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SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER

Was a great success. A great many were packed into the venerable London Club and money was raised to assist the Daily Bread food bank in the summer months

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SO DIFFICULT BUT WITH GREAT JOY

Trinity Mitchell holds their last worship service. This last service was Joyous, uplifting worship a very bitter-sweet day. Page 6

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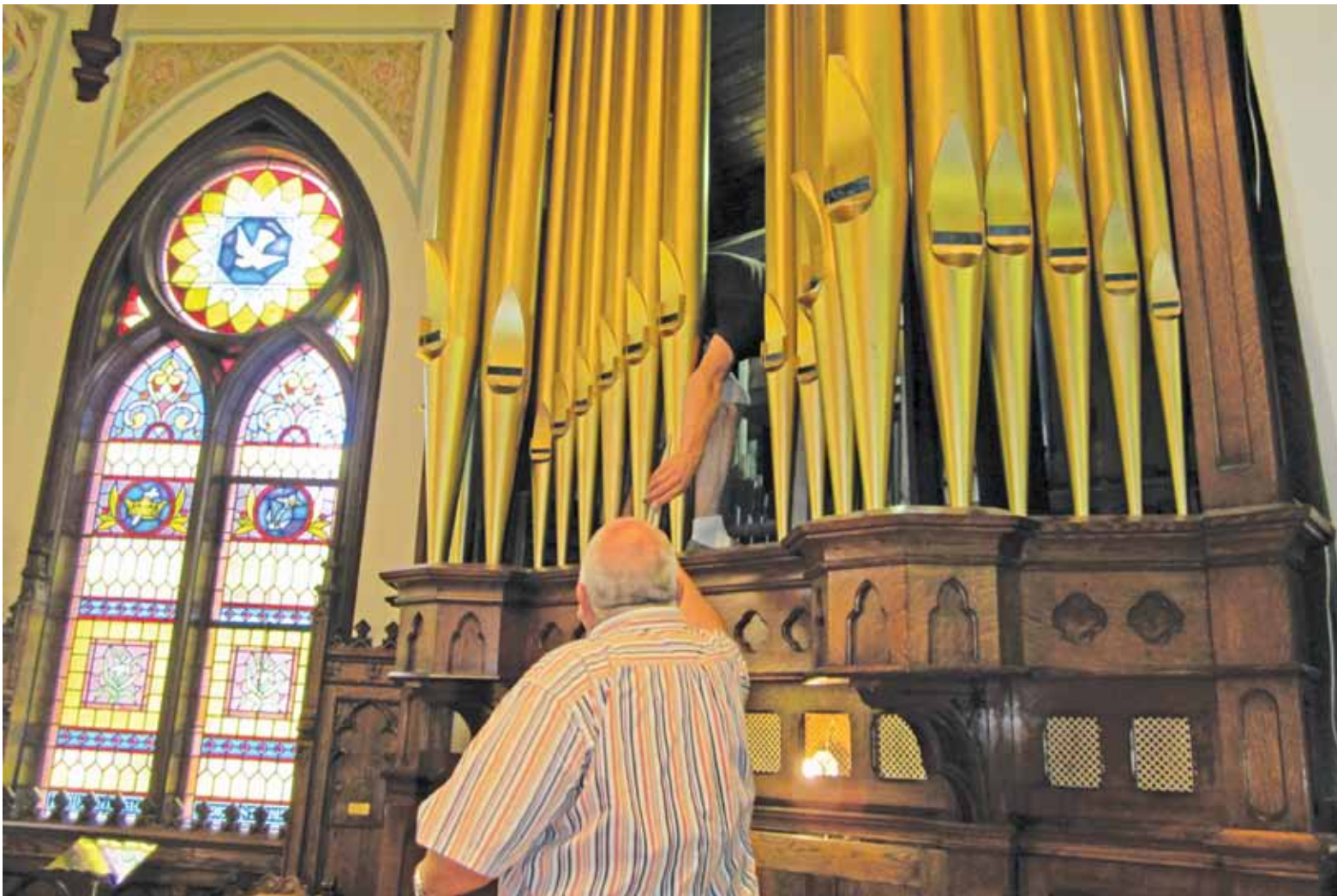
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Pipe Dreams... not since WWII



The Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville, established an organ committee which brought a proposal to Parish Council. It was to repair and upgrade our existing Woodstock pipe organ which was last refurbished after WWII. The project was met with unanimous approval and our 'Pipe Dreams' fund raising program was launched after a vestry in the spring. In 4 months the parish raised 97% of the \$65,000 necessary funds for a 3 manual console to be built in the shop of Pole and Kinghan organ builders. A replacement pedal board brings the instrument up to AGO standards and our present pipes will be repaired and tuned. More ranks (trumpet, piccolo etc), and midi sound are the newly added features to enhance the original instrument. The organ is expected to be completed before Labour Day weekend with an organ recital featuring Angus Sinclair scheduled for September 23rd. Any gifts will be listed on our new memorial plaque. Whether you are a parish member now in the past or a lover of pipe organs help us to have the best organ in Essex County!



At Kingsville some of the decorative pipes of the organ are repositioned in the large photo above. In many pipe organs these beautiful pipes don't play a note, they are just for show. In the other photo are the real pipes made by hand out of galvanized material plus straight grained thick pine. The metal pipes are cut open and sections are curled back to make the exact sound required. Wooden "pipes" are carefully restricted at the top of the pipe with curled metal as well. Not what you would expect but very beautiful in their own way.

Churches Can Save On Energy Too!

by Don Cardy, ProQuip International

While energy costs continue to rise, residential, commercial, institutional and industrial electricity consumers continue to dig deeper to pay the bills for their lighting, heating, air conditioning and daily operations. At the same time, our governments are trying to put off the huge investments required to build new energy production and distribution infrastructure. This creates a dilemma; we need the energy but are having trouble affording it at both ends of the supply chain.

The Ontario government's answer to our dilemma is conservation and demand management. By using less energy today, we can delay the need for taxpayer and debt funding of new hydro and nuclear plants. And to help promote conservation efforts, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) has implemented a number of energy conservation and demand management initiatives. One such program is Save On Energy™. This program helps businesses and institutions, including churches, reduce their energy consumption, and its attendant costs, through energy efficiency measures such as installing more energy efficient lighting, heating, air conditioning and operations equipment.

A conservation measure that the Huron Anglican Churches are able to take advantage of involves lighting systems. By retrofitting old technology incandescent and fluorescent lights with low wattage LED lights, energy costs for the lighting portion of your monthly electricity can be reduced by 70% or more. The investment in the new lighting measures, including the labour to complete the installation and the environmentally correct disposal of the old bulbs can be substantially offset by the Save On Energy™ financial incentive. This is the OPA paying the Church the greater of either: \$400/kilowatt of demand savings or \$.05/kilowatt hour of first year electricity savings to a maximum of 50% of project

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DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCHEON



by Shirley Woodall

Woodstock: Woodstonians know how to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II. Especially at Old St. Paul's ACW, Woodstock. We had a quite remarkable Queen's Jubilee Luncheon on June 6. Those attending the sold out event were ladies from St. John's, Sebringville; St. James', Ingersoll; Epiphany, Woodstock; Two Red Hat Groups; St. John's, Eastwood; some of the staff of Woodstock General Hospital and others. Oh! Yes, there were some gentlemen as well. The afternoon included a display in the church of Royal Memorabilia with a letter of congratulations to her Majesty for everyone to sign. The congratulations letter has been sent along to Buckingham Palace. Everyone had such a nice time and **Thank You** for all your support.

SOME SUMMER MUSINGS

One of the joys of my summer is the yearly opportunity to visit Huron Church Camp to be with the staff and campers and to celebrate the Eucharist in a relaxed yet extremely enthusiastic atmosphere.

The staff of HCC, from Gerry Adam (the director), Matt Martin (the student chaplain), the counselors and the Leaders in Training, are simply amazing. They foster a safe, caring, and energetic environment in which our children are able to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, encounter Jesus and just simply have fun.



dren are able to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, encounter Jesus and just simply have fun.

They are a treat to be around! It is true that the camp's facilities have grown a little tired and are in need of repair and renovation.



It is true that HCC faces enormous financial challenges which we are trying to address through our diocesan "Renew" campaign. None of that however, seemed to matter to either the staff or the campers. They were far too engaged doing what they do best... being a loving, caring Christian community in which everyone is included and everyone matters. Without question, Huron Church Camp is a vital ministry for the diocese of Huron. It is our most significant ministry to children and youth. Through its bursary programs, HCC is engaged in outreach to children of families who otherwise could not afford to give their children a summer camping experience.

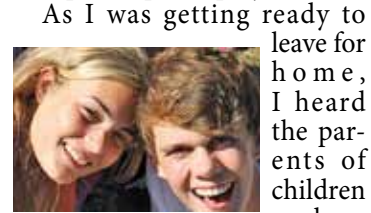
It nurtures both campers and staff in the faith we hold dear.

It is, in its own way, an incredible expression of the Marks of Mission which are at the core of the strategic plan of the diocese of Huron and indeed central to a vision of a renewed church.

My day at HCC reminded me of a few things. One, I am not as young as I used to be or as in my imagination I believe myself to be. Where did the years go? More importantly, I saw once again that Huron Church Camp is a gift we must not take for granted. We all have a part to play in promoting what the camp has to offer. If we all do our part in extolling the virtues and value of this incredible program, the camp will be filled to capacity. Our parish churches ought to



be the best form of advertising to families with children. Each of our communities have children who could benefit from the bursary program. We can all play a part in ensuring the future of this remarkable ministry by supporting it through the "Renew" campaign. Perhaps your parish could adopt Huron Church Camp as a special project.



As I was getting ready to leave for home, I heard the parents of children who were traumatized by the first night at camp ... first time away from home can be frightening ... saying that their children couldn't wait to come back next year. Let's not let them down.

+Bishop Terry Dance.

Forward thinking: Back to School



It is that time of year again, where the University is springing to life, and the energy that comes from the excitement

of reunion and setting off on new adventures is everywhere. It is time again to take stock, and look at the incoming class, full of promise and hope and help them find their way in the new world in which they find themselves. This also means it is time to give some advice to the incoming class.

1. Embrace what is happening around you! There is so much on offer, so many people willing to help and certainly lots laid on for you as you transition into school. One of the saddest things I see every year is the kid who arrives, "too cool" for all that is going on around them. By October, they realize that they are no longer the big fish from their old school, and often wish they had jumped on board the

fun in the first week. Find a good restaurant from another culture and eat there! Try new things. Eat strange foods. Learn a new language.

2. Go to as much as you possibly can. There will tons of things to do. Don't hide in your room, but rather, go hang out with others in the lounges and community areas. Make friends. Get to know people you would never otherwise have met.

3. Show Up. You have to do your school work. You are paying a lot to be here, so don't waste your money. Your total education is both inside and outside the classroom, but they don't give degrees in "hanging around" or "being a representative on student's council." Remember to keep your priorities in the right order.

4. Be patient. Institutions and other human beings don't change easily. Remember that the person you find irritating and annoying is a human being worthy of compassion. More

than that, there are just as many people who may find you just as irritating and annoying. Being willing to listen and give the benefit of the doubt will go a long way to lower everyone's anxiety.

5. Be prepared to meet people that know more than you, have more than you, or have been to more places than you. They are not better than you, just more experienced. Don't let anyone look down on you for where you have come from, and never judge anyone by the place they call home. Most people at 18 have not chosen where they come from, but rather inherited a family just like you did.

Oh, and that goes for bodies too. There are thin people, fat people, plain people, gorgeous people, tall people, short people, gay people, straight people, people with athletic ability, people with brains the size of aircraft carriers. People who are just as scared as you and people who (perhaps just like you) are hoping that

University is the place where they can be free of all the petty labels and drama that they suffered trying to fit in back home. They are different. No need to point it out. We all can see they are different, and if you think that pointing it out will makes us notice you less, you're wrong.

Finally, you are here to enjoy learning and discovering what the world has in store for you. The time you spend here will be focused on expanding your mind and your horizons, and that can be hard and even painful at times, but the rewards of what you do day to day will pay off in ways you can't even imagine yet. So enjoy this time. It is yours to make of it what it can be.

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BEWARE! I have a mustard seed and am not afraid to use it!

Via the Media



Longer than Gunsmoke, M*A*S*H, Law and Order, Seinfeld or ER. For 24 seasons Life and Faith occupied

a television time slot every Sunday morning. It is with genuine sadness that I tell you that by the time you are reading this, Life and Faith will be no more. I could spend considerable time telling you why the show ended, but I'd rather tell you about the phenomenal run that this unique program enjoyed.

Life and Faith was different that any other religious show you might find on local television. Beyond multi-denominational, it was multi-faith, combining the spiritual story of many different communities in Southwestern Ontario. It was a program that had every reason to fail, every reason for the various groups who pooled resources to make it happen, to decide to not bother anymore. But for 24 years and a variety of faith groups participation, Life and Faith told stories and told them well. Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Native Spirituality and many more communities

were represented. Also unique was the funding structure: a combination of funding from the broadcaster and the faith groups. Simply unheard of.

The Anglican Diocese of Huron should be proud that we were part of Life and Faith from day one and were still heavily invested when the show came to a conclusion.

The constant in Life and Faith was Anchor Video Productions. Doug and Judy Croden were there on day one and involved in every show that was produced under the Life and Faith banner. Doug received the Order of Huron for his work on the show, which

he was and is immensely proud of. And he has good reason to be proud because, from a technical standpoint, this was an outstanding piece of television, and that fact was oft remarked upon by executives of the broadcasters that carried the show.

Bill Gray, Jeanette Aziz, Bill Welch, Rob Henderson, Nancy Adams and many others hosted Anglican segments over the 24 seasons (nearly 500 shows). For the last eight and a half seasons, I had the privilege to

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Pastoral Progressions

Appointments

Rishi Sativihari

The Bishop appointed Rishi Sativihari to be the licensed Lay Pastor (part-time) to St. James, St. Marys, effective the first of July. Upon ordination, at a date to be established by the Bishop, Rishi will be known as Deacon in charge.

Rev. Val Kenyon

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Val Kenyon to be the Regional Dean of Delaware effective the first of July. Val continues as Assistant to the Rector, St. James Westminster, London and also Chair of the Huron Diocese Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

Rev. Bill White

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Bill White to be Incumbent (part-time) to Trinity, Lambeth effective the first of September. Bill was the rector of Christ Church, Oxford Centre, St. Paul's, Princeton and St. John's, Eastwood.

Sharla Ciupak

The Bishop appointed Sharla Ciupak to be licensed Lay Youth Minister to Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo and All Saints, Waterloo effective the first of September.

Rev. Colin Pearce

Rev. Colin Pearce who is currently providing ministry to St. Andrew's, LaSalle and St. Barnabas, Windsor, has resigned from his appointment to St. Andrew's, LaSalle as of September 30, 2012. As of October 1, the Rev'd Colin Pearce will provide ministry to the newly formed congregation of St. Aidan's and St. Barnabas, Windsor. Their ministry site will be located at St. Aidan's, Windsor.

Resignation

The Bishop has accepted the resignation of the Rev. Robert Roe. Robert has been the Associate Priest at Trinity, Sarnia. Ordained in 1995, Robert's ministry in Huron has been at Trinity, Sarnia.



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Ordination

An Ordination took place on Thursday, June 7th at The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London. The preacher was The Venerable Perry Chuipka, Archdeacon of Saugeens; the Ordinant, Bishop Robert Bennett; and the Celebrant, Bishop Terry Dance. The following were ordained to the priesthood and appointed:

Rev. Matt Arguin

Rev. Matt Arguin, Assistant Curate, Bishop Cronyn Memorial London and St. Jude's, London (shared ministry)

Rev. Margaret Walker

Rev. Margaret Walker, Priest in Charge (part-time) St. George's, New Hamburg, St. James Wilmot, Chapel of Ease and Chaplain (part time) St. Monica House

Rev. Carrie Irwin

Rev. Carrie Irwin, (rector as of June 7th) Holy Trinity, Chesley; Christ Church, Tara; Ascension, Paisley; St. John's, Desboro; St. Paul's, Chatsworth and Chapel of Ease, St. Philips, Walters Falls

Rev. Laura Lightfoot

Rev. Laura Lightfoot (rector as of June 7th) Parish of the Resurrection: Christ Church, Listowel; St. Paul's, Palmerston; St. Stephen's, Gorrie; Trinity, Fordwich; St. George's, Harriston; St. Alban's and St. David's, Atwood

Congratulations New Babies

Rev. A. Sandra Clark (St. John's Church, Brussels) and Bill Clark are the proud Great Grandparents of a baby born on May 23rd in Regina. This is their third great grandchild.

Rev. Karen Nelles (St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy) and family give thanks for the birth of a new Grandson on June 1st.

Rev. Chris Kelly and Dr. Emily Kelly are the proud parents of their second child born at the end of June (a baby girl).

Rev. John Ogilvie (Parish Deacon at St. Mark's, Brantford) and Mary Ogilvie are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born on July 9th.

Rest in Peace

Rev. Bill Rowles

Rev. Bill Rowles (Meaford) passed away on June 10th, 2012. Bill was ordained in 1954 in Huron. From 1994 to 2006 he was the priest in charge of Chatsworth/Desboro, Walter's Falls and Holland Centre (deconsecrated). Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Meaford.

Eric Brennan

Eric Brennan (father of the Rev. Andrea Ahlers, St. Peter's Dorchester) died on June 13, 2012 in Sudbury. The funeral was held in Sudbury.

Ethel Pickford

Ethel Pickford at 99 years (the Rev. Walter Pickford (deceased 1985), passed away on July 10, 2012. Ethel will be remembered for her many gifts as a priest's spouse. (Rev. Walter Pickford was ordained in 1962 with his first appointment being as Deacon in Charge to Alvinston, Inwood and Moraviantown. In 1963 he was appointed to St. David's Windsor and in 1966 to St. Andrew's, Tilbury in 1975). A funeral service was held at Church of Ascension, Comber.

Evelyn Palmer

Evelyn Palmer (the Rev. James Palmer (deceased) passed away on July 24th, 2012. Evelyn was Grandmother to the Rev. Canon Tanya Phibbs (Wade), Rector St. Paul's, Stratford. Evelyn will be remembered for her nurturing gifts, both as a mother and a minister's wife. (James was ordained in Huron in 1956. His first appointment was as Deacon in Charge of Bervie, Kingarf and Kinlough. In 1959 he was appointed to St. Stephen's Stratford and Sebringville. In 1962 he was named to St. Mark's Windsor. In 1965 he took up ministry in Rupert's Land, returning to Forest and KSubject: for Joe Wooden Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:29



Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who supported our 2012 Huron Church Camp / Ottawa Marathon fundraiser. At time of writing, we have raised a little over \$27,000 to go to this year's HCC camper bursary program! This program enables kids who might not otherwise have the opportunity or means to experience a life-changing week at HCC. Thank you all and special thanks to Sam Thomas and the community of St. Michael and All Angels London, the Runt Club Runners, and the Skrypnik Group!

For those wondering about the marathon, it was a beautiful May Sunday morning to run in Ottawa and we finished in our usual position somewhere in the middle of the pack, happily upright.

Richard Doyle St. Michael and All Angels London
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An Invitation Bishops' Friends

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DECEMBER 13TH - Windsor, Macedonian Centre - Amanda Gellman amanda@mananstrategy.com Stephen Willetts & Mike Clark

NOVEMBER 9TH - London, Sunningdale Golf & Country Club John Thorpe jbmthorpe@gmail.com & Bette Ferguson baferg@sympatico.ca

OCTOBER 17TH - Kitchener/Waterloo, Whistle Bear Golf Club Rev. Don Davidson fr.donald.davidson@rogers.com, Wayne Matheson wayne1943@sympatico.ca & Ray Finnie

Making Crosses



by Dianne Garrett

Members of Wallaceburg's St. James the Apostle, Chancel Guild and friends met on Monday, March 26 to enjoy fellowship and prepare crosses for the Palm Sunday service.

Keep the conversation going

For decades, the *Huron Church News* and the *Anglican Journal* have been a vital communications link between parishes, dioceses and the national Church.

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Christ Church Colchester celebrates a connection with 1812 with a Community Tea Party and Church Tours

by Jane Buttery



On Saturday 21st July our church helped celebrate the 1812 bicentennial with a pie and tea for those who came to visit our historic church with its connection to that period. At the time members of the church were part of the Essex militia and our founder, Rev. Richard Pollard was a prominent member of Amherstburg and Fort Malden as well as ministering to "300 souls in Colchester." We thought it was a good opportunity to offer refreshment to visitors and earn some money for the church's ministry.

We had tours of the chapel and of the old cemetery, dating back to 1806 and probably before as there is evidence of Indian burials. This was rebuilt in 1957-58 using the original stone of the First Church built by 1819. Rev. Pollard had the vision for the church earlier but the war forced delays and

building began after 1816. In 1957, Rev. Skinner had the vision to reconstruct a chapel a quarter of the original size; on Saturday, his daughter Donna Boulton and her husband, John gave more information about this. Dorothy and Robert Martin descendents of original settlers manned the cemetery tour.

Ladies, brought together from St Andrew's and Christ Church by warden Sandra McKee and her committee, were kept busy in the church hall where they served food. Randy Cyr and Jane showed a video and answered questions. Everyone was delighted that Rev. Gene Lotz joined us, dressed in a long black cassock which fitted in with the ladies early 19th century costumes as the picture shows. We are grateful to all who worked hard that day and to the Park House for the dresses.

The Harvest is Plenty?

by Rev. Chris Brouillard-Coyle on behalf of Social Justice Huron

Last year at this time I had the pleasure of skipping along an orchard with a nephew holding one hand and a niece holding the other as family surrounded us all and we chanted, "We're gonna pick some apples." It was a delightful afternoon, carefully selecting our prizes and then sharing across four generations. A year later I am asked if we can go again. Sadly I must say 'no', not because I don't have time but because in our area there are no apples. The early spring we enjoyed was followed by a deadly frost that killed the blossoms on most of the trees in our orchards. It is a reminder that food doesn't just magically appear in stores, but requires the right conditions for growth.

Throughout our diocese we are blessed with fertile regions that connect us to creation and enable us to grow the fruits and vegetables that decorate our chancels and fill our plates at this time. As we enjoy this harvest, we are called to remember where these come from and so many will sing: "All things bright and beautiful, all

creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."

At the same time as we celebrate our bounty we are also called to remember those who are not so blessed. We are called to consider those places in the world where the precariousness of seeds and plants is experienced to the extremes, those places where fields and orchards, forest and meadow are lost due to drought or flood, fire or storm. And we are called to remember the people who go hungry on a daily basis because they don't have enough money to buy the food they need, they live in areas of conflict, they lack resources to work the land effectively, they are excluded from decision making due to gender and/or there are unjust policies which prevent equal access to basic needs. According to the UN there are 925 million people in the world who do not have enough food to live healthy, active lives. The vast majority, some 98%, live in developing countries with children, women and those rural communities being most at risk. Without adequate

nutrition these individuals cannot develop fully, have difficulty concentrating and learning and have weakened immune systems making them more vulnerable to disease. These too are God's children, brothers and sisters with us in Christ Jesus. Like us, each of these individuals is created in the image and likeness of God. In his first letter, John challenges the Church: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action" (1 John 3:17-18). Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action! As we celebrate the harvests of our local communities may we generously choose to show love for those who are not so blessed by offering freely of our gifts - giving to local food banks to help the hungry in our communities and sharing of our financial gifts with Huron Hunger Fund, PWRDF, and Kairos so that our love may be felt through our actions by our brothers and sisters fighting poverty and hunger all over God's created world.

Amen.

Joint Service at the Sound

St. Thomas, Owen Sound

A Joint Service and Picnic was held recently by the Anglican and Lutheran Churches of Owen Sound. The Music and Worship was co-ordinated beautifully by Rev. Graham Bland, Rev. Claire Miller and Rev. Christy Morrow-Wolfe.

The service was highlighted by a Baptism by the Bay. A delicious pot luck meal was enjoyed by all, followed by games.



You Are Invited to All Saints' Anglican Church, Windsor 160th Anniversary "Homecoming Weekend"

Saturday, November 3
6:00pm - Gala Dinner
 Scott Hall at All Saints'
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 Includes: Reception, 5 course dinner prepared by Culinary Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Don Kumarasinghe, Wine and Entertainment

Sunday, November 4
8:00am - Holy Communion
10:00am - Choral Festival Anniversary Eucharist with Great Procession
 (Feast of All Saints' & Patronal Festival)
 - Special Music including brass quintet
 - Reception to follow service

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Thank You - Thank You - Thank You



You may remember in the April 2012 edition of the Huron Church News, you were invited to participate in the Annual Soup and Sandwich Dinner to raise funds for the Daily Bread Food Bank and the Fellowship Centre, a huge ecumenical venture, to feed the hungry based at St. Paul's Cathedral. I say HUGE because the estimated value of the goods and services provided annually is now at least \$500,000.



On May 14, 2012, we gathered – 180 of us – a packed house. We shared a simple meal of soup and sandwich – we enjoyed a well presented, exciting, Silent Auction and we listened to a presentation by Mr. Glen Pearson, a former Member of Parliament and Co-Director of the London Food Bank.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the value of the work undertaken by faith based individuals and communities. He encouraged us to continue the work and at every opportunity to confront those in Government who have allowed the social safety net to be undermined.

It was a wonderful evening which allowed us to raise for the first time over \$20,000 to support the work – a great help through the summer months. For your continued help, interest and support we offer our sincere thanks.

Percy & Sue O'Driscoll for the Committee



So hard to see a good thing come to an end... Trinity Mitchell



Carolyn Paulen plays the Trinity, Mitchell organ.



Bob Simpson and Rector, Rev. Karine Farmer.



Emma Butson and Rev. Thelma Kudelka.



Iris Sedore and Joanne Rowcliffe.



Betty Burns and Lois Scoins.

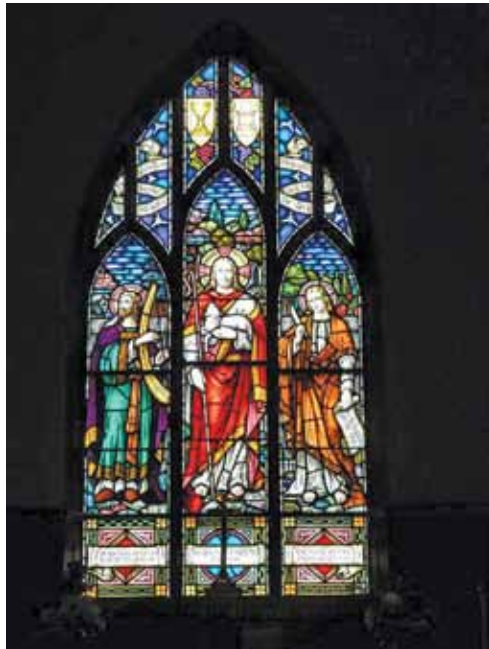


Betty Daer and Betty-Jo Cudmore.



The Blyth Festival Orchestra with Ryan Marttala conducting, provided musical counter-point.

The Altar window of Trinity



On 24 June the Birth of St. John the Baptist, Trinity Anglican Church in Mitchell held its last Sunday worship service. It was an emotional day for the people of Trinity and their visitors who came to support them. About 70 people came to celebrate the ministry that has occurred there for 154 years. There was a feeling of joy that so many people came out to celebrate with us. There was also some sadness that the community will no longer be gathering together in Mitchell. It's hard to see a good thing come to an end. Trinity, despite the small size of its congregation, has been very active in Mitchell over the years...taking its turn hosting The Legion Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday services, World Day of Prayer and Community Coffee hours. It's hosted the Town's only

Pancake Supper for years and in Lent has put on a popular lunch speakers' series in the community. Trinity has also done its fair share of outreach ministry in the community...especially in supporting children and youth in Mitchell. Despite all of this ministry our declining membership could not sustain itself anymore and the brave but difficult decision to disestablish was made in January 2012 at our Vestry meeting. Our last Sunday was characterized by a joyous, uplifting worship service. Members of the choirs of St. Paul's, Clinton and St. Thomas, Seaforth (the other sister churches in the Parish of the Holy Spirit) helped lead the singing. The Blyth Festival Orchestra was our musical guest. A festive lunch followed the worship. Many memories were shared and created this day. We will gather together one last time on Sunday 9 September 2012 at 4pm for our Service of Deconsecration, The Rt. Rev. Bob Bennett presiding. We invite our brothers and sisters in Christ from across the Diocese to join us for the service and the dinner that will follow it.

Faithfully submitted by: The Rev. Karine Farmer Rector, Parish of the Holy Spirit



Judy Ross, Vicki Williamson, Julie Smale, Jack Elliott, Carolyn Paulen, Teri Flinders-Butson, The Rev. Karine Farmer, Dory Hocking, Jane Whittemore... Trinity's Congregational Council, Organist and Rector.



Many generations of Trinity Mitchell parishioners felt the emotions of joy and sadness, celebrating 154 years of ministry.



Karine with, Jane Whittemore and Helen Oldfield.



Ivan Kirkham, Betty Burns, Linda Kirkham, Rev. Thelma Kudelka and Joanne Rowcliffe.



Such familiar objects; the vessels used to assist in nourishing so many for such a long time... the credence table post-communion.

Wrap Up with Love

by Maggie Martin

We have the greatest kids at St. Paul's Essex and Trinity Cottam, who got together to 'Wrap Up' the Sunday School year at Trinity on 10th June, 2012.

Rev. Chris Brouillard-Coyle raised a laugh by suggesting that maybe the adults should come and sit on the chancel steps for the story instead of the kids as for on that day the kids were in charge (under the guidance of their teachers). Every kid in the Sunday School is an artist of some kind and they are encouraged to use their God given gifts to express themselves.

Their theme was 'Love' which they showed by being considerate, respectful and going the extra mile for each other, their communities and the world.

Amy Hayes and Sydney Brouillard-Coyle had a talk show where they were discussing the penny drive that the kids were running as pennies are being phased out. 'Pennies to feed Hungry Bellies.' The amount collected was given to the Essex Food Bank.

Two amazing sock-puppeteers aka Hannah Maedel and Victoria Jubenville gave a rendering of a poignant conversation between two friends discussing the fact that one boy felt his mother did not love him anymore because he had picked all the flowers from her garden to help decorate a float for the parade. His mother was very mad at him! The wise friend acknowledged his friend's feelings but suggested that his mother being mad was a temporary thing which would soon pass but he was sure she still loved him. She was probably mad as his friend had not asked permission to use the flowers before he picked them. The sad friend realized the wisdom in his friends words and was eager to make amends with his mother. How true is that in all of our relationships when there is discord with the ones we love, we need to reach out and make amends and find forgiveness for each other.

Jacob Hayes offered a prayer, and teacher Paula Beattie read 'The Gift of Love' from 1st Corinthians chapter 13, during which the young people displayed their art creations on the theme.

The young people were so excited about the service that they formed an energetic 'Conga' line during the recessional hymn. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and train our children up in the right way to go that is pleasing in his sight!

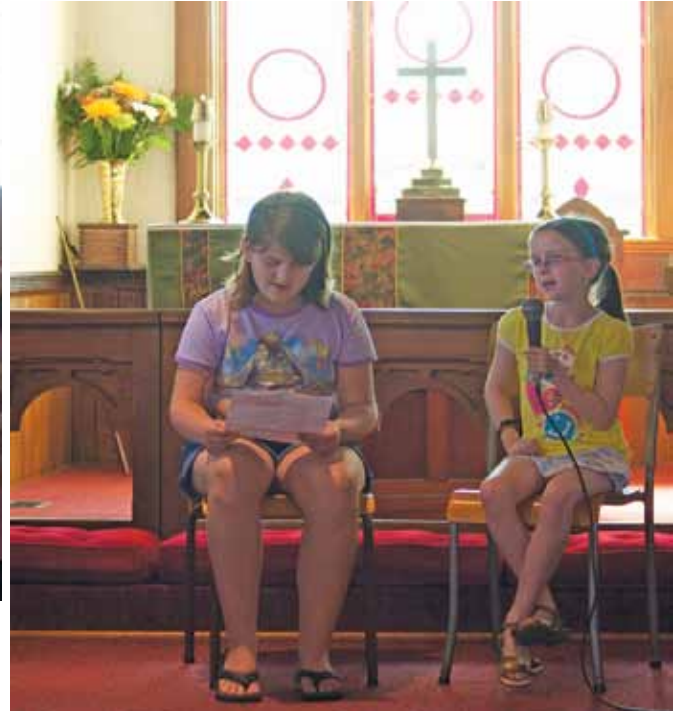
The fun was not over yet. Awaiting them in the hall was 'The Mad Scientist' who enthralled both young and old with his experiments about crystals and other great stuff!

Lunch was served buffet style. After so much fun everyone was starving.

Well done to all those fantastic kids, and all the willing helpful hands from both parishes who made this wonderful day possible.



Above left: Brenda Layson, Paula Beattie, Joseph Srigley, Hannah Jack, Victoria Juberville and Sydney Brouillard-Coyle plus someone behind a "Love" panel. Above right: Talk show hosts Amy Hayes and Sydney Brouillard-Coyle



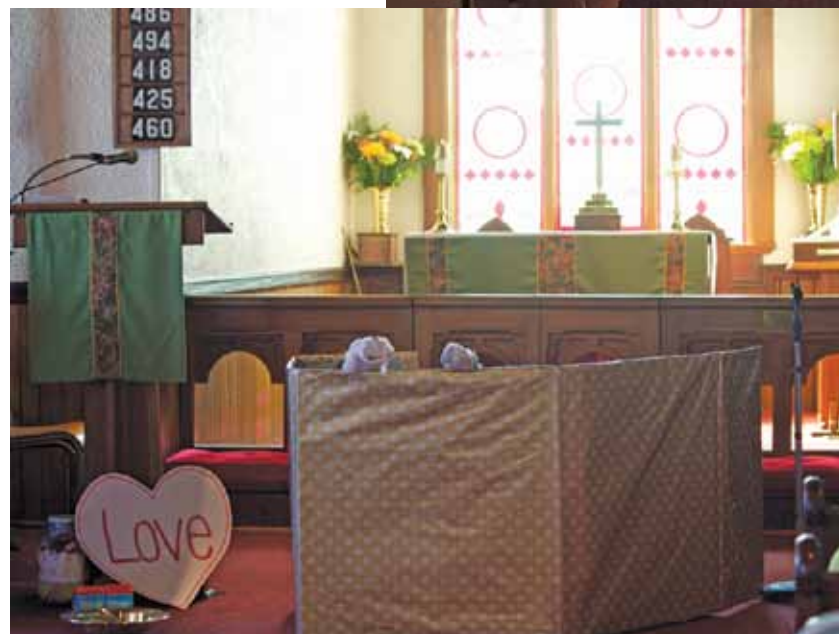
Above left: Jacob Hayes reads a prayer and to the right above: Love + truth = happiness and Love + Evil leads to unhappiness.



Sunday school teacher Paula Beattie reads from St. Paul's "gift of love" while Joseph Srigley holds Love.



Below left: If you look carefully you will see two sock puppets discussing forgiveness... and to the right below: Rev. Chris Brouillard-Coyle invited adults to sit on the chancel steps to get a better view.



Rocking with the Rev.

by Barb Abel (Rector's Warden)

On July 8th, the Congregation of St. Hilda's-St. Luke's Church in St. Thomas, joined with family and friends of Father Pat Byrne for a special outdoor birthday party; well over 100 people were on the lawns of the church to celebrate our minister's birthday. Entertainment was provided by "Shades of Black" a nostalgic rock band featuring "rocker" Pat on guitar, keyboard and vocals. Father Pat's rock band played, and played and it was SO much fun that neighbours and passers by were stopping to see what was happening.

Parishioners enjoyed a barbeque dinner while singing, dancing and keeping beat to tunes they all recognized from decades past. The surprise of the evening came when Father Pat announced that at last his dream to be a "rock star" had come true. In true "rocker" style he put on a show his congregation will not soon forget. He is truly our special star! A great event for our little church in St. Thomas!



Shades of Black cranks it up. A great evening with everyone celebrating.



A true rocker in every sense. Father Pat enjoys the moment.

Churches Can Save

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Book Review:

Following the Path - The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose and Joy

by Joan Chittister
(ISBN 978-0-3-7-95398-8)

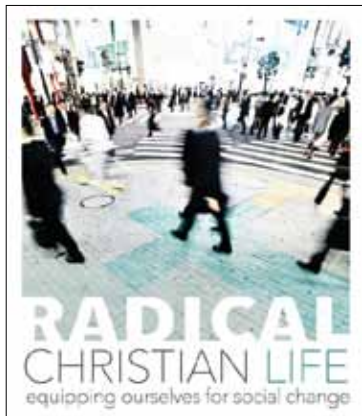
The key note speaker at this year's Trinity Institute's Conference, 'Radical Christianity', is author Joan Chittister. See below for details of the conference at All Saints' Windsor.

In her book *Following the Path - The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose, and Joy*, Joan Chittister describes life's journey as a process of discovering who we are and how to live with that insight. With God as the centre of our lives, our decisions, our priorities, and our way of being shift. Chittister helps us discern our God given gifts and leads us to discover the path that allows us to use them joining God's creating in the world.

She has written much throughout her ministry helping us discover who we are and what that means for our life. In *Following the Path*, Chittister asks the question 'What does it mean to become the fullness of ourselves?' Discerning our path is a life long journey she says, but one that acknowledges our heart's longing.

I vividly remember the day a voice from deep within me bubbled up saying 'I wish I could do this all the time.' We were wandering down a path after dinner at a youth retreat that I was leading. These words were my first expression of call. The words surprised me as much as they surprised my walking companion; perhaps even more.

What is God awakening within us? How do we live with this insight? Reading Joan Chittister's work is like spending an afternoon with your spiritual director. A word, an image, a story she describes will begin to poke around within us, working with our soul like a gardener works with soil.



She acknowledges the courage required to embrace our path and make it our own. Ultimately we have choices to make along the way. Whether the courage we need is to become an artist, a mechanic, a baker, parent, or priest, acknowledging our heart's cry and taking the steps to follow feels like we have discovered our life's purpose. Another way of expressing this is that we find what it is God has in mind for us.

Chittister reminds us that the gifts we discover within ourselves are ours to use, but are to be used to make a difference in the world. Noticing God's hand through our

work brings deep satisfaction. Such God-moments are few and far between, but are sacred time.

The author affirms that who we are to be - our purpose - is within us all along. We may discover our call through others or late in life, but it exists from the very beginning. Joan Chittister has spent her adult life sharing her gifts of spiritual guidance. Her imagery captivates readers, often creating a still point of self-acknowledgment. Only after a breathless pause can we move along to the next paragraph.

She is host of Benetvision, an online source of spiritual

wisdom and resources. Keep the Trinity Institute's Conference 'Radical Christian Life' in mind. Friday evening, November 9 and Saturday, November 10th, All Saints' Windsor will offer the conference live via web link. Hear this mystic's message with your own ears. Share in conversation with others who follow the path.

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Quiet Day 2012 Essex Deanery

DATE/TIME	CHURCH CITY	CONTACT for more Information
Wed 17 Oct 2012 Registration & Coffee @ 9:30 am	Christ Church in Clochester	Kay Reeves 519-969-1899 Frances Webster 519-736-8894
Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am Hymn sing & programme to follow Please bring a bag lunch Coffee/ tea & juice provided.		

Waterloo Deanery Spring Meeting

Waterloo Deanery Spring Meeting Report Saturday May 12, 2012 . Held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cambridge. Thirty-three members from six churches in Waterloo Deanery were in attendance this sunny spring day, to join in fellowship of worship, learning and sharing. Upon arrival, coffee, tea and muffins were made available, prior to assembling for the "Gathering of the ACW" church service. Rev. Vickie Edgeworth-Pitcher welcomed all, giving thanks to the ACW members for their work and dedication to the church. Enid Emery, Deanery representative this past 11 years, in expressing her thanks, said that it has been a valuable learning experience. Gail Graham, St. James Church, Hespeler was then introduced as the new Waterloo Deanery representative. June Anderson, a spiritual care provider at the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank began her presentation with an insight into the history of poverty. She outlined all the services offered at the local food bank, to include her personal involvement in the field of social justice. Her "food for thought" was startling, when hearing statistics pertaining to poverty in the world, in Canada and in our own Region of Waterloo. June's special ministry takes her wherever she is called to go, with visits to homes, streets, hospitals and jails. Following a noon hour luncheon which included a variety of quiches and salads, a special cake was cut in celebration of St. Thomas ACW's 60 year anniversary, 1952 - 2012. The afternoon program provided by Joe Brubacher and wife Esther, of Christian Aid Ministries of Waterloo, featured a power point presentation of that group's work in Liberia, Romania, the Ukraine, and many other world countries. Help is provided to Christian families to support themselves with funds to purchase land, livestock, tools and equipment. Their "Support an Orphan" program provides food, clothing and medicines for orphaned, destitute or abandoned children in Liberia. Volunteers at CAM Waterloo's warehouse, provide shipments of warm clothing and blankets to children and the elderly in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, and parcels containing cooking oil, rice, canned meat, sugar, flour and healthcare items are also sent to meet the needs of many overseas struggling families. A hearty vote of thanks to June Anderson and the Brubachers for their thought-producing presentations today.



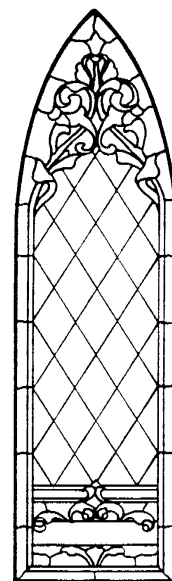
Fall Fall Deanery Days -2012

Deanery	Church/City	Contact For More Information
Essex Sat 8 Sept 2012 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Historic Christ Church in Amherstburg Come & enjoy an old-fashioned afternoon tea, circa 1812, Hosted by the ACW ladies in period costumes. Bake sale & country store available.	Kay Reeves 519-969-1899 Frances Webster 519-736-894
Medway Sat 22 Sept 2012 Registration @ 1:00 pm	Holy Trinity in Lucan Following Worship, there will be a guest speaker, & a display of Royal memorabilia, refreshments will be served in the form of an English high tea.	Susan Evans 245-8088
Lambton Thur 11 Oct 2012 Registration & coffee 10:00 a.m.	Christ Church in Forest Holy Eucharist - 10:30 Pot Lunch - 12:00 Speaker to follow	Catherine Henry 519-862-1611 or cathobhenry@gamil.com
Oxford Wed 17 Oct 2012 Registration/coffee @ 1:30	St. John's in Otterville 2:00 Business meeting Holy Eucharist Speaker	Eleanor Herridge 519-539-8305
Saugeens Thur 25 Oct 2012 Registration/coffee @ 9 to 10	St. John's Port Elgin Eucharist to follow Lunch/meeting... etc.,	Wanda Goodyear 519-369-6264



CHANCEL DAY

Deanery/Date/Time Huron & Perth Sat 29 Sept 2012 9:00 – 9:30 Coffee & muffins & Registration	Church/City Holy Trinity Bayfield Guest speaker – Mr Jim McLean (The Candle Man) Lunch provided by the ladies of Trinity Church (Bayfield)	Contact For More Info Pam Walters 519-631-8750
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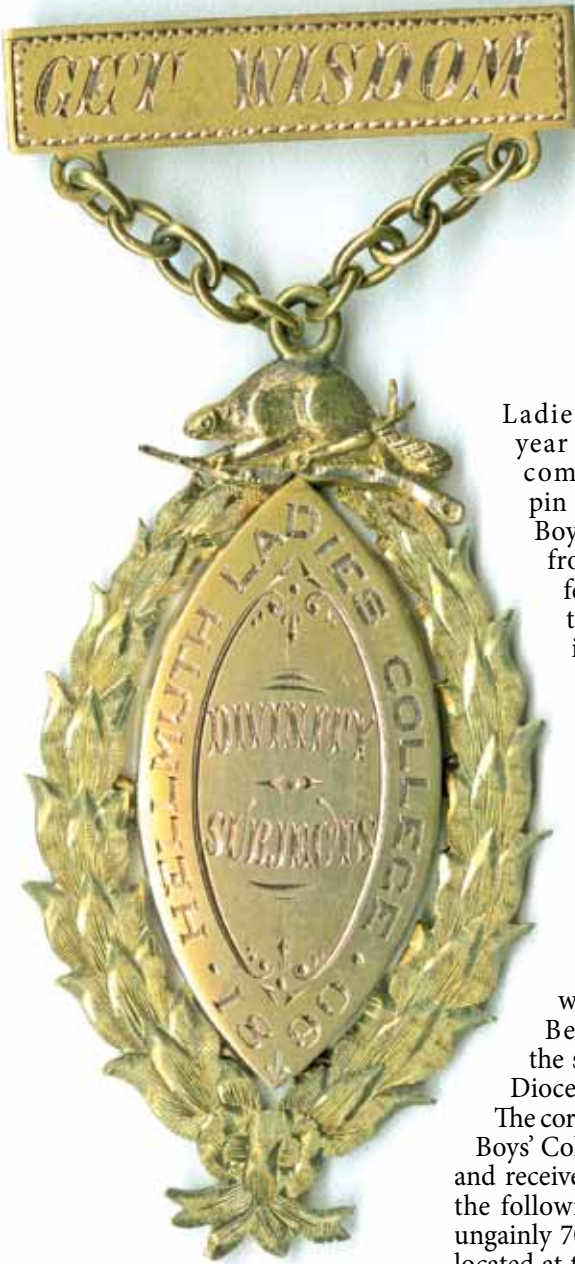
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Pins and Medals

by John H. Lutman, Archivist



Ladies' College for the year 1890. The medal complements a small pin issued by Hellmuth Boys' College, acquired from another donor a few years earlier (see the accompanying illustrations).

Hellmuth Boys' College and Hellmuth Ladies' College were two private Anglican church established schools for young people founded in 1865 and 1867 respectively by The Rev'd Isaac Hellmuth, who succeeded Benjamin Cronyn as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Huron in 1871. The cornerstone of Hellmuth Boys' College was laid in 1864 and received its first student in the following year. The huge, ungainly 70 room building was located at the north east corner of Wellington and Sydenham Streets in London, Ontario. St. John the Evangelist Church occupies a portion of the original 10 acre property.

The prospectus of Hellmuth Boys' College stated that its purpose was to provide "a classical, scientific and commercial education, for the sons of gentlemen, commensurate with the wants and progress of this rising country. The discipline of the College is based, as nearly as possible, upon the model of the great Public Schools of England and Germany." Initially successful, the College soon ran into financial difficulty and

closed its doors in 1877. The rapid expansion of provincial high schools may also have placed severe limits on its future. Renamed Dufferin College, it served as the first building of The Western University of London, Ontario, today's Western University, another of Bishop Hellmuth's educational achievements. After the near collapse of the University, the College building was sold in 1895 and shortly thereafter demolished, the property divided into housing lots. The oval-shaped Hellmuth Boys' College pin made of silver measures 27 mm by 23 mm. A raised silver wreath incorporates a beaver above the shield of arms of the College (an open book above a lamp of learning) bordered by the inscription "Hellmuth Coll London Ont Incorp AD 1865". Beneath is an unfurled banner with the official motto in Latin of the Hellmuth Boys' College "Macte Virtute Puer", meaning "Hooray Good Boy".

The Hellmuth Ladies' College was rather more successful. Founded by Hellmuth in 1867 and located north of the Thames River at the southeast corner of today's Richmond Street and Windermere Road, it too was a massive structure dominated by a substantial veranda stretching across its entire front and a large, rather squat central tower. Under the guidance of principal Mrs. Ann Mills, the College became known as one of the leading schools in North America for women. Financial mismanagement, however, led to its closing in 1899. Thereafter, the building was occupied by the



Sisters of St. Joseph, the property given the name "Mount St. Joseph" or "The Mount", and was demolished in the 1970s.

According to the Hellmuth Ladies' College's prospectus, "the object of the Institution as contemplated by its founder, the Rt. Rev. I. Hellmuth, is to provide a thorough, liberal and useful Education for young women adapted to the wants in life, and based on the soundest Christian Principles as the only solid basis for the formation of character." As well as awarding Diplomas and Certificates of Standing, Hellmuth Ladies' College also awarded a Silver Medal for General Proficiency and Silver and Gold Medals for proficiency in special subjects including divinity, mathematics, science and languages. Research using the Hellmuth Ladies' College fonds at the Diocese of Huron Archives has revealed that the Gold Medal for Divinity Subjects was awarded in 1890 to Miss Rosalie Jackson from Toronto, Ontario. The solid gold, 18 karat pin is linked by a gold chain to a 32 mm bar brooch with the hand

engraved official Ladies' College "Get Wisdom" (the pin on the back of the bar brooch is missing). Hanging by the same chain extending from the bar brooch is 49 mm long pear shaped drop in the centre section of which are the hand engraved words "Divinity Subjects". Engraved around the outer edge of the centre is the name of the College and the date ("Hellmuth Ladies' College 1890"). The medal is wrapped around by a raised gold wreath crested by a beaver.

The pin and the medal provide a tangible reminder of the history of the two Colleges, the educational ambitions of Bishop Isaac Hellmuth and the role in the instance of the Boys' College in the founding of Western University.

The pin and the medal as well as the supporting research materials on the Colleges are also evidence of the depth and richness of the holdings of The Diocese of Huron Archives.

As a policy rule, Church Archives, let alone any archive, do not acquire artifacts such as pulpits, collection plates or communion sets focusing their collecting instead on textual and audiovisual materials such as parish registers, vestry books and photographs.

As Archivist for The Diocese of Huron, I recently made an exception to this policy, however, in acquiring from a donor a school medal awarded to a student for academic excellence in divinity subjects at Hellmuth

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be the face and voice of the Anglican portions of Life and Faith. I think the finest piece we did in my 9 years, was one that I had little to do with. A Day In The Life Of A Camper, saw Doug lug his camera through a day's activities at Huron Church Camp, documenting the experience for one camper. (It only took Doug a week to get back on his feet afterwards) While we did that program several years ago, it was still fresh when Gerry Adam showed it again at Synod this past spring. I remember being touched by the little church at Walters Falls; being inspired in recording the Ordination of Matt Arguin, feeling a sense of accomplishment in documenting the good work

of the Daily Bread Food Bank, holding my ears in the Bell Tower of Christ Church Petrolia and having a chill run down my spine watching our piece on the Sesquicentennial. Guests, just in my time as host included: two Anglican Church of Canada Primates, two different Secretary Generals of the Anglican Communion, at least four Bishops from Huron, the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, at least three American Bishops, the man behind Back to Church Sunday, half a dozen congregational coaches, the Director for Mission and Ministry, a couple hundred kids from Huron Church Camp, musicians of every make and description (I'll remember forever Angus Sinclair playing Mary Had a Little Lamb in about a dozen different styles when we featured him) and more people of faith than I

could ever count. It has been a wonderful journey, which I'm sad to say has come to an end.

But that just means there is a new feature to pursue, a new goal to try and reach, a different way to tell our story, a new chapter to be written in the Life and Faith of all God's people. To all those who worked so hard for so long to make Life and Faith a reality for 24 seasons – thank you!!!!

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Huron Hunger Fund and PWRDF Begin 5-year \$2 million project in South Africa

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is undertaking, with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), a health care project in South Africa. PWRDF will contribute half a million dollars over five years towards the \$2 million project that will focus on preventing HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis among pregnant women in the Ngqushwa district of the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

"This project will train village health workers to run education programs in their communities about prevention of and care for people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS and TB," said Adele Finney, Executive Director of PWRDF. "The HIV infection rate in Ngqushwa district is 17.5% in the general population, and a staggering 33-45% amongst pregnant women.

Those who are HIV positive in the region are at a greater risk of contracting TB. The project will therefore encourage HIV and TB testing, especially among child-bearing women and their partners. A family-centred approach will improve the survival rate of infants and children, as well as their mothers."

The program will reach about 30,000 people in the region, increasing access by



An HIV mother and child visit Keiskamma Trust for treatment and counseling.

43% to anti-retroviral drugs among children under 16, through the South African government's HIV and AIDS Directorate. It will mobilize communities to promote HIV and TB prevention, care, and testing, and provide counseling to pregnant women and specialized training to government health providers.

Over the five years of the program, HIV and TB infection rates will decrease as awareness of and support for testing, prevention, and treatment increase, especially among children in the region.

Village health workers recruited and trained by this program will promote HIV and AIDS education, testing,

early access to health care and treatment for patients before they become chronically ill. PWRDF has a 40 year working relationship with CIDA, and looks forward to its continuing work with the Keiskamma Trust, the implementing partner in Ngqushwa.

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Children Are the Best

by Matt Martin Chaplain
SJHC final year MDIV.

For several years now the west has seen a decline in church numbers. It would appear that the post-modern world has disengaged from centuries of the populous having a need to pursue the higher power that is God. Science has given humanity the false impression that somehow creation itself is a magnificent accident of happenstance that randomly gave birth to the universe, galaxies, stars, solar systems and our little planet. We are a society that values our independence to the point that to worship anything outside of ourselves seems juvenile at best. If the church is good for anything at all it is to make us feel a little better about ourselves, after all, we wrongly think, we are more intelligent than all of this nonsense. In seminary I marvel at the thousands of books and articles, picking away at the Gospels, dissecting, inspecting and examining every detail of Paul's letters. Cross examining the prophets and giving the psalms an autopsy. Authors frantically trying to discover the "historical Jesus"; could He have really said this or that? Never mind the resurrection some even question whether or not Jesus actually walked on this earth. This past summer I

spent, preaching and teaching the Gospel at Huron Church Camp. Thank God for children. It is little wonder that when Jesus' disciples tried to keep the children from Jesus He speaks out "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:13) Children can keep us most honest. They don't dissect our scriptures as if they need a good editor in chief to improve on them. They listen to the stories and the teachings of the Bible and have a basic understanding of their truths. When we would chat about Jesus being the Son of God who came to us so that we can live eternally, they believe, looking up towards the heavens on a star filled night, they believe, enjoying a sunset as it fades into the lake, we believe. A community of campers from every background, helping to lift each-other up, get each-other through the days and nights by singing, playing music, beating drums, all because they find God each and every day and believe. Perhaps it is time to take a few steps back, set a few of the scholar's writings aside and pick up the Bible with fresh eyes, the eyes of a child, and to once again,

Summer time... picnics, sunny days and friends



"God loves me, and me, and me and me!" (inscribed on the steps)

These happy kids are from St. George's, Goderich and they are hangin' out with their best buddy, Alan Livingstone. The Venerable Allan Livingstone is rector of St. George's with Christ Church Port Albert. Allan is archdeacon of Huron Perth.

"Shave The Deficit"

by Dale Van Allen All Saints' Church, Windsor



We're not just sure who is who but in this photo are the shaved and happy: Beryl Roth, Ruth Martin, Dale Van Allen, and Bob McIntosh.

Financial campaigns as a means of generating revenue for our churches are hard work. They can be stressful and uncomfortable both for the folks tasked with the "asking" and the parishioners who are asked to do the "giving". At All Saints' we decided that as we approached the end of our Spring 2012 campaign something "silly" and "fun" was called for. Our thought was to do something new, at least for us, and hopefully leave people with smiles on their faces while at the same time raising money for the church. Our Master Barber Guy Jolin had four willing customers as he took his clippers in hand. The surprise for the parish was that two of the four were women. As the hair was being removed it did seem that the ladies were a lot calmer than the men! We learned a good lesson....while we do the hard work of the church God does want us to have some fun. The fellowship, the laughter, and the looks on people's faces made this event a success. Oh, and it should be mentioned that we raised over \$1400.....and had fun!

ESSEX DEANERY YOUTH

Essex Deanery Host's Huron Church Camp Event to Kick Off Summer

by Cynthia Connell
Child and Youth Coordinator
Essex Deanery

Several parishes in Essex Deanery came together and 46 youth ages 5-16 had the



Ice breakers (above) and a campfire service with the homily given by Pastor Paul Poolton.



ice cream sundaes before heading outside for worship around the fire. Several of the camper's parents and grandparents joined in and everyone seemed to enjoy the camp experience.

It was the hope of the organizing committee to not only bring the camp experience to those who for various reasons can not attend HCC, but to also promote HCC in hopes of seeing some Essex Deanery Campers head down the highway to build memories and friendships of their own at HCC. To date five youth have since register or applied for bursaries to attend this summer.

opportunity to experience and learn a little bit about Huron Church Camp. The idea of bringing a bit of Huron Church Camp to Essex Deanery came to life after a group of former campers were talking about how much HCC had shape their lives and the wonderful memories they had. June 29th was a night of fun, fellowship, camp games, songs and crafts complete with an outdoor camp fire service. The event

was hosted at St Mark's by the Lake (Tecumseh) with the Rev. Chris Brouillard-Coyle (St. Paul's Essex) and Pastor Paul Poolton (St. Stephen's & Church of the Redeemer Oldcastle) co officiating the service. Huron Church camp councilor's Leah, Adam, Matt and Jen opened the evening with some old fashion HCC ice breaker games. Then they helped the campers with some crafts and everyone enjoyed



Windsor) and Roberts Hernandez and Terri D u n n (C h u r c h o f t h e Redeemer) for helping with and providing M u s i c , C r a f t s a n d S n a c k .

Crazies to the left try on the famous Huron Church Camp sun glasses... shades, so cool.



To brainstorm or not to brainstorm

Chances are good that you have participated in a group brainstorming session, but did you know this method was developed by an advertising executive, Alex Osborn, to address the fear of criticism in the creative process? Osborn popularized brainstorming in his 1953 book, Applied Imagination, and it has been a staple methodology of creative problem solving ever since.

What steps are involved in group brainstorming?

1. Define the issue or opportunity as a creative challenge. Invite a diverse group of 8 to 12 people to participate and provide them with background information about the issue and the challenge
2. Gather with a facilitator who will enforce the brainstorming rules.
3. Apply brainstorming rules:
 - Don't judge or criticize ideas.
 - Be freewheeling.
 - The wilder the idea, the better.
 - Go for quantity. The more ideas you have, the better. Build on the ideas of fellow group members.
4. Once you have an extensive list of ideas, evaluate them based on suitable criteria and decide on a course of action.

But does group brainstorming result in creative, good ideas? Not necessarily, according to Susan Cain in her best-selling book, Quiet: The power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking, in which she summarizes some critiques of group brainstorming. Why not?

1. the tendency for social loafing - "some individuals tend to sit back and let others do the work."
2. production blocking - which occurs when "only one person can talk or produce an idea at once, while the other group members are forced to sit passively"
3. but the greatest barrier is that our fear of criticism - called evaluation apprehension or "the fear of looking stupid in front of one's peers" - is not put to rest by group brainstorming rules.

These critiques of group brainstorming are set in the context of Cain's description of a society that idealizes extroversion. In contrast, Cain presents research and stories about the many creative ideas generated in solitude by quiet, reflective people who then interact with others.

What does all this have to do with our congregational life? When a congregation is looking for creative, faithful responses to an issue or opportunity we often employ group brainstorming. But to hear the promptings of Holy Spirit - who sometimes speaks with a "still small voice" - we need to make time for quiet reflection and prayer a priority. We need to provide parishioners with time to think and pray about the issues ahead of time rather than coming in cold to a "brainstorming session". We need to create ways for quieter members of the congregation to contribute their ideas. And we need to recognize that the fear of criticism will not go away simply because we say we won't judge or criticize ideas. What creative ideas do you have in response to these reflections? Feel free to work with a group or on your own first!

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