



## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP



## Childlike wisdom

Our dominant culture tends to put a pretty high premium on being wise and intelligent. They are virtues that are typically valued and sought after—not only in the world, but also in the church.

We encourage Christian education among all the baptized, and we create

particular incentives for our clergy to continue their education and become more learned. In our tradition in particular, “reason” is supposed to be one of the pillars of the Anglican approach to things.

Yet Jesus on occasion sounds pretty down on wisdom and learnedness. Twice in the gospels he thanks the Father for being more revelatory to “infants” than to “the wise and intelligent.” Is Jesus an anti-intellectual?

I don’t think so. However, he does condemn legalism—an approach to God and to life that is stripped of grace and reduced to a sometimes-blind adherence to rules, a path that risks leading to certainty, arrogance, and pride instead of faith, hope, and love.

Jesus probably had some Pharisees, Sadducees, and Scribes in mind when he said these things; perhaps some of them were in earshot when he declared that God reveals God’s self more readily “to infants,” to the childlike.

I’ve been sharing a home with two small children for the past year, for the first time in my life. As a result I perhaps understand this teaching of Jesus better than before.

Children are naturally joyful, trusting, open, curious, and willing to learn. “What’s that?” and “Pourquoi?” are questions heard repeatedly around the house. Children also inherently seem to embody faith, hope, and love.

Those are attributes we risk losing as we grow. Jesus is inviting us to recognize that true wisdom and knowledge of God will always mean holding on to some of our childlike trust, inquisitiveness, simplicity, naïveté, and hopeful expectation.

Jesus comes back to this notion at least twice more in the gospel of Matthew when he says, “Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” And a little after that, when Jesus stops his disciples from blocking children who are trying to see him, he says “it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

So even as we seek to grow in Godly wisdom and intelligence of mind, may we do so with the hearts and eyes of children, for that is how we will most clearly see God revealed.

## La sagesse des enfants

Notre culture dominante a tendance à accorder une grande importance à la sagesse et à l’intelligence. Ce sont des vertus qui sont généralement appréciées et recherchées - pas seulement dans le monde, mais aussi dans l’église.

Nous encourageons l’éducation chrétienne parmi tous les baptisés et nous créons des incitations particulières pour que les membres de notre clergé poursuivent leurs études et deviennent plus instruits. Dans notre tradition en particulier, la « raison » est censée être l’un des piliers de l’approche anglicane.

Pourtant, Jésus semble parfois ne pas vouloir se préoccuper de la sagesse et du savoir. À deux reprises dans les évangiles, il remercie le Père d’être plus révélateur auprès des « enfants » que pour les « sages et intelligents ». Jésus serait-il anti-intellectuel?

Je ne le pense pas. Cependant, il condamne le légalisme - une approche envers Dieu et envers la vie qui est dénuée de grâce et qui se réduit à une adhésion parfois aveugle aux règles, une voie qui risque de conduire à la certitude, à l’arrogance et à la fatuité plutôt qu’à la foi, à l’espoir et à l’amour.

Jésus avait probablement en tête des pharisiens, des sadducéens et des scribes quand il a dit ces choses; peut-être certains d’entre eux étaient-ils à portée de voix quand il déclara que Dieu se révèle plus facilement « aux enfants », à ceux qui ont gardé une façon de voir plus juvénile.

Depuis un an, pour la première fois de ma vie, je partage ma maison avec deux jeunes enfants. En conséquence, je comprends maintenant peut-être mieux cet enseignement de Jésus qu’auparavant.

Les enfants sont naturellement joyeux, confiants, ouverts, curieux et disposés à apprendre. « Qu’est-ce que c’est? » et « pourquoi? » sont des questions entendues à répétition dans la maison. Les enfants semblent aussi intrinsèquement incarner la foi, l’espoir et l’amour.

Ce sont des attributs que nous risquons de perdre en grandissant. Jésus nous invite à reconnaître que la vraie sagesse et la connaissance de Dieu signifieront toujours conserver une partie de notre confiance enfantine, de notre curiosité, de notre simplicité, de notre naïveté et de nos espoirs.

Jésus revient à cette notion au moins deux fois encore dans l’évangile de Matthieu quand il dit : « Si vous ne vous convertissez pas et ne devenez pas comme des petits enfants, vous n’entrerez point dans le Royaume des Cieux. » Et un peu plus tard, quand Jésus empêche ses disciples de retenir les enfants qui essaient de le voir, il dit : « car le Royaume des Cieux est pour ceux qui leur ressemblent. »

Alors même que nous cherchons à grandir dans la sagesse divine et l’intelligence de l’esprit, puissions-nous le faire avec le cœur et les yeux des enfants, car c’est ainsi que Dieu nous sera révélé le plus clairement.

+Bruce



At the beginning of the summer the diocese launched a new website. Websites have a relatively short lifespan, they need to be upgraded on a regular basis. The new one is the fifth site to serve both members of the diocesan family and others in obtaining information regarding our diocese. Constructed with the assistance of the national church office it will be managed by the diocesan office and for the first time is available in both English and French versions. <https://quebec.anglican.ca/>

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# The Anglican Foundation Holds its AGM in Québec City

By Stephen Kohner

The messages conveyed at the Annual General Meeting of The Anglican Foundation (AF) at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on May 23rd were ones of hope, strength and innovation. Following a choral evensong and reception, The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate and Chair and The Rev. Dr. Canon Judy Rois, Executive Director, welcomed close to 50 people comprising of AF Board of Directors, members and friends.

The audience heard stories of the Foundation's work across Canada. However, the narrative is not just about the money. It is about sustaining the church and engaging in new and creative ways of providing ministry.

It is becoming increasingly evident that there is a dynamic and fundamental shift from providing building grants and loans to more program-type grants. Innovative projects such as bee-keeping, community gardens, support of youth initiatives and outreach are areas in which the Foundation is providing financial assistance. With an extraordinary level of generosity, resources are being channeled into areas that are pro-active in nature and ones that will sustain the church, its mission and ministry into the future.

Quebec Diocesan bursary recipients Bishop Bruce Myers and The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe spoke of their appreciation of funding that has helped them in their university programs. They both voiced how the Foundation has aided them in discernment as they seek ways for the church to transform itself, responding to the real needs of the world.

Since 1997, the Diocese of Quebec has received upwards of \$750 000 in grants and loans. Yet, as Bishop Bruce remarked, our membership levels remain very low. Over the next 18 months, there will be a push to increase the membership to The AF. It is one way Anglicans are able to effectively support each other. He added that, as a diocese, we cannot always be on the receiving end of things. It is time to take responsibility in supporting and sustaining this crucial work that allows us to partake in strengthening the future of the church.

More information can be found on the Anglican Foundation website at [anglicanfoundation.org](http://anglicanfoundation.org) or by contacting Stephen Kohner at [skohner@quebec.anglican.ca](mailto:skohner@quebec.anglican.ca).



**Bishop Bruce speaking of the assistance he has received from the Foundation.**



**The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate and Chair; Ruth Sheeran Anglican Foundation Board member; Stephan Kohner our diocesan Anglican Foundation ambassador; Bishop Bruce with his Episcopal clad Hope Bear and The Rev. Dr. Canon Judy Rois, the Foundation's Executive Director.**



## Cycling coast to coast

This summer Bishop Rob Hardwick of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, cycled across Canada praying for unity, healing & reconciliation whilst raising funds to support initiatives of unity, healing, and reconciliation.

He left Victoria BC on May 18th and arrived in St John's NL on August 1st. At 62, Hardwick planned his

trip to take a day for every year he's been alive.

The trip was not without its setbacks, his wife Lorraine who was accompanying him in their van and trailer was in an accident outside of Wawa which totaled both the van and the RV. Thankfully she was only bruised, and they decided the mission was so important

they had to carry on.

Obviously to get to St John's he had to spend some days riding through our diocese. Bishop Bruce rode with him in the Quebec City area.

While in Quebec he was interviewed on the CBC radio show Breakaway. You can listen to that at: <http://www.cbc.ca/>

[listen/shows/breakaway/segment/15556225](http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/breakaway/segment/15556225)

On Thursday July 12th, Bishop Hardwick stopped at Cacouna where he and his wife Lorraine spent the night with Ann Arkell. Andrew and Patsy Reeve hosted a small get together for the Hardwicks to welcome them to Cacouna and to hear from the bishop about his ride.

Learn more about the Bishop's Ride at the Diocese of Qu'Appelle's website: <https://quappelle.anglican.ca/ministry/p/bishops-ride>

It is not too late to donate to the cause! You can do so via the Anglican Church website: <https://www.anglican.ca/giving/ride/>



**The St. James, Cacouna, welcoming party for Rob and Lorraine Hardwick**

# News and events from parishes across our diocese



**Baptêmes à Thetford Mines**  
Par Pierre Voyer, Photo : Michel Royer

*C'est fête à St. John The Divine quia deux nouvelles paroissiennes.*

*Le dimanche 10 juin, j'ai eu le plaisir de baptiser deux enfants dans la paroisse de Thetford Mines. Olivia Avery, fille de Patrick Landry et de Kimberly Johnston, et Sophya Annybel, fille de Julien Rodrigue et de Kristina Johnston. Plus de trente personnes, dont une dizaine de paroissiens assistaient à la célébration. Pour l'occasion, nous sommes allés chercher le baptistère qui appartenait à l'église St. John the Divine : un objet qui a rappelé bien des souvenirs aux paroissiens.*

*Sur la photo, vous ne retrouvez malheureusement qu'une partie de la congrégation.*



## Summer placement on the Lower North Shore

*Scott Potter is a postulant for Holy Orders from our diocese who is studying at Montreal Diocesan Theological College. He is serving as student minister this summer in Harrington for about 8 weeks, beginning June 10th. Scott will be leading regular church services in both Harrington and Chevery. Scott will also offer pastoral care and home visits.*



*We played a silly game, where we laughed so hard we cried. All monetary proceeds from the event were donated to PWRDF, with specific amounts to three different areas. It was a short, but well attended memorable evening. Article and photo submitted by Mary Spingle*



*Dimanche le 24 juin, notre évêque, Mgr Myers a rendu visite à la petite communauté de Thetford Mines.*

*Une dizaine de personnes fait partie de la congrégation. Tous les deux dimanches il y a la célébration eucharistique. Ce dimanche a été l'occasion pour l'évêque, d'avoir d'un bon échange avec les paroissiens qui se sont dit heureux d'avoir pu exprimer leur préoccupations mais aussi leur besoin d'être ensemble pour prier. Photo : Yvan Bélanger*



*International Women's Day, March 8, 2018, was celebrated at St Peter's Church, in Old Fort Bay, with fancy tea. The event started off with an opening prayer by our Reverend Francie Keats*

*A few members of the ACW group of St Peters Old Fort Bay, then did individual performances representing a few great women: Mother Theresa was beautifully represented, and described by Elaine Bilodeau; Carol Fequet dressed and looking a lot like Rita Mcneil, sang acapella with the help of the assembly, (It's a working man I am); Wanda Fequet, hockey stick in hand and wearing a hockey jersey representing Hailey Wickenheiser, sang along to Stompin Tom Connors hockey song; Lois Woodland dressed in a shirt of many colours and sporting a shovel as a guitar sang, Dolly Parton's song (coat of many colours); Mary Spingle did a short talk about a great Canadian native lady, by the name of Mary Two Axe Early from the Kanawake Indian reserve near Montreal. Meva Mcdonald summed it all up with a short talk about all the great women from our corner of the world.*

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## Early Christmas celebrated at the former St Luke's, Corner of the Beach

On Sunday, July 8th, "Christmas in July" was celebrated in the museum with the Rev. Doug Johnson officiating. The museum still has the altar set up as it used to be and the museum was decorated with greenery, lights and ribbon. The service was one of seven lessons with carols between each one. Sharon Howell from Haldimand sang a solo "The Holy City" and Sharon Cotnam from Pembroke, ON sang the closing hymn, a solo to the tune of Leonard Cohen's Hallelu'jah with Christmas words. "Friends in Song", a group of ladies from Gaspé, led the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and the French carol "Il est né" which was followed by a French reading in keeping with the objective of offering events in both official languages. This was the first time since 2010 that "Christmas in July", which used to be an annual event, was celebrated and was very much enjoyed by the forty-five people in attendance. Following the service, members of the Corner of the Beach Historical Society served refreshments at the Mabe summer home across the road and "Friends in Song" entertained with a sing-along.

The Corner of the Beach Historical Society very much appreciates the donation of the cross, candle holders, vases, communion vessels and other items from the former St. James Anglican Church in Cape Cove (Cap d'Espoir) which has been sold. Many of the Mabe and Vibert wives, Beck, Case and Lenfestey were from Cape Cove so it is fitting that their history be exhibited with that of Corner of the Beach. These items have been placed in the main sanctuary because they are larger in size than those of St. Luke's which have been displayed as a second altar at the rear.



**On June 17th Bishop Bruce presided at the confirmation of Ethan Aitkens on Entry Island, Parish of the Magdalen Islands. The bishop was the parish priest here more than a decade ago and as he says 'They've certainly grown!' Left to right: Bishop Bruce, lay-reader and aunt of confirmand, Candace Aitkens, Ethan Aitkens, Rev. Cynthia Patterson. Photo Candy Aitkens**

## Major restoration at St James the Apostle, Cacouna



**The new cedar roof goes on. The bell tower was rotting so it was removed by a crane and will be rebuilt on the ground to be then placed back on the church.**

**Article and photos by Peter Jones**

St James the Apostle, a handcrafted example of Victorian Gothic revival construction and architecture, is the summer Anglican church in Cacouna. It is the only English language Anglican church between Quebec and Metis. This impressive building has undergone many changes over its 153-year history, and the past three years are no exception. From its humble beginnings as a multi-denominational church in the mid-1860s to its Anglican congregation today, St James the Apostle, Cacouna, has quite a story to tell.

In 2015, a reception was held to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St James opening its doors on Sunday mornings (see article QDG Oct 2015). Period costumes were donned to celebrate the history of this special place.

By that time, it was clear that the 150-year old building needed some attention. Research had begun on what needed to be done and where funding could be acquired to restore the building. In late summer of 2015, funding from the Conseil du Patrimoine Religieux du Québec (CPRQ) was secured.

At the annual Vestry Meeting held in August 2016, a fundraising committee was established to match the funds the CPRQ would commit to the refurbishing of both the church and the parsonage, located next door. The parsonage has been used



**Some of those gathering for one of the three summer concerts. The unrestored bell tower can clearly be seen awaiting its restoration.**

to house visiting priests from across Eastern Canada since the 1960s. Through remarkable dedication and resourcefulness, the funds needed to provide the match were raised by the fundraising committee.

The necessary engi-



**Many come from far and wide for the concerts**

neering, architectural, and code studies were completed and in early 2018, a contract was signed for the first phase of the restoration project: replacing the St. James roof in a style that replicated the original roof: cedar shingles. The work was initiated in May and is scheduled to be complete by the end of August. An outstanding effort by the entire congregation appears to have strengthened the bonds of this small summer parish.

An annual summer concert series was also launched in 2016. "Cacouna en Concerts" will again be held at St. James this summer. Three concerts are now held each summer, where professional musicians perform a wide variety of classical music to standing room only crowds. These concerts have served to open our doors to many people from Cacouna and beyond.

The future of St James, Cacouna is looking brighter every day, with the growing attendance on Sundays (50% growth from 2014 to 2017), the dynamic concert series, and the continuing restoration of the buildings.

The efforts of the last few years were not stand alone efforts, as many generations of attendees have kept the doors open year after year. The present wardens stand on the shoulders of many committed congregants who have gone before.

If you are ever traveling through the Cacouna area, please stop by and come and worship with us on any Sunday in July or August. We'd love to meet you!

## FAITHFUL REFLECTIONS

By Louisa Blair

### He bit my leg off

Some people like to read James Patterson or John Grisham during their summer holidays. I like to read stuff I'm too exhausted to read the rest of the year. I'd been trying to read *Notre Dame de Paris* for months. After about five minutes of reading, my beloved would look over to see me fast asleep and slowly tipping forward into the book until my nose was firmly wedged into its inner spine. I was woken up by his peals of laughter night after night.

So this summer I set out to read three books that had defeated me during the year: *Notre Dame de Paris* by Victor Hugo, *Moby Dick*, by Herman Melville, and the *Book of Jeremiah*, by, well, Jeremiah. I thought you should know, before you plunge into them and fall, weeping, into their inner spines, that these are probably the most depressing books in the Western literary canon. All of them are full of vengeance. Esmerelda is punished with torture and death by a priest who blames her for the fact that he's in love with her. *Moby Dick* is about a man driven mad with desire for revenge against a whale who bit his leg off neatly at the knee. Of course there's probably all kinds of deep stuff in both of them that went completely over my head.

And then there's the *Book of Jeremiah*, the most vengeful of all. "You'll all perish by famine, by the sword, or by a plague" prophesies Jeremiah over and over again. Another time God threatens to make the Israelites eat their own sons and daughters (19:9). Once, like a schoolyard bully, God threatens to lift up Israel's skirts and expose her private parts (13:26). Jeremiah doesn't particularly like conveying these messages, apparently. "I'm exhausted trying to keep these words to myself – but they burn me up so I have to let them out." Thus might I justify my own utterances at the steering wheel, betimes.

The Israelites react to Jeremiah in various ways: they mock him, they pillory him, they throw him in a dungeon, they lower him carefully with ropes into a muddy well. Not surprisingly, Jeremiah hates his job. "Cursed was the day I was born! I wish I'd been stillborn and my mother's womb had been my tomb!" Which I would call strong suicidal ideation.

In one of the few passages where God explains why he's so angry, you realize he has a point. "My dears," he says, "I'm cross with you because a) you are ruining the earth, b) you are polluting the seas, c) all you think of is profit, d) you ill-treat and exploit immigrants, orphans and widows, and e) you spill innocent blood." Ring any bells? Hold down your skirts, girls!

Yet still I rail with all my heart against a god who would utter such threats. They are almost enough to make me want to change religion. Surely Buddhists aren't asked to believe this sort of thing? What sort of god could be so perverted and sadistic?

In addition to all the threats of vengeance, God also tells the Israelites to abandon Jerusalem and go and submit to the king of Babylon – the arch-pagan, the heretic, the apostate, the Other. Perhaps that's why the Israelites thought Jeremiah was full of baloney. It couldn't be their God telling them to do that! Or perhaps God was saying, this religion of fear and vengeance has become twisted, like Ahab's in *Moby Dick*, like the priest's in *Notre Dame*. Let's get right away and start again somewhere different, among strangers.



"Jonah and the Whale", Folio from a *Jami al-Tavarikh (Compendium of Chronicles)* ca.1400, The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

And even amid the vengefulness of the old religion to which Jeremiah too, after all, belonged, there are the seeds of something new. God promised that she'd start talking with us in a new way: instead of using suicidal prophets, she'd download her messages into our hearts so we could scroll through them at our leisure. What's more, "I'll pardon their crimes, I won't mention them anymore." Forgiveness! No more revenge! Yet Jeremiah did mention their crimes again, quite a few more times. Old habits die hard, both his, ours, and perhaps God's.

The books that Jeremiah kept dictating to his secretary Baruch were cut up with scissors into tiny pieces, burned in a fire, or thrown in the River Euphrates. But every time, God told Jeremiah to writing everything down again. Thanks to this, the new message would eventually get through to you and me.

As I struggled through my summer of vengeance, I guess what did get through is that we are still guilty of the very same sins, but that either God never was vengeful, or she's changed her tune. As my daughter explained to me, "Maybe God was angry and vengeful before, but realized that we don't work that way. God had never raised a human race before."

If we are to follow the living God we cannot quietly follow our current course of planetary destruction and greed. We can all now see the consequences with our own eyes. But nor can we stay fixed in the place where we once found God – a walled city of fear. We must walk outside, towards our "enemy", in trust. Like the Israelites, we are bound to lose our way over and over again, perhaps get a leg bitten off. But God will come and find us.

## THE SUMMER



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# Montreal Diocesan Theological College offering a online course this fall: Luke: A Journey with Jesus

By Jesse Zink

Before I was ordained, I lived and worked as a missionary in South Africa. Two of my closest friends were a husband-and-wife Mennonite mission couple who worked with a small Bible college in the rural part of the country where we lived. When I first met them, I remember how my friend Joe described his work. “We believe that what the world needs is not necessarily more Christians but better educated and better formed Christians.”

At first, I was confused. Surely, as a missionary, he wanted more Christians? But in the context in which he worked, the comment made sense. His students were pastors of independent churches who had had almost no training before being called by the Spirit to start new congregations. Later, I would occasionally travel with Joe as he conducted teaching sessions around the region. I have strong memories of the way small groups of his students would gather around the Bible for careful study, and how immensely devoted they were to this work.

I am now beginning my second year as principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Since 1873, we’ve been preparing students for ministry in the

church, including in the Diocese of Quebec. Graduates of our distance-education Reading and Tutorial program are in ministry in various parts of this diocese. Several other clergy trained for ministry on one of our residential programs and one of the diocese’s postulants is currently studying in Montreal with us now. We are proud to call your bishop, Bruce Myers, a graduate of the college. Since my arrival in Montreal last year, I’ve enjoyed my visits to the Diocese of Quebec, including an opportunity to speak to the Church Society in April. I look forward to more opportunities to learn about Anglican ministry in this part of God’s creation.

As I enter my second year, I have found myself thinking often about my friend Joe’s remarks as the college continues to discern our calling in the church. Evangelism and church growth are clear callings of the church. Having more Christians would be a good thing, not just for the church but also for our society. But I am also aware of the great needs for education and formation that exist within our churches. And I see this in people I meet. The Christians I meet now understand that if we are to be witnesses in the world, we need to learn more and grow deeper into our faith. It’s why the word discipleship has become such



an important word for many Anglicans in recent years. To take the next steps into the future God is calling us too, we all need to become disciples—a word that literally means students—of Jesus Christ.

The College will continue to offer high-quality residential theological education programs in Montreal. We are in the process of redesigning our Reading and Tutorial program so people can train for ministry locally without coming to Montreal. But I am still struck by the image I have from South Africa of faithful Christians gathering around the Bible to learn more about where God is calling them. It reminds me that theological education is for all Christians, not just clergy.

This fall we are offering a new online course: Luke: A Journey with Jesus. This is a five-session, non-credit course that will offer an overview of some of the

major themes of the Gospel of Luke, as well as a close look at the distinctive ways in which Luke understands Jesus. In 2019, many of the Gospel readings on Sunday will come from the Gospel of Luke.

The course is meant to be an introduction to the Gospel for people with no prior background or a refresher for those who want to prepare for the coming year. It is meant for lay people and ordained people, for those who will preach sermons in the coming year and those who will listen to them. There is no required reading (except the gospel itself) and no required assignments. It is simply an opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for another year in the life of the church.

We will meet in an online classroom for five Tuesdays in October and November (October 23 and 30, then November 6, 13,

and 20), from 7.30pm to 9pm Montreal time. The cost for all five sessions is \$75 per connection. We encourage people to join us from the comforts of their own home or to gather together as a group to learn as a community. For more information or to register, please contact us at the college ([info@montrealdio.ca](mailto:info@montrealdio.ca) or 514.849.3004 x221) or contact me directly at the details below.

In the College’s vision statement, we call ourselves “a creative learning community.” My prayer is that this community can continue to grow so that we deepen our relationship with the Diocese of Quebec and together witness to a world that longs to hear of Christ’s love.

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**Rev. Richard Keith Dickerson  
1931 – 2018**

The *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* is sad to announce that the Rev. Kieth Dickerson passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, after a courageous struggle with Alzheimer’s. Beloved husband of Audrey Dickerson (nee Willcocks) for 62 years, inspiration to sons, John, Leslie (Susi Deslauriers), Michael (late Lisa Dickerson), cherished grandfather (Pappy) of Stephen (Cathrine Lefebvre) and Amanda (Chris Koskoletos). Dear brother-in-law of Leslie Willcocks (Linda Willcocks).

Ordained in 1960, Keith ministered in the Diocese of Montreal before coming to the Diocese of Quebec, most notably serving as priest-in-charge of St. George’s in Georgeville from 1983 to 1990 and as rector of St. George’s in Lennoxville from 1990 until his retirement in 2004.

Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson of Montreal, who first met Keith when she was a teenager, describes him as “a passionate evangelist (and somewhat unconventional Anglican priest of the day) who, while in Montreal in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, had a mission to reach out to travelers to Montreal’s Expo site, and whomever he met in parks, to lead them to Christ.”

The Memorial Service took place on Friday, May 4 at St. George, Lennoxville with interment at McPherson Cemetery, Georgeville.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

# Gleanings

*Gleanings is a monthly column by Meb Reisner Wright, the diocesan historian, who delves in to the back issues of the Quebec Diocesan Gazette to present us with interesting nuggets of our past.*

Although, one hundred years ago, the Diocesan Gazette, did continue publication through July, the summer months tended to be covered in the September number. The autumn issue, not surprisingly, often contained reports on visitations by the Bishop to those parts of his diocese which were only accessible by water.

“Prevailing southerly winds had been with us most of the month of July, bringing with them continuous fogs, making navigation around these rocky coasts and shallow harbours both difficult and dangerous,” begins an article submitted by the Revd Evered Templeman, priest-in-charge at Grindstone, Magdalen Islands, describing Bishop Lennox Williams’ recent journey there.

“For some days we had been on the lookout for the CGS [Coast Guard Ship] ‘Princess’, bringing to us our beloved Bishop on his triennial visitation, when a marconi message from Gaspé informed us of his approach, and the next day a telegram from Amherst, M[agdalen] I[lands], that his Lordship was at last on these Islands.”

“That evening, 17th July, the summer came back to us, and with it the ‘Princess’ rode into Grindstone harbour. It was a cheering and welcome experience as the Commander’s gig, manned by six sturdy blue-jackets, swung alongside, and the Bishop sprang onto the wharf with a hearty, kindly greeting.”

Bishop Lennox’s schedule on the islands was

a busy one, first involving the consecration of St Luke’s Church, Grindstone, replacing an earlier St Luke’s which his father—James William Williams—had consecrated in 1869; also, the dedication of three stained glass windows, “placed in the church in memory of the family of W.G. Leslie”, and the confirmation of candidates who had been prepared by Revd Templeman.

“Early the next morning, the Bishop celebrated the Holy Eucharist, when the newly confirmed made their first communion. After breakfast, some leading inhabitants met the Bishop on the wharf to bid him farewell, as he, with the Missionary [Templeman himself] and a few friends, embarked for Entry Island, arriving at that fertile little mountain in the sea at 2:30 p.m.”

“The islanders were seen, as we approached, running down the hillside and crowding the shore ... Our party were rowed and carried where we were received with guns firing and bunting flying. Here we found sulkies which conveyed us in state to All Saints Church.” The Bishop performed a baptism and confirmed ten more candidates, after which “we took up our carriages and jolted over the rough, hilly tracks to visit some of the aged inhabitants who had affectionate reminiscences not only of our Bishop’s father ... but also of Bishop [George Jehoshaphat] Mountain, by whom some had been baptized and confirmed, one remembering his visit in 1845.”

“The sun was setting

as we returned to the shore ... the gig was manned ready to convey us back to the ‘Princess’. It was time for a parting, a grip of the hand all round ... a last look to make out our friends in the dimness still waiting to see the last of us as we weighed anchor and passed to the West’ard for the islands away in that quarter.”

“Next morning, after a very comfortable cruise, we awoke to find ourselves off Old Harry Head, with that Patriarchal settlement spread before us around its sandy beach. Some schooners were in, and everybody busy at an early hour loading them with green cod fish, a new and increasing industry on these islands. The smoke was also rising from the lobster canning factory, showing that the packers were working to the last day of the season. All was hustle and bustle, and many things impossible to be postponed, but all who could, or would, were awaiting us.”

“On landing, the Bishop, together with the Missionary, and Mr T.H. Chapman, the Licensed Lay Reader, called upon the Mayor, Mr Burton Clark, and other leading parishioners before going to the remarkably elegant new church to which his Lordship was driven by Mr Edward Dunn.”

Next came the consecration of St Peters-by-the-sea “standing amidst the black spruce” on a hill, “girt by rocky shore and angry sea on one side and the calm lagoon on the other.” The erection of this church, as well as the parsonage on neighbouring Grosse Isle, Templeman assures us, “was chiefly owing to the energies and almost herculean efforts of the Revd A.W. Reeves ... a missionary stationed here, now Private Reeves R[oyal] A[rtilillery] ... ‘somewhere in



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France’.” After the consecration of the church, the Bishop confirmed three candidates, and dedicated a recent gift, “some beautiful silver plate for use as Sacred Vessels at the Eucharist.”

“Again on board the Government Steamer, and away for Grosse Isle” they anchored at 5 p.m. and inspected the new parsonage while daylight held. Then, before entering the church, came “the hallowing of a parcel of ground ... the gift of W. Edmund Keating” as an addition to the existing churchyard. Not only were twenty-one persons, “many of them adults”, confirmed during the service which followed, but five infants were baptized. In his sermon, the Bishop drew lessons and gave illustrations “from his experience during a recent visit to the camps and hospitals of our Canadian soldiers in England.”

“It was nearly dark when we gathered on the shore to say ‘God be with you till we meet again’ as Bishop

Williams, who is in reality a Father in God to us all in this distant portion of his diocese.”

Templeman “remained on Grosse Isle, for the Sunday when he gave first communion to nineteen of the newly confirmed.” Meanwhile, the Bishop travelled on to the Gaspé Peninsula aboard the CGS ‘Princess’ continuing his summer’s tour of Episcopal Oversight Built in the Grangemouth dockyard near the top of the Firth of Forth, Scotland for the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company she was launched in September 1896, The S.S. Princess was 165 foot length and 26 foot beam. The Princess was soon placed on the Charlottetown to Pictou route. In 1905 the Company realized that the smaller ship was not meeting the needs of the province and they sold the ship in 1906 to Canadian government for use as a fisheries cruiser. After WW1 it was sold for use in Peru.

## From refugee camp to summer camp

By Judy Rois

It’s on every parent’s mind. What’s the best way for my children to spend their time during the summer months? For some, it’s a time for play. For others, it’s an opportunity to study or learn a new skill. There is a single destination that gets kids outside having fun and acquiring life-long skills. It’s called camp. The benefits of camp

are many, from life lessons and the value of play to appreciating the wonders of nature, building confidence, leadership skills, team collaboration and best friends.

The Deanery of Saint Francis understands this. When many refugee children from Syria settled in Sherbrooke, they knew that camp would be a great place for them. And so, for the second year in a row, the Angli-

can Foundation has provided grants for refugee children to attend camp at Quebec Lodge located on the shores of Lake Massawippi. This year it was \$3260.

According to Canon Giuseppe Gagliano, “the impact of camp like this on children’s lives is incalculable. Both newcomer and settled children will be given ample opportunity to interact and make new friends. The Dean-

ery of Saint Francis sees this work as part of its Christian mission to serve the Eastern Townships with Christ’s love. To transition from living in a refugee camp to playing freely on a Canadian lake is the embodiment of the kind of hope one seeks to share in Christian witness.”

From refugee camp to summer camp – what a wonderful gift!

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