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First time for Vergers Guild in Burlington



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A what is a verger?

A **verger** is a person, usually a layperson, who assists in the ordering of religious services. The office of the verger has its roots in the early days of the Church of England's history.

◀ Burlington pier provided a striking backdrop for the official photograph of over 130 Vergers and their guests.

▼ Vergers Terry Hughes and Richard Taylor led the Vergers Guild procession into Christ's Church Cathedral to end their annual conference.

TERRY HUGHES

Vergers from across the United States, Great Britain and Canada gathered at St. Luke's Burlington for the 26th annual Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church conference.

This was only the second time in the Guild's history the conference was held outside the United States.

Planning began over two years ago.

Delegates started to arrive for the four day conference on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. Burlington Tourism welcomed

the vergers and provided hand-outs, coupons and brochures on local attractions, eateries and stores.

They also received gift bags containing many items local to the area and Canada including maple syrup, pear cider, St. Luke's new cook book, the Three Cantor CDs, a book celebrating 75 years of history of Smith's Funeral Home Burlington and other items.

On Thursday, the vergers attended Evensong, celebrating the opening of the conference and the 180th anniversary of St. Luke's Church. The service was

taken from the 1662 prayer book (still being used in 1834) with music from the same era. Dinner, served by the St. Luke's men's cooking group, featured tourtières made by our "pie ladies". The gathering cheered when they heard the recipe was in the cookbook. After supper we were treated to a magnificent performance by The Three Cantors.

After Morning Prayer on Friday, the delegates were off to a number of seminars, including Verger 101, Archiving your Church, Grassroots Ecumenism and Historical Significance of Flags and Banners in the Church.



It was not all work and no play as we provided a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens and Puddicombe Farms and Winery. Saturday began with prayer

and our general meeting and elections. Afterwards guests boarded coaches for a four hour

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
ALL SAINTS
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Choral Eucharist
Preacher and Presider: The Dean
4:00 pm All Soul's Requiem
sung by the Cathedral Schola

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: Deacon Ron Jenkins,
Executive Director, Chalice Ministries
Presider: The Dean

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
PENTECOST 23
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall
Presider: Bishop Ralph Spence

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
LAST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST AND
THE REIGN OF CHRIST
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Dean
Presider: The Rev. Canon Bill Thomas

4:00 pm The Order of Niagara
Guests: The Choir of St. George's Church, Guelph, ON,
Dr. Gerald Manning, Director
Presider: Bishop Michael Bird

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
ADVENT 1
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Litany and Choral Eucharist
Litanist and Presider: The Dean
Preacher: The Rev. Canon J. Lefebvre

4:00 pm Ordination to the Diaconate
The Cathedral Choir

Eucharist Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:15 pm • Tuesday 7:30 am



With the centenary of the First World War being marked this year, it is interesting that one of the parishes of the diocese holds a unique piece of history.

Above the south door of St. Paul's Dunnville hangs a wooden cross with a story.

Some years after the close of the war, William Fry, founder of the *Dunnville Chronicle* newspaper and a member of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, visited the battlefields of France and Belgium.

Somewhere over there were the graves of two Dunnville boys, Fla Vanderburgh and Arthur Smith. Just before he left, the parents of the boys asked him to look up their graves.

He not only did this, but by dint of much persuasion and argument with the British government and other powers, he secured and brought back with

him the wooden crosses that had marked these graves.

So much impressed was he with the value of the sacrifices behind these crosses that he never permitted them to go out of his sight for one minute, from the time he received them until he delivered them personally into the hands of the grateful mothers in Dunnville.

One of these crosses graces the wall of St. Paul's Church today. The cross will be featured in a special Remembrance Sunday to be held this year.

(Thanks to the Dunnville and District Heritage Association for doing the research and providing the information to Rector Paul Sherwood, St. Paul's Dunnville, who submitted the article.

For information about the remembrance service email stpauls@rogers.com

A letter to the mother of a fallen soldier ...

Arthur Gordon SMITH, Private, 4th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Central Ontario Regiment, died April 10, 1917, age 18.

On June 7, 1917, the Reverend Captain A.G. Emmet wrote this letter to Mrs. Frank Smith, Dunnville. The letter was published on July 13, 1917 in *The Dunnville Chronicle*, and is reprinted here with permission.



Dear Mrs. Smith:

Words seem so hopelessly inadequate at such a time as this, that I hardly know how to try to express my grief and sympathy with you in the awful bereavement that you have sustained in the loss of your son Arthur. I had so hoped and prayed the news was not true.

When I first made enquiries I was definitely told it was not true either of Arthur or young Vanderburgh. I have been with another unit and never had a chance of first hand news till yesterday, when I found the battalion after a long walk, got all the Dunnville boys together and heard the latest and authentic news of all the old Dunnville boys who had been killed and wounded.

Prior to the date of the big battle of 9th April I was right in touch with the 4th battalion and saw quite a lot of Arthur. I was immensely impressed with the extraordinary change in him and tremendously attached to him--so much so, in fact, as to feel his death as the loss of a very dear friend. Even his expression had changed, transforming his face, making it so attractive and sweet. His character had developed and deepened, making him steady as a rock.

I had no fears for him, had he lived, lest the temptations of army life prove too strong for him, for he had found the Master, whose strength makes a boy "stronger than the strong." He had developed a most noble disposition and personality.

I find deep joy in the fact that two days before his death, Easter Sunday, I gave him his Easter Communion and had a little chat with him afterwards. He certainly was prepared for what followed and was quite happy and unworried. He said he knew you would be so glad to know that he had received the sacrament and would write and tell you about the service and my talk with him.



HOLLISitorial

50 years ... 50 insights

HOLLIS HISCOCK

To mark the 50th anniversary of being ordained a Deacon, I wanted to do something I had never done before.

So on Saturday, September 27, 2014, I registered for the annual **Hope In High Heels** walk. After slipping into my pink high heels, I joined about 100 people of all ages walking (sometimes struggling) for nearly a kilometre to be one of those who wants to end violence against women and children worldwide.

During the last half century, my observations and insights were numerous, so I have selected 50 from my writings and other resources to share with you.

1. **Clergy are visitors; lay people are permanent residents of any parish.**
2. We should not support or be part of wrong things happening ... anywhere.
3. Church finances sometimes occupy more time and energy than worship.
4. Don't be afraid to ask the tough questions.
5. **Sometimes outsiders can be more Christian than churchgoers.**
6. Treat the Bible like any other book—you will find it is not like any other book.
7. The rhythm of the church year can assist individuals and groups grow spiritually.
8. Humans need a large dose of daily humour.
9. God is full of surprises.
10. **Female priests bring a dimension to ordained ministry men could never accomplish.**
11. It is not the trials we encounter in life, but how we face and overcome them.
12. Launching out beyond church walls enables us to see what people are really like.
13. Belief and trust in God keep

14. Focus on the destination, not just the journey.
15. **People are more important than structures, traditions or rules.**
16. Worship is not a one person show, with the priest being writer, director, producer and star.
17. Learn something new every day.
18. Philosophical and theological lessons come out of life's everyday occurrences.
19. Tax breaks are not the sole reason people belong to the church.
20. **God gave us free will, knowing occasionally we would make wrong choices.**
21. Change can be a problem, a challenge or an opportunity.
22. Christianity can be easier caught than taught.
23. Diversity challenges and enriches our lives, especially our worship.
24. Step into every day confident God and you can handle whatever happens.
25. **My clerical collar elicited strange conversations when least expected.**
26. God sends us people in need at our most inopportune moments.
27. As a church we need to dream, then work to transform the vision into reality.
28. The world does not provide sufficient time to reflect, refocus and renew ourselves.
29. Spend an hour walking through a cemetery, reading the inscriptions.
30. **People travel different worship avenues to find the same God.**
31. Sleep on it before making a major decision.
32. Humour is a mini retreat—a light refreshing moment in the midst of a hectic crazy day.
33. If we stand too close, we do

my ministry alive, creatively.



Sporting pink high heels, Hollis celebrated his special anniversary by walking for a worthy cause. Photo: submitted

- not see the big picture.
 34. Fasting helps us spirituality as well as physically.
 35. **God first, then family, then everything else.**
 36. Leave a place better than when you found it.
 37. Education is the answer to most questions posed in a multi-cultural, multi-religious society.
 38. Always keep your options open.
 39. The church is filled with professional, talented and caring individuals.
 40. **God gave us wings and permission to soar into uncharted areas.**
 41. Faith and community help us deal with life's tragedies and celebrations.
 42. Shut-ins have a valuable ministry.
 43. Human life gets questioned, shaken, dissected, analyzed, discarded and—restructured.
 44. Wrap life in prayer daily.
 45. **Social media is like building another wing on the church.**
 46. Be bigger than those who attempt to drag you down.
 47. God promised to meet us—at all times, in all situations and under all circumstances.
 48. Through struggles and catastrophes, we grow into stronger people.
 49. God encourages us to focus on our priorities in new ways.
 50. **God is still around.**
- I encourage you to share your insights and observations through the pages of the *Niagara Anglican*. See my contact information elsewhere on this page.

To the Editor

In conversation with Phyllis Tickle – September 2014

Many thanks for the archival copies of the *Niagara Anglican* interview.

Yours is a truly fine looking and informing diocesan paper and it's an honor to have been included in its pages.

May every blessing attend your work there.

Phyllis Tickle
Millington, TN

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- Offer other suggestions to enhance the *Niagara Anglican*;
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Let's talk details, contact the Editor – contact information below.

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Talents in great quantity and quality

HOLLIS HISCOCK

The Order of Niagara (ON) recently added another 46 names to swell its numbers to well over 1,000 members.

The ON invites all licensed clergy to nominate one person from each parish annually. The Diocesan Bishop can also nominate.

Based on the information provided when people were nominated for the Order, the *Niagara Anglican* presents seven nominees to illustrate the wide range of talents being employed within Niagara Diocese and beyond.

James Gould

St. Paul's Shelburne, Greater Wellington Region

The first gift James has to offer is his beautiful tenor voice, singing in church choirs of every size and often providing leader-



ship to other choristers. He has sung with many community choirs and currently sings with the Achill Choral Society in the Headwaters Region—a non-profit choir producing professional quality concerts.

In the communities where he lived, he served in various leadership capacities with Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, as well as with other youth groups. In Grand Valley where James lives, he participates in community events, often pitching in to help wherever help is needed without needing to be asked.

A Licensed Lay Reader at St. Paul's, James is particularly adept at integrating the prayers of the congregation with the *Book of Alternative Services* (BAS) material, and supporting the organization of worship in many ways behind the scenes. James and Anne believe they were the first couple to be married using the BAS rite, even before it hit the press.

James has ministered as a

Churchwarden and Synod delegate, as well as being an active member of Cursillo.

Called a commendable churchperson in every way, he has been a faithful member of St. Paul's for eight years.

Catherine Horton

Transfiguration St. Catharines, Lincoln Region

Cathy has been a faithful, active long time member, first of Christ Church and now at the Transfiguration.



She served as both People's and Rector's Warden during a very difficult transitional time in the life of the Transfiguration and played a key role in the success of their building project.

A leader in every sense of the word, she is always ready to step up whenever and wherever needed: organizing social and fundraising parish events, as well as supporting and participating

fully in everything.

Cathy is and has been a committed member of her community and an asset to her parish, being a self-starter, a leader and a faithful Christian making an outstanding contribution to the life and ministry of the Church of the Transfiguration.

Maurice Moss

Holy Trinity Hamilton, Mohawk Region

Maurice was first licenced as a Lay Reader in January 1980 with his mentor being Father James Wright and his tutelage



Maurice with wife Brenda

conducted by Charles Stirling, the incumbent Lay Reader at that time.

He has conducted Morning Prayer, assisted at Eucharistic services and is a long-time member of the Holy Trinity choir.

As a pastoral visitor, he visits parishioners who are no longer

able to attend church worship and other activities.

Alicia Archbell

Bishop's Appointee (youth)

Alicia excises an exceptional capacity for community building throughout her volunteering in many diocesan youth programs. In 2012, she was conference assistant at the Niagara Youth Conference, an extensive commitment. In subsequent years, she took on greater responsibilities.



She contributes her talents with enthusiasm. Since 2008 with the Youth Synod in Action, she served as a council member, a young adult mentor, a small group leader and member of the 2014 planning team. Last year Alicia was a co-leader at the annual aWay retreat and the

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Vergers Guild meeting

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St. Luke's Burlington welcomed vergers from across Canada, the USA and beyond.

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unescorted tour of Niagara Falls.

The Saturday evening banquet and awards started with greetings from retired RCMP Officer Garth Hampson. In his red serge dress uniform, he spent many moments posing for photos with guests.

Burlington's famous Teen Tour Band marched in behind the Waterfront Hotel and saluted the vergers by playing the national anthems of the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Then they performed a couple of their favorite marching tunes and part of their field show program. Certificates were presented to

several chapters and a few members received life membership awards. Twenty vergers, including four from St. Luke's, obtained their fellowship certificates, making the evening very special for them.

On Sunday, after having their official photograph taken on the new Burlington pier, the vergers travelled to Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton for their closing Eucharist.

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

Order of Niagara recipients CONTINUED

Youth Orientation and Residence at Diocesan Synod.

Alicia participates in the Prophetic Social Justice Vision Making Group.

The breadth of Alicia's commitment speaks to her investment in diocesan youth programs as events that can grow, strengthen and incorporate new ideas for an enlivened experience. Alicia models for the youth what it means to "give back" as a volunteer.

A highly creative promoter and marketer, she utilizes multiple forms of social media to invite engagement, participation and conversation amongst youth living in different geographic areas. Alicia's work with social media is continuing an essential and shared component of all Niagara's youth programs: fostering a strong sense of community.

Alicia's energy is contagious, which makes her a fitting champion for youth programs.

Margaret Jarrett

St. Paul's Dunnville, Brock Region

Marg is a pillar of her parish's Mission-Outreach and Evangelism Committee. She has

always been concerned with helping others, especially those less fortunate in terms of wealth and opportunities.

She participated in mission trips abroad, including Peru.

She started the collections for "Christian Salvage" Mission at St. Paul's and collected nearly 1,000 items for people overseas.

Whenever an event is held to help anyone in need, Marg will be there.

Marg helps keep a cheerful and dedicated focus for the church beyond its walls.

Bruce DuPlesses

St. Cuthbert's Oakville, Trafalgar Region

Bruce has served as organist and music director at St. Cuthbert's for the past several years,

and worked in similar capacities in parishes in New Brunswick



and Alberta.

While a banker by day, Bruce brings passion and energy to his music ministry, and was a key supporter of the parish project to purchase and install a new state of the art digital organ.

He also sang with the diocesan-cathedral choristers and volunteered as parish treasurer in previous parishes.

His passion is to hear congregations raise a joyful sound to the Lord with the help and leadership of a strong choir, whose members enjoy their ministry, has fun and builds friendships.

Hazel Naylor

Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton, Undermount Region

Hazel's philosophy is "tell me what you want me to do and I will do it".

For over 40 years she has applied her philosophy in many, many ways at the Cathedral.

In worship, she has been a member of the Altar Guild for 14

years, a greeter and Eucharistic minister at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship and is the official bread baker for all Eucharistic celebrations.

Over the years, she has assisted with a children's breakfast served before attending school, helped at the Out of the Cold program and volunteered with HARRRP community outreach.

She also spends a lot of hours reaching out to those who are no longer able to attend worship or other church activities, assures all "hospitality" supplies are well stocked and assists with receptions, for example, at Diocesan Confirmation and Order of Niagara services.

She is a model volunteer.

Clergy News

The Venerable **Bruce McPetrie**, Rector of St. Columba's St. Catharines and Archdeacon of the Regions of Brock and Lincoln, submitted his resignation and intention to retire effective December 31, with his last Sunday being the Reign of Christ, November 23, 2014.

On October 1, the Reverend **Shirl Christian** became Priest-in-Charge at Grace Church Arthur and St. Paul's Mount Forest (a one year contract at ¾ time—30 hours per week).

The Very Reverend **Alexander Hewitt** began his ministry as Rector of St. Paul's Glanford (on a part-time basis) on October 15.

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Correction ...

In Heather Joy Brinkman's article "Read the latest news about the Good News!" (October 2014, page 8) Richard Rohr's book is *Falling Upward*, not *Fallen Upward*.

The writer also pointed out "in the line 'our understanding of God as the Ground of All Being' requires a capital G in Ground and capital B in Being. This is similar in nature to the expression God is Love. These capital letters carry meaning."

From the website ...

Youth Leaders Commissioned

Having successfully completed the three year Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP), 12 young leaders were commissioned at a service at the Church of the Resurrection Hamilton. Bishop Michael and the Reverend Bill Mous joined with the program leaders, Mary Gordon and Nancy Millar, to affirm the call to ministry in the Church and service to the world that these young adults have both realized and nurtured.

Participant McCallum Armstrong of St. John the Divine Cayuga, offered this moving reflection about his experience:

"Three years ago, I joined the YLTP program. Filled with doubt, I began a journey; a journey that I wasn't too sure of—three years seemed like a pretty big commitment. Back then, I wasn't sure if it was my 'thing' but this journey took me places I never would have imagined. It took me to new locations, new states of mind and furthered me in my faith.

"Three years ago, I was unsure of where I was going in life. I was scared of what lay ahead. I had no clue, no plans for the future.

And then I changed. The process of change in YLTP is both rapid and slow. The immediate effects are plain to see: a boost



in happiness and self confidence. The long term effects are truly where the importance lies, however. Self-esteem and motivation are instilled in you, and you feel uplifted. I began developing positively, as a person and a member of a community. Thanks to this amazing program I have become confident, courageous and capable. I have become a leader."

The Youth Leadership Training Program is a three-year leadership training opportunity to equip young people to take an active leadership role within their parishes and communities as group leaders or committee members. It runs for three consecutive years during the March Break, Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon. There is an application process—with an annual deadline in January. Twelve youth are accepted into the program each year.

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In Conversation with... **Bishop Michael Bird**

Bishop Michael just completed a three month Sabbatical. Upon his return, the Niagara Anglican caught up with him for the following conversation.

NA: Welcome back Bishop. Let's begin by asking "what is a Sabbatical?" and "why take one?"

MB: As a diocese, we encourage clergy and licensed lay-workers to take sabbatical leaves. They are two month leaves of absence which can be combined with some vacation time. They can be taken once every seven years of active (non-retired) ministry.

This practice is rooted, in part, in the Genesis stories of creation and the Ten Commandments, exhorting us to observe Sabbath rest as part of the rhythm of faithful Christian living.

Through them the employee and the church can benefit from a renewed energy and enhanced knowledge and skill for the practice of ministry.

The Synod Council is considering a proposal to establish a fund to help parishes carry replacement coverage costs when an eligible employee is taking a sabbatical leave.

NA: What were your goals and expectations as you prepared for your Sabbatical?

MB: One component of my sabbatical was to take a significant piece of time, in my daily schedule, to begin the process



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of learning Spanish. I wanted to do this because we have three Spanish speaking congregations in the Diocese and we also have an important partnership with Cuba. I bought the Rosetta Stone computer program for Latin American Spanish and most days I spent about an hour working through the lessons. It is a wonderful resource with reading, writing and spoken sessions. I also used the Duolingo app, on my iPad and a set of CDs and workbooks from another resource kit.

Another goal for my time away was to do some theological reading and to provide a number of opportunities for extended prayer time and reflection on my role as Bishop.

Just as important however, was the Sabbath component that would offer me a significant period of time removed from the

demands and challenges leadership in the Church brings these days.

It was a time to rest and engage more fully with my family and do the things I enjoy doing.

It was three months in length: two months plus a month of my holidays and I divided my time between my home and a new property we have acquired in Northern Ontario. It is a property to which we will retire some day.

NA: How did you accomplish your goals?

MB: As far as the Spanish goes, it is a work in progress! I learned a great deal of vocabulary but I am struggling with the grammar. I am hoping to take a course at one of the community colleges next term to continue my progress.

I read three wonderful books pertaining to theology: two by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, *Being Christian*, and *Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another*. The other book was *The Great Partnership: God, Science and the Search for Meaning* By Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. Rabbi Sacks addressed the bishops at the 2008 Lambeth Conference

which I attended just three months after my installation as Diocesan Bishop. His speech was widely hailed as one of the great highlights of the conference. I highly recommend all three books. I also supplemented my reading with three or four novels.

I am deeply grateful to Dean Peter Wall who served as Bishop's commissary during the length of my sabbatical and to Alison D'Atri and all the Diocesan Management Team for working so hard to give me a complete break from our life at the office.

NA: How do you anticipate applying what you experienced during your sabbatical to your ministry as a bishop?

MB: If I am able to become more proficient in Spanish it will be a tremendous help to me in my

role as Bishop, both within and beyond the Diocese. I believe that one of the books I read this summer will be a strong candidate for the 2015 Bishop's book for Lent.

What was particularly helpful to me were the many opportunities I had to spend time in prayer and reflection, holding up before God the past several years of my episcopacy and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the work that lies ahead of us in the Diocese of Niagara.

It has been a long time since I have felt so rested and renewed for the ministry I share with the people of Niagara.

NA: Thank you for sharing your sabbatical experience with us. "Benediciones para el futuro" (blessings for the future).



Bishop Michael working on learning Spanish during his Sabbatical.

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W. GRETZKY

ELEANOR JOHNSTON

The two names, Walter and Wayne, are an iconic pairing for most Canadians. (My husband's full name, for example, is Walter Wayne Fraser. Seriously.) These two Ws—Wayne and Walter Gretzky—are Canadian heroes.

Walter, the speaker at the Bishop's Company annual dinner, is known as a stroke survivor and as the father of Wayne, one of the best hockey players ever. That evening he wanted to tell us about the most important things in his life: his parents, his son and the Anglican Church. Hearing him talk in these terms about his life as well as his son's, we learned how we, as Anglicans, are touched by greatness.

The Gretzkys are our neighbors. Well, sort of. One of our sisters-in-law grew up in Brantford and, amazingly, her family shared their back yard fence with the Gretzkys. "He sure skated up and down that rink a lot," she said. "The two dads walked their dogs together. They're very good people." Although we generally ignore sports, through that contact we learned to wonder at Wayne's graceful skills as a hockey star.

Let's begin with its spiritual dimension, and we'll work towards the religious as well. Did you notice the way words such as "greatness," "amazing," "wonder," "graceful" and "star" seem to spring onto a laptop's screen when we begin to describe the Gretzkys, to tell how Walter, father of "the Great One," taught us how to be more Anglican?

Speaking passionately about his struggles to live despite his strokes and other medical

Walter (not Wayne) at the Bishop's Company dinner



Above, clockwise from top left: Guest speaker Walter Gretzky with Joan Bothwell; The Pat Wall Quartet; Cesar and Stephanie Furtado danced to the music; Laurie McDonald, Bill Thomas and Kay Mighton enjoying the candy treats; Gail O'Gorman and Bishop Michael share a laugh at the Bishop's Company dinner.

Below: Cathedral Place staff get ready before entering the photo booth.

Photos: Hollis Hiscock



conditions, Walter Gretzky was the star of the Bishop's Company evening. He felt that what kept him going was singing "Amazing Grace," over and over. Twice he was told that he wouldn't make it until morning. In one anecdote after the next, Walter mesmerized the 200 guests with the intensity of his determination to live.

Walter's spirituality is manifested in his concern for others. He cannot say no to anyone who asks for help. He puts aside his own suffering to minister to others in pain. He congratulated and encouraged the audience—priests and lay—to continue their work of helping those in need. He spoke humbly, pointing to the church's leadership as good Samaritans. Walter Gretzky calls us each to put aside our own problems to help all those who are suffering.

After inspiring us, Walter set a practical example. He refused to receive his honorarium for the evening. Bishop Michael responded that he would donate that amount to the Bishop's Company Fund.

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(Editor's note: The Bishop's Company, whose history dates back over 60 years, is both a community of members and a discretionary fund to assist Anglicans in need in the diocese with a primary emphasis on clergy and lay workers and their families. More information is available at niagaraanglican.ca/bishops-company.)

The Popcorn Beat — "Into Great Silence"

GORD JACKSON

Tired of having the eardrums assaulted by loud, obnoxious television commercials? Fed up with abrasive, over-the-top, high-decibel level movie trailers the film industry keeps inflicting upon us? Or what about all of that "bleedin' music" you don't want to hear from cranked up headphones and car radios?

Well, if you're anything like me, the mute button on your television remote is your best techno friend, you rarely subject yourself to movies in theatres and

you do your best to remember that we are expected to love even the most selfish among us. It isn't easy, but inspiring assistance has happily arrived.

Into Great Silence is a feature documentary that is beguilingly experiential! Eschewing background music or irritating voice-over narration, its carefully composed images silently shout volumes as you virtually join the ascetic Carthusian monks of Le Grande Chartreuse Monastery, in the glorious French Alps, at work, in meditation and at formal prayer.

Stunningly photographed to picture postcard perfection, its serenely hushed tone seduces you into a total immersion of the deeply spiritual, quiet contemplation of unhurried lives seeking the primacy of God in everything. Especially pertinent for reflective seasons like "Advent and Lent", the chapter "A Gentle Whisper" sums up the whole film's *raison d'être*, a gift that will indeed keep on giving.

But beware, we are talking culture-shock, the antithesis of today's super-charged "hurry and scurry", the polar opposite of



shallow, vapid movies meant only to regale us with how things (and people) can be

wasted – real good!

Indeed, if you are not mentally and emotionally prepared for a long, languid unspooling, *Into Great Silence* (at over 160 minutes) will probably best be viewed in the small, bite-sized portions into which it has been edited. And because it has been so considerably packaged, the film can become a treasured

resource, available via its component parts for constant re-use by retreat and/or conference leaders, or at home as an integral part of one's personal devotions.

Into Great Silence is currently available on loan from the Hamilton Public Library (maybe at your public library as well) or search online for it.

It's an investment in time and money whose dividends could prove to be—immeasurable!

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ROBERT HURKMANS

"Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore!" With these words from *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy comes to the realization the world she knew is gone, and now the journey begins: a journey to understand the new place she has landed.

Recent months have made it clear to me that the world the Church finds itself in is a vastly different place than the world our parents and grandparents inhabited. "Back then" things were different. Church and culture were married in a number of ways. For example, "back then" most everyone went



David Fitch, Professor of Evangelical Theology at Northern Seminary, will lead the rethink:Church conference.

Photo: Submitted

to church (although they may not have known why); "back then" the church occupied a place of authority and respect within society; and "back then" just about everyone knew the Christian story and spoke the Christian "language".

Today, (putting it mildly) things are different. Most people no longer gravitate toward churches out of societal expectation. As well, churches no longer occupy a default place of authority or

influence in their communities. Finally, the Christian story and vocabulary are being lost and forgotten with every generation that is further removed from church life and teaching. Most of us know this is true. Most of us have seen that this is true.

As bleak as this might seem, there is an exciting way for the church to respond to this new post-Christian world in which we find ourselves.

First, rather than trying to attract more and more people to our church, what if we went to them instead?

Second, rather than lamenting our lost position in society, what if we earned a new reputation by loving and serving our community like never before?

And third, rather than expecting people to speak our language, and understand our customs, what if we learned their lan-

guage, listened to their stories and found new ways to proclaim the Gospel in a way that makes sense in their context (not ours)?

In short, what if we began to Rethink Church?

This fall, I invite you and your church team to join the conversation as we Rethink Church together.

On November 15 join us for a one day conference at St. Thomas' St. Catharines as we welcome author and teacher David Fitch to discuss "The Church in Post-Christendom."

To find out more and to register visit: www.rechurchnow.com

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The Water Project

MARTHA TATARNIC

Bishop Mark MacDonald describes it as an astonishing experience of the Spirit networking, joining diverse and geographically far-flung people and communities together for a common purpose.

In his years as National Indigenous Bishop, he has been frequently contacted by those who wish to "do something" to help our aboriginal brothers and sisters. But suddenly in the fall of 2011, he was contacted by over 30 individuals or congregations wanting to know specifically how they could be part of address-



ing water needs in First Nation communities.

Now known as Pimatisiwin Nipi ("Living Water"), Bishop Mark's group identified four

pillars of our work together: Advocacy, Education, Partnership and Strategic Giving. The Giving piece has required a great deal of research and planning, but has been well worth the effort.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) became a partner with Pimatisiwin Nipi in 2012, beginning a new initiative in Pikangikum, Ontario in 2013. PWRDF was able to work within a series of projects by The Pikangikum Working Group (PWG) and found an implementation partner in the registered charity, Frontiers Foundation.

Pimatisiwin, Primate, Pikangikum, PWRDF, PWG—this complex series of P-names can sound confusing. This outline of partnerships lays the groundwork for a very human and personal encounter. The work in Pikangikum was formed in response to a wave of youth suicides which had marked Pikangikum as the community

with the highest suicide rate in the world. A Toronto-based group of professionals was brought together by engineer Bob White. Working with the Director of Housing and Infrastructure for the Assembly of First Nations Irving LeBlanc, the community's elders and school system, the group wanted to create a healthy and sustainable community for Pikangikum's youth.

Twelve priorities were identified toward this end, including creative and empowering solutions for housing, water and food. The Pikangikum Working Group has been seeking committed partners and funding sources with whom Pikangikum can work.

PWRDF made an initial \$100,000 commitment to PWG, based on the initial fundraising goal set by the Pimatisiwin Nipi group. That goal was met and surpassed by early 2014. These contributions contributed to 14 homes in Pikangikum being outfitted with clean water and sewage facilities by this past spring. With an average of seven people per home, and often three or four generations present, this work allowed a transformative impact on almost 100 lives.

More importantly, the work provided a true partnership, creating skilled labour training for young adults in Pikangikum who are now able to build and maintain the infrastructure and fresh water/sewage removal

equipment.

The work is far from done, however, and you or your congregation can participate! Over \$50,000 beyond our initial target has been raised or committed. This will allow us to continue to work with Pikangikum in addressing the water needs of the 400+ homes still without clean water or waste water removal.

Every dollar donated to PWRDF and marked "Pikangikum" goes directly to this extremely important work. Along with these fundraising efforts, the need for advocacy remains dire. The federal government is responsible for water infrastructure in First Nation communities, yet Pikangikum's situation is far from uncommon.

Stay tuned for more information about how you can participate in this work, particularly through a national Advent campaign.

In the meantime, more information and resources for your parish group can be easily attained by contacting me or Bishop Mark MacDonald. It is our witness that this initial project will lead to ongoing partnerships between our national network, PWRDF and our First Nation communities.

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DEREK ANDERSON

Have you been part of a conversation in your parish about the ways that Hands Across Niagara (HAN) is enabling mission in our region and around the world?

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In 2014 the diocesan HAN Grants Committee supported six inspiring ministry projects. Each successful project seeks to address the root causes of injustice faced by our neighbours, or to safeguard the integrity and vitality of creation. And, each project depends upon a vital partnership with other organizations in the community.

As an example, I want to tell you about the exciting work of St. Alban's Beamsville. The people of that parish are connecting in new and vital ways with the largely Spanish-speaking group of temporary farm workers employed in their area of the Niagara Peninsula.



In Beamsville...

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Workers who are isolated from their families find friendship at St. Alban's; workers with limited means are able to communicate with their loved ones in distant countries; and in partnership with the Believer's Bookshelf in Beamsville, workers are able to access English as a Second Language (ESL) training. The program is turning out to be a lifeline for many who experience Canada as a foreign land. In Beamsville, HAN is making it possible for a vulnerable group to find community and to support one another.

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port to the work in our parishes and diocese and to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC). The portion of your gift going to ACC helps with the healing associated with the work of the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It also assists our partners in Cuba,



In Cuba...

enabling them to host leadership camps for Anglican youth and making it possible to train local clergy on the island.

Hands Across Niagara reaches across our country and around the world, demonstrating how we are stronger together.

Our church is stronger when individual parishes receive gifts from HAN, making it possible to engage in mission in the neighbourhoods we are called to serve.

When you give generously to HAN, a third of your gift goes straight to your home congregation to support local outreach, a third goes to fund diocesan grants like the project in Beamsville and a third goes to support the ministries of the

General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

We hope you will make a gift to Hands Across Niagara in this season of generosity by using the offertory envelope inserted in this issue of the *Niagara Anglican*. Remember to indicate the name of your home parish on the donation envelope. You can also make a donation online by visiting niagaraanglican.ca/ministry/hands-across-niagara.

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BOOK REVIEW

Full equality

A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster Canada, 2014)

SHARYN HALL

"In June 2013, The Carter Center (TCC) brought together religious leaders, scholars and activists who are working to align religious and political life with full equality for girls and women. I hope this book, based on their testimony, will help to achieve that goal."

Thus, former US President Jimmy Carter outlines his purpose in the introduction of this his 28th book.

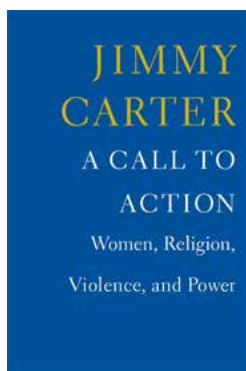
He describes his youth in the Deep South where racial

and gender inequality were a reality of daily life. As a devout Christian in the Southern Baptist Church, he still teaches Sunday School and Bible classes, but questions some Bible interpretations, especially when used to support injustice and abuse.

After his political career ended in 1981, he and Rosalynn founded TCC, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people around the world. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (2002).

Visiting 145 countries, both rich and poor, they have witnessed rapidly rising inequality between men and women because of religion, culture and patriarchal power.

Carter gathered eye-witness



accounts, personal experiences, political events, global statistics and public policies to reveal how women and girls suffer injustice and abuse in every nation. He confirms the prevalence of assault and violence which we read as harrowing news. He

tackles discrimination in laws, economics and religion and documents the power of prevailing attitudes; much more difficult to change than laws.

His outlook may seem limited at times, because of his American perspective, but he is willing to criticize some policies and actions of his own country. Similarly, he acknowledges Christians can be as entrenched in unjust attitudes as members of other faiths. He has endeavored to learn about other faiths and to form bonds of understanding with leaders of other religions.

He is hopeful that unjust attitudes and cruel behaviour toward women and girls will end, as more is known and more

people tackle the issues in their countries and communities. He insists it is not only a gender issue, but a human rights issue which affects us all.

Many organizations work for the well-being of women and girls in situations of poverty, brutal wars, natural disasters and cultural injustice. This book draws together many of these issues.

Although at times disturbing to read, this is an important call to action on behalf of the millions of women and girls around the world who suffer every day.

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"A Day in the Park" Something for everyone



The small, family-oriented picnic grew. People came and enjoyed a day in the park. Photo: Submitted

MARY CATHERINE ROBERTSON, SSG

Earlier this year, members of St. Paul's Glanford collaborated with Canon Christyn Perkons, Director of Congregational Support and Development, to discern their mission to the community of Mount Hope and area.

In May, the outreach team met to put the ideas into action. The result was "A Day in the Park". Originally meant to be a small, family-oriented picnic, it grew into a huge event with over 50

presenters, vendors, crafters and exhibitors.

On Saturday, August 30, due largely to the efforts of St. Paul's parishioners, the Mount Hope Community Park was abuzz with something for everyone. There were prizes, games and activities in the "Kids Zone" including a petting zoo and bouncy castle. Many area youngsters participated with dance performances, martial arts demonstrations and more.

Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson and Hamilton Mayor

Bob Bratina were welcomed by St. Paul's very own Town Crier, Allan Freeman.

Admission was free. The HSR special events trolley looped through the village with complimentary rides to and from the park, making this family event affordable and accessible to everyone.

St. Paul's mission as a beacon of friendship and hospitality to all continues as plans are underway for more exciting activities.

Synod to tackle important question

"What is it to be Anglican?" could become clearer after Niagara's Diocesan Synod meets in early November.

Aspects of the overall theme—What is it to be Anglican?—to be discussed and action taken will include: changing the way budgets are approved, further conversations about Cathedral Place Development, electing delegates for Provincial Synod and approving changes to the Diocesan Canons.

Secretary of Synod Marni Nancekivell said there will be a conversation regarding the format of Synod itself. Presently she said, "We have a two day Synod one year and a one day Synod the next. We will examine having a one day Synod each year to enable us to honour the time of all members of Synod."

The second session of the 140th Niagara Diocesan Synod takes place at Christ's Church Cathedral on Saturday, November 8, 2014. The first session took place on April 5, 2014. See the summary of proceedings in the Summer issue of the *Niagara Anglican*.

News from the second session of Synod will appear in the January 2015 issue of the *Niagara Anglican*.



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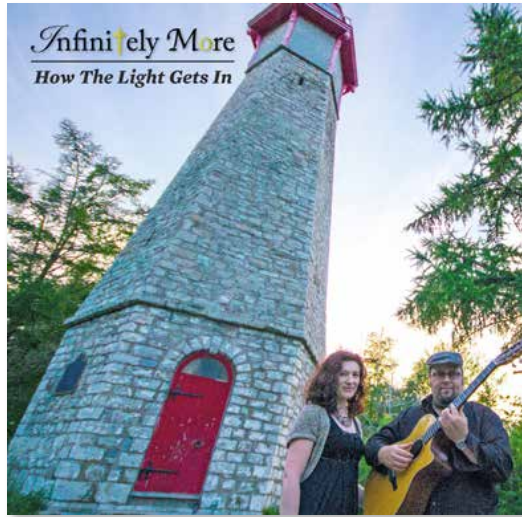
Every song has a story

ALLISON LYNN

It was time to plan Easter worship. Messages were discussed; themes pondered. Pictures of lilies and crosses were bantered about, until one image made us stop in our tracks. It placed us inside a stone tomb. Before us was an opening, with a bright light shining through. The song seemed so clear: There's A Light At The End Of The Tomb.

We are Allison Lynn and Gerald Flemming, and together we form the Christian music duo, Infinitely More. Blending folk, pop, jazz, hymns and worship, Infinitely More creates a fresh new sound for churches of all sizes and denominations. Based out of Burlington, Ontario, Infinitely More is a full-time touring ministry, with a special heart for the Anglican Church. As a married couple, we feel particularly blessed that God has called us to this musical life together.

We are constantly writing,



The cover of Infinitely More's most recent CD Photo: Simon Chambers

often inspired by stories heard on our travels. By this past winter, we had over 50 new original songs and hymn arrangements. Like shelves overflowing with treasured pieces, our songs were crying out for a home. It was

time to head to the studio. We decided to record two CDs—one inspirational (*How The Light Gets In*) and one Christmas (*Tonight, Everywhere Is Bethlehem*).

Each song has its own story. We Are The Face of Jesus

began around the kitchen table in Chamcook, New Brunswick. Gerald had this idea about how we, as Christians, represent Jesus in the world. We started to write the verses, but the song refused to complete itself. A few weeks later, we sang for a missions team in Berwick, Nova Scotia. As we heard the teens talk excitedly about building houses in the Dominican, we knew we had found our ending. We wrote, "We are the hands of Jesus ... and every house we build will be filled by His love."

Some songs come through worship. As we sat in the sanctuary of St. Christopher's Burlington, Gerald's eyes drifted over the massive stone sanctuary. He imagined the generations of worshippers who had prayed in those pews, and God's voice speaking to them through the ages. The idea formed in his mind for the song *This Is The House Where Prophets Speak*.

As we gathered the songs together, a theme became clear—

light. We had this one song that always felt warm and nurturing to sing, like sunshine on a summer's day. *How The Light Gets In* became our title track.

It takes a village to raise a CD. The recording process brought together world class session players in Nashville, TN, with a professional creative team in Ontario. From start to finish, this entire project was soaked in prayer. By the end of the summer our journey was complete.

We love sharing the songs of *How The Light Gets In* and *Tonight, Everywhere Is Bethlehem* through concerts, worship services, and now through these recordings. The world is filled with enough dark images. What a blessing to sing about hope and love, and to let people know *How The Light Gets In*.

You can learn more about our music and ministry, including how to bring us to your church, at www.InfinitelyMore.ca or email us at Allison@InfinitelyMore.ca

Hamilton church site of cross country tour

AMY KNIGHT

As part of a 31 show tour across Canada, celebrated singer and songwriter Steve Bell will be stopping at the Church of the Resurrection Hamilton on Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m.

He's been a quiet and consistent presence on the music scene since first performing on his own. Since 1989 Bell has touched the hearts and souls of devoted fans across Canada, the United States and worldwide. After 25 years and multiple major music awards, he has released his most ambitious project to date.

Part new and part commemorative, the four-disc Pilgrimage project brings together Bell's latest effort of all-new music, alongside discs of fan-chosen re-recordings, instrumental re-mixes and tributes featuring cover songs done by some of his friends and colleagues in the music industry. The box set also features an extensive biographical essay and discography by theologian John Stackhouse.

"The project started out as a single album of new material," Bell says. "We then thought because it coincided with my 25th anniversary (his first solo album was *Comfort My People*), it would be fun to expand the project to be a bit of a celebration. It was a happy accident that the title Pilgrimage so suited the larger vision of the project."

The collection was funded largely through Kickstarter, a website where fans and supporters contributed financially to the project. Bell says this was extra special in celebrating what the last 25 years have meant in terms of building a musical "community."

"My career from the start has enjoyed incredible support from the wider community. I may get the credit ... but it's been a 'we' thing all along," he says.

The project is one Bell cites as special and in particular, celebratory of a career he feels fortunate to still be in after a quarter century.

"Twenty-five years is fun for



me; I'm just surprised I'm still here," he says with a laugh.

Tickets are available from the Church of the Resurrection (435 Mohawk Rd. W, 905-389-1942) and online at www.stevebell.com. The new Pilgrimage album is available in stores and digitally.

Kevin Beattie, organizer of the concert for the Church of the Resurrection, can be contacted at dkevinbeattie@gmail.com.

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Canterbury SUMMER tales

LANA LOWE

"It's a great, great camp, this Camp Canterbury!" are the beginning words to the camp cheer which I learned 35 years ago when my journey with Canterbury began. Then, Father Blackwood was the Director and Audrey "Lady" Blackwood ran the kitchen. Now, I am part of the new camping era.

Back then, we had a canoeing program and cabins were all on the "hill". Now, nestled in our beautiful Carolinian forest is the premier site of Adventureworks!—high ropes challenge course. Three log cabins (with wash-rooms) are also down in the "meadow". We used to get woken up by the sound of a clanging bell outside of Lions (dining) Hall. These days, campers and staff are woken up by music playing over loudspeakers!

While there have been changes to the site and cabins, directed unit camping has replaced program camping—yet there is a magic to Canterbury which has lasted throughout the camp's 54 years.



Campers make lasting friendships and magic memories at Canterbury Hills.

Photo: Canterbury Hills

For me, the magic begins at the end of Lions Club Road where Camp is "home". Campers still know a special place called Fairy Falls that is welcoming on a hot day. Dometree is still a favourite place to hike to as boisterous campers become silent before the breathtaking sunsets over the Dundas Valley. We still give thanks by saying Grace before shared meals; and Chapel St.

Clare is where we gather as a community to share some of the joy we feel about Canterbury.

Our beautiful setting helps keep the spirit of Canterbury Hills thriving. Yes, the trees are larger and the creeks still fascinate. However, it's the energy of campers discovering this world and creating friendships which still make the best memories of our lives.

Memorable days are full of activities such as the slip-n-slide, archery, campouts in the woods, the ropes challenge course and swimming. And at the end of a day which has been filled with laughter, activity and traditions, a wonderful stillness settles over the camp while "taps" is being sung by everyone around the campfire. These activities are changed into magical programs

by the staff.

The staff, at the beginning are cabin leaders, but by the end of the summer have been transformed into an extraordinary, caring family ... a family of leaders who use their skills, knowledge and creativity, and are on call 24/7 for the campers. It is the generosity of our great and dedicated staff that keeps the magic and traditions alive for each generation. It is also the kindness of clergy celebrants, partner agencies, alumni, volunteers and financial supporters who have all contributed to making Canterbury a "great, great camp!"

It's been weeks since the last campers packed their belongings and taken home the magic of their 2014 forever memories. We already look ahead to sharing this great, great camp for the 2015 camping season knowing that the traditions and magic of Canterbury will continue.

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