meals were "take-away." Leftovers from the meal will be frozen and distributed to folks who arrive at the June Food Bank. In the first four months of 2022, the St. Bart's Food Bank gave away over 950 kilograms



The Team.

of fresh produce and 135 kilograms of fish, fowl and meat. The new Hot Lunch program is a welcome addition to the St. Bart's Food Bank ministry.

Financial support for this new ministry

comes from the St. Bart's Food Bank and funds raised by the 2022 Coast Wide Food Bank Drive which are both generously supported by Coastal residents and local businesses. ✠

Bishop John Presides at the Cathedral's Thursday Morning Eucharist

Many thanks to Cathedral parishioner and multi-ministry volunteer, Peter Roulston for this photo of the Rev. Adam Dawkins, Bishop John and liturgical assistant, Dr. Bill Orr posing at the Cathedral's Thursday Morning Celebration of Holy Communion on June 16, 2022.

A transitional deacon en route to the priesthood, the Rev. Dawkins has recently begun his first ministry post as an assistant curate, and this was his first Eucharist with Bishop John Stephens. The Cathedral's Thursday Morning congregation has been active for many years, and they would be delighted to welcome all to this liturgy held at 7:30am. ✠



North Vancouver's Merging Parishes Begin Worshipping Together

St. Martin & St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver

Many of you who follow news around the diocese are likely aware that during a Special Vestry on March 27, 2022, the Parish of St. Martin, North Vancouver voted to close and consider merging with the Parish of St. John the Evangelist located a few kilometres away to the south and west.

At its meeting on June 22, Diocesan Council approved the merger of the two parishes. The legal officers will now initiate a process which will be brought back to Diocesan Council at its next regular meeting on October 26. Following the resignation of the Parish Trustees of St. Martin, North Vancouver effective June 30, 2022, Diocesan Council appointed trustees who took office on July 1. The Rev. Mark Munn remains the Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of St. Martin and with St. John's rector, the Rev. Patrick Blaney participated in a shared Celebration of the Eucharist at St. John's on Sunday, June 26.

Reports were positive about the com-

bined worship and a celebratory Canada Day themed sheet caked was shared at the coffee hour. ✠



All are encouraged to submit letters, articles, reports on parish activities, opinion pieces, photos, and more for consideration as content for Topic

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Happy Birthday Shailene

On June 28, 2022, Shailene Caparas, CPA, CGA, the Director of Finance for the diocese of New Westminster, Treasurer of PWRDF, member of the diocesan leadership team, supervisor of the diocesan Finance Department and Founder and Executive Director of Seedcare International Ministries celebrated a milestone with a “o” birthday. As part of her birthday observance, Shailene wanted to share the day with her Synod staff colleagues, so she treated the entire staff to a delicious lunch featuring Middle Eastern food sourced by Receptionist and Administrative Assistant to the Finance team, Elias J. Neto.

As the staff gathered at 12noon in the Trendell Lounge, (the meeting space shared with the Parish of St. John’s, Shaughnessy), Elias and Shailene set-up a laptop, speaker and projector for Shailene’s presentation. Once everyone was present, Shailene welcomed the staff and in response she was serenaded with the *Birthday Song*. Then it was time to pick-up the pre-ordered meal, find a seat, enjoy the great food and experience Shailene’s presentation, photos and video that encapsulated some of the many highlights of her life, particularly her commitment to Christian witness and evangelism. The presentation ended with a promo film introducing Seedcare International Ministries, the initiative founded and led by Shailene which involves the distribution of Bibles to areas of the Philippines that are underserved by evangelical organizations. Please visit the website linked here for more

information.

After the video presentation, there was ice cream cake and those who were able to remain past the usual time allotted for lunch posed for a group shot.

Thank you Shailene for all that you do for our diocese and for your mission in the world to spread the Gospel of Christ. ✦

For more information about the Seedcare International Ministries please go to <https://www.seedcareministries.org/>



Shailene smiles during the presentation. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray



The Group, and if your observant you can glean which milestone with a “o” this is.

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on June 29, 2022

Planned & conducted jointly by St. Thomas (Collingwood) & St. Mary’s (Roman Catholic)

SUBMISSION Michael Batten

The liturgy was originally planned for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January but had to be postponed due to public health concerns. Instead, it was held on the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29), the two apostles who, despite their theological differences, led the mission of the early church to the Gentiles and who both bore witness to the faith by their martyrs’ deaths in Rome.

About 100 people attended the shared worship at St. Mary’s, located near the Joyce-Collingwood SkyTrain station. The service was planned by a team of volunteers from St. Thomas’ and St. Mary’s parishes. The two parishes have a history of working together in the community, as both are active members of the Metro Vancouver

Alliance (MVA).

The first photo shows the two priests who took part: Fr Gabriel de Chadarevian O.P., Assistant Pastor at St. Mary’s, and the Rev. Michael Batten, Rector of St. Thomas’. Fr Gabriel is an Armenian Rite Catholic, and as a sign of unity, both clergy vested in Armenian stoles for the service.

The second photo shows the lay team who planned and led the service. (Left to right): Edna Abustan (St. Mary’s), Theresa de Ocampo (St. Mary’s), Saki Ramos (St. Mary’s), Elsa Nega (St. Thomas’), Marci Temple (St. Thomas’), Melissa van Uum (St. Thomas’), Lana Lett (St. Thomas’), Rob Austin (St. Thomas’), Duro Botez (St. Mary’s), and Ann Marie Carlson (St. Mary’s). ✦



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Summer Garden Boxes at St. Catherine, Capilano

SUBMISSION Sally Toft

Thanks to a Parish Development Grant, a pilot project of six garden boxes was set up in the parking lot of St. Catherine’s located in North Vancouver’s Edgemont Village district. In late June, the boxes were ready for gardeners. Advertising was done mainly on site and the response was very positive. A seasonal fee was paid for the rental from June to October and an agreement was signed with each gardener.

The transformation was immediate as each box took on a character of its own. A variety of seedlings, herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables (including a pumpkin patch!) brought renewed interest in the landscape and great joy to the parishio-

ners, neighbours, plus the many passers by who walk through the church parking lot. Another successful community garden initiative! ✦



ALL PHOTOS Sally Toft



Holy Cross Garage Sale

SUBMISSION Alecia Greenfield

Holy Cross Garage and Bake sale held on Saturday, July 9 was a resounding success. Naomi’s baked goods and many household goods were sold at low low prices. The parish was happy to have raised money for the roof. But the best part of the day was making connections, chatting to the neighbours, some who helped members of the parish set up the exterior tent. Neighbours returned to

the sale after getting their nails done. They asked about my dog. After an entire year, these neighbours remembered the name of my dog. We saw people we haven’t seen since the last garage sale as they showed us the treasures they found, shared memories from the last year and promised to see us again next year. ✦



Setting up the exterior tent. ALL PHOTOS Alecia Greenfield



Naomi and the bake table.



Folks shopping.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Teenagers Welcome at ACW Place

SUBMISSION Kelly Bowman, *President, diocese of New Westminster ACW*

I am thrilled that the pilot project to bring teenagers into ACW Place to work on bales for the north was a success. I'd invited St. Cuthbert's youth to the ACW warehouse and meeting place in Burnaby to put outfits together for other teens. This first ever youth session at ACW Place took place on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The youth brought clothing and jewelry donations, added in a few items from the existing stock on the shelves to complete several outfits for a teen bale. All were happy to participate in our mission to help others. They enjoyed the tour of our warehouse and of course our coffee break time. St. Cuthbert's teens are happy to come back this fall to help again as we plan in September to work at getting the word out encouraging more participation by diocesan young folks. I'd be delighted to have other youth visit us. Please contact, Kelly, to arrange a Saturday or Pro D Day visit. I would love to have a "Teen Day" every month. Teens are our future. Years from today, one of these fine young women could be an ACW President. Will it be you? Are you interested in knowing more about us? How about a youth delegate on our board? I'd be happy to meet with you.

For more information, please email Kelly Bowman at acw.kelly@gmail.com ☩

ACW Upcoming Events

SUBMISSION Kelly Bowman, *President, diocese of New Westminster ACW*

I'm looking forward to meeting you at one or more of our events



ACW FALL GATHERING

DATE September 24
TIME 10am – 2pm
 Registration 9:30am
PLACE St. Mathew's
 2010 Guildford Drive,
 Abbotsford
GUEST SPEAKER Margaret Franz,
*Between Blade and Bullet:
 The Mary Steinhauser Story*

CELTIC TREASURES

DATE November 25 – 27
PLACE Loon Lake Retreat Center,
 Maple Ridge
PRESENTERS Lorie Martin, David Taylor
 & Katherine Murray
PRICE Double occupancy – \$445 per person
 Single occupancy – \$525 Limited
Maximum 30 persons
REGISTER <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5676769>

For more information about any of the preceding events, please email Kelly Bowman at acw.kelly@gmail.com ☩



Clergy News Around the Diocese

It is with sadness we announce the death of Lorie Koe on May 10, 2022. Lorie was the wife of the Rev. David Koe. We offer our prayers for comfort and peace to Deacon David and his family, as well as prayers for him as he undergoes medical treatment.

The Rev. Faun Harriman, Vicar of the Parish of St. David and St. Paul, Powell River, celebrated her last Sunday on June

26. Faun retired on July 15. The Rev. Lucy Price was appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge effective July 16, 2022. The Rev. Harriman told diocesan clergy leadership (Bishop John, Archdeacon Stephen Muir and Archdeacon Douglas Fenton) that she will consider Sunday Supply after a period of rest and refreshment.

St. Jude Anglican Home is delighted

to have Rejoice Anthony join their staff effective July 12, 2022. Rejoice succeeded the Rev. Clare Morgan after a long hiatus. Rejoice brings a variety of skills having completed multiple units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Rejoice is a parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral.

The Ven. Kevin Hunt, Rector of St. James, Vancouver and Archdeacon of Burrard, and his spouse Dr. Allan Hudson, and Canon Jonathan LLOYD, retired Rector of St. Stephen, West Vancouver and his spouse Sue LLOYD became Canadian citizens on June 30.

To recognize Indigenous rights, as of June 21, 2021, the citizenship oath now reads:

"I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, queen of Canada, her heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada, including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and fulfil my duties

as a Canadian citizen."

Congratulations and welcome to Kevin, Allan, Jonathan and Sue!

Bishop John Stephens has accepted the resignation of the Rev. Billy Isenor as Rector of St. Mark, Ocean Park effective August 31 and has also accepted the resignation of the Rev. Armand Mercier as Vicar of St. Alban, Richmond and Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral effective August 31. Both the Reverends Isenor and Mercier are returning to Alberta.

The election of Bishop-Elect Benny Lang-akan in the diocese of Northern Philippines occurred on June 14. Bishop-elect Benny's ordination to the episcopate is planned for Holy Cross Day (September 14). If you notice that his name has not been added to parish prayer lists along with diocesan companion parishes, please add him or bring the addition to the attention of those in your parish responsible for intercessions. Bishop John and Ruth Stephens along with a small cohort of clergy and lay depart September 7 to attend the consecration. ☩



Father Kevin and Dr. Hudson on the ice. PHOTO Courtesy of Kevin Hunt



The congregation and clergy worshipping on June 26, the Rev. Faun Harriman's last Celebration of the Eucharist as Vicar of the Parish of St. David and St. Paul, Powell River. PHOTO Paul Galinsky

Quilts for Newcomers

SUBMISSION Joyce Mancinelli, *St. Oswald, Port Kells*

Since the early Spring of 2022, with the continued easing of COVID restrictions, a half dozen parishioners have been meeting on Friday mornings in the parish hall of St. Oswald's to piece and sew colourful quilts. Upon completion, some were donated to the Langley compassionate service organization *Kimz Angels*. *Kimz Angels* work with local schools, churches and shelters offering support to people in need. The latest delivery from St. Oswald's was ten quilts to a wonderful woman called Eunice Mitchel who is very involved with Ukrainian

refugees. The quilts were delivered July 18 and Eunice was kind enough to take these photos and submit them. You can see in the photo that a couple of quilts have already made their way to new owners! We are so happy to have been a part of her ministry. I am happy to report that as of the third week of July there are eight more quilts nearing completion. ☩

For more information about *Kimz Angels* please go to <https://kimzangels.com/>



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OPINION

A Glimpse of Glory

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

Retired Priest of the diocese of Calgary; Former Dean of the diocese of New Westminster & Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver

I recall now after many years that it was an hour of great beauty, the kind of beauty that the ocean and the coast conspire together to give. Towards the coming of evening the sun settles on the waters of the gulf, seeming to delay its own setting so that it can pour itself along the waters. Reaching the city, it transforms today's high-rises into vast reflectors that flash and ripple as the angle of the sun slowly changes.

We were walking around the *Planetarium*, watching the sailing craft head home after the day. Here and there the odd working vessel was coming in—a tugboat, a police patrol boat. As we walked facing westward toward the late evening sun, I became aware that others around us were looking westward. They were not talking to one another, some not even looking at one another, although they were obviously there together. Almost all were facing westward, almost all still and silent.

What came to me has best been expressed by the late CS Lewis. He would say that we humans are all really exiles from another country, another reality. In our exile we are sometimes given glimpses of a loveliness and a glory that are our true surroundings. Sometime Lewis would say that we are haunted by a music and a language we once sang and spoke, but which we have forgotten until we are given a fleeting reminder of it.

Lewis called this experience *Joy*. He would emphasize that he did not mean happiness necessarily, certainty not mere jollity. Rather he thought of it as a kind of longing for something you know with absolute certainty to be real and of infinite value, but which cannot in the present moment be fully possessed. For Lewis it was the divine glory at the heart of creation.



False Creek, Downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Beautiful aerial view of a modern city on the West Pacific Coast during a colourful sunset. PHOTO Sky Composite (iStock ID#1225284622)

I write this memory years after the experience itself. In those intervening years the world and our relationship with Creation has changed greatly. As we feel ourselves

being called more and more insistently to be its stewards—some would go so far as to say its lovers—we are coming to realize that moments of glory such as that long

ago evening are given to us to remind us of the beauty and the glory that lie hidden at Creation's heart. ✦

Mutuality

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

How is one to describe another human being, to travel in and to express all the complexity and many faceted country that is another life? Then, how does one articulate the beauty of that humanity when one encounters it.

Let me use other words. How do you talk about sainthood? I don't mean stained glass window sainthood, once real but now frozen in time, but the flesh and blood kind, the kind heard in a voice, felt in a touch, seen shining from a pair of eyes; a sainthood that does not judge but affirms, is rich not only in goodness but in humour, not merely in holiness but in laughter. Above all is totally natural, honest, real.

To get some exercise I avoid the elevator and walk up the stairs of the hospital. I turn, walk along the corridor, and find the room, to be greeted by a smile that I know has had to be brought up from a

deep stubborn discomfort, as yet ominously nameless and resistant to initial healing. I hear welcome and good-humoured words that I know have had to be found in the face of understandable worry and fear. There is some chit-chat about the situation, about what is being done, what the doctor is saying, and what may be ahead in the next few days. Then we are chatting about others. I find myself being asked how I, myself am. Eventually we link hands for a moment and commend one another to God.

As I leave, I find myself thinking of the wonder of some human beings. In this half hour I have been as much visited as myself been visitor. In a deep sense I have been visited. We have experienced the mutuality that is each one's gift to the other. By being beside this bed I have been made receiver and now am the richer for that. At some level I have been healed. ✦



Ethel

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

When you are continually involved in the lives of people, you come to notice a great deal. I thought of that as we walked away from the hospital a few weeks ago and we spoke about her. We had just left her, having seen that she was as comfortable as possible in her unavoidable restlessness.

A small thing had struck me that evening when I arrived in the room. You know there is a room in life, perhaps more than any other room, where there is no space for anything but honesty, where no personality masks are worn. In that sense it is a kind of confessional. It's the space created in a hospital ward when the beige curtain is swung around the bed and we act out, in that little theatre, whatever scene of our human drama we are involved in.

She was there—fragile, restless, a little distraught. Quite clear at times, elusive at others. And it was her hair that I'd noticed. It was long and gathered up from her head in a kind of crown, and in the middle, perched a large comb. I'm groping for words. It was a style I associate with an era many decades past, a coiffure seen in oval frames and sepia tinged photographs from long ago. She was vehement about that. And I suddenly remembered.

I remembered her coming to me a few months previously, probably when she first felt unwell, and showing me a photograph of herself and her sister as young women in a long-ago English garden. She showed it to me in a way that was really saying, "You see me old and bent and white-haired, but look and see who I really am." And

from that long-ago moment there looked a dark-haired woman, her hair swept up and gathered in what was the height of fun and fashion. I realized that although I was in a hospital ward, she was far away in an English garden. ✦



*"...now we see
in a mirror dimly,
but then face to face."*

1 Corinthians 13:12

The First Day

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

Retired Priest of the diocese of Calgary; Former Dean of the diocese of New Westminster & Rector of Christ Church Cathedral

It is early September 1933, and so it is decreed that I, being on the cusp of five years old, should go to school. The great day comes. Fully equipped with pencil, eraser and slim notebook in which to draw, my mother and I set out for the parish school, only a short walk away.

Up the hill we go, in through a heavy iron gate, across a wide playground and into the school porch. My mother knocks on the schoolroom door and Miss Buckley comes out. In that single moment I am transformed from being a small and for the most part obedient boy with neatly combed hair and, so I am told, a cherubic countenance, into a bawling, wriggling, threshing creature whose cries, beginning as moans, increase to shrieks. I can only imagine my mother's horror as she vainly tries to quiet this small fiend that has replaced her usually docile son.

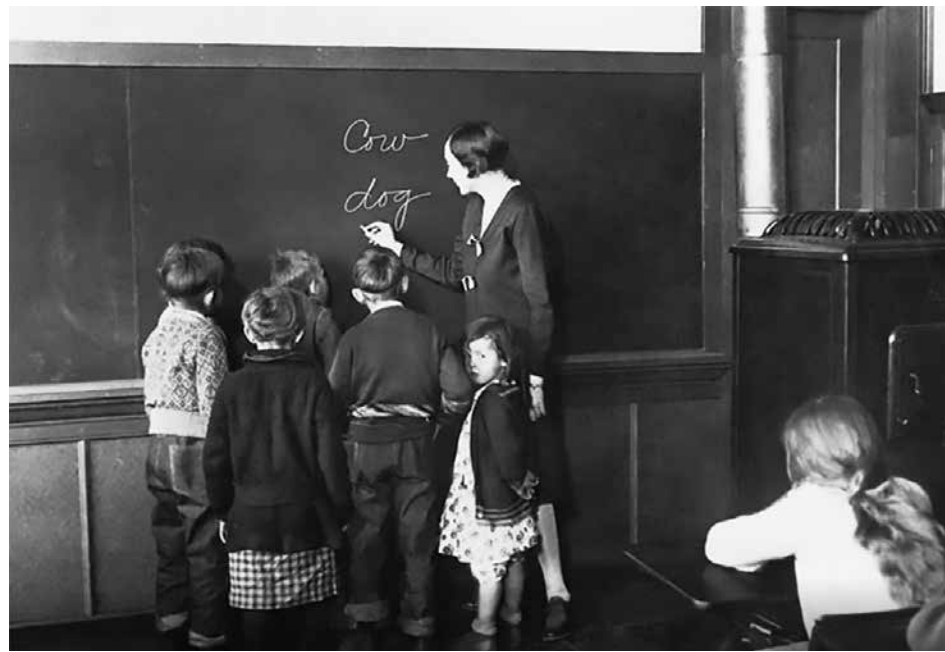
Miss Buckley—Eleanor her Christian name—stands calmly for a few minutes watching this histrionic performance. Actually, as she does so, I will take the opportunity to describe her as she is remembered—with much appreciation and not a little affection—across all of nine decades.

She is tall, nay statuesque. After all who is not statuesque to a small boy. Her

hair is immaculately formed in a gleaming brown chignon. She has spectacles that have delicate gold chains from frame to ear, with matching gold earrings. Speaking of matching, on her wrist, complete with tiny lace handkerchief, is a gold watch. Her dress is a deep rich loden green, her graceful court

shoes a rich brown.

In a moment chosen from long experience Miss Buckley decides to end this tantrum, familiar to her from countless similar performances. Turning to my mother and speaking very quietly and calmly, she said, "Now Mrs. O'Driscoll, I think you may go



home. Herbert and I will get along very well together." My mother, wishing to be anywhere but in the presence of this small demon who had possessed her son, flees. Years later she told me that she was no further than the gate of the school property before my howls stopped abruptly. She did not dare to imagine how Miss Buckley had achieved this transformation.

Left together in the small porch, two things happen. As with generations of screaming children on the first day of school, I realized the uselessness of my protest. Into the stillness Miss Buckley, with a voice that assumed a quiet godlike authority, took my hand, and led me into the schoolroom and across to a small desk in the front row. There I sat, my sobs slowly subsiding as she brought me the one thing in the world I am coming to desire—large slim books with coloured pictures. From that day forth there is not a protest or cry of any kind. I have discovered the world of school and find it magical.

However, if truth be told, I think I had also begun to fall in love with Miss Buckley. After all, how else would her memory remain so shimmeringly graphic in the memory of a five-year-old? †

Covenant

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

When you look at the photographs taken by the new James Webb telescope you can feel your brain filling up with wonder!

In the Hebrew scriptures the theme of "covenant" sounds again and again. The reason this concept is vital to Christian understanding is that it responds to an agonized question being asked more and more in the vast and sometimes terrifying realities of our own time. Is humanity alone in its struggle with these new realities or do we exist within a cosmic relationship with a reality some call God, with whom we share a covenant.

If this is indeed true, then it would seem as if humanity today is being again called into covenant with the creator God. Looking this morning at the crowds walking

along the embankment in London, most people obviously registering the brutal heat, it would seem that it is being demanded rather insistently of our humanity today that we must make a new covenant with creation itself, with Earth our home. We must also make a new covenant with all other life forms and species with whom we share the planet. We must make a new covenant between the developed and undeveloped world in terms of the just distribution of resources. We are being called to new covenant as we are beginning the long and difficult journey from being a multi racial humanity to being formed into a single humanity. Finally, we are being called into new covenant between the mysterious gender processes of human masculinity and

femininity that have shaped us to this point in human history.

Finding language for these vast new realities is an immense challenge. As I write, the world of astronomy is still trying to find language for the wonders that have just been revealed to us by the new James Webb telescope. To say that it has pushed back the horizon showing us our place in the cosmos is an understatement. Literally millions of new galaxies have been revealed. That means that we have also opened an inconceivably long tunnel into time, taking us back even nearer to the dawn of the universe than we have ever been before—whatever those groping words may mean.

As we look at these new images, what of the concept of covenant in Holy Scripture?

Can we still look to it to describe our place in creation? If we are prepared to think of the Bible concept of covenant as between the Human and the Divine, has this latest extraordinary "Word from God as some believe it to be" made all other such Words expendable?

To say these things is to describe the Macro Creation, the first of two great journeys our species is on. The second is the Micro Creation, the genetic world that lies within our humanity. We listen to the voice of Siddhartha Mukerjee of Columbia in New York, author of *The Gene*.

"Our understanding of genes has reached such a level of sophistication that we are no longer studying and altering genes in test tubes, but in their native context in human cells... Genetic technologies have advanced so rapidly that we can now decipher how several of these genes operate in time and space to enable these complex functions... And we can, on occasion, deliberately alter some of these genes to change their function, thereby resulting in altered human states, altered physiologies and changed beings."

Think of the enormities within those last two words! To say them is to capture the cadences of both science and theology.

There are haunting moments in scripture where we can hear long ago voices grappling with vast new realities as they saw them. One of them is deep in the majestic language of the book of Job. The author—surely a magnificent poet—writes of God confronting the human creature Job, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth... Who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted with joy." Such is the kind of thinking and the kind of utterance that Christian thinking, writing, and preaching must now seek to discover and to practise. †



James Webb telescope in outer space.

PHOTO Juan Ruiz Paramo

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OPINION

Book Review

DAVID PRICE

Retired Priest of the diocese of New Westminster with permission to officiate

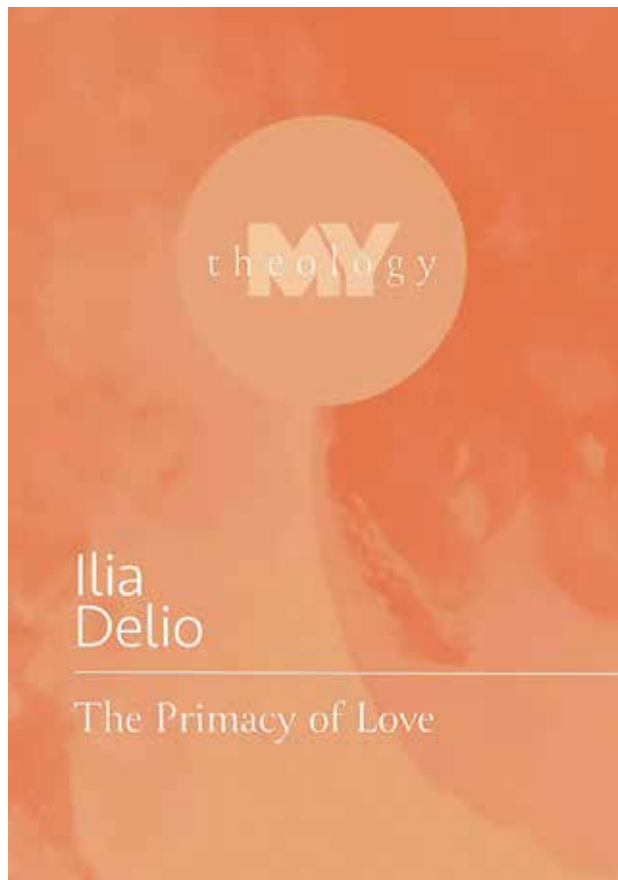
Occasionally a theological gem is published! An example of this is Ilia Delio's, *The Primacy of Love*. Ilia's interests are described as evolution, quantum physics, artificial intelligence, and neuroscience. She holds the Josephine C. Connelly chair in Christian Theology at Villanova University and is the author of 20 books. With a master's degree in biology and a doctorate in pharmacology (neurotoxicology was her specialty). She also holds a doctorate in Theology. Ilia is a Franciscan sister and identifies herself as a member of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Her latest work *The Primacy of Love* is divided into three sections: *Created out of Love*; *Created in Love*; and *Created for Love*.

Delio begins her quest with the question: "What is Love?" For Ilia "love is an irresistible ocean of attraction whose infinite goodness leads into the heart of God." Love is God's creativity and relates to everything: love is relational. Ilia often quotes Jesuit scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin whose ideas of almost 100 years ago were dismissed as irrelevant. De Chardin, who wrote and reflected in the wake of the theory of Quantum Physics, claims that love exists on the fundamental level of life—of quarks, cosmological force and a journey towards greater consciousness. Without the physical universe, God is not possible, and without God the universe would not exist. God and World are a complementary pair. God is the source of chaos *and* order where a potentiality becomes actuality. This insight from de Chardin based in the emerging field of quantum physics and evolution so upset the Roman Catholic church that he was sent into isolation and exile in a Chinese desert. His writings were not allowed to be published until after his death.

Dr. Delio maintains that the new story of the cosmos demonstrated in the field of science demands a new understanding of God and a new understanding of ourselves in relation to God. The advancements of science, as well as intellectual honesty, require nothing less than a new story if the church is to remain relevant in the 21st century. Our current metaphors of understanding are based in "flat Earth science." This consists of an understanding of the planet Earth divided into three spheres with fire underneath a flat Earth and a dome over the top where the sun goes around the Earth. We have moved beyond flat Earth science and now understand that the Earth was created 13.4 billion years ago. We understand that God's energy is in the *Big Bang* of the Creation and that we are connected to the energy from the Big Bang and that we are connected through the evolutionarily process to each other and to the whole of the universe through this energy. The author takes seriously the claim that God is love; that we are in God and God is in us. As she says, "God does not exist as an absolute being with a separate existence, rather God loves in and through our love for one another."

It means that God does not love as one person to another, for God, simply, is love! God is in Ilia's words that "irresistible ocean of attraction." Her book is full of amazing one-liners. "I do not exist in order that I may possess; rather I exist in order that I may gift of myself, for it is in giving that I am myself." Another one-liner, "Being is a never-ending conversation of potentiality into actuality." I was reminded of the old saying that theology is a verb



The Primacy of Love

Written by Ilia Delio

Published by Fortress Press (Minneapolis, USA, 2022)

not a noun as I read Ilia Delio's books and especially in reading this book.

The book is like a compass which points towards new ways of thinking of ourselves in relationship to an energy-filled God creating us through evolution in the universe. One phrase that is powerful for me is: "The world is not created *ex nihilo*, out of nothing, the world is created *ex amore*, out of the infinite love of God" Delio supports Duns Scotus' view that sin is not the reason for Christ, love is! Suffering plays a part in our lives, but it has been used to distort the message of God. Delio argues that suffering is transformative... "the door by which God can enter into our lives and love us where we are." Forgiveness is a gift of goodness to one another. Together through suffering and forgiveness, love is perfected, the ultimate act of love being to let go. She writes that it is "through the eyes of love, we can see the face of God."

This short, fully packed book details the core theology of Ilia Delio and the Christogenesis movement based in the spiritual ramifications of quantum science and evolution. It adds and strengthens faith for 21st century Christians and all people of faith. I highly commend this book. It may change your life. ✠

The Rev. David Price is a retired parish priest, prison chaplain and a trauma therapist. He currently is a part of the diocese of New Westminster's Dismantling Racism task group and reads and reflects upon emerging spirituality in the 21st century.

Book Review

GILLI MCLAREN

All Saints, Mission

Have you ever wondered, when you see geese flying in V formation, why they do so? It is because there is a leader at the apex of the V, who not only has the wisdom of experience to direct the flock to their destination, but also, the power of her wings that creates an uplift of supporting air. In its wake the rest of the birds fly a little more easily and with security and trust. And as they fly, the leading bird sends out encouragement by continuous honking, lest the weaker ones even think of giving up.

I have known the authors, Kathi and Margaret a long time. To count them as friends is a blessing, as we have journeyed together in the fellowship of Christ. Silence is the first language of God. And through these many years I have watched with admiration as they've organized silent retreats at Rivendell, and I think how many souls, like the birds, have learned to speak to God in silence, in the wake of the flight path these two women have created. It is said, "The good that men do is oft interred with their bones," but the authors deny that eventuality because they have distilled the essence of their learning by writing a book about silence and sacred gatherings—*Wings of the Wild Bird*—ensuring that their wisdom and knowledge will live on into the future. It is full of gems waiting to be discovered, and to borrow an apt description on page 6 from their book, it is like Margaret's *Magic Cupboard* to which one can go to again and again and find answers when designing sacred gatherings.

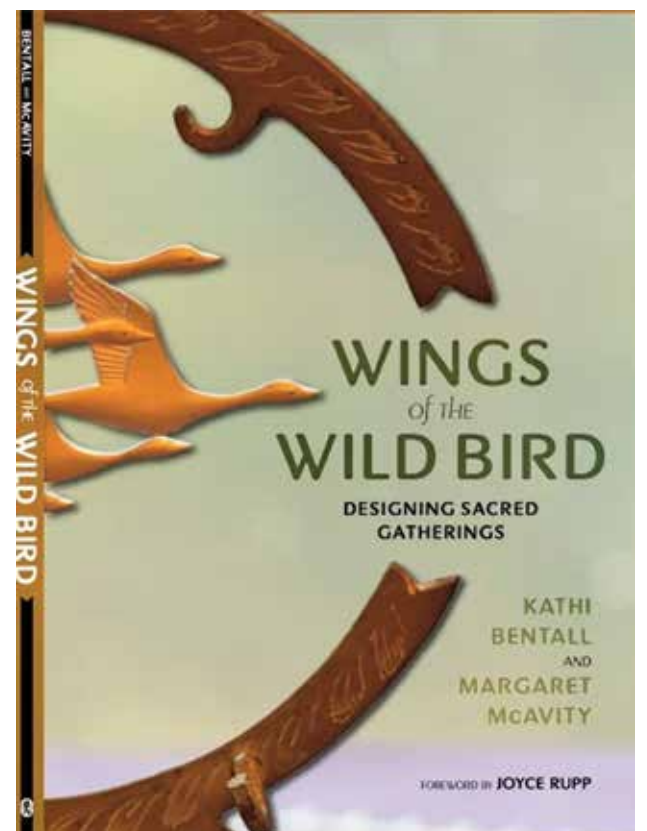
Before we accept a message, we want to know who the messenger is. The authors talk to you, not from the vantage point of the informed informing the uninformed, but by sharing their stories and vulnerabilities, of sadness and loss. They tell of their experiences with deep humility, and it takes one to an entirely different realm of understanding with surprises and wonderful insights. In the inimitable words that Monica Brown put to song, we are "but earthen vessels, fragile and easily broken, yet hold a treasure a wealth untold," and expectantly waiting and wanting to be shaped by God.

Vignettes in Chapter 6 are perhaps the most poignant part of this book because it is "by your fruits you shall know them."

There are many things I have learned from their wisdom, foremost being the concept of "emergent design" to avoid the temptation to try and pre-design a gathering; that a group will develop its own dynamics and will shape its own course. It is like a river that flows through its path, ostensibly constrained by the contours of geography, but those contours themselves are also shaped by the force of the river.

I have read the book several times, and it was a delight to do so. ✠

Wings of the Wild Bird is available at Rivendell, and you can order it at <https://wingsofthewildbird.square.site/product/sacred-gatherings/1>



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Mission & Ministry Conference 2022

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Pertinent information

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, you are invited to attend the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Conference for a nurturing day focused on connection, hope and creativity.

The keynote speaker is collaborative innovations professor Dr. Amy Zidulka from Royal Roads University. Dr. Zidulka researches and teaches innovation, creativity, and design thinking. During the Mission Conference she will focus on how we can be “collaboratively creative” in our ministries. She will invite us into exercises to help refresh, empower and creatively re-engage.

Amy worked with the planning team to help design the day and so we know firsthand how great she is to work with and learn from. You won't want to miss this chance!

To practice the skills/methods Dr. Zidulka shares we will focus on ideas for one of three ministries: Housing and Homelessness, Climate Justice or Spiritual Development. When registering we ask that you choose which break-out group you wish to join so we can assign rooms based on the sizes of the groups. Our hope is that we will finish the day with ideas for practical actions

we can “take home” to use as individuals and/or parishes in these areas of need.

In addition to the talks and group discussions scheduled there will also be time to nurture your spiritual life through walking the labyrinth, worship, and prayer. Mostly, there will be many opportunities to chat and reconnect with one another and eat good food. Bishop John Stephens and Rev. Tellison Glover (Director of Mission and Ministry Development) will help us honour and celebrate the many ministries of the diocese.

A delicious lunch is being provided by a First Nation's catering company, Stó:lō Catering and some snacks are included in the registration cost.

Childcare is being provided for children too young to participate in the conference (just let us know numbers and ages when you register). Advance registration is required prior to October 3

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GUEST PRESENTER
Dr. Amy Zidulka

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 15

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REGISTRATION COST (INCLUDES LUNCH)

Children & Youth (under 25) | free
Aged 25 and over (per person) | \$10

GATHER 9:30am | START 10:00am | CONCLUDE 4:00pm

LOCATION St. Dunstan's Aldergrove

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(St. Dunstan's is fully wheelchair accessible)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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