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**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.**

Forty-three year old Laurence Binyon, an English poet, penned these words in 1914 in a poem titled, "For the Fallen".

He probably never envisaged that this verse would eventually become an "Ode to Remembrance" to be inscribed on war memorials, as well as being spoken and sung on numerous occasions and in

countless locations around the globe down through the years.

These words take flight whenever I visit Woodland Cemetery in Burlington and view the grave markers row on row, standing in the shadow of the imposing cross and read "erected to the memory of all war veterans ... may their name live forever".

Fittingly, we have paired Terry

Gillan's "Scattered Seeds 6: The Cross" on the same page. He reminds us of a message from another cross and how it affects and influences the lives of people who come into its shadow.

Binyon's poem, Gillin's article, Woodland's memorial site and Hollis' photo echo similar sentiments ...

"We will remember them."



Scattered Seeds 6: The Cross

C.T. (TERRY) GILLIN

We live in the shadow of the Cross. We each have our own cross to bear. The Cross also points us beyond our personal troubles. It helps us address our most basic questions about life.

Abraham Heschel, a 20th century theologian and philosopher, argues we are "inescapably beset by the questions: What shall I do with my existence, with my being here and now? What does it mean to be alive? What does being alive imply for my will and

intelligence?"

The Gospels and Judeo-Christianity as a whole make a powerful claim on us because they address these fundamental questions. They invite us to be part of something larger and more certain than our individual

lives and personal problems. As we pray at Baptisms, we are baptized into "the death of Jesus Christ" so that we might "live in the power of his resurrection." The Cross offers us a way to find and live the greater good we seek.



The Cross reminds us that there is suffering in the world and it touches each of us. This

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4:30 pm Order of Niagara
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sung by the Cathedral Choir
4:00 pm Organ Recital DAS BACH III
Michael Bloss, organist
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Carols and Readings for Advent
sung by the Cathedral Choir

You are a verger but you may not know it...

HOLLIS HISCOCK

Most Anglican churches have vergers, they just don't know it.

At least Terry Hughes—one of four vergers at St. Luke's Burlington—thinks so, and the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church supports his view.

Today's vergers are laypersons who serve the church in a ministry of welcome. Often

the visitor will see the verger in a suit, simple cassock or a Canterbury style robe moving about the church preparing for worship. The verger is able to respond to any inquiry concerning the upcoming service, church facilities or current program offerings.

Traditionally Vergers, who have been around since the early days of the church, mainly led

processions into the church or cathedral, often having to push through crowds of people and animals. In addition they kept order during worship, were responsible for the upkeep of buildings and prepared the liturgy.

Today they incorporate some of these duties, but their roles have expanded tremendously and are performed by a greater number of laity, and not restricted to one or two individuals.

The precise duties of the verger will be specific to each parish church. He or she works under the direction of the rector or vicar to assist in the organization and operation of religious services in the Anglican Church of Canada. For instance, in some parishes the verger will process at all liturgies and in others, they only process on Festival days or not at all. Especially helpful with visiting clergy or special services, the verger checks on additional seating, hospitality and welcoming newcomers. Most clergy in

parishes small and large who have vergers wonder how they ever did without them.

At St. Luke's Parish, the verger wears many hats. Hughes describes most of them...

"We open and close the church for Sunday services, weddings, funerals and other special services.

"We make sure the bulletins and orders of service are in the church and are ready for the sidespeople to hand out.

"We also set the hymn boards and make sure the readings are set at the lectern. Church lighting, sound system, heating and cooling of the church are also part of our ministry duties.

"We are also called upon from time to time to serve at the altar and assist at communion as chalice bearers.

"We check the credence table prior to each service making sure the required elements are in place and check the candle inserts.

"There are many, many other small duties that we vergers carry

out at St. Luke's, but it is most important to remember that the tradition of verging in this parish dates back to the 1800s and the duties of the verger have evolved over time."

For only the second time in its 25 year history, the Guild will meet in Canada in 2014. Approximately 100 members will converge on Burlington to hold their yearly conference at St. Luke's Church. During the four day event beginning September 25, in addition to excursions and social happenings, the group will hold their annual meeting and participate in in-service training and other educational sessions.

Approximately 35% of the Vergers Guild membership in the United States are females.

For more information about being a Verger or the conference, contact Terry Hughes at hugest@cogeco.ca or 905-632-9535 or the Vergers Guild at www.vergers.org

Scattered seeds 6: The Cross

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may seem obvious, but in our culture we tend to embrace this fact of life reluctantly. Our suffering remains unabated unless we acknowledge it and see it in a context which is larger than our personal lives. Our realization of loss, pain and sorrow is a step toward developing deeper compassion. Our human vocation is fulfilled by our response to relieve the suffering of others, even enemies, and the whole of creation.

Over the last half year I have become more attuned to human suffering. For example, I have begun to listen to the news differently. News feels more directly related to me. It might be news that a neighbor is ill, that despite our affluent society many are poor and need employment, that a natural catastrophe has struck, that human greed or folly has led to avoidable tragedy, that precious wilderness has been despoiled or that the apparently endless cycle of war has created more devastation.

In the past such news items generally made me feel powerless and a little depressed. Consequently, I often tried to ignore them. Today I am more likely to take time to reflect on these stories – to imagine those caught up in the circumstances, those buried in the rubble or swept away by the waters, the refugees, the wounded, killed or captured, the injured, dead and grieving. I remember their lives and grief, identify with them, say a prayer, try to understand the social causes and implications and look for ways to help. In these moments there is a mindfulness of our common fellowship. All who suffer are my sisters and brothers. All are

Christ's.

This change of heart reflects the narrative of the Cross. It moves me to consider social problems as well as personal troubles. It is a compelling reminder of pain and loss, and it is an essential part of the human vocation to help alleviate suffering.

The Cross calls us to become passionate about God's Kingdom. In Jesus crucified God shows us unconditional love, profound forgiveness and a passion for justice in the face of a complacent, self-absorbed and violent culture. The story of the Cross invites us to complete God's creation, to imitate his universal love, to bring mercy and justice to others. The Cross tells us how to live in the face of suffering and death. It teaches us how to respond to the questions identified by Heschel. The Cross shows us what we are to do with our lives in this moment of history.

Because of the wealth of our material culture, the power of our political culture and the cultural emphasis on self-sufficiency, the implications of the Cross are counter intuitive. The Cross leads us from death to life. It challenges us to move beyond a ritualization of the crucifixion to embody divine love in our everyday lives. Our lives are moments in time that form patterns which define who we are. "By whatever we do," Heschel concludes, "by every act we carry out, we either advance or obstruct the drama of redemption; we either reduce or enhance the power of evil."

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Vergers dress differently: Terry Hughes (left) wears Canterbury robes generally reserved for special occasions. Many, like former Verger Alf Smith (centre), greet people in everyday clothing; whereas Richard Taylor (right) demonstrates the light weight robes used on most Sundays.

Photo: Hollis Hiscock

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HOLLISTorial



Images tell stories and can elicit responses

Two photographs ... two television shows

The first demonstrated the realities of life in God's world... the second proposed responses from God's people.

Photo one (Farah Abdi Warsameh/the Associated Press file photo) appeared in the August 15, 2013 issue of *The Toronto Star*. Taken in 2011, it shows a malnourished child in Somalia awaiting treatment from Doctors Without Borders. The child clinging to his mother is about 5 years old, but looks much, much older. His eyes are glazed over, you can count every rib, his tightly stretched flesh depicts the contours of his gaunt skeletal features and his bony hands reach out desperately for nourishment, help and comfort. This small creature symbolizes millions around the world suffering from poverty, earthquakes, fire, greed, floods and other natural and human calamities.

Photo two (Bassam Khabieh/Reuters) dominated the front page of the August 22, 2013 edition of *The Toronto Star*. It shows a man holding a dead

infant, the victim of the apparent chemical attack in Syria. Dressed in dark clothing he bends over the child, either to identify the body, to mourn the loss of a life or to bring comfort at the time of death. Both are surrounded by a roomful of lifeless bodies shrouded in burial garb. Next to the baby is a bright yellow object, maybe a toy or a flower placed by another who lost a loved one.

This child symbolizes the realities of war, strife, crimes, violence or other inhuman actions which people shower upon one another.

My reaction

Generally I consider myself an optimist, but witnessing the cesspools of undesirable human behaviours and natural phenomena graphically recorded and reported by today's mass media, I struggle sometimes to maintain an attitude and outlook of one who trusts God and believes that God is working through history to do the best for the universe and its people.

Some days my optimism

wavers, on others it is nearly extinguished, but thankfully I become rejuvenated and the light overcomes the darkness.

My optimism comes from rather unlikely sources, which brings me to the two television shows.

Television shows

The Vicar of Dibley has an episode entitled *The Window and the Weather*. A deadly storm rips up a massive tree which smashes through the stained glass window in Dibley church. Simultaneously, on the other side of the globe an earthquake wreaks disaster and devastation in a South American country. As the Vicar and Council Members raise £11,000 to replace the church window, another earthquake hits the same area causing more loss of life and human suffering, especially among the children. A call for donations to help the victims goes worldwide.

The moment finally arrives to unveil the new stained glass window. The Vicar announces that the major giver of £10,000 agreed any money not spent on the window could go to the

earthquake relief fund.

The curtain is pulled back, revealing a clear glass window.

The window cost £500, which meant £10,500 could go to help people rebuild their lives. All attendees unanimously agreed the new window provided the best possible "picture", God's ever changing countryside. They also concurred that helping earthquake survivors was more important than having a stained glass window.

Land Girls portrays the lives of women working on an estate farm during the Second World War. This British television series highlights the struggles, joys, disappointments and challenges of people brought together by circumstances over which they had little or no control.

In one episode a young man, accidentally hit by a barn door, is rendered unconscious and diagnosed with possible permanent blindness. The sight restoring operation would cost £900, too expensive for his mother to finance.

Farmer Finch, a likeable mischievous rascal, sells home-

made illegal hooch to soldiers. Nabbed and confronted by the straight laced Christian lady who follows the Victorian Ten Commandments to the letter, Finch claims he is raising money for charity. She assumes it is to repair the leaking church roof, but Finch explains the money is to pay for the operation to restore the young man's sight.

One can envision the moral struggle unfolding in her mind—which is more important, a person's sight or a church roof? She smiles and tells Finch he has made the right decision, people are more important than buildings.

Suggestion

Let us look for hopeful messages from unusual sources when life's harsh realities erode our optimism or erect artificial barricades preventing us from responding to human needs.

Feedback encouraged by the Editor. EMAIL: editor@niagaraanglica.ca

To the Editor

Hard copy makes great armchair reading

For two and a half days here at the cabin, I've been mesmerized by the torrents of rain beating down on the lake and the lightning flashing over the pines.

I find this rain the perfect excuse to curl up in a comfy chair and get lost in a good read.

These days, I'm reading New Zealander Lloyd Geering's book, *From gods to God to Gaia*—a series of scholarly lectures delivered for the Westar Institute. The renowned professor presents a

radical interpretation of the ultimate meaning of the Incarnation in Christianity and appeals to followers of the Way to move their minds from "theology to ecology". It's been hard to put this book down.

Earlier I discovered a trade copy of Marcus Borg's *Speaking Christian*—a clearly presented redefining of words commonly misused in Christianity today. It's exciting to hear Borg reclaim their much earlier meaning—so

critical for life today. I highly recommend this concise revelation to all, especially to teachers of the Way.

I also had the great fortune to read Bishop John Shelby Spong's latest, *The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic*. It is an amazing read—so faith affirming for Christians living in the twenty-first century. It may be Spong's best work yet!

And I do enjoy reading my hard copy of the *Niagara*

Anglican. I often take it with me to re-read a submission that I find especially intriguing and enlightening—great food for the mind as well as for the spirit.

Heather-Joy Brinkman
Stoney Creek

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A century of ministry

RUSS KELK

The clip clop sound of the horses' hooves rang in the air as they plodded around the winch. Slowly a building was being drawn to its new site.

It was 1913 and there was an explosion of building in the fields beyond Kenilworth Ave. and Barton St. The north-east of Hamilton was being created.

The parish of St. James the Apostle at Ottawa and Barton Streets saw the need for a mission church to be located among the new residences.



▲ The original St. Alban's in the centre background

The building being winched would soon become the Parish of St. Alban the Martyr.

When WWI began the congregation had grown and was worshipping in the wooden

building. Many of the young men marched proudly off to war to serve Canada and the empire.

When the war ended, the congregation grew in numbers and soon the need arose for a larger worship space. Construction began on a building that was a basement church with a roof. For many years the congregation worshipped with a pump organ for music and an enthusiasm for ministry in the surrounding community.

WWII arrived, this time our men and women went off to war.

The community around us grew. When those who had given service to our country returned, the congregation grew yet again.

Many in our current congregation remember the great times we shared together: the AYP (Anglican Young People's Association), the dances and the trips, especially those to our twin Episcopal Church in Canton, Ohio.

It became evident that we needed a larger worship space. Plans to build on top of what is now Homeside Hall were developed, and a modern style church—airy and bright—with a skylight and floodlit cross on the roof arose.

So in 1961, the church bell



▲ St. Alban the Martyr today—outside and in ▼

Photos: submitted by Russ Kelk



rang, the organ thundered and the melodious voices of the choir announced that the worship had begun. The congregation looked about in wonder at the simple beauty of the worship space they had created.

Over the past 100 years, six individuals from the parish have been ordained as priests in Niagara Diocese. On St. Alban's Day (June), our 100th anniversary festival service was led by

our Bishop Michael Bird, our Rector Dianne Distler and seven former rectors and priests.

During the past century, our parish continued to support a number of outreach programs, including weekly contributions to the food bank at St. Matthew's House, and toys, food and gifts to the needy at Christmas. We have supported the Bequai Mission in the Caribbean and donated funds when countries

have been devastated by natural disasters. For the past year we have been cooking and serving lunch one Friday each month at St. Matthew's House.

For 100 years, our members have been and still are a giving faith community in Hamilton and the Diocese of Niagara.

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▲ The "basement" church

A good news synod... coming right up

HOLLIS HISCOCK

Three strands of rope braided together are stronger than each strand used separately, was the "show and tell" technique used at four Pre-Synod meetings to illustrate the theme—Partnership in God's World...Act Boldly!—for the upcoming Niagara Diocesan Synod.

The theme reflects the Old Testament writing of the Preacher (Ecclesiastes), "two are better than one because they have a good return for their labour... a cord of three strands is not quickly broken"

(Ecclesiastes 4:9a and 12).

The partnership, seen through the lens of the diocesan vision, includes joint ventures with parishes, communities, Cuba, Canadian dioceses, PWRDF and other affiliations.

Sometimes we may feel it is "a tightrope we walk", yet Bishop Michael expressed to the Synod delegates his confidence that in Niagara Diocese "we have the resources... and passion" to sustain, expand and grow the mission of the Church.

Regarding financial resources, Budget Chair Andrew Clinkard reported that "the diocesan

financial position continues to get healthier." He pointed out the diocese has not used their "interest bearing credit line" since March of this year, the "long term debt from parishes has been reduced by \$179,000.00 and "we are anticipating an operating surplus for 2013."

Approximately 300 delegates from over 90 parishes and other groups or ministries serving within Niagara Diocese will convene at Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton on November 15-16, 2013 for their annual Synod.



The Reverend Derek Anderson, Hilary Meggison and Secretary of Synod Marni Nancekivell demonstrated the Niagara Synod theme at a Pre-Synod meeting.

Photo: Hollis Hiscock

The diocese ... is all of us

TERRY DEFOREST

Who are we?

When making parish visits, I am sometimes thought of as coming *from* the diocese. This is misleading; I am going *to* the diocese as much as coming *from* it.

Niagara's clergy and laity might best see ourselves ministering *in and for* the Diocese, wherever we minister.

We are a diocesan church, overseen by our bishop as chief pastor and primary missionary. We create parishes—faithful communities in which disciples of Jesus gather to worship and equip themselves to pursue God's mission. We enable and resource ministries in a stunning array of local settings.

We are all the Diocese of Niagara.

So those of us working at Cathedral Place are not "the diocese"; instead we are partners with all Niagara's ministers. Together we are a team moved by the good news of God's love and the possibilities it opens up for us.

What do we do?

When our Executive Officer returned to parish ministry this year, much continued as before; and yet, quite a few changes got underway at Cathedral Place.

Secretary of Synod, Canon Marni Nancekivell, accepted primary responsibility for managing diocesan properties.

The new title—Executive Administrator—reflects the growing responsibilities which Alison D'Atri exercises as executive assistant to the Bishop and episcopal office manager.

As Director of Justice, Community and Global Ministries, the Reverend Bill Mous has responsibility for setting goals, planning and facilitating diocesan ventures for this cluster of ministries, and for coordinating our social media presence.

Christyn Perkins represents the Diocese on Canterbury Hills and Niagara Anglican Publication Boards. She is also the direct point of contact for congregational support and development resources, processes and programs.



Terry DeForest

Photo: Jane Wyse

While continuing as Vision Advocate, I became responsible for HR management policies and practices as Director of Human Resources. This gives new focus and breadth to my "excellence in ministry" portfolio.

Those changes, taking place within an interwoven, collaborative and evolving network, are performed by gifted people of

faith at Cathedral Place.

Why do we do it?

I recently asked the staff what excites their passions for their diocesan ministry.

Here are excerpts from their responses ...

- I love building relationships with numbers ... with people.
- The part of my ministry that excites me the most is its diversity.
- My work as Diocesan Archivist is an extension of the parish ministry I had for over 55 years.
- I get to bring my eye for pastoral ministry to committees, canons and initiatives around creating a safer Church.
- Listening to young people articulate where they find meaning, and how that meaning shapes their engagement with others and the world.
- I love figuring out solutions to problems.
- I feel blessed to be of assistance and support to everyone who contacts my office, no matter what the reason. I have a passion and care for people, and a continued respect for the episcopate.
- The most fulfilling aspects of my work are helping people with their faith journeys, being a resource to lay people, clergy and parishes.
- I love numbers, they tell a story. I enjoy deciphering financial puzzles and finding answers to problems that appear to have no solution.
- It's quite exciting to witness and support the many ways

God is at work in our communities. I'm always uplifted to see contemporary disciples bending the universe towards justice or offering care and compassion in response to human need.

- I do like the connection with people. I get to talk to a lot of people who call for help with payroll.
- The opportunity to apply my life experiences in working with people to further "The Vision for Ministry".
- I interact with parishes when they want to reconnect with their sense of mission, refocus on discipleship and leadership, deepen their connections to the world and re-orient the current focus to something that's often unknown. It's an anxious time but also a time rich with opportunity and anticipation—and that makes my partnership with people life-giving and full of the Spirit.

At a parish I know, "The gifts of a gracious God!" is declared when presenting the Eucharistic elements. Those words come to mind as I receive blessings from our diocesan staff and the work we do with all our partners in God's mission across Niagara.

Let us turn the page and Meet (again) our Diocesan Staff ...

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- » Chair of Synod and Synod Council
- » Supervisor of ordained and lay ministries across the diocese
- » Promoter of integrity, excellence and accountability in ministry and discipleship by example, oversight, guidance and discipline
- » Chief representative, living sign and symbol of the Diocese to and in the diocese, wider Anglican Church, ecumenical, inter-faith and secular worlds

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Responsibilities:

Assistant to the Bishop in all matters ...

- » Scheduling, organizing and supporting the Bishop's work
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- » In collaboration with the Director of Human Resources ...
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ministries

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Nancy Clause *Administrative Assistant*

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- To nurture faithful, life giving, missional faith communities through parish consultations and resource development and provision ...
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 - » Contributes training, design and process skills to parish and diocesan leadership
 - » Oversees the development and implementation of programs and resources that support the faith



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The Reverend Bill Mous *Director of Justice, Community and Global Ministries*

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- Works primarily with people and parishes to discern and prophetically engage with God's mission of justice.
- Provides leadership for nurturing our relationships with community partners like university chaplaincies and our companion diocese of Cuba.
- » Supports Bishop Michael, especially in his advocacy work
 - » Works alongside a variety of diocesan committees and groups
 - » Represents the Diocese on a number of coalitions and boards
 - » Designs and implements diocesan policy and social justice initiatives
 - » Crafts communications for social media networks
 - » Coordinates grant programs to support justice ministries



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 - » Safe church
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Meet Our Diocesan Staff

Jody Beck

Treasurer and Director of Finance

Responsibilities:

Ensuring the Diocesan financial assets are secure and valued appropriately and that all transactions are completed according to generally accepted accounting principles and Diocesan Canons and policies.

Reporting the financial status of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara and the Anglican Church Ministries Foundation Niagara on a regular basis and in a manner that is understood by all stakeholders.

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- » Fresh Start Facilitator: Fresh Start, a diocesan program for parishes in transition, assists with issues inherent in any new ministry, sharpens the skills of lay and clergy offering opportunities for congregational development that come with changes in leadership and strengthens the collegial relationships among the parishes and clergy of the diocese

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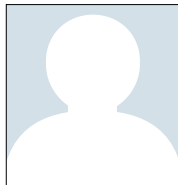
Debbie Young / Trish Foden

Payroll, Pensions and Benefits Administrator

Responsibilities:

- » Processing payroll and benefits for all Diocesan employees and affiliates according to their compensation agreements and government rules
- » Ensuring all payroll and benefit agencies are reimbursed for the amounts due to them
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 - Issue of investment statements, cheques and deposits
- » Administrator of Assessments
 - Verify yearly parish returns
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 - Collect donations via bank and credit cards from parishioners
 - Distribute donations to parishes collected on their behalf
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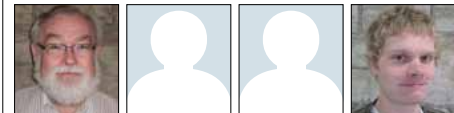
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Dennis Hurst, Turner Shaw, Scott Gillies, Patrick Wall



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Gifts galore ...

HOLLIS HISCOCK

Over 1,000 people have become members of the Order of Niagara (OoN) during its 14 year history.

Another 68 will join them at special services scheduled for Christ's Church Cathedral on Sunday, November 3 (Brock, Mohawk, Trafalgar Regions) and Sunday, November 24 (Greater Wellington, Lincoln, Undermount Regions). Both services begin at 4:00 p.m.

The Order of Niagara invites all licensed clergy to nominate one person from each parish.

The *Niagara Anglican* presents six nominees to illustrate the width and breadth of the gifts available in the Diocese.

Marion Little

St. Paul's Shelburne, Greater Wellington Region

The Sunday School has been the focus of her ministry for at least 25 years, serving as the lone teacher, supervising a team of teachers and co-teaching with another. Rector Stephanie Pellow wrote, "the children respond well to her pleasant personality and



ability to make them feel good about themselves."

Marion serves on Parish Council, is a Lay Delegate to Synod, assists at many special projects (parking lot sales, 100th anniversary event) and is a Greeter.

Each month the parish sends a webcast of their worship to Dufferin Oaks Seniors Home, and Marion travels to the home to interact with the congregation and give them Holy Communion.

She began volunteering while at university and served the wider community as a Brownie leader and through the Kinettes Service Club.

Marion initiated a special children's project. She asked the congregation to donate their loose change and people responded very generously. Several hundred dollars were sent to Save

the Children Fund to drill wells for children in needy world communities. She also organized projects for PWRDF and the local food bank.

Her Rector recommended Marion "both because of these past examples of service to God and to her community and because of my confidence that she will continue to put her faith into action through the church for many years yet to come."

Don Robinson

Saint Alban the Martyr Glen Williams, Trafalgar Region

"Don is like a shark. If he's not moving, he dies. Or, in Don's case, if he's not working on something, usually for the good of someone else," is how Rector Aaron Orear described his nominee.

He continued ...

"His background is in electrical engineering, which he used working on a provincial scale, so if you turned the light on today you likely have Don to thank. He seems to have picked up some of that electricity, becoming an Energizer Bunny.

"In the parish, Don has served as Warden, has been the budget guru (using colour and font in ways you never thought possible on a spreadsheet), has crawled under the church and climbed onto it for repair work, helped teach Vacation Bible School, led the building of our Wall of Memories and gazebo chapel, has cooked monthly Men With Spatulas breakfasts, spearheaded



the Canada Day food booth and sings in the choir.

"He has helped neighbouring parishes do vision work and was a prime driver of cooperation among local parishes. During the Christmas season he joins a Glen Williams pick-up choir to sing carols at the local retirement home, and coordinates our annual community Christmas Day dinner.

"Don participates in two of our outreach ministries. Food for Life delivers free groceries to

local households in need, while Rainbows is essentially a guided grief group for kids. He was part of starting both ministries, and continues to be involved today.

"When a parish family experienced a devastating loss, Don helped coordinate a helping hand rota.

"No doubt there's more, but you get the picture. Any parish would be overjoyed to have Don on the rolls, and we'd done him if we could ... but he moves too fast to get the DNA sample."

Elizabeth Lockhart Manker

Christ Church Niagara Falls, Brock Region

Angels Everywhere and Messages from Heaven are two initiatives organized by Marion, according to her Rector Paul Maynard, "to bring a wide cross-



section of this community into Christ Church."

The first event, Angels Everywhere, featured a broad spectrum of music and dance genres performed by students from both sides of the border. Patrons attending the late November concert were asked to make a food donation to the local Project Share, which helped their cause greatly in the time period leading up to Christmas.

Messages from Heaven, her second innovative program was a seminar-style event with speakers reflecting on their near-death experiences. Almost 60 people braved a stormy Saturday afternoon last February to attend; organisers are preparing for a similar seminar in 2014.

Known in the parish as "Betty Lou", she is a Lay Reader, intercessor, chalice bearer and parish council member. She made connections between the Parish and the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society and the local branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women. She received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Susan Crawford

St. Michael's Hamilton, Mohawk Region



Rector Sheila Van Zandwyk wrote Susan has "not only been very involved in parish ministry but also as an active volunteer in a number of community groups."

Following her retirement as an Educational Assistant she continued being a mentor for several students. With the Girl Guides she became the leader for a number of girls who lived in communities with no Girl Guide pack. Sue chatted regularly on the phone or by e-mail, helped them complete badges and was a friend to them. "She often travelled quite a ways to spend some one-on-one time with these girls," wrote her Rector.

A member of the Council for Exceptional Children, she also teaches Sunday school, volunteers at monthly Youth Dances, helps with Vacation Bible School, Explore and Play summer sessions, accompanies children to Children's Festival and sews angel costumes for the Children's Christmas Pageant.

In addition, Sue is on the Parish Council, was a Churchwarden, is the editor of the parish newsletter and writes articles for the *Niagara Anglican*.

As part of the Accessibility Committee, she is helping to make the parish church and hall more accessible.

Some call her "Mother Souperior" because of her fabulous soups, which she makes monthly for the parish's free soup lunch as well as for other meetings and church functions.

"Sue is an integral and very cherished member of our parish family," said her Rector, "and I am thrilled to be able to put her name forward."

Jim Streadwick

St. George's St. Catharines, Lincoln Region

In recommending Jim for the Order of Niagara, Archdeacon Marion Vincett wrote, "in wording his citation, it is more like what he hasn't done than what

he has, as you can see!"

Then she lists some of his activities ...

"Jim is currently our much valued and very busy Property Manager and continues in his role as reader, counter and sidesman, but he has also been a Warden (twice), a Breakfast Program volunteer for many years, a former President of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, a long time member of the Stephen Ministry, etc, etc."

Jean LePan

Church of the Ascension Hamilton, Undermount Region

"I have begun a ministry in special dietary needs for gluten and wheat intolerance for parishioners and guests that we serve at many church functions".

This statement epitomises the long and varied ministry of Jean LePan.

Her skills as a medical social worker and gerontologist have provided her with the many gifts she has used in serving God throughout her life.



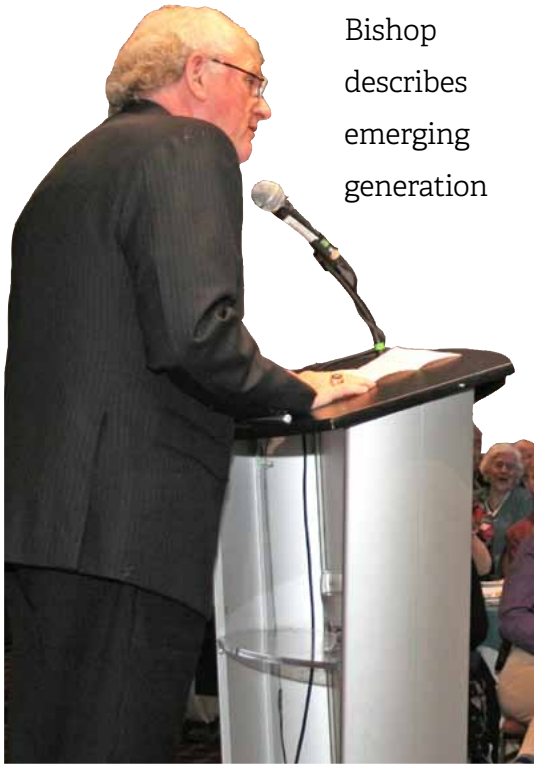
In addition to many accomplishments and awards received in her professional career, she has served in almost every office available to a layperson in the church, including Warden, Parish Council member, Synod delegate and co-ordinator of Sunday readers.

Jean, an avid choir member, organized workshops, conducted educational seminars, co-ordinated the Achievement Breakfast Program, led the parish and community Christmas dinner, helped with fund raising events and assisted with Lenten refreshments and weekly Sunday suppers.

As a member of the Pastoral Committee, she visited parishioners and gave support to people with hospital and nursing home placement concerns.

The parish clergy team, Bishop Terry Brown and the Reverend Rhonda Ploughman, recommended her for the Order of Niagara.

No time for needy institutions ... lots of time for worthy causes



Bishop describes emerging generation

▲ Bishop Ingham warmed up his audience with humorous anecdotes before delivering his serious message.



▲ The dinner is a time to catch up and converse with friends and meet new people.

Photos: Hollis Hiscock

ELEANOR JOHNSTON AND WAYNE FRASER

On September 30, his sixth anniversary as Bishop, Michael Bird hosted 260 supporters of the Bishop's Company. This group of clergy and lay people contributes financially to the discretionary fund that enables the Bishop of Niagara to offer financial assistance to clergy and their families in difficult times.

There was a good feeling in the room as people met with old friends and colleagues. A delightful surprise was the music provided by the Pat Wall Quartet. Lead singer, guitars, drum kit: the young men looked ready to rock but instead performed big band and jazz tunes that proved to be fine dance music.

The guest speaker, the retired Bishop of New Westminster, is perhaps the most well-known Anglican in Canada today, and he, too, provided an entertaining surprise as he began his speech with polished comic timing of anecdotes from his lively career.

Bishop Michael Ingham then moved on to his message: that the two dioceses of New Westminster and Niagara have, for many years, been good friends, supporting each other in their shared mission that works for inclusion, compassion and justice. The two bishops have shared the willingness to take risks to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the courage to stand for principle and integrity. Certainly the audience recognized these points as familiar characteristics of Bishop Michael Bird.



▲ Gloria Vermeulen, Peter Robart-Morgan, Eleanor Johnston and Wayne Fraser began the evening dancing to the music of the Pat Wall Quartet.

No surprises, either, came when Bishop Ingham acknowledged that the two men also have shared the contempt and opposition of the fearful. The two dioceses, so similar in ideals, face the same challenges of change and adaptation to an emerging world.

At this point Bishop Ingham described the shift in relevance from a time when the church was at the centre of political and national power to the era of Post-Christendom. The next change, the one we are experiencing, is away from the old evangelicalism, liberalism and catholicism. It will not be shaped by the old culture wars that we continue to fight, even, and perhaps most pointlessly, against each other.

The future church holds some surprises for those of us so involved in present difficulties that we do not see where we're going. Young Christians are not loyal to the old denominations. Some unchurched youth come to us looking for hope and salvation. Some come from other

churches for the liturgy and the depth of Anglican teaching. Some who have left come back because in the intellectual freedom of our church they can explore their faith.

Bishop Ingham's conclusion? We would do better to pay attention to the people joining our church than worry about the people leaving. The generation that follows us has no time for needy institutions but lots of time for worthy causes.

When he sat down and the applause began, some in the audience stood in enthusiastic ovation. Both Bishops deserve praise as leaders of the church of tomorrow.

(Note: In order to report Bishop Ingham accurately, much of this article is quoted directly from the lecture notes that he kindly lent us.)

Eleanor Johnston and Wayne Fraser. She is writing a novel called "Churchland," and he is part-time interim priest at St. Paul's Fort Erie and St. John's Ridgemount. EMAIL: eleanorjohnston@gmail.com

Meet Sally Armstrong

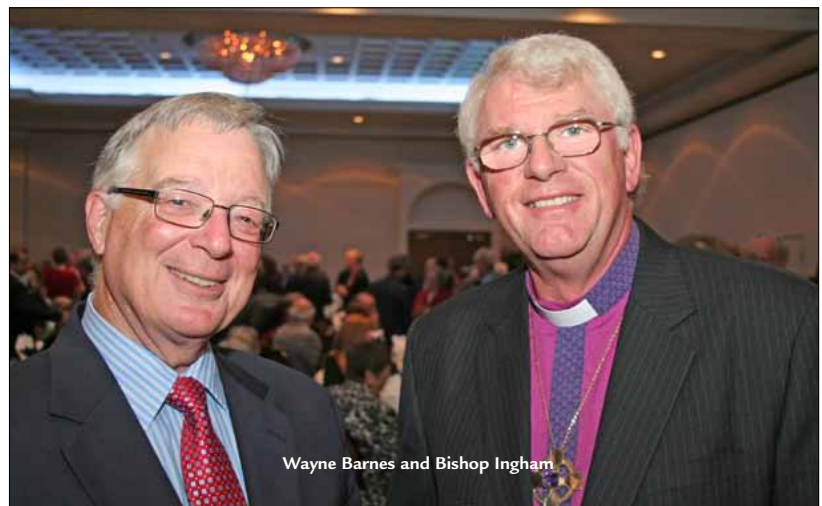
Human rights activist, journalist and author of *Ascent of Women*, an inspiring read for both men and women. Hear her talk about women's 21st century social and economic conditions. Armstrong believes women in far away places where she has travelled in the past 25 years have at last found their voice and a turning point has arrived.

Monday, November 4, 7:30 pm
St. George's Anglican Church
7051 Guelph Line at Derry Road

Light refreshments will be served.

Sally Armstrong's book *Ascent of Women* will be on sale, cheques and cash only.

Tickets are \$20. To reserve tickets call:
Jill ~ 905-335-1704 or Susan ~ 905-878-6649



Wayne Barnes and Bishop Ingham

Human rights activist to speak about the treatment of women

KAY MIGHTON

Award-winning Canadian journalist, human rights activist and former member of the UN International Women's Commission, Sally Armstrong, is coming to speak to us in St. George's Campbellville in early November.

For the past 25 years Armstrong has been travelling back and forth to faraway places, such as Bosnia, Afghanistan, Somalia, Kenya and the Congo. Her mission was to observe, investigate and analyze the lives of women and how they were—and in many places still are—treated in a rather dismal and primitive way.

Her first story about Eva appeared in 1993 in *Homemaker's* magazine, where she was editor. A psychiatrist told her about a woman in Sarajevo who wanted to tell her story about how she had been wronged. That is how Sally met



Eva, one of the women you'll meet in Armstrong's latest book, *Ascent of Women*. Stories like this one describe the situation for many women around the globe.

People didn't talk about what

was going on and Armstrong believes the women have only just found their voice, and a turning point has at last arrived.

Dr. Samantha Nut, founder of War Child, says *Ascent of Women* is "Sally Armstrong at

her best: engaging storytelling peppered with thoughtful analysis and passionate activism." It is, she continued, "at once heart-wrenching and inspiring and a powerful reminder that the struggle for women's equality continues. A must read for men and women of every generation."

In *Ascent of Women* you'll recognize that Armstrong has the knack of painting realistic, touching pictures of her experiences, thoughts and visions.

Over the years, she has received innumerable awards including the Amnesty International Media Award three times, 7 honorary doctorates and the Order of Canada.

The evening with Sally Armstrong takes place on Monday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. in St. George's Church Hall, 7051 Guelph Line (at Derry Road), Campbellville. To reserve tickets (\$20.) call Sue: 905-878-6649 or Jill: 905-335-1704.

Singing for a great cause

The Max Woolaver Band and guests promise an enjoyable, informal and relaxed evening of singing and music at the Moonshine Cafe - a relaxed and informal coffeehouse style establishment in Oakville.

The fund raiser will help support the work of St. Matthew's House Hamilton.

The Reverend Max Woolaver is an award winning Canadian singer and songwriter, influenced by the blues, folk and country traditions.



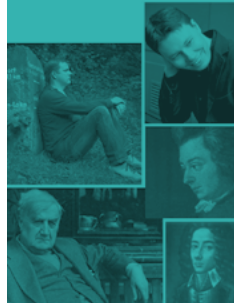
The event takes place on Thursday, November 17, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., at the Moonshine Cafe, 137 Kerr St. Oakville. Cost is \$10 or PWYC (Pay What You Can).

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The Poet's Corner

Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. with local poet, John Terpstra, and string quartet

Choral music based on poetically substantial texts, including *Invisible Harps* featuring music by Canadian composer Andrew Ager and text by James Joyce; *Three Shakespeare Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Dark Night of the Soul* by Norwegian phenomenon Ola Gjeilo, *Five Hebrew Love Songs* by Eric Whitacre (with poetry by his wife, Hila Plitmann), and the *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré

Passion and Jubilation

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. with string ensemble

Featuring *Passion and Resurrection*, a work of ancient and modern beauty by the young Latvian composer Eriks Esenvalds, and shorter works by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Mendelssohn

The JLS and Artistic Director Roger Bergs

Founded in 1982 by John Laing, the JLS is a chamber choir of musicians from the Halton and Hamilton regions. Now under the direction of Dr. Roger Bergs, the choir is quickly becoming known for its energetic performances of diverse repertoire, including works by emerging composers and music with an international flavour.

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composers pictured (clockwise from top right): O. Gjeilo, W.A. Mozart, D. Buxtehude, R. Vaughan Williams, E. Esenvalds

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The unexpected journey

CHRISTYN PERKONS

The Niagara Youth Conference (NYC) is a residential conference for teens set in the bucolic Carolinian forests of Canterbury Hills.

The weeklong experience, staffed by 19 volunteers, is intended to create a safe, inviting, challenging and affirming space in which participants can explore their most authentic selves and their relationship with God.

Each year's theme and activities (planned over six months by the staff) set the stage for encounters that engage a variety of learning styles, abilities and personality types.

Delegates "journeyed" together throughout the last week of August 2013 in a variety of ways: through torrential rain and steamy heat; through the intimacy of small group conversations to the bustle of community-wide role playing; through learning in workshops to playing at socials; through Complines,

morning prayers and Eucharists; and from participation in liturgy to the creation of liturgy.

Each moment of the week's journey was rooted in our understanding of ourselves as called by God to a unique role in the world; a role which reflects our individual gifts, strengths and challenges – a role which is critical to the bringing about of God's Way of Love.

The week's activities, discussions and reflections drew participants from the sense of Call through "Equipping One's Self" to "The Challenge" and its "Unexpected Detours" to "Transformation" and "The Return Home"; an intense week which the staff hoped would create opportunities for God-encounters, for the sharing of God stories, and for readying the delegates for their re-engagement with their own journeys beyond the safety net of the NYC community.

The Reverend Kathy Morgan, a long-time NYC staff member said, "For me, as a staff person



▲ Small groups grow into community and share the joys of the journey together.

Photos: Jane Wyse

and volunteer, the most important part of wrestling with trying to figure what God has in mind for us and how to respond to those challenges wasn't just how the delegates understand all this in the context of the conference, but in how it is taken back out in the "real" world and lived out.

"The learning needs to effect a change, in thinking, in understanding, in relationships with the people whom we love and care about. It needs to touch our faith and what we know about the Creator who loved us into being and about who God is calling us to be with the gifts and talents and strengths that we have been given.

"And this is as true for the staff as for the delegates. So I bring what I have learned, danced with and sometimes wrestled with back from NYC to my everyday life and the community where I belong."

So how did the delegates leave NYC at the close of their unexpected journey?

One delegate commented, "I don't want to lose touch with the parts of myself that I accessed here. This new awareness will help me deal with challenges I'll be facing."

Another said, "I'm feeling so



▲ Creative worship in the big tent

much more confident and comfortable with myself. I can go out and use the strategies that I have learned here."

Yet another concluded, "I'm anticipating going home and sharing my joy that is unfolding."

▼ Energy and imagination in abundance at NYC



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Priest and Parish take on wider responsibilities

HOLLIS HISCOCK

Canon David Pickett became Archdeacon David Pickett in a collation service, during which

he was officially installed as Archdeacon of Mohawk Region, one of six territorial regions in Niagara Diocese.

He continues as Rector of St.

John's Parish in Ancaster, but will have added responsibilities in serving the wider church in our shared ministry, according to Bishop Michael Bird. In his gath-

ering remarks at the collation worship, the Bishop noted that he was aware the appointment represented a particular responsibility to the parish as well. He also acknowledged the important ministry which Archdeacons offer in the life of "our Diocesan family" and expressed his appreciation for the work they do in support of his ministry as Diocesan Bishop.

In her sermon, the Reverend Olive Shepherd, Honorary Assistant at St. John's, said the Bible readings chosen for the occasion encourage the church to set aside "success" as a measure of our work, but to remember our first calling is to faithfulness, proclamation and service as the Body of Christ. She quoted C.S. Lewis: "It is not your business to succeed: only to do right. When you have done so, the rest lies with God." She also invoked the words of Madeleine L'Engle in her reminder that our proclamation in Christ is of tremendous, contagious hope and meaning

... "Virtue is not the sign of a Christian. JOY is!"

A graduate of Huron University College, the new Archdeacon served in three parishes - seven highly varied congregations - in Huron Diocese before coming to Niagara as St. John's Rector in 2001. He became an Honorary Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral in 2005.

The collation, set in the context of a regional Eucharistic celebration, brought together people from the Mohawk Region, several dioceses as well as ecumenical partners.

Pickett expressed his particular joy in seeing those from his childhood parish of Holy Trinity St. George, along with representatives of every parish in which he has served.

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Newly-minted Archdeacon Pickett poses with Bishop Michael and Dean Peter Wall

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Breaking Synod news

Cuba and Niagara are expected to renew their five-year Partners in Mission covenant at the November Niagara Synod.

Partners expected from Cuba are Bishop Griselda Delgado del Carpio, her husband Gerardo and their new Director of the Office of Development Pepe Bringas. They plan to share what is happening in Cuba, and to speak of their hopes regarding renewing the partnership. The two bishops will sign the covenant.

In the past twinning parishes in Niagara with their Cuban counterparts have met with varying success, including mutual visits, exchanging letters and praying for each other.

Niagara's Partners in Mission committee wants parishes to share stories about their twinning experiences. They hope those relationships can be revived.

Submit your stories to Committee Chair Stuart Pike at pikes123@sympatico.ca