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Participants at the Women's Spring Retreat gather with Bishop Logan for a group picture. See page 5 for the story.



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New Home for Christ Church Cathedral Childcare and Junior Kindergarten



School Head, Stuart Hall welcoming guests to the official opening

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Stuart Hall

The Christ Church Cathedral Childcare and Junior Kindergarten has said a fond farewell to the St. James Mission in James Bay and has moved into the former rectory at St. Matthias Church in the Rockland neighbourhood. The move has generated a lot of local interest in the Anglican Junior Kindergarten facility and consequently enrollment has skyrocketed!

For the past eight years, Christ Church Cathedral Educational Society operated the Anglican Junior Kindergarten program in the 1930s red brick St. James Mission. Beginning with 24 children, the program grew to 32 in response to the demand for quality childcare and early childhood education. The teachers and children loved the old neighbourhood and could often be seen walking to the beaches or to Beacon Hill Park to enjoy what nature had to offer. A few years ago, the school's board of directors looked into having the historic building seismically reinforced but quickly discovered

it would be prohibitive and would, in the end, not result in a better learning and play environment. That was when the search for a new home began.

The Bishop and the Diocesan Asset Manager suggested that St. Matthias might be a Parish that was willing to work with the School's Board of Directors to provide a new home for the Anglican Junior Kindergarten facility. After extensive negotiations, terms were reached and renovations to the former St. Matthias Rectory began. The new Anglican Junior Kindergarten facility opened its doors on March 23, 2015 and since that date inquiries and

tours with prospective families have been constant. Now the program is almost full, including eleven more spaces than were available in James Bay!

The larger facility, with its spacious back yard, lends itself well to what is called an emergent curriculum. This simply means that the choice of learning activities and content is largely based upon the interests and questions expressed by the chil-

to hear that "no, sadly the Queen of England would not be visiting Government House while they were walking around there!"

Coinciding with the move to St. Matthias are a couple of important staffing changes. Jean Hollingworth, the lead teacher, will be taking a leave of absence to have her second child. Jean, a long time parishioner of Christ Church Cathedral, has led the move toward the emergent curriculum philosophy and has prepared everyone to carry on with this initiative while she is away. Krystal Priestly, who has worked for the Educational Society for 17 years, first at the main school on Vancouver Street and then with the Junior Kindergarten, will be retiring

at the end of June. Miss Krystal, as she is known to the children, has shared her love of gardening with the children over the years, and they will miss her gumboot planters. Due to the increased capacity, we are also hiring new teachers to join the team.

Jesus' parable of the sower likens God's love to seeds scattered over the earth. When they fall on fertile ground, they will bring forth a 10-fold harvest. The rich ground was initially tended by the Christ Church Cathedral Parish, who helped nurse the Anglican Junior Kindergarten program in the early years. And now the Parish of St. Matthias is helping to nurture that growth. With so many people caring for this garden it is sure to bring on a full harvest. And the fruit it will bear are the children, who will develop, grow and learn in a loving and supportive environment, imbued with God's love!

Stuart Hall is the Head of Christ Church Cathedral School



Bishop Logan speaks to the Jr. Kindergarten students

dren, rather than a curriculum chosen by the adults. Our qualified early childhood educators listen carefully to the children's inquisitive ponderings, and then develop age-appropriate learning opportunities to match the children's natural hunger for knowledge and exploration. The Rockland neighbourhood also offers nearby beaches and parks for lots of play in nature. Also, it is only a few blocks to beautiful Government House. Some of the children were a little upset



Upper floor of the new school

Photo submitted by S. Hall

Bishop Logan Writes

**‘Wi’la’mola (Kwak’wala) -
“We are traveling together.”**



Everyday I walk the Galloping Goose Trail next to where I live. It is a good healthy experience for Moraig and me. It gives me time to think and meditate. In the morning I am usually preparing myself for the day ahead. In the evening I am reflecting and leaving behind the day that has gone. I enjoy very much the time in creation: the smells, the birdsong and just the overall feeling of being outside. Because Moraig is a border collie we don't dally on the walk but we only go fast enough to keep her active and slow enough for me to take in the sights and sound.

Along the Goose I meet and pass a variety of people. Some of these folk are out walking but most are cyclists who are either on the way to or from work or school. Sometimes though I come across a family out together for a bike ride. There are also joggers who are out for pleasure, fitness, or are also either on the way to or from work or school.

When I meet folk on their bicycles the majority have no contact with me either by voice, smile or just a nodding of their head. Some will say something as they pass

from behind or ring their bell. Mostly their journey is one of getting from A to B as fast as they can. No time, it seems, for interaction with others. Some want to get there before the other cyclists and speed along as fast as they can to pass as many as possible. There are a few who will say good morning or good evening, smile or nod in the passing and that's not restricted to those who are riding for pleasure. These are the ones who look beyond the journey as just getting from A to B.

Generally, those out walking will recognize others and respond with some greeting. On occasion the joggers will also acknowledge others. It is however the understanding of the journey and the attitude we have to those we meet on the journey that is most important.

If we see any journey as getting from A to B then

we will miss much. If we see the journey as a competition where speed is the most important ingredient then we will fail to see others as important. However if we see the importance of the others on the journey and our interaction with them as part of a journey of growth and personal transformation then we will gain much from the trip.

As we as a Diocese take the journey that is before us, we must realize that it is more than getting from A to B. It will be a journey of transformation when we recognize, honour and respect those on the journey with us. How will you and your community travel together into God's future?

Bishop Logan



The Bishop's Calendar

During the next few weeks Bishop Logan will be taking part in the following events:

June

- 6 Haro/Selkirk Regional Gathering, St. Mary, Saanichton
- 7 St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin - Parish Visit
- 8 EfM Graduation, St. John the Baptist, Duncan
- 10 St. John the Divine, Courtenay - 100th Anniversary
- 13 Tolmie Regional Gathering - Venue TBD
Flower Festival & Strawberry Tea, Christ Church Cathedral
- 14-20 Sorrento Centre
- 21 St. Philip, Oak Bay - Parish Visit
- 27 Diocesan Council
- 28 St. Dunstan, Victoria - Parish Visit
- 29-Jul 2 Trinity Church, Pt. Alberni and St. Columba, Tofino - Parish Visits

July

- 3-7 Ports McNeill, Hardy and Alice - Parish Visits
- 8-12 Christ Church, Alert Bay, and Ft. Rupert - Parish Visits
- 18 Cowichan/Malaspina Regional Gathering - Venue TBD
- 19 St. Barnabas, Victoria - Parish Visit

August

- 9 St. David-by-the-Sea, Confirmation Service
- 27 Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Prayer Cycle

Your prayers are asked weekly for
Bishop Logan McMenamie
and the following parishes:

June 7, Pentecost 2

**Christ Church, Alert Bay,
St. Olaf, Quatsino**

St. George, Kingcome Inlet

The Rev. Lincoln McKoen, Incumbent

June 14, Pentecost 3

St. Barnabas, Victoria

The Rev. Canon Dr. Travis O'Brian, Incumbent

June 21, Pentecost 4

St. Mary, Nanoose Bay

The Most Rev. Caleb Lawrence, Interim-Priest-in-Charge.

June 28, Pentecost 5

St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt

The Ven. Lon Towstego, Incumbent

July 5, Pentecost 6

Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

The Very Rev. Ansley Tucker, Rector & Dean

The Rev. Canon Susanne House, Priest Associate

The Rev. Ian Powell, Priest to the City

The Rev. Nancy Ford, Deacon to the City

July 12, Pentecost 7

Congregation of S. John Gualbert, Pt. McNeill

Mrs. Tanya Packer-McKoen, Facilitator of Liturgy and Pastoral Care

July 19, Pentecost 8

St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith

The Rev. Susan Hermanson, Incumbent

July 26, Pentecost 9

Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands

St. Peter – North Pender Island

The Good Shepherd – South Pender Island

St. Christopher – Saturna Island

The Rev. Ellen Willingham, Priest-in-charge (part time)

August 2, Pentecost 10

St. David-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay

St. Peter, Lakehill

The Rev. Canon Christopher Parsons, Incumbent

August 9, Pentecost 11

St. Philip, Oak Bay

The Ven. Christopher Page, Incumbent

August 16, Pentecost 12

St. Paul, Nanaimo

The Ven. Brian Evans, Incumbent

The Rev. Justin Cheng, Assistant Curate

The Rev. Lynn Cawthra, Deacon

August 23, Pentecost 13

Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary – Saanichton

St. Stephen – South Saanich

The Rev. Rob Szo, Incumbent

The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, Deacon Assistant

August 30, Pentecost 14

St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan

The Rev. Heather Robinson, Incumbent

Personnel Notes

Postulants

Bishop Logan has announced that the following are new postulants (studying for ordained ministry) for the Diocese: **Matthew Brown** - transferred from the Diocese of Ottawa; **Dyan Davison** of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria; **Gail Rodger** of St. Andrew's Parish, Sidney; **Rob Crosby-Shearer** of St. Philip's Parish, Oak Bay; and

Craig Hiebert of St. John the Divine Parish, Victoria.

Resignation

Bishop Logan has accepted the resignation of the Rev. **Susan Hermanson** as Regional Dean of the Cowichan and Malaspina Regions effective, March 5.



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Ecumenical gathering experiences the Blanket Exercise

Mary Aitken and
Ruth D'Hollander

Both as participants and witnesses, 58 Victorians of Indigenous and Non-indigenous backgrounds engaged in the Kairos Blanket Exercise held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Victoria on Sunday, April 12. This ecumenical group learned about a segment of Canada's history that is seldom taught in the schools and highlights the need for the long-standing injustices born by Indigenous peoples to be addressed in order for reconciliation to occur.

The event began with a collaborative lunch prepared by St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican, Esquimalt United and Trinity Presbyterian churches, following which we were reminded about the important work of KAIROS in furthering human rights and ecological justice. It was pointed out that the upcoming closing ceremonies of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission signify the beginning of new relationships that are needed among all Canadians to right the wrongs of our past history.

We had come bearing our own blankets and surrendered them to presenters at the door. When we moved into the church sanctuary, we found chairs had been placed in a large circle and our blankets laid out upon the floor, close together and cheerful. Some of us were given blank cards or printed scrolls. Some had been selected as narrators.

As the exercise began, we were invited to take off our shoes and find a place on one of the blankets. We were told we were on northern Turtle Island (Canada). We were to tread on the blankets as Indigenous peoples on our lands. We had lived here for at least 10,000 years; each of our communities had its own culture and government. Differences were settled by treaty.

Our shared story began when Europeans first arrived and later named our territory, British Columbia. Designated "Europeans" came shaking hands, bowing and, like us, moving around. We welcomed them, chanting nuutkaa or come around to Captain Cook. He called a part of our area, Nootka Sound.

As we learned more, gave up or shared more, the "Europeans" begin to slowly fold or remove the blankets and our space shrank. We were directed to stay on the blankets. Some of us were instructed to leave as millions of us died from smallpox-infected Hudson Bay blankets traded to us. More of us died from measles and tuberculosis and so stepped off the blankets. Some stepped off to show those who were forced off their lands and died of hunger.

One group was moved to a separate, empty blanket. They represented all those taken from their homes and put into residential schools. One person with a special card was told she represented all who died in residential schools and was asked to step off the blanket. Another returned home, and those on that home blanket turned their backs to show the isolation for those wanting to come home.

The blankets representing our land over the 230 year time period were taken away and only a few were left standing on the remaining small areas. As the narration concluded, all participants who left the blankets were asked to come back on. We were asked to find room for all on the remaining few blankets but there was great distress as there was not room for us all.

As participants, we then turned into witnesses as we took our seats. It was a silent room as each of us had the opportunity to say how we felt as participants. This story affected individuals in personal ways, each relating to it ac-



Participants wait to begin the exercise

Photos: Adam Hanna

cording to his or her own history. Several wept as the microphone was handed around. One witness stated that she liked the rolling out of the story and appreciated the clear use of blankets. Another said she really did not understand the treaty process, but understood there is a need to fairly settle these claims. For her, the exercise was a useful tool and should be seen by as many people as possible. Other immigrant settlers were totally unaware of the Indigenous history. One young person tearfully told of asking his Grade Two teacher why he should learn about people he had never heard of.

Finally, a First Nations person, newly baptized that day, had brought her drum and sang Amazing Grace in her language. It was a fitting ending indeed for a really difficult but enlightening day for all.

As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission concludes its mandate this year on June 3, its momentum needs to continue and its recommendations implemented. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an important first step for some church members and the wider communities to recognise what is needed to develop their action plans in order to express solidarity with Indigenous Peo-



Near the end, few participants share very few blankets

ples who continue to bear injustices at the hand of governments and individuals.

It is hoped that new understandings have been formed and new relationships will develop among indigenous and non-indig-

enous peoples in this area. As witnesses and participants we may now continue to tell others the story of what happened to us that day. We are all one.

Mary Aitken and Ruth D'Hollander are members of the Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul in Esquimalt.

Cambridge Choir to visit Victoria

Brian Groos

The acclaimed Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge is coming to Victoria, as part of their North American tour this summer. They will perform on three occasions over two days: Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. The tour coincides with the release of the choir's latest CD, entitled "The Eternal Ecstasy," featuring music by Paul Mealor, Eric Whitacre, Cecilia McDowall, and Morten Lauridsen.

One of the finest mixed university choirs in the UK, Selwyn is directed by Canadian Sarah MacDonald, the first woman to hold such a post in over 800 years of Cambridge University

history. Under Sarah's direction, the choir has toured internationally and made fifteen acclaimed recordings.

The Choir will be featured in three events while they are in Victoria.

The main event is a concert program, "The Eternal Ecstasy," at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, July 18 at 7:30pm, presenting selections from their new CD. Admission is by donation, with a suggested donation of \$10 Adults, \$5 Seniors/Students, and \$20 for a family.

The choir will sing Choral Eucharist at the Church of Saint John the Divine, 1611 Quadra Street, on Sunday, July 19 at 10 am. This will be a return home

for Music Director Sarah MacDonald, who grew up in the parish.

Finally, the Choir of Selwyn College will return to Christ Church Cathedral to join St. Christopher Singers for the weekly Choral Evensong at 4:30 pm on Sunday afternoon.

Please plan to be part of this wonderful weekend of choral music-making.

"Excellent performances; beautifully sustained." – *Gramophone Magazine*

"The choir sings with commitment and assurance." – *Cathedral Music*

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Reflections

Encountera reflection for St Barnabas' Day - June 11

Imagine how fascinating it would be to meet someone from the past in a perfectly natural way? Well then, why not do it?...

We met on the sea wall that forms the harbour. I was looking out at some fishing trawlers when he joined me. We nodded to each other. "I was just thinking" he remarked, "how this bit of coastline is so like the places Paul and I used to go in and out of." "Good God, you're Barnabas of Antioch." We shook hands. "I've often wondered why you went with Paul on that journey." He shrugged. "Interesting story. It was in Antioch we began to reach out to Greeks and Romans, not just to our fellow Jews. I realized we needed Paul. He had the background. As soon as he came things began to take off, so much so that

when famine hit down south in the Jerusalem area we were able to collect huge amounts of financial support for them. Then the Antioch community suggested that Paul and I take it down." "Let me guess," I said, "you didn't tell the Jerusalem community about your reaching out to Greeks and Romans." He shook his head. "No way. Paul wanted to but I persuaded him to keep his mouth shut." "Was it then the idea of heading west into the empire came up?" "Yes," he said ruefully, "and I ended up traveling with one of the most single minded characters in history! I spent half my time picking up the pieces after him." "Ah, so that's why your name means Son of Consolation. You were the peacemaker." "Yes, maybe." He thought for a moment.

"But the job needed Paul. Those cities of Asia Minor were frontier towns. You had to be tough. But there were times when I was able to help by softening the approach a bit, or by calming Paul." I saw a chance to say thank you. "If the pair of you hadn't stuck to your guns about reaching out beyond Judaism, I probably wouldn't be here today as a Christian." Again he was thoughtful. "Maybe - but I think another way would have been found if we had failed. I don't think the shock wave of the resurrection could have been stopped. It spoke with such power to a world where a lot of things seemed to be dying." "Is the gospel too powerful to be stopped in any time of history?" He looked at me shrewdly. "I know why you ask that. I realize your generation of

Christians is having a hard time." "Yes," I said, "but it's different from your day. There are no lions to be thrown to - at least in this part of the world. It's much more subtle these days. It has to do with the nature of belief itself. The whole culture is asking the question Pilate asked in your time." "I know," he said, "What is truth?" He thought for while, watching a gull wheel by. Then, having gathered his thoughts he continued... "It's not as different as you think. We too had what you call secularism and pluralism. We had to respond to some really brilliant minds. Paul saw this clearly. He was perfectly certain about resurrection but he also saw that on the way to it there was a cross with a dead body on it. That was a very hard sell in our time." He paused as if



Herbert O'Driscoll

hesitating to voice something. Then he said, "The fact is you people have to decide how tough minded and creative you're going to have to be to get through this period." I looked at him. In that last sentence I had seen for a moment the steel beneath the velvet that made him who he was. I realized he had met me across time to say that last word to me. It was time to say goodbye. He put out his hand, smiled, and said, "It's up to you now". I watched him until I lost sight of him among the groups on the sea wall.

To the Editor the future of the Camp Columbia property?

Today I plant the mustard seed of HOPE that there are others in this diocese who see the need to offer our youth a place of great natural beauty, where they can grow spirituality to become leaders of our Anglican churches in the years ahead. This place is one of such beauty, our own Camp Columbia, which is soon to be put up for sale. It has given thousands, and I mean thousands, of people a place to find the Lord, to accept Him into their lives, and to begin lives as Anglican Christians. How sad is it that there is no Anglican camp to which we can send our youth to learn about the Anglican traditions! Instead, we now send them to other denominations' camps, and then watch them go to that church. How sad is it that we now support other denominations' camps for our retreats! How sad is it to hear that the cost of the ferry to Thetis Island was one of the reasons Camp Columbia was closed! Yet, the cost to go to another Anglican camp would involve the cost of the ferry to the mainland and gas, which would be so much more. How sad is it that Camp Columbia might have the only

well on Thetis Island that might have bad water! Please tell me that the people who took the water samples knew that a well that hasn't been used for many months would have stagnant water that could result in a bad reading. How sad is it that when children are being sent to "specialty" camps such as soccer camps, environmental studies, wilderness experiences, that Camp Columbia with its great field, waterfront, beaches and surrounding wilderness, could not be adapted to teach those things! Thetis Island is one of the islands in the Island Trust that has a fragile eco system. Teaching our youth about the protection and valuing of the beauty of the natural world within the beauty of Camp Colombia's setting would be a very good introduction to the wonders of God's world. How sad is it that with all the First Nations reconciliation, currently taking place in the diocese, that Camp Columbia is not a setting where our young people could learn from the local bands! How sad is it that if we want to "restock our flock" and have children associated with the Anglican church, in order to fill the

pews in the next 20 to 40 years, that we will no longer have this wonderful camp where many young people can learn about the beauty of Anglican services in the outdoor chapel! The Diocese already owns the land, but when this camp is sold, and the funds are used for youth programs, what happens when that money is gone? Are we, as a diocese, committed enough to our youth to work to restore Camp Columbia in order to provide a retreat for spiritual awakening and renewal that will feed generations to come? Will we try appeals and fundraisers or will we just let it go? Have I planted the seed? Will you, work to restore this sacred place that has changed and can continue to change and enrich Anglican lives?

Margaret Eagle



**RECYCLE
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casually dressed

This is in response to an article in the April edition of *The Diocesan Post* detailing the demolition of a Residential School in Alert Bay, which Bishop Logan (Bishop of British Columbia) attended. He was casually dressed. April 4, 2015 There he is, red open necked shirt, casual jacket, none of the trappings of the office. No forbidding black robe or dazzling cross about his neck. He is a man among his people, unpretentious and giving. Giving to those who need healing, and that is us in repentance over tragedy encountered over the years of Indian residential schools. He is sorrowful as is our saviour. He is our bishop and he is gentle and kind - he is Logan. Bruce Kirkpatrick

WONDERS

I have wondered many wonders all inscribed on sea and sky for the holding of eternity other wonders were revealed down leafy paths caught by hands that gathered each holy mystery to a hymn of praise Joanna M. Weston

Mind and Mystery II

The Mystery of God confined In the finite human mind? The created the Creator tells 'We've signed your death knell' God, we cannot comprehend Our brilliance will not defend The cause of all human malaise It is science that we must raise To the dizzying height of god For deep space we have trod Delved into mysteries replete Whole new worlds lay at our feet Finding what Another has wrought We claim that this Other is naught Material and Mystery Are both entwined in history? Will minds not grasping Infinity Ever divine Divinity? Teresa Smith

St. Matthias Centennial Anniversary, June 28

Marilyn Denton

As early as 1911 an Anglican home group was organized at 1587 Fairfield Road by Christ Church Cathedral. A year later, it became evident that the house was not large enough and the idea of a mission was mooted for the Ross and Foul Bay areas.

Funds were raised and the church known as St. Matthias Mission was opened and consecrated on January 1, 1915 at 311 Richmond Avenue in Fairfield.

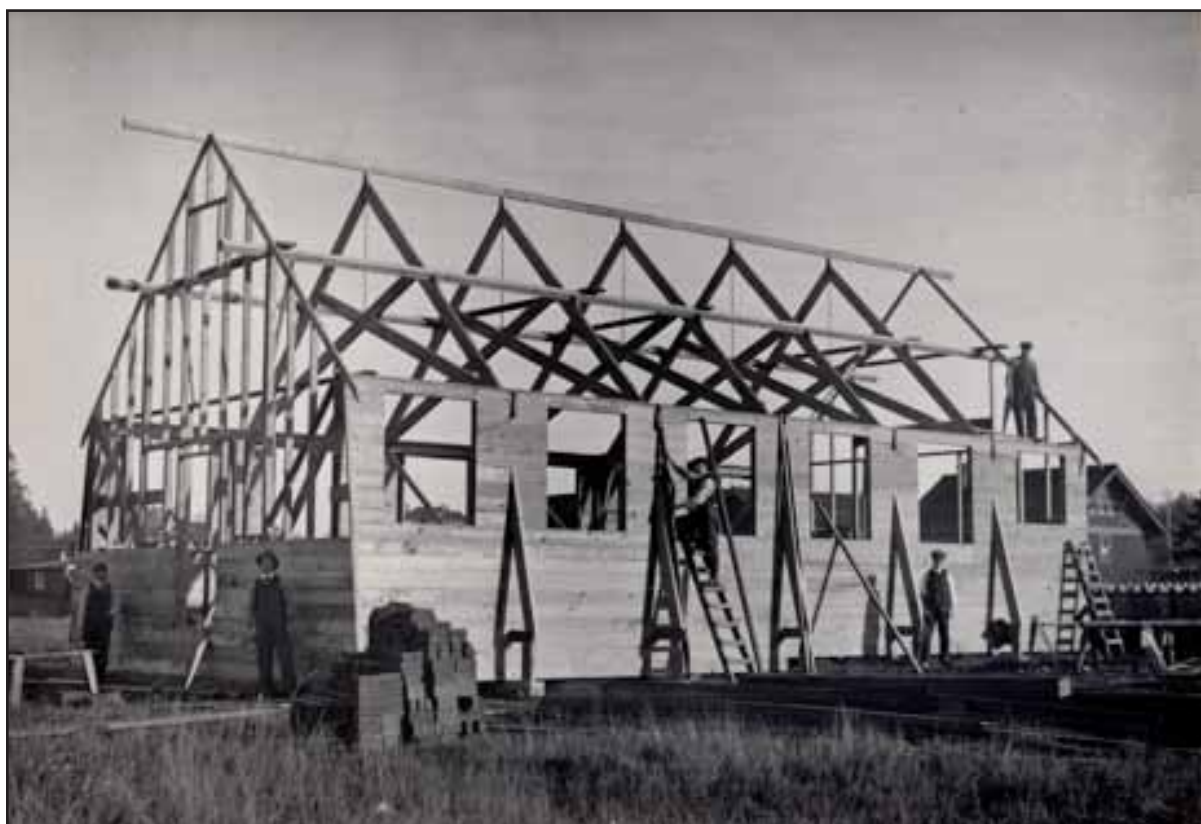
By the mid 1950s, the congregation had outgrown the facility. It was sold and became St. Jean Baptiste, the French Catholic church. St. Matthias moved to 600 Richmond Avenue, where the new church and parish hall were dedicated on January 6, 1957.

To celebrate the centennial

year of the Parish of St. Matthias, a Book of Common Prayer, Morning Prayer Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 28, 2015, followed by lunch and musical entertainment in the Parish hall. Commemorative photos will be taken, so folks are encouraged to wear "fancy dress" from any decade in the last 100 years. For those old enough to remember the fun of a "fish pond", there will be one.

Other centennial projects include a book of memories and a photographic collage. Stories and photographs are most welcome. Copies can be left in the church office at 600 Richmond Avenue, at the corner of Richardson, or submitted via Email to stmatthias@shaw.ca.

Members of the larger community are welcome to join the



St. Matthias Mission under construction, 1914. Much of this was done by volunteers under the supervision of contractor George Lowe. Photo Credit: George Lowe.

celebration. If you cannot attend the centennial celebration service, there is a Eucharist every

Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Marilyn Denton is Chair of St. Matthias Centennial Committee.

Homemade Bread The Diocesan women's spring retreat

Barb Coleman

The title *Homemade Bread* for Women's Retreat at Camp Pringle in April stimulated the appetites of 40 persons to come and partake in a variety of ingredients that Bishop Logan McMenamie offered in order to help stir up the Spirit within.

The Ingredients: Bishop Logan hoped the weekend would be a pilgrimage; a journey in seeking the holy space inside self and within simple, common things in all creation. As ingredients, he offered ways to look at God from different traditions – Celtic, Monastic, and Indigenous; Anglican liturgies, pop culture and personal stories. He said, "All these ingredients will help our walk with Jesus." The Bishop invited participants to take from the ingredients what would be a spiritual experience to deepen and renew personal relationships with God and with each other.

In reference to the Transfiguration Bishop Logan pointed out that the disciples desired to build a place to stay on the mountain, but Jesus invited them to return to the dwelling places of the people. From the story of the 'burning bush' he suggested that earth is crammed with heaven but only those who seek God take off their shoes. He cautioned that as we come to the 'Healing Stream' for renewal not to build walls, verbal or physical, that block out Jesus.

Within Western culture dual-

istic perspectives have become ingrained. "There is alienation between spiritual and material; secular and sacred spaces," Bishop Logan said, "and there is a need to reunite earth and heavenly values. Creation is the dwelling place of God and to dream dreams and see visions we must not alienate ourselves from creation. We need to treat ordinary things sacramentally." He encouraged us to use the gifts of heart, intuition, curiosity and imagination to see the symbols of Love, not only in our doing but also in our relationship with God and each other.

We Mix: A poem and a song focused our minds on the Love beyond and reminded us that truth in the end is only found in God. Bishop Logan commented that much of Western theology is based on 'not being worthy' and cautioned us of the danger of a simple story. He encouraged us to remember that the Light at the beginning of creation is still here. He stated light is in the eyes of all creation and affirms God's goodness in all humanity. He encouraged us to seek theological perspectives in popular culture. He said, "It is Jesus who brings us together and blends us into community. While there will always be conflict, the building of community is an act of love. We need to make room for the Spirit to work to help one another to want to meet Jesus."

We Knead: The Bishop

commented that throughout the Diocese there is concern for the older and younger people in our community and church is a place to bring people of all ages together. He asked, "What does God want us to become and how do we do we nourish ourselves?" It is not easy to be kneaded into this bread or into God's image. From scripture and pop culture clips, he encouraged us to engage in conversations with God who listens and reevaluates; to dare not to conform; to encounter God in 'the still small voice/sheer silence'. Bishop Logan asked, "Why is silence hard to deal with, when in scriptures we are invited to come apart to seek God's voice?" He commented that as Christians this is not dead-air time. In times of silence we have opportunity to hear God's voice and enable healing time.

We Wait: Waiting upon the Lord can seem to be dark, painful time but often we are forged in these times. Bishop Logan encouraged us to leave room for chance encounters. Whether we judge the encounter a success or failure, don't be discouraged as we often learn through failure. Be grateful for all God does for and with us and create a balance/rhythm in prayer and work.

We Shape: Movie clips were metaphors for changes in life; for transformation. They illustrated the need to discern the different voices that call out to

us and to accept that though we feel we have complete control over our lives, we can't save any individual from death. Bishop Logan said, "As Christians we need to come to terms with the death on the cross. Christians are called to shape justice for all one step at a time; to shape this country and our communities by being open, transparent, and patient in building relationships."

As bread, the Bishop encouraged us not to become hard and mouldy but to give, share and be generous knowing Jesus comes and meets us here in this place at this time. He said, "As yeast you bring transformation and help

the dough come alive in a community working together with one heart; one mind; one purpose." He challenged us to be free to question faith, re-examine time and see all of creation in the image of God. Bishop Logan said, "Remember Jesus is always present, he likes to eat and opens the scriptures for us so we may bring others to the risen Lord - the living bread."

Stories from *Mrs. McCorkindale*, scripture reflections by the Rev. Nancy Ford during worship, small group discussions, good fellowship and food were other ingredients that made this a spiritually uplifting weekend.

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ACW annual meeting

Barb Coleman

Celebrate with Joy was the theme of the Anglican Church Women's annual meeting held at St. Peter's Church, Campbell River, April 27-28 marking 130 years of the Women's Auxiliary/Anglican Church Women in Canada and 110 years in the Diocese of BC. Fifty people from all Regions in the Diocese enjoyed the fellowship, food, fun and presentations by Canon Rae Seale, Kathy Fitzsimmons, Hilda Shilliday and Bishop Logan McMenamie.

Canon Rae Seale encapsulated the years of service in an informative but fun-loving, engaging manner. She commented that members of the WA/ACW have been women of vision identifying needs and responding to God's call through the ministries of Hospitality, Missions, Social Housing, Dorcas and Youth Work. She commented that while the ministry of ACW is often one of tears, funeral teas and health issues, the opportunity for folk to share personal stories over a 'cuppa' enables healing to begin. She invited all to a party and passed out cake, necklaces and bubbles to show that the spiritual gift of hospitality undergirds all of our work.

Mission has been a primary focus of WA/ACW and in the early years the WA supported women who were called to serve in Japan, China and isolated communities in Canada as nurses and teachers.



Photo: Syd Langhelt

The new ACW executive officers pose for a group photo with Bishop Logan following their installation

The WA missionaries established self-help training for those in developing nations. Suitcases of Pakistan Embroidery were a familiar item at meetings when fine embroidered items were brought and sold to provide a living for the crafters.

She spoke of the Caroline Macklem Home which was originally a place of refuge for women on furlough, and latterly a low income Personal Care Facility. The ACW established Mt Douglas Court Senior Housing under a separate society. The needlework

and new children's clothing (Dorcas) to communities in Caledonia continues to be a blessing.

Little Helpers, Junior and Girls Auxiliaries, Anglican Young People Association, Sunday School by Post, the Vanners (Sunday School on wheels) and Camp Columbia were Youth Ministries supported by WA/ACW with human and financial resources. Rae closed by challenging all to reach out to the children, many of whom are in need of a hug today.

Quoting phrases from a few hymns, Kathy Fitzsimmons said, "You are women who live for Jesus; you have responded to the Lord's call to be people set apart, equal to the task to show what love can do as you treat one another with love."

She enthusiastically encouraged us to celebrate and share special moments and people such as in 1885 when Roberta Tilton fixed her mind on the Master and stepped forth to establish the WA enabling women to go forth to share God's love as missionaries; to Miss Hassell and the Vanners who went throughout the prairie provinces and British Columbia from 1920-60 telling the good news of God's amazing love to children and adults living in rural areas of the provinces; to the first women ordained as priests in 1976.

Reflecting on the passage from Zephaniah 3, she encouraged delegates to use their God-given gifts for a time of revival, and as children beloved of God, to be open to the infilling of the Spirit thus becoming the hands and feet of God to go out and share God's love and enable God to work through them within their circles of influence to build relationships. As co-workers with Jesus,

women and men serving together are called in new ways to minister and serve in the cultural context of today.

Bishop Logan McMenamie spoke of the Diocesan vision of Renewed Hearts, Renewed Minds and Renewed People He showed a video of the demolition of St. Michael's School at Alert Bay and spoke of the impact the event had on him and others as steps in reconciliation.

He hoped that through play, creativity, patience and hope we can be reshaped as a Diocese while the essence of who we are as Christians and Anglicans will remain the same. Bishop Logan commented that Jesus laid down his life long before his death, and he hoped we will 'take up our cross to follow' with patience in times of change to language and identity.

Reflecting on Psalm 23, Bishop Logan said he sees the Diocese on a journey where a lack of resources as well as predators are identified. It is Jesus who offers reconciliation and provides hospitality as we walk through the valley. The Bishop expressed the joy he feels from the energy and enthusiasm he encounters not only at gatherings such as the ACW Annual meeting but also as he journeys throughout the Diocese.

The Bishop's canine puppet friends joined him with one insisting he couldn't see any shepherd or sheep while the other insisted that the shepherd was standing in the middle of the sheep and they listened to his voice and followed.

Bishop Logan shared how the Diocesan Vision Team prayed for God to help them to listen for his voice and follow his guidance in preparing the Vision statement. When the statement was first

read, the team felt they had heard the voice of God though the conversations held throughout the Diocese.

He told how a dragonfly hovered over the gathering and it was later learned that in First Nations' tradition the dragonfly was a symbol of a readiness for change amongst the people. The Bishop sensed there is an expectation amongst the people that things are going to be different and now need the tools to carry out the change.

Bishop Logan called us to a *Season of Prayer*. He stated, "We have been in a season of winter and struggles, and now we need to listen for God's voice to guide and lead us from winter to summer." He commented that the ACW may be small but in the Light a giant shadow is cast. Fruits of the Spirit, love and joy will nurture new life in individuals, parishes, and the Diocese. How the works are carried out may change but the essence of love and joy will be the same.

At the age of 80, Hilda Shilliday's childhood dream of being a missionary became a reality when she served in a number of short-term missions in the AIDS Clinic at Mengo Hospital in Uganda.

She stated that since independence in the 1960s, Uganda has experienced the highest AIDS ratio per population of any country due not only to the cost of medicine but also the unwillingness to acknowledge the disease because of the stigma associated with it. She said life expectancy there is 33 years for females and 52 for males. A generation has been lost to AIDS and it is the grandmothers who are raising the estimated 2.5 million orphans.

Mengo Hospital teams also provide medical outreach to isolated villages. They have developed schools for special needs children and a school of nursing with a current student population of 300 and have improved rain water catchments.

She said she felt safe while there. She listens to the Spirit to discern what steps to take in any given situation. She showed pictures and told stories about several individuals she has been walking alongside and sponsoring. The joy of the Lord shines through as she presents with such enthusiasm and compassion for those to whom she ministers.

Over the past two years the Anglican Church Women have been called to discern where God is leading the ACW as an organi-

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BE A FLY ON THE WALL at Diocesan Council

Judy Trueman

“A Synod between Synods.” That is how the Diocesan Council meetings, held monthly at various churches throughout the diocese, are often described. Many might wonder what conversations are taking place, what issues are discussed, and what decisions are made.

This is the first of what will be a monthly *Post* column, contributed in rotation by various members of Diocesan Council. Please understand that these will not be formal minutes of Council’s deliberations, or even summaries thereof. For that, you can go to the diocesan website at <https://bc.anglican.ca/ministries/diocesan-council>. Rather, this regular feature is intended as an opportunity to share one or two particular aspects of each meeting, giving readers a taste of what their representatives are doing.

Since this is the start of a new thing, perhaps it’s appropriate to describe how each Diocesan Council meeting begins. We come together to give time and attention to the important issues of the diocese, that part of the body of Christ on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Kingcombe Inlet. We seek to find God’s direction through matters affecting every parish. Since Bishop Logan began chairing the meetings, each one begins with a short Bible Study. The Bishop invites a different Council member each month (both lay and ordained) to select a scripture passage, articulate a theme, and pose questions for discussion.

At the April meeting, under the leadership of the Rev. Alastair McCollum, we considered Ephesians 4:1-12, where Paul speaks of the oneness of the body of Christ and the range of gifts that are present within it (“...some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry ...”). We were asked to consider how those gifts are seen in the church, how to discern our own gifts, and how to encourage others to identify the gifts that God has given them. We were asked to think about which of the roles Paul mentions best fits with how we see our personal place in the church. Alastair referred us to a website for anyone wishing to pursue this concept of “gift identification” further: <http://fivefoldsurvey.com/surveys>. Others reading this may also find it helpful.

The fact that we meet around round tables in Diocesan Council allows us to enter easily into small group discussion. After a brief period, each table reports back to the whole. Even in the short time allotted for our study, richness and diversity emerge from considering God’s word together. There’s a sense that we are then ready to tackle the matters before us. We pause at times throughout the agenda for more table discussions, and at the end of the meeting Bishop Logan asks us to share with each other where we have seen God in the course of our time together. The introductory Bible Study and the closing question create a reflective and spiritual context for the work we are called to do – which, of course, is often administrative in nature.

Standard agenda items include receiving and reviewing the report of the Diocesan Finance Committee, and a report from the Bishop on his activities since the last meeting, as well as reports from a variety of diocesan bodies (e.g. in April, we reviewed and ratified some recent recommendations from the Partners in Mission Ministry Team).

An ongoing major focus right now is the activity of the two work teams charged with leading our Vision Fulfillment Journey: one developing a short list of priorities for Vision Implementation, which are to be the subject of regional consultations across the diocese in advance of the September Synod, and the other looking at financial ways and means to enable us to transform these aspirations into concrete reality (including a diocese-wide financial campaign).

The May meeting of Diocesan Council is taking the form of a weekend-long gathering at the Church of St. Peter, Campbell River. This will allow us to engage in more extended in-depth discussions than is possible in our usual three to four-hour monthly format. It also gives us a welcome opportunity to be with the people of Nimpkish Region, as they meet to consult about the future of our diocese.

Be sure to check the September issue of the *Post* for some notes and reflections coming out of that meeting. If you have questions, or topics you’d like to see explored and explained, please let us know.

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Nepal Earthquake and Regional Workshop

The hope that spring might be entirely ‘good news’ for PWRDF efforts was shattered on April 25 by the Nepal earthquake, which at 7.9 energy magnitude, was the most powerful earthquake to hit this country in over 80 years. PWRDF immediately sent ‘an initial grant’ of \$20,000 in relief funds for Nepal through its primary partner, the ACT Alliance. Why do they send initial grants in such emergencies? The answer is because medical, water, food, and clothing aid is critical in the first 24-72 hours for survivors who may be incapacitated by injuries. Subsequent aid is mostly to help rebuild lives and living conditions.



Destroyed buildings in Kathmandu (photo by Hilmi Hacaloğlu)

The capital city of Kathmandu suffered many deaths and destruction of older buildings, but numerous smaller villages closer to the epicentre have been totally destroyed. At this writing, some 7,000 deaths had been confirmed, but relief teams had not yet reached remote areas near the

epicentre in western Nepal. Some of these smaller villages, where destruction is complete and there is little shelter, are at high elevations where the nights are bitterly cold.

Many western countries have already promised additional aid to help rebuild Nepal towns and villages. Will these commitments be the same as was promised to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake? Some \$14B promised to Haiti seems to have disappeared, as very few construction projects have even been started, much less completed. Haiti success stories appear to be mainly aid from NGO groups providing the very basics of living: medical, food, and clothing. Let us pray that this situation will not be repeated in Nepal.

Partnerships with larger church and other NGO groups such as ACT are essential to PWRDF, especially for emergency relief. This is particularly important for earthquake survivors, where even a broken leg can be life threatening without immediate help. A small relief organization based in Canada would be mostly ineffective in such an emergency situation without partners. One little-known fact is that these partnerships, together with the work of volunteers in dioceses across Canada, allow PWRDF to operate with only 17 full-time paid staff

and an administrative overhead of under 12% (2014 statistics). Our donations to PWRDF are effective and efficient.

On the same day as the Nepal earthquake, a regional PWRDF Workshop was being held at St. John the Divine in Victoria. The history and mission of PWRDF was reviewed, with an update on recent aid efforts, primarily in the tropics and sub-tropics. This was followed by a explanation on how climate change in those same regions are intensifying the impacts of natural disasters through more frequent drought, severe tropical storms, flooding, sea-level rise, and ocean acidification. Global warming has placed additional pressures on already overstressed aid efforts by NGOs such as PWRDF and its partners. In the afternoon session, Maureen Lawrence, a member of PWRDF’s Board of Directors, spoke about her experiences with refugee groups and displaced persons in Sri Lanka in 2012. Afternoon discussion centred on outreach successes and challenges among parishes, although this was cut short as time ran out.

Visit <http://pwrdf.org> for more information on PWRDF, or for a presentation in your parish contact Geoff Strong, the PWRDF Diocesan Representative in the Diocese of British Columbia: geoff.strong@shaw.ca or 250-710-8011.

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zation. At the Annual meeting, it was decided to dissolve the Diocesan ACW as a Registered Society under the BC Society Act at



Photo: Syd Langhelt

Barb Coleman happily shows the gift given to her by the Anglican Church Women in thanksgiving for her years of service as Diocesan President, 2004-14. It is a beautiful crystalline glazed serving bowl, hand crafted by Gabriel, a potter on Pender Island. It was presented to her at the ACW Annual.

the end of December 2015. The elected officers will serve as a ministry of the Diocese under President Diane Hutchison. The disbursement of funds is required when dissolving as a Society and the women voted to donate \$50,000.00 to Threshold Ministries (formerly Church Army) for StreetHope, Victoria.

The balance of the Trust funds generated from the sale of the Caroline Macklem Home will be

given to Mount Douglas Seniors Housing Society.

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Please keep in mind that the deadline for
that issue will be August 1.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ed Lewis
Editor