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The Parishes of Waterford and St. Mark's (Sussex Corner) will again present The Living Manger Dec. 21 at 5 and 7 p.m. at St Mark's Church. Read the story of their 25 years of performances on page 8.

Farewell to Shédiac, welcome to Fredericton

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Cats were on the October agenda at the Food, Fun & Fellowship meeting in the parish of Shédiac — specifically, who would look after the Rev. Cathy Laskey's cats.

That came as no surprise to Cathy, now the executive assistant to Bishop David Edwards in Fredericton.

"That's the caring community that we are," she said. "It's a family of faith at its finest."

It is this generous attention to the needs of others that warms her heart and has made her leaving Shédiac a bittersweet experience.

At the meeting it was decided that until she's settled in Fredericton, her cats will stay under the care of parishioners.

Working in the Synod office as the bishop's assistant was not on her radar at all. She was very happy and fulfilled in Shédiac and had no plans to leave.

Last spring, the new bishop's request was met with an in-

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Church buildings — help or hindrance?

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Randal Goodfellow's first act as church warden in his rural diocese outside Ottawa was to take his John Deere tractor and push over the church outhouse.

"I knocked over an outhouse," he said. "Tough love."

It was tough love for some in his church who felt nothing could be touched or altered because of history and tradition.

But changing nothing means being left behind, he said, and few churches can afford that luxury these days.

With dwindling numbers and crumbling buildings, the Anglican Church of Canada is in the same situation as many others — wrestling with the question of how to continue The Great Commission when preoccupied with high heating bills, structural issues, accessibility and needed repairs on century-old buildings — and paying for it.

Goodfellow's message at the Creative Care — Rethinking the Sacred workshop on Oct. 18 at St. John's Church Parish Centre in Nashwaaksis was simple and

repetitive: Does your building help or hinder your mission?

By the end of the day, many had answered that question — hinder.

"We're not here to be museum curators," he told the crowd of 100 parishioners from all over the province. "If you feel that way, you have about five years left."

Tough love, indeed.

Five Marks of Mission

Goodfellow relied heavily on the Five Marks of Mission and the

Baptismal Covenant to illustrate that sometimes an old, underused, crumbling, expensive building may be hindering a congregation's ability to meet its mission to nurture new believers, respond to human need, challenge injustice and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Again, the question was asked, is your building hindering your mission, and the answer in many cases among participants was yes.

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Communications officer appointed

Add Gisele McKnight's name to the list of new faces at the Diocese of Fredericton Synod Office.

Our new communications officer comes to us from *The Daily Gleaner* in Fredericton where she spent the past six years as opinion and religion editor. Before that she was editor of the *Kings County Record* in Sussex. She replaces Ana Watts, who retired earlier this year but has stayed on part-time to help with the transition.

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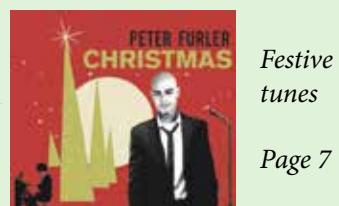
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FROM THE FRONT

Make your buildings true to your mission

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Goodfellow repeated this theme throughout the day: a mission is not a building. It's a tool that helps or hinders. A church is not a building; it's a community.

During group discussions, the hindrances were heard clearly:

"We get so tired out raising money to stay alive that we have no energy for missions."

"We have four churches in our parish. One has a bathroom."

"It was the right building in the right place 50 years ago, but now, in our case, we are not in a growth area."

Success stories – St. Luke's

It was not all doom and gloom, however. Goodfellow relayed several good news stories of Anglican churches that had countered their issues with action that proved to be worth the effort and, in some cases, the emotional turmoil.

At St. Luke's in Ottawa they removed most of the pews so

that the sanctuary is now a flexible space that hosts church services, plus Christian yoga, meditation, performing arts events, meetings and rentals.

"We had to transition those people who were in love with the pews," said Goodfellow.

They put all the important pieces — alter, pulpit, organ — on wheels to allow for flexible space. They used wood from the pews and other pieces to make new furniture — the legs on their new mobile font are from the communion rail.

In doing so, they removed physical barriers and improved site lines, making the space more inviting and less imposing and formal.

And their congregation of 30 has grown to two Sunday services with 145 total parishioners.

"We needed to maximize our ministry per square foot," said the Rev. Gregor Sneddon of St. Luke's in a video.

St. Luke's Table feeds 300 people twice a day — a Godly mission by any standard.

Success stories – St. Al's

St. Alban's in Kingston, Ont., affectionately known as St. Al's, went from an abandoned building and no congregation to a vibrant, contemporary urban church with a coffee shop in the back. They hold tweet services where parishioners tweet their observations during the service, which appear on-screen. St. Al's has a unique demographic — younger than the average Anglican, but one that drops more into the offering plate than the average Anglican as well.

"They invented together what church was going to be," said Goodfellow, adding when you create some buzz, it has the power to attract new people.

Work to be done

Goodfellow cautioned that it should not be the clergy who lead all this change, but lay people. His reasoning makes sense: those not at ease with the changes will need the pastoral care of the clergy throughout the process. The clergy must allow the work to happen without



MCKNIGHT

Randal Goodfellow, a senior executive in the renewable energy, clean technology and green building sector as well as a member of the parish of Ottawa, was keynote speaker at the *Creative Care — Rethinking the Sacred* stewardship workshop.

leading it.

Goodfellow ended the Saturday workshop by quoting a church in Ottawa that had a difficult time with the various choices it made over buildings and congregations. After some failures, "We realized, finally, that the church was the people,

not the building."

Goodfellow also led a Friday evening session for invited representatives of parishes that have concerns about their buildings. His message was the same: the church is a community, not a building, and a building must serve the mission, not hinder it.

Creative Care — Rethinking the Sacred

Stewardship workshop, Oct. 18, Fredericton

Keynote speaker Randal Goodfellow presented some sobering statistics:

- The percentage of Canadians claiming no religious affiliation rose from 12.6 per cent in 1991 to 23.9 per cent in 2011.
- Non-believers are in a larger population category than all protestant denominations put together, second only to Roman Catholics.
- Natural Resources Canada's building survey of 2009 found the largest category of buildings in Canada, other than private homes, was faith buildings.
- There are about 27,600 faith buildings in the country, second only to the Government of Canada's property holdings in value. (NRC 2009 survey)
- Many faith buildings are energy inefficient, with a lack of insulation, poor sealing of doors and windows and inefficient heating systems. They are also under-occupied and unprofessionally managed.
- If consolidation were to occur within denominations, probably one-third of all those buildings would not be needed.

Who is Randal Goodfellow?

- Senior executive in the renewable energy, clean technology and green buildings sectors.
- Former CEO/executive director of national-level clean tech business coalitions over the past two decades.
- Assists organizations going through major transitions.
- Member of the Outreach Committee of the Diocese of Ottawa.
- First lay chair of Faith & the Common Good Foundation.
- Volunteer with "Creation Matters."



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EPISCOPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Rev. Bruce Glencross** was appointed honorary assistant in the Parish of Kent in October.
- The Ven. Patricia Drummond** was appointed acting archdeacon of Woodstock on Oct. 6. This is in addition to her duties as archdeacon of Fredericton.
- The Rev. Canon John Matheson** was appointed archdeacon of St. Andrews for a three-year term beginning Oct. 14.
- The Rev. Deacon Sandy MacPherson**, vocational deacon in the Parish of Chatham, was appointed regional dean of Chaleur-Miramichi on Oct. 14 for a three year term.

- The Rev. Cathy Laskey** was appointed executive assistant to Bishop David Edwards on Dec. 1.
- Professor David Bell**, University of New Brunswick, was appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Fredericton on Sept. 29.
- The Rev. Brent Ham**, rector of the Parish of Riverview, was appointed a canon of Christ Church Cathedral and appointed to a three-year renewable term as archdeacon of Moncton on Oct. 8.
- The Ven. Stuart Allan and the Rev. Canon Wally Corey** were appointed to interim team ministry and clerical leadership in

- the Parish of Saint John (Trinity Church) from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.
- On Sept. 8 the Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton was appointed part-time interim priest-in-charge in the Parish of Fredericton until Oct. 31 in the temporary absence of Bishop Bill Hockin.
- On Sept. 1 the Ven. Stuart Allan was appointed associate team priest in shared ministry in the parishes of Lakewood, Simonds and St. Martin & Black River with the Rev. Canon Leo Martin, priest-in-charge.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Is it really Christmastime at all?

It seemed so possible just three short years ago — a peaceful move towards more democratic freedoms in the Middle East. The “Arab Spring” has held in some places, but in others, such as Syria and Iraq, the emergence of ISIS and similar groups has led to horrors beyond our imagining. The wave has even touched our shores with the killing of military personnel in both Quebec and Ottawa.

During the last few weeks I have heard it said, “We are living through a Third World War. We just have not noticed yet.” Though I do not necessarily agree with that statement, we are certainly living through something very different to anything we have experienced before. In a sense we are facing something new.

For us it is almost a virtual conflict until its horrors are



brought to our doorstep. Militant leaders are using the Internet to encourage people to fight both in the region and in their home countries. People and homes can be targeted from vast distances using Smart Weapons.

Despite this on the ground, it seems that traditional warfare is still the reality. As usual it is civilians who are stuck in the middle and reaping the horrors. The Middle East is made up of

many minority populations. A particular group may be a majority in one country and a minority in another. Historically these groups have rubbed along together and despite the occasional flare-up, they have all made outstanding contributions to life in the region.

With the advent of ISIS, many minorities have been persecuted. They include some of the longest standing Christian communities in the world. There have been deaths and people by the thousand have been forced from their homes. I was recently at a lecture by the Rev. Nadim Nasser, the only ordained Syrian in the Anglican Communion, in which he made an impassioned plea for our help.

Mr. Nasser works out of the UK as the director of the Awareness Foundation. This is an organization which seeks to create dialogue between groups in the

Middle East. It also provides leadership training in the area of reconciliation. I recommend their website to you to find out more.

The question is, how can we help? Perhaps we begin by learning as much as we can about the situation and then contacting our MP. If we do nothing, the situation may worsen beyond the point of no return.

This has not been much of a Christmas article, but for some of our brothers and sisters in the lands where our faith grew and flourished nearly 2,000 years ago, it may not be much of a Christmas either.

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

Attention to detail complements bishop's big picture thinking

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stinctual no. But Cathy sought faithfulness over instinct, and undertook a three-day discernment retreat to listen to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

“I embarked on the retreat as openly as I could, but it took time to get totally open and pay attention to what was on my heart,” she said.

Her three-day retreat involved a lot of meditation, prayer and scriptures, and then, “There was the moment of ‘this is what I am called to do.’”

She first met the bishop when, as parish development officer, he attended the official reopening of a renovated hall in Shédiac in 2012. She didn’t realize the impression she’d made.

“I have come to know Cathy during the last two years and think she has the skills to fulfill the role of executive assistant,” said Bishop David Edwards.

“She has a great attention to detail, which I believe will complement my big picture thinking. Cathy is very much a pastor and has a depth of spirituality which is essential in this post.”

She said goodbye to her beloved parishioners on Nov. 30 — not an easy or unemotional task. “They’re salt of the earth people, kind and generous. They really want to make a difference.”

She shared her feelings with them the Sunday morning her new appointment letter was read.

“It is so very hard to leave you all and the ministry we



Archdeacon Cathy Laskey, executive assistant to the bishop

share here. When I first came, I was full of hope because of your vision of ministry articulated in The Parish as a Family of Faith program.

“I was hopeful, as this was exactly what I believed in and desired for the church. My priestly heart yearned for Christian community to be about our Lord’s mission and ministry in the context of living together, day in and day out, as a family of faith.

“I thank you for making this hope a lived reality! I have been richly blessed in so many ways and privileged to be a part of this family of faith. Our life together is a real expression of Christ’s love.

“Now I must respond to this call and go. I realize in so doing I have a similar hope in my heart as I did when I came here. There is the hope, the deep desire for our diocese to grow together as a

diocesan family of faith, sharing in our Lord’s mission and ministry.

“Therefore, I go to support our bishop in some way in his shepherding ministry of the people in the parishes of the Diocese of Fredericton and the communities throughout New Brunswick.”

Cathy has been a priest since 2006, graduating from Queen’s College in St. John’s, NL with an MDiv (honours). She was ordained to the transitional diaconate, then ordained a priest in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island later that year.

Her first posting was with the Anglican Churches of Pictou County in Nova Scotia as associate priest and rector. Then she returned to the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador to serve as priest and rector of the Parish of Heart’s Content.

Four years ago, she saw the ad for an associate priest and co-ordinator of the parish as a community of faith in Shédiac.

“It was exactly the kind of experience I had been yearning for, and it has been everything I hoped it would be,” she said.

For the people of the Parish of Shédiac it is a second loss in a few months. Before Cathy’s departure, they bid farewell to their rector, Archdeacon Richard McConnell, who retired.

Before Cathy was a priest, she was an engineer. In 1998

Cathy’s instinct was to stay in Shédiac, but she sought faithfulness over instinct, and undertook a three-day discernment retreat to listen to the Holy Spirit ...

she earned a BSc in Engineering (Mechanical) at UNB and joined the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick. She is still a member. Then she spent five years working for Michelin North America (Canada) Inc. in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia.

“I liked being an engineer. I liked the problem solving, but I also liked the people,” she said. “I was not your typical engineer.”

It was while working in the Annapolis Valley that she decided to dedicate her life to serving God in a more official capacity as a priest.

She never thought the path of her priestly career would take her to the executive assistant to the bishop’s office in Fredericton, but now that she’s on that path, she is committed to redefining her ministry in support of the bishop.

Cathy began her new role in Fredericton Dec. 1 and, thanks to the people of the Parish of Shédiac, her cats are in good hands.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

December 3
Diocesan Council - Riverview

December 4
Christ Church Cathedral
Installation of archdeacons and chancellor

December 7
St. George’s, Moncton
Deanery Service of Lessons and Carols

December 11
Bishop’s Counsel

December 14
Parish of Woodstock *

December 21
Parish of the Tobique

December 24-25
Christ Church Cathedral

January 1
Christ Church Cathedral

January 4
Parish of Bathurst

January 11
Parish of St. Stephen *

January 17
Layreaders retreat

January 18
Parish of Denmark

January 28 - February 9
Bishop’s School at Canterbury

* Denotes confirmation

New challenge

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“I was looking for a change and a new challenge, and this is it,” says Gisele. “So far I’ve been warmly welcomed by everyone and I’m thrilled to be here. It’s an answer to my prayers.”

Gisele has a talent for writing. In her two decades in the newspaper business she’s won a dozen regional, national and international awards for feature writing, investigative news and opinion writing.

In addition to her duties as editor of the New Brunswick Anglican and producer of our weekly E News, she will be responsible for the diocesan communications strategy and will work with groups and committees to hone their communications agendas.

Gisele was raised in The Salvation Army and social justice issues, especially those surrounding women and children, are close to her heart.

She is married to Louis McKnight and they have two grown daughters — Ashley, a librarian working in Shanghai, China, and Jacqueline, a student at St. Thomas University in Fredericton.

From trials to triumphs in Uganda

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Canon Paul Jeffries is the last person who ever thought he would become the rector of a school in Uganda.

"If they'd asked, 'would you start a secondary school?' I'd have said no. I didn't believe I was called to work with young people," he said. "And look at me now!" he said, amazed at the path God has put him on since 1998.

The Anglican boarding school he heads, Bishop McAllister College – Kyogyera, has 700 students, 70 staff and an alumni association. Some of his charges are theological students, but most are secondary students who either pay their way or are sponsored by groups like ACWs in Canada. The school's reputation for well-disciplined children is well-known.

Before returning to Uganda in late October, he spent an afternoon at the Synod office talking about his life and his school in Africa.

International mission
Cannon Jeffries began his international mission in Kenya, staying for four years, teaching theology in the Diocese of Eldoret. Before that, he was a priest in the parishes of Kent and Restigouche.

When asked for a longer, broader commitment in Africa to train future clergy, he first said no. Then he came home, served in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock for four months, and came to a faithful and obedient decision to say yes to the offer.



Canon Paul Jeffries

The hard work, though, was just beginning. It was May 1998.

"My first mistake was in presuming that what I left in Kenya would be the same in Uganda," he said.

"What I found was a bankrupt, demoralized school," he said. "The teachers hadn't been paid in months."

Soon after, instead of shutting down, the decision was made to open the school to Grade 8 students with the aim of building a complete high school to Grade 13.

"What?" he said. "They can't even pay the teachers now!" As deputy principal, he'd inherited a mess, but his instinct, and divine guidance, was to plod on.

Project boys

Grade 8, with 30 students, began the following February 1999, but "right away I could see problems. All the students failed math and English. All!"

At home on leave that summer, he was called back early to run the entire enterprise. Two hours before he arrived, a devastating storm demolished the classroom. But he found a way, taking the students to chapel for school.

The past 15 years have been a series of hurdles and triumphs. They built more than 20 classrooms, much of it by the sweat of their brow and with a lot of help from what he calls "project boys" who paid their school fees by helping with construction.

"The school was on a hill, so to expand, we had to build into the hillside," he explained.

Every holiday, boys were digging without complaint.

"It was like chipping cement in the dry season," he said.

One boy, Disan Ogomoshabe, dug at that hill for six years. His persistence paid off. He's now the school's director of studies.

Success stories like that fill Canon Jeffries' heart to overflowing. It's easy to see he's proud of his students.

He told the story of another boy, Coleb. He came from a mud hut, a peasant boy, smart and determined to get an education. He eventually became a project boy,



This photo was taken in July after a memorial service for Bishop McAllister who passed away in June at the age of 91. Shown are staff and students, board members, local political and community leaders.

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ACWs have been instrumental in helping pay the fees of girls at the school.

"What we want is for girls to discover there is a way out," he said. "There is more to life than digging in a banana plantation just to put food on the table."

He sometimes has girls who come to school only to find a husband, but he's hopeful for the future.

"There is a different generation coming," he said. "They'll raise their daughters differently. It takes time. It's a young country."

Seminary

Six years ago, the Diocese of Uganda came to Canon Jeffries with a proposition — start a special school within the school called seminary for the brightest and most devoted students, beginning in Grade 5.

"It's a very strict atmosphere," he said. "It requires discipline."

These students must be Anglicans, unlike at the secondary school, and the expectations are high. There is chapel three times a day and courses in Anglican formation.

In the beginning, seminary ran until Grade 7, after which they put these kids into the existing secondary school onsite.

"That was a disaster. Their manners, grades, deportment all dropped," he said.

So the seminary students went back to their side of the hill and more grades were added for them.

"Kids and parents take great pride in being in seminary," he said. "And when they go home, they're compelled to be active in their churches."

Seminary has been a huge success. In the past five years, 98

to 100 per cent of their students have scored in the first division honours grading system.

Future

The recent 15th anniversary celebration was a chance for Canon Jeffries to admire the handiwork of God. Seeing his former students' successes, with careers and families of their own, has been rewarding.

The school is ranked number 106 of 2,500 Ugandan schools — "Our humble mission school," said Canon Jeffries. "The reality of God's work hits home. We are greatly blessed."

Though the early years were rough, he and his team move forward together, meeting every challenge with determination and holy guidance.

"We learned to be good stewards. We didn't get bogged down by the school's debt. We just worked along," he said.

"If someone sent us a small gift, we bought the materials and set them aside."

It's been fulfilling to see the fruits of 15 years of labour, and Canon Jeffries still gets excited to return to his adopted home in Uganda.

"I have a sense of peace. I believe I'm where God wants me to be," he said.

So what will he be doing in five and 10 years?

"In five years, I believe I'll still be in Uganda. I'm committed to seminary for the short term," he said. And in a decade, "I hope to be relaxing in a La-Z-Boy, either here or there."

You can reach Canon Jeffries at canon.jeffries@gmail.com

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MISSION FRONT

Isabel Murphy's road leads back to Brazil

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

It was 1967 when the missionary pilot of a small plane dropped Isabel Murphy, colleague Rose Dobson and their luggage on a dirt airstrip in the rainforest of Brazil. Then he flew off to be home before sunset and they were left on their own to fend for themselves.

"I was so excited, but I had not considered the reality of it," said Isabel during a presentation to the Christ Church and St. Peter's ACW on Oct. 22.

She was home in New Brunswick for a visit but returned to Brazil in late October.

On that first day, the two women set up their hammocks and sent a message via a Kayabi family to the nearby Kayabi village. In a couple of days, a dugout canoe arrived to collect them.

"I believe part of the reason they came for us was because they knew we had fishing hooks and other trade items," she told the crowd at Cathedral Memorial Hall, many of whom have supported Isabel but had never met her.

Rose Dobson had already spent two sessions in the village, so Isabel asked about her house.

"What house?" said Rose — and the reality of being a linguist translator in the deep jungles of Brazil began to sink in.

Rose, Isabel and several Kayabi families totaling 24 lived together in a "long house," sleeping in hammocks. When you needed to change your clothes, you turned your back to the others, said Isabel.

That was her first tribal experience, and 47 years later, she still cannot resist the urge to return to the indigenous people of Brazil.

Those 47 years have been spent with Wycliffe Bible Translators in an on-going project involving many of the 176 languages spoken by Brazil's indigenous populations. Since the project began in 1958, Wycliffe members in Brazil have translated 43 New Testaments and six whole Bibles into distinct Brazilian indigenous languages.

"We've never known what it's like to be without a Bible," Isabel reminded her audience.

While 43 New Testaments and six Bibles might not seem like a huge output for a half-century of work, we must remember that these ethnic minorities did not have a written language.

It was teams of missionaries, including Isabel, who first had to learn the language, learn about



Dr. Isabel Murphy

the people and their customs, and give the language its written form using the Portuguese alphabet, since Portuguese is the official language of Brazil. Finally, they had to teach the villagers how to read their own language in its written form.

When one village received its whole Bible, a resident remarked, "Now we are the same as everyone else!"

Another wrote the first hymn in his language: "Finally I am understanding your word, Jesus. Finally I am leaving my sins with you, Jesus."

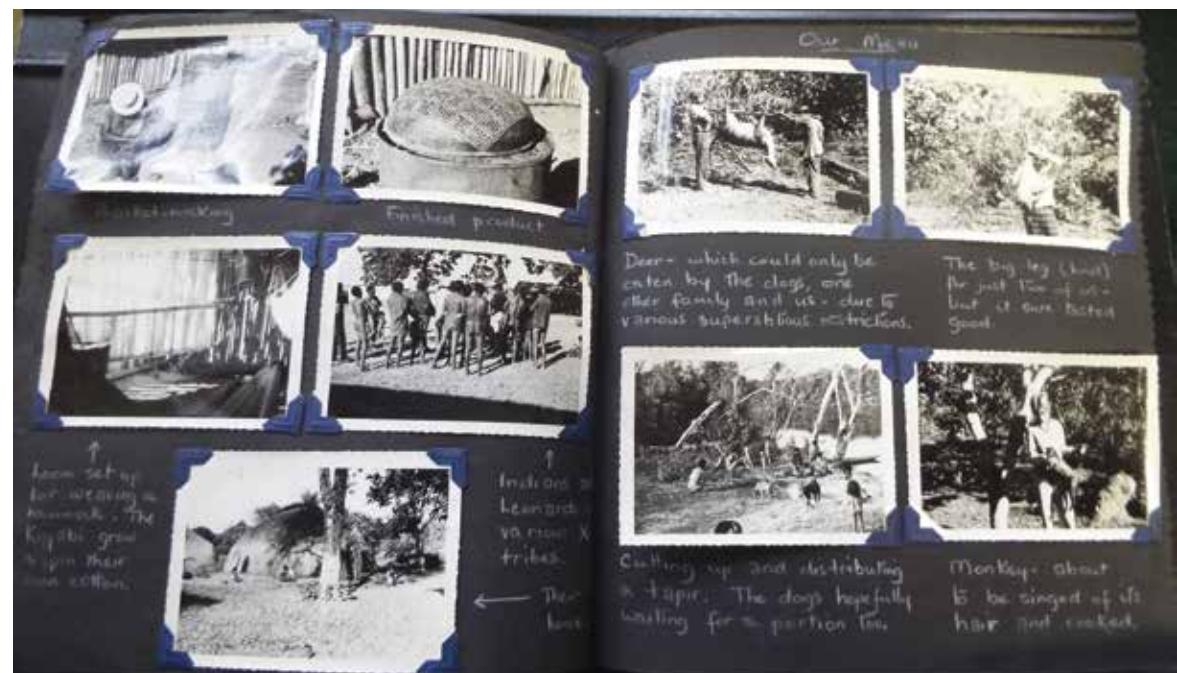
The indigenous population of Brazil accounts for only .43 per cent of the 202 million in the country. Historically, they have been looked down upon, and suffer a lack of self-worth. The Brazilian constitution, with the intent to protect its minority groups, considers them "minors," thus, wards of the state, said Isabel, adding they have to ask permission of the government to leave their own villages or travel internationally.

It is only now, as their children have begun to attend schools in the nearest towns, that indigenous societies are challenging the government with a new-found political voice.

Isabel showed the ACW a video presentation of a Nadëb village, one of the most isolated indigenous groups in Brazil. It took a Wycliffe team 17 years to translate and produce the Nadëb New Testament there.

The video told the story of a 13-year-old girl who, in 2000, became ill. With the help of the translators, she was taken by plane to successive hospitals, one of which finally diagnosed her with ovarian cancer. The outlook was dire and the translators gathered the villagers — Christian and non-Christian — and urged them to pray.

God heard their prayers and healed her, though doctors told her that because of the surgery, she would never have children.



Pages in Isabel's scrapbook of her first visit to Brazil describe the food and customs.

God did something about that too — she is now the mother of five!

That event — her illness, prayers and healing — was the turning point. As one couple said on the video, before this, the village was filled with violence, jealousy, gossip and little hope. Now the majority is Christian, and all were celebrating the arrival of their New Testaments. This same girl is now a Bible translator, one of many indigenous people who are learning the craft from the Wycliffe teams and their Brazilian partners.

"This is what you have been helping us do all these years," said Isabel.

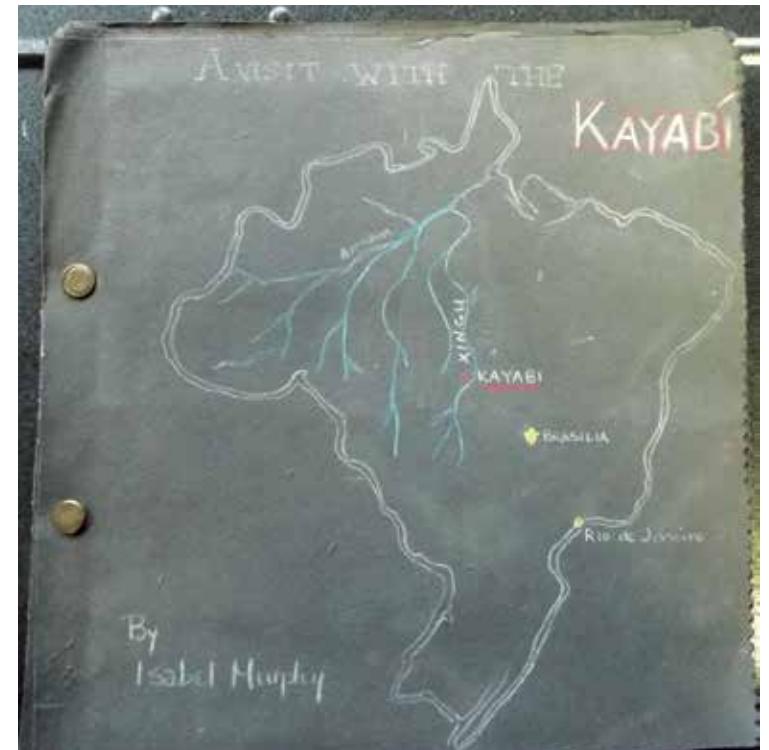
At its height in 1977 the Wycliffe project had 302 members working in Brazil. Now the project is winding down with 11 active translation projects and 45 members.

"Now we're towards the end of our work and we're beginning to see the results of our planting and plowing," she said.

Isabel's role there these days is "scripture engagement." Now that so many indigenous people have their New Testaments and Bibles, what are they going to do with them? How can they make better use of them? said Isabel.

It's been quite a journey for a woman who didn't really want to become involved in Wycliffe work. After finishing theological training in England in 1965, she was looking for a mission, but everything she pursued had the same answer: Before you can do this, you must do a course in linguists offered by Wycliffe Bible Translators. So she did.

"I didn't enjoy it," she said, and dreaded returning for a second year. But that second year had a cultural anthropology component, "and that was my niche," she said.



The cover of Isabel's scrapbook from her first visit to Brazil in 1967.

Her work has resulted in her earning a PhD in educational anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1991, so she's actually Dr. Isabel Murphy.

Isabel thanked her audience of ACW members, and remind-

ed them of the power of small groups in action.

"God works with remnants."

Matthew 24:35 - Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Living Nativity - A Journey to Bethlehem



*Presented by the Parish of Stanley
with the Sunday school & 4-H Club.*

*Sunday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. at St. Thomas Church.
A free, 30-minute outdoor event, so dress for the weather.*

Followed by warm apple cider and cupcakes inside.

PARISH NEWS

GOD BLESS THE ANIMALS



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The Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton, an interim priest at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton, blessed the animals of the parish on the Feast of St. Francis. With her are Kathy Edwards and her greyhound, Argos, and golden retriever, Gracie.

Greetings from the manager of Anglican House

I have created what I hope is a smooth transition for our customers following our permanent closure the end of this month.

With the kind cooperation of manager Christina Parker-Snyder:

- The Catholic Bookstore in Saint John is expanding its inventory to accommodate most Anglican needs.
- A portion of the store will display Anglican prayer books, Bibles, certificates, day planners and the like.
- Parish that place bulk orders have the option to receive their candles, wafers and wine delivered, without charge, directly to their church offices anywhere in the province.
- Limited Hermitage bulletin cover stock is available in-store, and bulletin cover catalogues will be mailed twice a year to parishes who make arrangements with the store.
- Five per cent of the amount spent by Anglican parishes at the Catholic Book Store will be rebated by cheque to the Diocese of Fredericton at year-end.

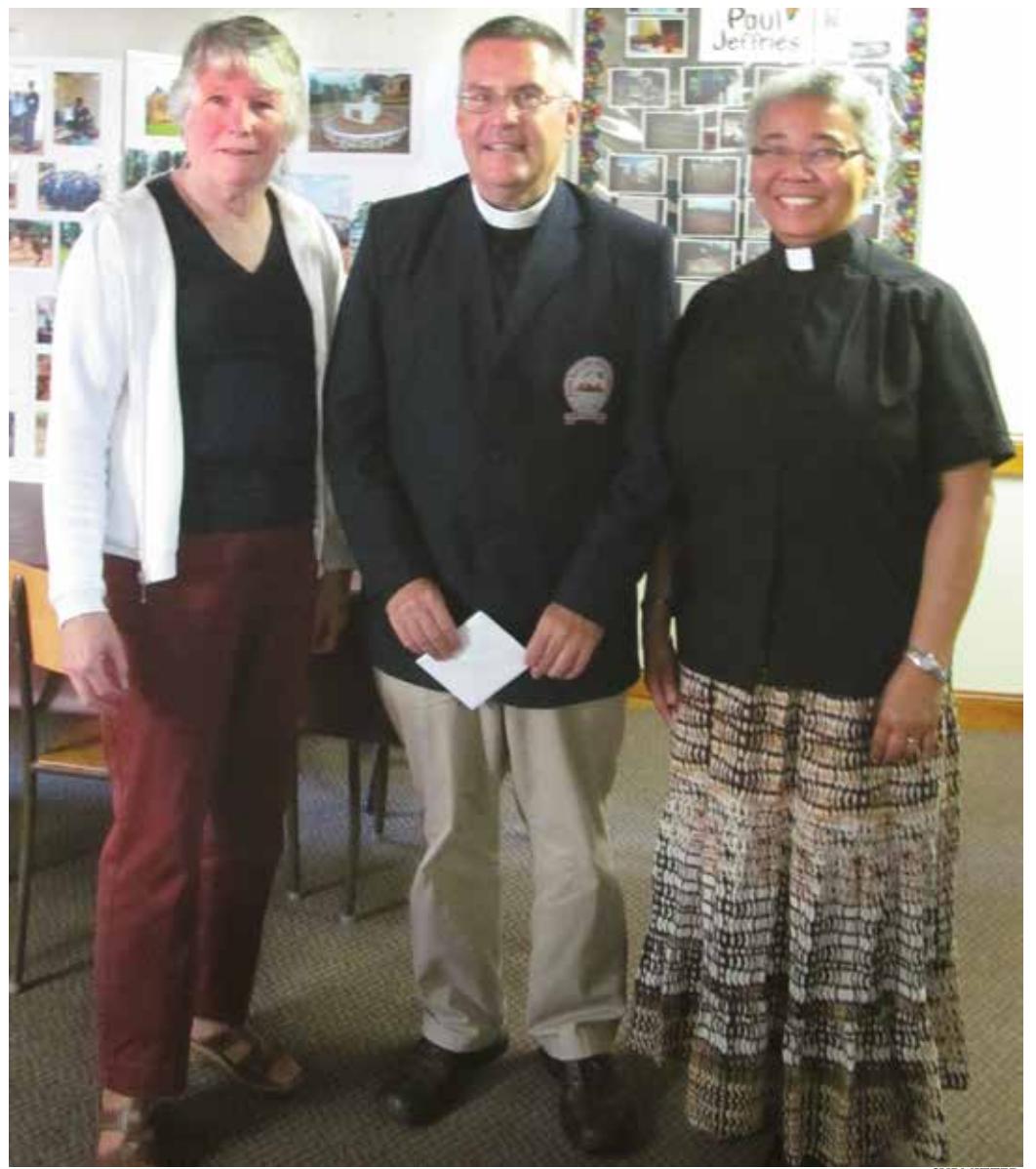
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Thank you again for entrusting me with the ministry of Anglican House. I am grateful for the friendships made and sorry that this ministry can no longer continue. God has not abandoned us. Keep trusting Him and God bless you all.

Kevin Richardson

A VISITOR FROM AFRICA



SUBMITTED

The Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries (centre), missionary priest serving at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, was a guest in the Parish of Stanley on Sept 28. He brought to life the daunting challenges and progress of building the school and seminary under difficult to imagine conditions. We listened to the stories of the changes in the lives of students — girls as well as boys — viewing the pictures of the campus constructed largely with faith in funding. It is comforting to know we have such an approachable friend and steward in Paul as the rector of Bishop McAllister College. He encourages everyone to generously support this mission. Ann Wetherilt (left) presented Paul with a donation from the parish ACW. The Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc, right, welcomed him to the parish.

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY



PATTY FLEMMING

Bishop David Edwards (left) preached and Archdeacon of Fredericton Patricia Drummond (right) officiated at a celebration of new ministry in the Parish of St. Margaret's when the Rev. Richard Robinson (centre) was installed as rector. The church was filled to capacity for the service of Holy Eucharist.

COLUMN

All musical genres speak the same language at Christmas

As has become the tradition in this article, I will offer up two Christmas albums of different genres for your consideration. While the artists featured here are miles apart in their chosen styles, they draw on the same music, and, I believe, seek to accomplish a similar task. Instead of completely re-inventing and overthinking the classic carols of Christmas, both groups have chosen to simplify this timeless music within their own field.

I must stress (this is my own particular belief) that Advent is Advent, and Christmas is Christmas; the two are not the same, and the music representing these times is not the same. I am not advocating the playing of these albums right this moment, everyday, until Jan. 6th; but publishing due dates make a Christmas music review more practical. There, I feel better. Thank you for listening, dear reader.

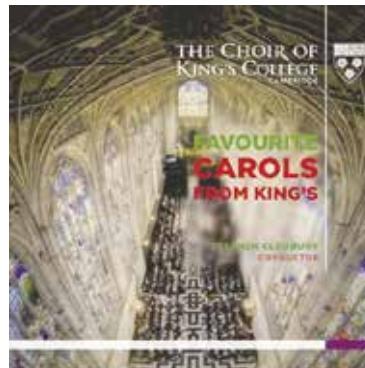
The Choir of King's College is perhaps one of the best known in the world when it comes to sacred choral singing. They have offered recordings of the Festival



of Lessons and Carols, simple carols and many other arrangements of Advent and Christmas music.

This year's release is a recent recording of some of the classic carols and anthems of the Christmas season (25 in all), some of which were taken from last year's Lessons and Carols service, a staple musical part of many homes' Christmas. Some selections are sung *a cappella*, and some accompanied by an organ.

The recording is of excellent quality, as the choir at times seems to be in your living room! For those who know the various harmonizations of popular carols, there are some gems to be found on this collection, including some new (but not wildly different) arrangements by gifted choral musician Sir David Willcocks (these are a treat —



especially his arrangement of "O Come, All Ye Faithful"). Vaughn Williams' "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is another highlight of the album.

There must be a secret known to British sound engineers that record choirs, for the sound produced is usually excellent, and this disc is no exception. It seems as though the lower voices (below the soprano, which usually has the melody) are more "present" yet not overwhelming. This collection is destined to be on many people's "heavy rotation" list.

In another vein comes Australian Peter Furler, the former front-man of the Newsboys rock/pop group, with a new



collection of Christmas music of his own. Constantly showing us something new (you don't last 25 years in this kind of market without doing that), he has offered a jazz-flavoured album with the very talented jazz pianist David Ian.

The arrangements are simple, with few surprises, although the exception might be a slightly deconstructed rendition of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Sometimes it seems, in my opinion, that Furler's voice is not as well suited to jazz as it is pop/rock. His voice is much more exposed in the settings of the tracks on this album, sometimes leaving it a little cutting in relation to the music behind him.

This album makes for excellent music to have on during a gathering of friends, or during a meal, though I doubt it would make anyone's top 10 list of all-time favourites.

Now I shall prepare for the onslaught of hate-texts from Newsboys fans.

In short, neither of these recordings strives to break new musical ground, preferring to stick with the tried and true arrangements of carols. There is nothing wrong with that at all. In fact, some might find it refreshing, considering some other offerings in recent years.

Both of these recordings are available on iTunes, Amazon and at other music retailers, both online and in-store.

Music is such an important part of our life of faith at this time of year, so I hope you hear some that inspires you, and that you make some yourself.

May you all enjoy a blessed Advent and a Happy Christmas. Until next month ...

The Rev. Chris Hayes is musician as well as a priest serving in the parish of Salisbury and Havelock.

FIGHTING POVERTY



Colin McDonald, director of youth and intergenerational ministries for the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, emcees the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty event in Saint John Oct. 17. Organized by the ecumenical group KAIROS Saint John and area, it was held at St. Andrew and St. David United Church. Banner slogans included mottos of the United Nations day — "Stand Up and Take Action," as well as "Make Poverty History." The local ceremony included presentations by local non-profit groups committed to overcoming poverty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I thought you could use a bit of a "good news" story. At last month's vestry meeting, we discussed whether we should ask for a break on our parish "ask."

Our treasurer was concerned that, as we are usually in a negative situation month by month, perhaps we could not afford this. There was a lot of interest to know how such a request might be perceived in Fredericton.

I had the chance to talk about what this money enables in the whole diocese, and how there is

so much that is done right now, and could be done in the future. I explained that if every parish asked to be able to give a little less, then our church throughout the province would be able to do a little less; that we would see the bishop a little less; that great conferences, workshops, speakers, and other special events would take place a little less.

I was not trying to passively-aggressively sway them, but simply to paint the picture of what the future could look like.

On their own, they saw this

as something of a challenge; that in the face of a negative budget, they would show a bit of faith, for the sake of themselves and the entire diocese, and hopefully be able to serve as an example to others of the importance of growing the church at several levels.

It was a unanimous decision to go forward with the amount requested. We shall see what happens!

*The Rev. Chris Hayes
Parish of Salisbury and Havelock*

Dear editor,

May I, through your medium, express my concern regarding receiving the bishop's award of merit?

I humbly, gratefully accepted it, while in an amazed state of mind. When things had cleared, I realized a very grave mistake had been made.

The award should never have been given to me, and I should not have accepted it without clarifying the real facts. Yes, if it had been to Peggy Martin & family, I would have been pleased and grateful.

My son, Peter, for his many years of wise, faithful service as president of the board, for his

personal service in moving our present chapel from Four Falls on the highway; my daughter, Faye, from her inter-denominational church group in Germany for donating more than \$4,000; Glenna, for supporting and sending 10 of her grandchildren - my great-grandchildren - to camp each summer; others who have done a fair share too. I can't mention it all.

But as for me, my share was small in comparison. Yes, I did what I could when I could and loved every action.

So many still don't know and realize the great work Camp Brookwood and the wonderful staff do in spreading the true

gospel of Jesus Christ. I just know and pray God will continue to bless all the work done there for many more years. The children are our hope for the future.

In closing, I will accept the award on behalf of all my family, while hoping someone will add the change on the award.

Peggy Martin



CHRISTMAS

Sussex Corner *Living Manger* marks 25 years

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The animals are booked. The choir is rehearsing. All the parts are cast but one. About the only thing left to do for this year's *Living Manger* in Sussex Corner is to find a baby Jesus.

Last year it was the infant grandson of the Rev. Allen Tapley, rector at the Parishes of Waterford and St. Mark's.

"It's always left up to me to get the babies," said Mr. Tapley. "We try to get two."

The *Living Manger*, in its entire 25-year history, has always had a real baby to play the role of the Christ child. He is sure this year will be no exception.

The production takes place at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Sussex Corner on Dec. 21, with performances at 5 and 7 p.m. Cookies are served to the audience after the 7 o'clock performance. The show lasts about 30 minutes.

It begins with the choir, followed by the appropriate Bible readings as the cast of characters and animals — angels, wise men, shepherds, sheep, goats, alpacas, and of course, Joseph with Mary on a donkey

— enter on cue.

It is literally a live depiction of Luke, chapter 2 acted out in scripture and song in the yard at St. Mark's, with as many as 300 in the audience sitting on straw bales. For some, it is the only religious aspect of their Christmas.

Sunday school children are cast as angels, while the rest are usually adults from the parish and the community. Including the choir, the cast totals about 50.

"We've said all along that it's a gift from the people of the parishes to the people of the community," said Mr. Tapley.

Doris Buchanan has been involved with the *Living Manger* production from the beginning.

"I really enjoy it," she said. "I feel it's a benefit to a lot of people. They come from Moncton, Saint John and in between. Word has gotten around."

Twenty-five years ago it began simply, but "we gradually kept getting a bit bigger, with more animals," said Mrs. Buchanan.

Through the years, they've

coped with extreme cold, rain and snow, but last year was the only time they had to postpone — because of the ice storm.

They take up a collection at the performances and divide the proceeds between two local agencies — Sussex Vale Transition House and the Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre, two causes that would be close to Mary's heart, said Mr. Tapley.

Through the years they've dealt with stubborn donkeys. One year they fetched the wrong donkey from the farmer — one that had never been ridden before. But the donkey performed wonderfully.

Another year Mr. Tapley lined up a young woman to play the role of Mary. Everything was going well until he heard this from her as she prepared for the performance: "Donkey? Donkey? Nobody told me I had to ride a donkey!"

And Mr. Tapley's debut as a shepherd didn't go as planned.

"I had a whole new experience of the nativity when a sheep fell on top of me," he said.

Last year, members of the Parish of Sussex joined the group adding to the talent pool.

While the choir practices carols in the lead-up to the performance, the actors don't really get a rehearsal.

"It's a fluid thing," said Mr. Tapley. "There is no great attention to detail. The actual performance doesn't have a real rehearsal."

But with so many years under their belts, and many returning actors, most know their roles well.

"It's always a joyous time," said Mrs. Buchanan. "So many people have said it's the best part of their Christmas."



SUBMITTED

Top, Amanda and Kevin Kyle play the roles of Mary and Joseph in a previous presentation of the *Living Manger*. **Above,** the shepherds and sheep await the holy birth with the audience looking on.

There is, however, one thing that continues to elude Mr. Tapley.

"I've always wanted a camel," he said. The Moncton Zoo has camels, "but you can't

get a camel." Alpacas, members of the camelid family, will have to do.

If you're planning to attend on Dec. 21, organizers suggest you bring blankets.

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THE DIOCESAN ARCHIVES COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the commencement of the Second World War. New Brunswick Anglicans were full participants in both. Their engagement in these tragic, sad and watershed events is recorded in our buildings. Plaques commemorating their service and sacrifice hang there. Your Archives Committee asks that you take clear photographs of these plaques and then send them to us. The easiest method is to use a cell phone, take the picture and then e-mail it to one of the two addresses below. Please state the exact name and location of the plaques. The pictures could also be sent as an attachment to a text message at 506-292-9176. Perhaps a youth member of the congregation or a grandchild could help in this endeavour. We earnestly seek your assistance, please act now — before these memorials are lost or what they represent is forgotten.

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