

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to an article in “Gleanings” printed in the April issue of The Gazette concerning the history of the former St. Lukes, Corner of the Beach church.

St. Luke’s was de-consecrated in September 2013 but the building, which had been restored in the decade prior, continues to serve the surrounding village as the “Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum”.

With the support of Bishop Drainville, a non-profit charitable organization, La Soci   Historique de Coin du Banc-Corner of the Beach Historical Society was founded by the Vibert and Mabe families. The society then entered into a thirty year lease agreement with the Quebec Diocese for the use of the building and maintenance of it and the surrounding cemetery.

A repository and display of village historical data and artifacts is currently being developed and cultural activities during summer are taking form.

I am attaching a poster for the first, of what is hoped to be an annual Improvisational music camp for youth 16 and

over. “Musical Improvisation at Land’s End-Coin du Banc en folie” will make use of the cultural museum from August 6 to 19, 2016 to train the musicians and stage a concert of their work.

Perhaps some of your readers will have family interested in attending the camp while the family visits this most beautiful part of Quebec.

Another exciting request made for use of the museum is from the annual Perc   Film Festival for the screening of some of their movies during what, I believe, is the 8th year of the festival. This will be happening from August 24 - 28th.

Along with a concert on July 27th these are just a few of several offerings slated for this summer. Every effort is made to have bilingual events and publicity to encourage inclusion of the Francophone community in the efforts of the society.

Yes, there is afterlife even for old church edifices!

PS: To clarify one small misconception that may have been taken from the “Gleanings” article in April: While

the Vibert family came from Jersey in the Channel Islands to Corner of the Beach in 1821 or 1822, the Mabe family were U.E.L. who had arrived from Upper New York state via the Maritimes between 1797 and 1804. Both families were Huguenot but the Viberts

left France for Jersey and the Mables went to Holland before coming to North America but through marriage had close ties to Jersey as well

Shirley Boyle (Great-granddaughter of Edward Mabe II)

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- experience the beauty of the Gasp  sie through whale watching, concerts, tours to local artisans’ studios, and other outings

While training can be an asset, a sense of musical adventure is a must!

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE



60 people attended the blessing of the lobster boat fleet on Entry Island, 30 April 2016. Blessings were also held at Grosse Isle and Grande En-
trée wharves. Photo Credit: Wade Chenell

Diocesan ACW Bursaries

The Anglican Church Women have small bursaries available. These funds are administered by the executive in the autumn of each year. The bursaries are intended to give financial help to students from Magdalen Islands, Lower North Shore and the Gaspé Peninsula. This is to help enable them to continue their education, away from home, at the CEGEP or university level.

Application forms may be downloaded from the ACW pages of the diocesan website and should be endorsed by the parish clergy. The applications should be sent to:

Margaret Woollerton
41 Deacon St.
Sherbrooke QC J1M 1B5
Telephone: 819-346-6784

*The deadline to receive applications is September 1, 2016.



Our diocese covers a large territory with vast spaces between our congregations. Please send in your stories, photos of events and interesting news from your part of the diocese to share via the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* with the rest of us. Deadlines are August 1st for the September paper and September 1st for the October one.

E-mail stories and photos to editor@quebec.anglican.ca

There is a time for welcoming and a time for saying God speed

By Violet Konrad

After six years of intense parish and deanery work Rev. Canon Lynn Dillabough will be moving to the parish of St. Paul's in Brockville Ontario. We rejoice with her new parish, we rejoice with her at the Lord's leading but we grieve together at our own great loss. I have benefited from Lynn's hard work in Christian education: a preaching workshop, pastoral care workshops and lay reader's workshops, and the Education for Ministry program among others.



Lynn brings laughter and joy to her work, a listening ear, and strong leadership. She is loved by old and young and works with both ends of the spectrum with such caring and understanding. She has enriched my life with her sharing of her spiritual journey. As a legacy to Lynn we need to concentrate on the positive and to continue our work and play as we build the Kingdom of God by supporting one another with special care for the most vulnerable among us.

God speed Lynn



Left, above and to the right clergy and lay readers await the procession. Photo James Sweeney



Part of the congregation Photo James Sweeney



Members of the OGS in attendance Photo Jesse Dymond



Part of the congregation Photo Jesse Dymond



The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate of Canada and Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Photo Jesse Dymond



The Celebration of the Eucharist, Bishop Bruce, Bishop Dennis, Archdeacon Dumont Photo Jesse Dymond



Bishop Bruce administrating the Host Photo Jesse Dymond



The Lectors Ms. Louisa Blair, above left, Mme. Julie Boisvert, centre, The Rev. Silas Nnabinacaboo, above right. Photo James Sweeney



The Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut Photo Jesse Dymond



The Presenters: Cheyenne Vachon , le Vén. Pierre Voyer, and Mrs. Anne Chapman Photo James Sweeney



Bruce at prayer during the Ordination Litany. Photo James Sweeney



The Bishops and the Chaplains to the Metropolitan and the Primate.

Photo Jesse Dymond

Deanery of Quebec News

By Keith Boeckner

At the December meeting of the Quebec Deanery Board, members were asked to look at the five marks of mission and suggest activities that could be undertaken by the Deanery this year. At a meeting on February 1, it was agreed that two projects would be started. The first was the creation of a Facebook page. Sandra Bender volunteered to create a page for the Deanery of Quebec. It can be accessed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Anglican-Deanery-of-Quebec-469031886632176/>

A second project was the creation of a virtual prayer circle, corresponding to the third mark of mission: To respond to human need by loving service. Since I had made the proposal, I volunteered to set up and coordinate the prayer circle. Members of the prayer circle submit prayer requests before Monday morning. These may be their own requests or requests they are passing along from fellow parishioners. However, any parishioner within the Deanery can request prayers by emailing the request to QuebecDeaneryPrayerCircle@yahoo.ca. I collate the prayer requests and email them to members of the prayer circle, being careful not to publish email addresses. The list of prayers is sent out on Tuesday. Members are asked to pray at a time on Wednesday that is convenient for them.

At the moment, there are some 15 participants who offer prayers each Wednesday. We have received requests asking for prayers over several months or simply for the coming week. Since privacy is a concern, it is important to ask for permission before adding a prayer request that identifies a specific person. The request may include the name and parish of the person requesting the prayer.

If you would like more information, you can speak with your Quebec Deanery Board member. You can also contact me by sending an email to the prayer circle address above.



Musical series this summer at St James Cacouna

By Ann Arkell

During the time when I was a church-warden I arranged for several musical concerts held in St. James as fund-raisers to provide financial support for repairs to the parsonage and the church. The acoustical dynamics in St. James make it an ideal location for musical exposure. Tickets were sold out for each event.

With these events in mind and my interest in the greater community I invited Madame D'Amour, Lynda Dionne, Yvan Roy, and Andrew Reeve to a meeting at my house in Cacouna in the fall of 2014. At the meeting I proposed that summer concerts be held at St. James to encourage music in the village. Profits would go to maintenance of the church and parsonage as long as they remain functional and thereafter profits would go to encouraging and promoting young talent in the community who show an interest in music.

Over the winter of 2014-2015 Lynda Dionne and Yvan

Roy were in touch with the newly established music college in Riviere-du-Loup and in particular with Mr. St. Pierre. He offered to take on the task of organizing the concerts and the publicity.

This past September he presented his proposal to our committee. It was a very professional proposal for three concerts outlining the specific details of each performance. He suggested that admission be free to all who wish to attend but that those attending would be encouraged to donate what they can towards the continuance of the musical concerts at St. James and the maintenance of the church property. And while I personally prefer to sell tickets, both in advance and at the door, I have agreed, after several exchanges with Mr. St. Pierre, to follow his plan.

At this time I feel that the plan is moving well. To date, we have received a \$1000.00 grant from the Deanery of Quebec toward publicity and through the efforts of Yvan

Roy and M. St. Pierre a further \$1000.00 from various sponsors. As a result, we should be able to meet the costs and I hope make a profit at the concerts, whose dates are these:

24 July 2016 Andre-Anne Caron, Piano and Frederic St. Pierre, Violin

31 July 2016 Daniel Finzi, Violincello and Caroline Goulet, Violincello

7 August 2016 Andre-Anne Caron, Piano; Marie Maude Viens, Vocals; Eve Arsenault, Vocals

I hope those of you who enjoy music will be able to attend this series. If you would, please pass on the itinerary to friends, family, and neighbours who you feel might be interested in listening to music on a Sunday afternoon in Cacouna.

Looking forward to another wonderful musical summer in the Bas St. Laurent. See you there.



Canada Briefs: News from other diocesan papers

Goats provide unusual solution to cemetery maintenance in Newfoundland

St. Augustine's Anglican Church in the small Newfoundland community of New Perlican found an innovative answer to the question of how it should maintain one of its cemeteries when it invited a neighbouring farmer to graze his goats on the land.

The idea arose in 2014, when vestry member Eileen Matthews suggested that introducing goats to the plot of land might be an easy way to keep the cemetery clean and the graves accessible.

The cemetery features many old headstones decorated in a detailed ornamental fashion, and while it often attracts visitors who come to the outpost community on Trinity Bay, in

recent years it has become overgrown with alders and vegetation.

While some of the other vestry members were hesitant about the idea, Trudi Martin, the church's treasurer, agreed to join Matthews in speaking to local man Ronnie Peddle, who keeps goats and other animals.

Peddle assured Matthews and Martin that his goats would eat the alders and other plants, and that within two or three years the area would be completely clear. However, he cautioned that a fence would be needed keep the goats in.

Following vestry's leadership, local Anglicans quickly raised \$4,000—twice as much as was needed—and put up a fence.

"The goats have been chewing away since the fall of 2015, and it is amazing the difference already!" Matthews and Martin said in a report. "Driving by now, one can see the various headstones from the road. We are excited to see the finished results."

—Anglican Life

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MORE NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Community as Discipline: Lenten Small Groups at the Cathedral

By Sandra Bender

Sometimes discipline can be as easy as coffee and a doughnut.

If that phrase is surprising to you, great! This year, the congregation of Cathedral of the Holy Trinity decided to try a slightly new approach to Lent in the form of small groups. Before you give us too much credit, let me back up a step and say with all due frankness that we imported this idea from my other spiritual home of St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Winnipeg.

During the penitential season of Lent, the expectation is that we take on some form of discipline. Most of us grew up with the notion that this meant giving something up, be it coffee or chocolate or even social media. St. Margaret's Rector David Widdicombe suggested instead that the parish take on the spiritual discipline of community involvement in the form of joining a small group. It has been roughly ten years since St. Margaret's began this tradition and it now stands as a yearly practise. During the weeks leading up to Lent, a call for small group leaders is put out. A pamphlet is then produced describing the groups in details, provided to the congregation a week or two before Ash Wednesday. The congregation is then expected to choose a group to join and sign up during the usual sermon time on the first Sunday of Lent. Historically the groups have ranged from anything from book studies (my own first small group studied Lesslie Newbigin's Foolishness to the Greeks) to activity-based groups, groups that pursued a particular skill, and so forth. The aim was only ever to bring people together in new small groups for the sake of developing community – a key issue in today's shrinking church populations.

Community is the key point here. Denying oneself sugar over a six-week period may be great for personal piety and devotion, but it's a discipline limited to that one individual. It doesn't do anything for anyone else. Our churches don't need more people to give up caffeine for six weeks;

rather, we need one another. We need to feel that our presence is needed, not only for our contributions to the get-a-new-boiler fund, but by the people who are the living, breathing walls and roofs of our communities. Reserving a time in our schedules to form bonds with a new cross-section of people in our community of faith over a six-week period is a far more pleasant form of discipline, and one that serves a wider purpose than an individual striving for penitential reflection.

This year, Dean Christian Schreiner and I decided to launch the notion of Lenten small groups to the Cathedral parish. New ideas start slowly, we reminded one another, and we fully expected people to be a little sceptical. We first announced it to the parish Bible study group, with the hopes of inspiring group leaders from within its ranks, and they did indeed pave the way. We ended up having twelve small groups in total, involving over half the congregation. The idea was met with surprising openness for all its novelty. Some people even joined more than one! Our groups knitted winter clothing items for Syrian refugees, studied books, met for coffee on Wednesday mornings, played bridge, made jewellery, met with our own Rwandan refugee sponsored family to exchange Québécois/Canadian and Rwandan cooking ideas, and much more.

Although the small group commitment is only for the six weeks of Lent, at least two of ours are still going. The Wednesday morning Tim Horton's group has converted itself to a Wednesday morning walk-along-the-St-Laurent group, in light of spring's long-awaited return. Many people in the congregation commented that they had the chance to get to know people that they never would have spent time with otherwise, apart from exchanging a hello on Sunday mornings. And this, of course, was the goal all along.

Lenten discipline doesn't have to mean going without coffee or doughnuts for six weeks – sometimes it could just mean inviting a few others to join you in doing so!

A special bilingual educational event about Practical Ecumenism co-sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Quebec and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Quebec



An excellent gathering hosted by Bishop Dennis Drainville and Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix was held on Saturday May 7th at Carter Hall on how Anglicans and Roman Catholics can work together more closely in unity and mission. Offered by the Reverend Doctor Gilles Routhier of Laval University and the Reverend Canon John Gibaut, Director for Unity, Faith and Order of the Anglican Communion. Photo B. Myers



Bishop Dennis Drainville, l'abbé Gilles Routhier, Canon John Gibaut, Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix Photo B. Myers

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.

June is traditionally Graduation Month, both for schools and universities. In 1916 the Diocesan Gazette gave detailed coverage of both kinds as—at that period—the University of Bishop’s College, Lennoxville, was still an Anglican institution, as were Bishop’s College School (for boys) also in Lennoxville, and King’s Hall (for young ladies) in the Eastern Townships village of Compton.



Photo from *The History of King’s Hall, Compton 1874-1972* by Elizabeth Hearn Milner

Prize-giving ceremonies at King’s Hall (in which most of the girls were boarders from some distance away) took place on Tuesday, June 13th, but were much curtailed owing to a recent outbreak of measles at the school! “No guests could be invited [but] the Bishop of Quebec [Lennox Waldron Williams] kindly consented to present the prizes, and the proceedings, which had been arranged especially to give pleasure to the pupils, proved a great success in spite of the disappointment of not being able to have their friends with them.”

School Closing at BCS was celebrated on the following day “when the prizes were presented in the presence of a large number of visitors,” but there is no mention of who the prize winners were. The rest of the article is entirely devoted to the military involvement of the school’s “old boys”. The record is impressive.

“There are 200 old boys of the school at the front.” the description affirms. “Among them are seven generals and one admiral: five with the DSO [Distinguished Service Order] ...”

“Lieut. J.M.C. Badgley, of the Gloucester Regiment, son of a former headmaster,” the account continues, “has now won the Military Cross. Ten have been mentioned in despatches.” Several other military awards to old boys are listed as well. The names and ranks of the five alumni who had lost their lives complete the report.

Coverage of graduation ceremonies at Bishop’s University, held on June 15th, is even more imbued with events overseas. Attendance there, understandably, was down. “Not only were many of the students and graduates of the university absent on active service,” the description explains, “but several of those on whom degrees were conferred received their honours in absentia” having joined up during the course of the academic year and were already “abroad ... at the front.”

The scene as it presented itself visually reinforced this. “Several of those who received degrees and prizes stepped forward in khaki, their academic hoods contrasting oddly with their military uniforms, the military men wearing no gowns over their uniforms.”

Notwithstanding the numbers of students drained away at the front, there were still 54 enrolled in Divinity and Arts courses. The fact that Bishop’s had begun to admit women in the 1890s was a help. Ten of the 54 were women. There is no doubt, however, that registration was, and would continue to be, down.

“As a result of the war, said the Chancellor, the university had lost half its students. They could not reduce the teaching staff as that would be the worst way of preparing for the future.” It was difficult to see a way forward, he observed, “but the university must go on with its duty to those students left, assured that other students would do honour to their alma mater and their country.”

These three events, occurring one after the other on successive days, allowed Bishop Lennox, as the presiding bishop, to be present at all three, stressing the stronger presence of religious involvement in education at every level—in Quebec and throughout Canada—one hundred years ago.

Faithful Reflections

By Louisa Blair
Don’t interrupt me

When I was trying to write my column this morning, a Jehovah’s Witness rang the doorbell and engaged my daughter in conversation about the real name of God (no prize for guessing what it was). Then some newly acronymized health agency, a CISSS or CLSC or CHSLD perhaps, phoned to say no about something. Emails piled up, demanding instant reponse. The dog needed to go out, and then the cat threw up, loudly. At that point I slipped my smartphone in my pocket and escaped to a local coffee shop.

But of course, most coffee shops have wifi, so the smartphone notifications don’t stop. Notification is a menacing word, it sounds like Bell threatening to cut off your phone. No, it’s the opposite, and yet much worse. Notifications keep your phone beeping all day, interrupting whatever you are doing to tell you that a message has come in on Whatsapp, Snapchat, Facebook, Snapface, or whatever. If you don’t know what any of those are, you’ve been very lucky, wise, or you’ve managed to kick the addiction of the century. You may be one of the last people left who are able to stay with a thought or a conversation for longer than five or six seconds.



Not that conversations need notifications to interrupt them. I myself interrupt people all the time when they’re talking to me. I think, “oh! I have something interesting—probably more interesting—to say about that, I’ll just say it right now while I remember!” Like Groucho Marx’s “Let’s talk about you in terms of me.” I tried to give up doing it for Lent, but now Lent is over, and I’m still as egotistical as ever.

Interruptions aren’t all bad, though. In fact God is the worst interrupter of all. Every time we get set in our ways, comfortably rolling along in our own little (or rather, big) story, God interrupts us.

In fact a Dutch theologian, Leiven Boeve, says the Scriptures are all about how God kept interrupting the human story. Every time the Israelites closed themselves off from God, worshipped other gods, or disrespected the poor or the stranger, God sent along the prophets to cause havoc. Interruption is different from rupture – the story will go on afterwards, but forever changed. We’re usually interrupted by strangers, by difficult people whom we usually overlook. Jesus’ own story was interrupted by a Canaanite woman, a woman who wouldn’t take no for an answer. When she compared herself to a dog eating the crumbs under the table, she broke open his assumption that his message of salvation was just for Israelites. We have a lot to thank her for.

But Jesus himself did a lot of interrupting, too. He interrupted everyone’s favourite stories, the ones they told themselves to feel important and superior, their favourite explanations and theories, especially about God. Then, with the Resurrection, Jesus managed to interrupt time itself.

I hate being interrupted. And I could choose not to listen, just keep talking on and on louder and louder about how important it is to let ourselves be interrupted, while God tries to get a Word in edgewise. Okay so now I’ll shut up, but only because it’s the end of my column.