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The Newsletter of the Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

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## St. Mary's Church

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## St. Stephen's Church

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December 2014 to  
February, 2015

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### Worship Services

#### Sundays

9:00 am Choral Eucharist  
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#### Third Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé

#### Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Bible Study

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#### Sundays

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and Church (Sunday) School  
4th Sunday, Praise & Worship in the Hall

#### Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

#### Thursdays

7:00 pm Seekers & Upper Room meetings,  
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**P**hew! This is a busy place! In addition to the **Spiritual Resilience Parish Weekend** in October (see Lynda Clifford's article on this), Rob led a Parish workshop on **Evangelism for Amateurs** in September and a seven session Wednesday evening course, **Christianity Explored**. Also Barb Baillie led a **Spiritual Growth** workshop on Ignatian prayer on November 15 (to get us prepared to vote that day in the municipal elections?).

Talking of municipal matters, the proposal to change the **municipal property tax treatment** of our two churches was successfully voted down in September.

THE BIG NEWS is that our **Parish website** at [www.ParishCS.ca](http://www.ParishCS.ca) is due to be launched on December 1 – this is an essential part of our public image today. It will have coverage of all you ever wanted to know about our Parish. Thanks and congratulations to all who worked so hard on this, particularly Rob Szo, John Beresford and Derek Osman. See Rob's comments in **From the Rector's Desk**.

We launched the **TENTH TEAM** program in October, asking all who can to consider increasing their church giving by ten percent more than before. If you have been giving \$10 a week, consider giving \$11. If you have been giving \$50 a month, consider giving \$55. It's as simple as that. There are no special envelopes, no check-ups and no evening robocalls! If you want to wear a little ribbon to show you are on the Tenth Team, they are

available. We hear from the treasurers that the results are positive, with increases by about 50 envelope holders, so, well done, Tenth Team!

The **Sock Hop** held at St. Stephen's Hall on Saturday, November 22 was a blast, and proceeds went to the mission for marginalized women in Kampala, Uganda.

Just in case you didn't know, here are some regular things for you to check out: **Soup's On!** is every Friday at noon at St. Stephen's Hall. At St. Mary's on Wednesdays there is **Eucharist** at 10 am, **Friendship Coffee** at 10:30, and **Bible Study** at 11 am – if you think Bible Study is only serious stuff, come along and find out what the laughter is all about! And Evening Prayer in the style of **Taizé** is at 7 pm. every third Sunday of the month at St. Mary's (not in December). And did you know about **Church Café** held at JJ's the second Thursday of each month from 6 until they close at 7?

Classes in **CPR** will be offered on a Saturday in the New Year for parishioners. Nancy Choat has arranged with the Central Saanich Fire Department to present a free 4 hour Red Cross course for 6 to 18 people. You will learn and practise CPR skills. Watch for sign-up sheets.

Those who enjoyed Christianity Explored will be excited to hear that Rob will lead "**Discipleship Explored**", an 8 week course offered at St. Stephen's on Monday evenings at 7 pm, starting on Jan. 26, and at St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 11 am, starting on Jan. 28. Watch for more information on this.

# Around the Parish & Dates to Note *continued*

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As we go to press, Christmas is already upon us. There were 72 shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**, run by Samaritan's Purse. And **St. Mary's Holly Fair** has just been held. Preparations are underway for 15 **Christmas Hampers** to be delivered to

families on the Tsawout Reserve and families supported by Beacon Community Services, with a further half dozen hampers going to families known to St. Stephen's parishioners to be in need.

## **DATES**

The following are some pretty important dates, so mark your calendars!

- **Dec. 6**, 9 am at St. Mary's Hall; Breakfast with Santa provided by the Sidney Lion's Club, pictures with Santa, followed by the Saanichton Village Christmas Tree Trail with carriage rides.
- **Dec 14**, 2:30 pm at St. Mary's, Soundings Vocal Ensemble concert.
- **Dec. 21**, 10 am, Joint Service at St. Mary's Church – Carol Service including children's choir. Delivery of Christmas Hampers to the Tsawout Reserve after the service.
- **Dec. 22**, 7:30 pm at St. Mary's, "A Child's Christmas in Wales" presented by Vox Humana.
- **Dec. 24**, 4 pm at St. Stephen's, Family Christmas Service.  
8 pm at St. Mary's, Christmas Holy Eucharist.  
10 pm at St. Stephen's, Christmas candlelight Holy Eucharist.
- **Dec. 25**, 10 am, Christmas Day Service at St. Mary's.
- **Jan. 25**, 3 pm, Service at St. Stephen's with Bishop Logan McMenamie and Roman Catholic Bishop Gary Gordon as part of the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- **Jan. 31**, starting at 9:30 am, Thrift Sale at St. Mary's Hall.
- **Feb. 8**, 2:30 at St. Mary's, Sunday Serenade Concert with Island Ukeleles.
- **Friday the 13th(!) of Feb.**, 12:00 noon, Guild Bridge luncheon at St. Mary's Hall.
- **Feb. 17**, 5:30 pm at St. Mary's, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper by the Sidney Lion's Club.
- **Feb 18** (Ash Wednesday), 10 am, St. Mary's, Eucharist and imposition of ashes.  
7 pm, St. Stephen's, Eucharist and imposition of ashes.
- **Feb. 22**, 10 am, at St. Mary's, Combined Service, Pot Luck lunch and Annual General Meeting.

Have a wonderful Christmas Season, and may 2015 be an even more wonderful year for our Parish.

*From your Editors, John Smith and Sandra Scarth.*

# From the Rector's Desk

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## A New Front Door

**H**aving moved several times over the course of my ordained ministry, I've worked with a few real estate agents and have come to learn the importance of 'curb appeal' when selling a house. When a potential buyer comes to the property, does it look inviting and cared for? Are the shrubs pruned? Is the sidewalk clean and the lawn in good shape? Is the house freshly painted?

Sticking with the real estate image for a moment, we have many potential 'buyers' in the spiritual marketplace. These are people with a Christian background, perhaps Anglican, and they're open to the ministry of our local church. But they're not coming here on Sunday or another day to meet us. Why? There are a few reasons, and I'll have to save those for another newsletter. It's enough to say that many are open but are not seeking us out.

But we want to invite them to our spiritual 'open house' don't we?

We want to meet them, get to know them and help them become part of our parish family. In order to do this we've improved our 'curb appeal' in the form of a new parish website for St Mary's and St Stephen's. Even before new people have met us in person, many of them have already searched for us and met us online. Think of the new website as our new front door, the online door that

introduces people to the life of this parish. What are we like? What do we do? Why do we do it? How can a newcomer be involved? How can this parish help someone discover Christ and grow in a relationship with him? These are all questions that are addressed by our new site.

**BUT WAIT!** There's more to the new Parish website. So far, I've talked about the outward-facing portion that has a focus on the newcomer. The second priority of the website is to help parishioners improve communication among ourselves as we walk our spiritual journey together. As a member of this parish you'll soon be receiving an email inviting you to access the 'members' section of the website, where you'll find our consolidated calendar, online directory, past bulletins, reports, and more. You'll be invited to share new content, ideas and photos, as we build our ministry presence. We believe that you'll get a lot out of the new website, and invite you to visit and take part.

The new front door opens on December 1st at: [www.ParishCS.ca](http://www.ParishCS.ca).

In Christ,

***Rev. Rob Szo***



*We have now had two Parish Weekends with a guest leader. Given their success, we think this will become a cherished tradition. Here are Lynda Clifford's personal reflections on the October 2014 Parish Weekend on the theme of "Spiritual Resilience; Bouncing Back in Times of Loss and Crisis".*

**O**n Friday, October 17 we came together as a Parish to hear Bishop Bill Hocking from Fredericton NB. Rob introduced Bill and his wife Isabelle. Bill is well known to Rob as a friend and mentor. He has an Advent and Lent speaking series each year, and the proceeds from sales of his books help to fund this ministry. In addition to his talks, we had small group discussions with questions, and after each there was time to ask further questions of Bill.

Bill shared two passages from John 6, one talking about the 'up' times in our lives, and the other about the 'down' times, and where God was in both of them – the picnics and the pains in our lives. Bill used a number of personal stories as examples of how God has worked in people's lives – stories of friends and people he knows which related well to his topic. He also had a number of interesting statistics. Bill has a wonderful sense of humour, and we laughed often together.

On Saturday we again enjoyed Bill sharing bible passages from Matthew, Luke



and Ephesians, stories well known to us, but we looked again, deeper and with new eyes. He began to use the word 'resilience' more. He spoke of challenging ourselves, doing something which would bring us closer to God. Building resilience by reading scripture and prayer, quiet solitude fills the soul. He spoke about Jesus calming the storm, with a wonderful reflection on what took place, a picture which will remain in my mind! When we feel alone in the storm, He is there and in control. He is someone who wants to listen, who cares, who will respond to you, and can make a difference. Bill talked about how we need to be able to bounce back after a crisis, and shared a valuable idea; "A resilient person resembles a twig, with a fresh, green living core. When twisted out of

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shape, it bends but does not break. Instead it springs back and continues to grow.” We can change how we respond to crisis, but, like the twig, we need to be fed. We need good, stable relationships – it is really hard to be a Christian alone – so a sense of community is important to our resilience. Resilient people depend on others for support. Relationships deepen our faith.

After lunch, Bill talked on the Beatitudes. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Those who don’t have it all together, but have

and to let go of entitlement; meekness is not weakness. Blessed are the merciful. Doing the right thing in the worst situation and showing compassion.

Resilience is the process of grace building, to be salt of the earth, admit failures, and learn and grow. Cracks let the light in!

On Sunday morning we came together to worship as a combined Parish at St. Mary’s, and had another opportunity to hear Bill. He spoke about change, which is sometimes due



genuine humility, have room for Jesus; they make mistakes, say they are sorry, and have room to grow. Blessed are those who mourn. If we admit to pain, we get better faster; salt hurts, but it heals. Blessed are the meek, who are humble, submissive, willing to be second

to health or a family situation. This often happens in mid-life, which is also changing! Change can be difficult. A question we may ask ourselves is; “What is God doing or allowed to do in our lives? Bill spoke about the Gospel story of Nicodemus, and how he

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was searching for something deeper. Jesus spoke of the rebirth of the spirit, and what God is allowed to do in our lives, or perhaps what we allow Him to do in our lives. Was Nicodemus stuck in his faith? Did he need something fresh and new? Was he searching? I think many of us are like Nicodemus, born into and brought up in the church, and we have become stuck. So now the challenge is, what is the next step, how do we grow from here? Recognizing an emptiness in our lives and moving on is a decision which can bring us to the search for rebirth.

Bill spoke of the three stages of faith, and from one of his books he explained it like this. Nicodemus got the opportunity of a lifetime, the opportunity to start again. Likewise, God offers us that journey of faith, to use our ticket to get off the platform

and go on a journey of faith – to use our ticket to get on the train and move to a better and more exciting place, that place where God wants us to be.

When we come to communion, we come empty, with open hands, waiting to be fed. With this nourishment we can continue the journey.

Feed me, Lord, with your grace.



Photos by Len Fallan

## Scenes from the **Sock Hop**



The theme of this Synod was “Na’tsa’mah̓t” in Salish, which translates as “Together, Unity, Working as One!” This was the message that Bishop Logan emphasised throughout this, the first Synod of his episcopacy.

It was a very different Synod in many respects – the opening eucharist in the cathedral commenced with drumming and messages from First Nations leaders; a west coast liturgy was used emphasising BC’s natural environment – both geographical and living things; the 69 clergy and 101 lay delegates were randomly assigned to round tables of eight to provide the cafe-style discussion groups employed throughout the Synod; there were few resolutions with which to deal; and there was an overall relaxed feeling throughout.

The Bishop did not present a traditional Charge at the commencement of the Synod setting out his hopes and intentions for the future which had previously resulted in motions of Synod to enact, but opted instead to give a series of

homilies/thoughts during the sessions which have now been collated and are available on the Diocesan website.

Three guests were invited; Bishop James Mathes from San Diego who preached at the closing Eucharist and reflected on the Synod, whose message was “to encourage the casting away of fear”; Dr Topping, Principal of VST who emphasised “that by travelling

together we become stronger”; and, Dr Andre Mann from Toronto who suggested that “a changing life requires people to journey together”. These themes were reflected in the Diocesan Vision of Renewal.

The Diocesan Visioning Team, which was struck by the Bishop last spring, presented its Report – the “Re Report”, which called for Resonance, Re-shaping, Resourcing, Reconciliation, Responsiveness and Re-visioning. This Report is also available on the Diocesan website. The Synod having accepted this Report, the Bishop will now appoint

an Implementation Team to work with par-

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Opening eucharist at the Cathedral



## Diocesan Synod *continued*

ishes through Regional Meetings to accomplish this vision (more to come!).

There was an extensive briefing on the Diocesan Finances, which although greatly improved over previous years, showed an operating deficit of \$170,000. Although parish annual reports indicate that weekly attendance is still falling, average giving remains constant. The Diocesan Assessment Policy remains under review with respect to both Outreach and using the total parish income as the basis for the assessment. A motion not to assess outreach as flow-through funds to be used within the parish was defeated. There is also a change to bequests which will be assessed at 10% upon receipt but with no further assessment regardless of their use.

Representatives from Aboriginal Neighbours addressed the Synod and, amongst other topics passionately spoke about the missing women, requesting that the Synod write to the Prime Minister asking that a National Inquiry be struck to investigate this tragedy. A motion for this request was introduced and following a sometimes emotional discussion on both points of view, the motion passed.

Of the several synods that I have attended over the past 15 years, this was the most different, least bureaucratic, most congenial with frequent cafe style discussions, was low key, involved the fewest decisions and was the most relaxed. It was reflective of the manner by which Bishop Logan intends to lead during his episcopacy.



The poster features a blue and white geometric star design on a background of stylized snowflakes and icicles. The text is arranged around the star.

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1973 CULTRA, SAANICHTON  
2:30PM

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**Sunday, December 4, 2:30 pm**

**St. Mary's Anglican Church**

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*Tickets*

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- And at the door

# Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery

## Who was Jacob the Pauper?

In the early 1860's Victoria was a wild frontier town as thousands of prospectors seeking their fortune in the Fraser River and Cariboo goldfields passed through; some staying only long enough to purchase a licence and an outfit before heading to the creeks. Others, like Hiram Whims and Fielding Spotts, members of the large group of Black pioneers who came to Victoria from California in 1858, found jobs in town in order to buy land to farm in the Saanich Lakes district. (ConneXion Number 12: "Our Black Pioneers")

Fred Reynolds arrived in 1861, leaving California behind as the States faced a bitter war between the North and the South. Having apprenticed as a butcher in England where he was born, Fred saw the potential of setting up a business in Victoria and soon established two butcher shops in town; the London Market at Yates and Douglas Streets, and the Leadenhall Market at Government and Johnson. (ConneXion Number 11: "Where Lies Fred Reynolds: Victoria's most eligible Batchelor?") His London Market on Yates was next door to his friend Alex Bell's newspaper office and he was troubled to read this "Notice" which appeared in the Wednesday Morning, August 9, 1865 issue of The Daily British Colonist newspaper. Three young men; Sebright Green, Nathan Jacob and Rob Plum-

By David Scarth & Ruth McKay

mer were attempting to pass themselves off as associates of Bell's newspaper business, the Vancouver Times and Evening Express. Fred Reynolds knew all about misrepresentation; his real name was William Batchelor and he was a deserter from the U.S. Army. In the years ahead he would lose his butcher shops and face financial ruin at the hands of scheming relatives. For others, the severe economic recession in the mid-

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**Notice.**

**I** HEREBY CAUTION ALL PERSONS from purchasing from Messrs. W. S. Sebright Green, Nathaniel Jacob, and Robert Plummer, Jun., or any of them calling themselves Trustees for the Newspaper property known as the "EVENING EXPRESS"—or Messrs. W. S. Sebright Green, Nathaniel Jacob, Robert Plummer, Jun., and others, calling themselves Directors of an Association registered as the Vancouver Printing and Publishing Company, Limited,—or Mr. W. S. Sebright Green, as Mortgagee, under a Bill of Sale given by the above W. S. Sebright Green, Nathaniel Jacob, and Robert Plummer, Jun., to the said W. S. Sebright Green, and dated May 16th, 1865—or making advances upon any of the material, plant, or other Property in the Printing Office in Yates Street, known as the "Vancouver Times and Evening Express" Office—or the good will or title of the "Vancouver Times and Evening Express" newspapers, or either of them, as I claim the whole to be my Property.

ALEXANDER D. BELL,  
Yates street.

Victoria, V. I.,  
August 1st, 1865. an4

# Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery *continued*

1880's would signal the end of Victoria's golden era; leaving hundreds without jobs or a place to live.

St.Stephen's cemetery was consecrated in 1877 by the Reverend George Hills, the first Bishop of Columbia. Burials had taken place in the small graveyard adjacent to the church prior to its consecration, including that of young William Thomson, aged nine who was thrown from a horse-driven cart and killed. A photograph of the cemetery taken in 1880 shows about a dozen graves located close to the Church and surrounded by a white picket fence which kept William Thomson's livestock off the plots in the summer.

St.Stephen's "Graveyard Plot Record", (as revised 1952) shows these entries at the top of page 63. A pencilled note beside the name "Jacob" reads, "Found indigent & buried as a pauper, Jack Thomson assisting." John "Jack" George Thomson was a son of the pioneer William Thomson who in 1862 had turned over five acres of his land for the construction of our church and a school. Jack was 16 and without a doubt "assisted" by digging the grave.

We believe the pauper who was buried in our cemetery is Nathaniel Jacob, who in 1865 was accused of fraudulent practice by Alexander Bell, proprietor of the "Vancouver Times and Evening Express" in Victoria. From 1884 to 1890 the vicar at St. Stephen's was the Rev. William Henry Gregory who was also responsible for building Holy Trinity Church in North Saanich. We will never know why he was committed to burying Jacob in the cemetery, but we do know he was not given the most desirable plot. Number 497 is in the extreme north-west corner of the cemetery; as far away from the church as you could possibly get and still be on cemetery property. In 1887 the grave was truly in a pauper's field.

William Batchelor, using the name Frederick Reynolds, died on November 7, 1887 at the age of 55. As William Batchelor he was buried, with young Jack Thomson "assisting", in Plot 25, which is very close to the church. While the paths of William Batchelor and Nathaniel Jacob crossed in 1865 in Victoria, in their next life they could not be further apart.

about 1885	Jacob	?	?	497	✓
1883	John	Matilda	53	134	✓
1884	"	Richard J.	1	135	✓
1895	Johns	William	41	?	✓



## Parishioner Profile: Stephen & Marjorie Denroche by John Smith

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**F**or those who know him, it's no surprise to learn that Stephen, aged 88, climbed down from the roof of his house to be interviewed for this article - he had been "investigating a pesky leak" (not that Marjorie was too pleased about it). To them, 'housework' means physically building and renovating houses - they personally built their first two houses, and made major renovations to the one they have lived in now for 34 years - and they also build boats!

Marjorie was an only child in Vernon in the Depression era. When her father abandoned them, her mother went to work at the Tranquille TB Sanatorium in Kamloops and Marjorie went to her grandparent's shack in Enderby. At school at St. Ann's Academy in Kamloops, she made such an impassioned plea to a nun that she ended up living there. Although she eventually became the school's Head Girl, her

mother forbade her to become a Catholic.

After graduating from Normal School as a teacher, Marjorie's first teaching experience was two years in Monte Creek in a one room school with ten children across seven grades,

followed by Osoyoos for a year, then Prince George.

Stephen was from Dublin, sent by his parents to Canada in 1940, fearing that Hitler would invade neutral Ireland. He first lived with his uncle in Peace River, enduring the shock of being schooled in a one room log building. When ready for high school he went to live with another uncle on Gossip Island near Active Pass. He went to boarding school in North Vancouver, while his younger sister, aged ten, rowed to school on Galiano Island.



Photo by Len Fallen

In 1943, aged seventeen, Stephen enlisted with the Air Force. "When they

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found I could not see the aircraft, let alone the target”, he became a Wireless Mechanic working in the Transmitter Shack in Prince George. When the war ended, Stephen, after discovering that electrical engineering required an understanding of numbers, chose to go to law school at UBC as “any fool could be a lawyer”. Stephen graduated in 1951 and articulated with a Prince George lawyer.

So they were both in Prince George, but how did they meet? They played badminton at the same club, but on different nights. At a competition they were put together as partners, played atrociously, were eliminated, ended up helping to serve the refreshments together, and the rest is history.

Stephen, unimpressed with his law firm experience, returned to his uncle’s farm in Peace River, and Marjorie got a job as a teacher there, though she and her mother couldn’t find Peace River on the map! As the uncle charged Stephen 10 cents per mile to use the truck to visit Marjorie, they figured it would be cheaper to get married, and on Boxing Day 1953 (61 years ago!) they were married at the Cathedral in Kamloops.

After a short stint with a Kamloops law firm, Stephen found he didn’t fit in with traditional law firm mores, and the couple moved to Armstrong, living in an old telephone building while Stephen established his law practice and Marjorie

produced their first son, Stephen. They built their home from a magazine plan, living in the basement while finishing the rest.

Marjorie was told she wouldn’t be able to have any more children, so they adopted Sheila, which soon resulted in the birth of Alan, and then Joan!

Meanwhile the position of magistrate in Armstrong became available, and Stephen took on the job. Then he sought a cushy job with the Attorney General’s Department, but they had other plans for him. As one of the few magistrates with legal training, Stephen became the supervisor of the lay magistrates for the East Kootenay, and later also for the Okanagan, hearing cases where counsel were involved, and other serious cases. He also established the Family Court in Kelowna. This is a man who, as a practising lawyer, had never seen the inside of a court room!

After a brief sojourn in Cranbrook, where Joan was born, the family moved to Kelowna and lived in another shack while they built a lovely home on Manhattan Point (and a multihull boat, which took seven years!). They lived there happily for seventeen years. While Stephen was travelling, Marjorie became deeply involved with the Okanagan Symphony, serving two terms as its president.

The Okanagan sun started Stephen’s skin cancer, so the Denroches moved to

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## Parishioner Profile *continued*

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Victoria in 1980. Stephen finished his career here, working in the criminal, family and small claims courts. He retired after 31 years of service.

Sadly, their adopted daughter Sheila died from a brain aneurism, but they are proud of the achievements of son Stephen, a professional French horn player, Alan, a lawyer in Yellowknife, and Joan, a teacher in Whistler.

Stephen and Marjorie started coming to St. Mary's in the 1990s, and quickly became very involved. Stephen was Rector's Warden, both served on Council, and Marjorie was in the Choir. The cross used at Taizé services, and the Christmas crèche were made by Stephen, and until recently they were the chief sign-putter-uppers. Marjorie assumed leadership of the Guild and ran it with charm and efficiency until this year.

The Guild and its thrift sales and spring flings have been a significant part of the life of St. Mary's under Marjorie's leadership. Although attendance at the 9 am service is a problem for Stephen, the Denroches are to be seen helping at many church events. Stephen has devoted many years to the Power Squadron, both in Kelowna and here, in various executive positions, and Marjorie has been a volunteer coordinator with both the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific and Beacon Community Services.

And of course no profile of this industrious couple would be complete without mentioning their amazing garden, laden with apples, pears, grapes, and vegetables in raised beds, often for the benefit of parishioners.

They are a devoted couple – devoted both to each other and to their church.

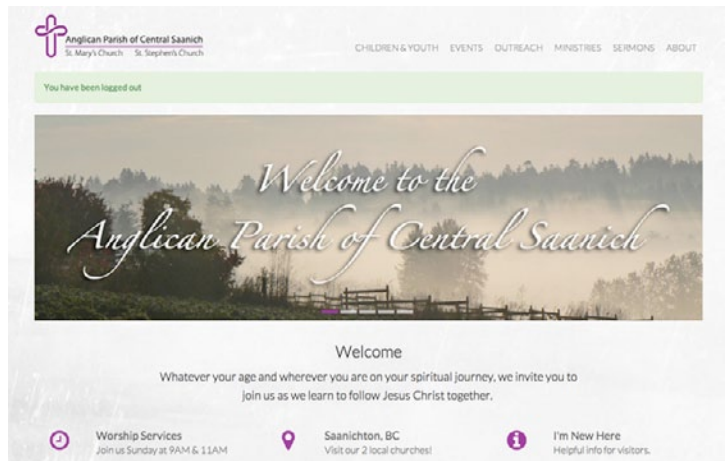
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### ***Visit our new Website!***

#### ***Coming December 1***

- Complete parish information, including coming events, outreach activities, parish contacts and more
- Watch for an email to access the parishioners' section of the website

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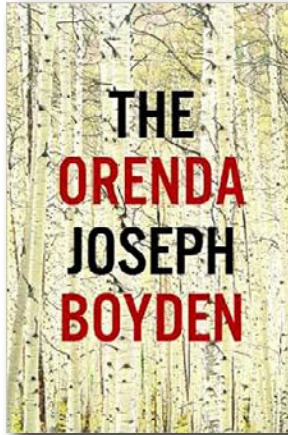


## The Orenda

Author: Joseph Boyden

I loved Joseph Boyden's first two books (*Three Day Road* and *Through Black Spruce*), but this book left me ambivalent and in some ways haunted and confused by our complicated colonial history. But I could not put it down. Boyden's writing is lyrical, even when describing the most horrific, barbarous acts.

Set in the 17th century, *The Orenda* recounts the early days of French colonization and the downfall of the Wendat (Huron.) The story is told through the eyes of **Christophe**, a charismatic Francophone Jesuit missionary, based on Brebeuf, who travels with the Huron, trying to understand and convert the natives; **Snow Falls**, an Iroquois teen of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) nation kidnapped after a brutal massacre by the Wendats (Huron Nation) and adopted by **Bird**, a Huron warrior and statesman mourning and avenging the deaths of his wife and two daughters at the hands of the Iroquois. These three lives become intertwined as they struggle to understand each other's customs and beliefs and eventually try to avert the inevitable bloody battle between the Haudenosaunee on one side and the Huron, allied with the French and the Jesuits on the other.



Christophe explains the significance of the title. The orenda is the life force that the Hurons believe belongs not just to humans but to every last thing in the natural world. This is vastly different from his beliefs, but he comes to respect some of the values of the Hurons and dies a martyr. Snow Falls grows to understand the futility of her people's war with the Wendat: "We speak similar tongues and grow the same food and hunt the same game. Yet we're enemies, bent on destroying each other." Bird tries and fails to break the cycle of violence and in the process, his revenge escalates the war in which he is as violent as his enemies. The Huron and their orenda are decimated.

This is a novel in which we learn about "them and us" then and now. One Aboriginal critic believes that Boyden failed in his attempt to be objective and fell into the trap of demonizing the Haudenosaunee, continuing to perpetuate "outdated narratives of Native people, which have been used in the past to justify civilizing policies." This is a work of fiction, and should be read that way, as much of the research was taken from Jesuit Relations that dramatized Haudenosaunee

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torture practices (barbaric in our eyes as, for example, they scrape flesh of the living and call it “caressing”) with scant mention of the tortures the Huron and French carried out

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on their prisoners. Although this is a difficult book to read, it is well worth the effort as part of an effort to understand the effects of colonization on the present.

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Working confidentially with the Tsawout First Nation and Beacon Community Services, St. Mary's congregation will again provide Christmas food hampers to families on the Saanich Peninsula. Included in the hampers will be staple and fresh foods and gifts for the children in the families, all provided by parishioners through monetary support and food donations. A contingent of volunteers will assemble the hampers on Friday, December 19 with delivery taking place following the Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas. We welcome helpers. Please contact Sue Smith at St. Mary's at 250-652-5392 or by email at [sueandjohn@shaw.ca](mailto:sueandjohn@shaw.ca) for more information.

### *Saanichton Community Christmas*

Including Breakfast With Santa  
and The Christmas Tree Trail

Saturday, December 6  
9:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Mary's

This year marks the seventh consecutive year that St. Mary's will host the Saanichton Village Association's Breakfast with Santa. A delicious pancake breakfast is provided at a nominal cost by the Central Saanich Lions Club with proceeds going to the Sidney Food Bank. Following your meal, and pictures with Santa please visit our Angel Tree display before continuing on to the Saanichton Village for the Christmas Tree Trail where you may visit participating merchants and choose your favourite tree from among the various displays. Maybe you'll even consider a ride in one of the horse drawn carriages!!!! Invite a friend..., bring a child or grandchild... but come! and enjoy the delicious breakfast and the warm fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.



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*A chronicle of some of the recent arrivals, departures and other events at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's*

## From the Parish

In early November we welcomed the return of our **Rector** from his memorable visit to Fredericton, New Brunswick. It was memorable for two reasons. He was there to join in the celebration of his Mother's 80th birthday, but it was also memorable for the severe snowstorm that surprised Rob, who arrived there without gloves or boots! Welcome back to Paradise, Rob!

**Nathan** (the Parish's former Family and Youth Worker) and **Rebekah** are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Sonya Megdalena, on October 4th. Sonya weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces! Congratulations to Nathan and Rebekah.

You may have seen our own **Sandra Scarth** being interviewed on Fifth Estate on November 14 as the previous Executive Director of CHOICES Adoption and Counselling Services. She was interviewed about a difficult situation involving an attempt by an adoptive mother to "rehome" a boy out of Canada with a person with whom she had only internet contact. The good news is everything worked out well in the end.

## St. Stephen's News

Much to everyone's delight, the kitchen renovations were finished on time and

under budget! They were completed on September 4th, and were blessed by Rev. Rob Szo on September 7th. The first event to be held using the new kitchen was the Garlic Dinner (referred to as the "G5", which stands for "Grand, Gargantuan, Gastronomic Garlic Gala") held in September. The proceeds from this event together with garlic sales, totalling \$3537, went to support Hilda Shilliday's Mengo Hospital mission. Also, many parishioners have been seen knitting facecloths for Hilda's mission. Although known to many of us for many years, we welcome Hilda as a parishioner attending St. Stephen's.

In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, **Margaret** and **Tony Pollard** sailed off on an Alaska cruise in late September. The weather was great and visibility was good, so it was a very enjoyable celebration experience for Margaret and Tony. Congratulations!

At the end of October, St. Stephen's lost their newlyweds, **Jayne Trimble** and **Evan Dunlop** as they moved to Vancouver because of Evan's work. They will be missed.

Thanks to **Joan Mitchell**, one of our Roman Catholic friends, St. Stephen's is the recipient of a beautiful large wall hanging

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depicting Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper. The plan is to mount it on a wall in the library in the lower hall. Joan also brings an entourage of friends from her church once a month to the St. Mary's Wednesday Eucharist.

St. Stephen's warmly welcomes **William** and **Lynne Edwards** as new parishioners.

### St. Mary's News

St. Mary's has five new parishioners to welcome, **Alan** and **Gillian Wiggins**, **Susan Alexander**, **Audrey Henbury** and **Audrey Kirkpatrick**. Several others have been frequent attenders at services, including **Jan** and **Sandra Bergink**, **Ken** and **Margaret Rothe**, and the **Reverend Bruce Cowley**. Welcome to them all!

## Parish Skills List-A Reminder

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**W**ithin our parish family we have a wide range of talented parishioners, some still actively employed and others retired. We believe there are many who might like to contribute their skills to assist with parish projects that come up from time to time.

We have begun to compile a Skills List of people who, on a voluntary basis, would be interested in putting their name forward to be approached by the Parish Council or the Operations Committees of either St. Mary's or St. Stephen's when there is a need for assistance. Some of the categories could include skilled trades, such as plumbing and electrical, accounting or any other specialized skill or training that could potentially be of use to the Parish, or it could be something as simple as someone with a truck or trailer who would be willing to make periodic pick-ups or deliveries from time to time.

Those who put their names forward are under no obligation to take on any particular

task. The Council or Operations Committees would simply approach the individual and see if the task is something they could help with.

We thank those who have already told us which skills they would like others to know that they have a passion for, and are prepared to help within the parish. Some of the skills that have been volunteered include computer support, accounting services, assistance with renovation projects and gardening help.

And through this skills list program, parishioners could support each other when looking for services or assistance. For example, if you are looking for a veterinarian, you might be interested to know that there is just such a person who attends St. Stephen's.

If you are interested in having your name and skill included on the list, please talk to either of the People's Wardens, **Derek Osman** or **Sandra Scarth**.

# Recipe Page

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## Vegetarian Zucchini Crust Pizza

We can't remember who this recipe comes from!  
Thanks, whoever you are!

### **Crust:**

½ tsp. salt  
3-½ cups  
shredded zucchini  
1/3 cup whole wheat flour  
½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese  
½ tsp. basil leaves  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
3 eggs, beaten  
1 tbsp. oil

### **Filling:**

2-½ cups  
fresh mushrooms (8 oz.)  
1 tbsp. margarine or butter  
8 oz. can tomato sauce  
½ tsp. basil leaves  
¼ tsp. oregano leaves  
1/8 tsp. garlic powder  
½ large green pepper, cut into strips  
6 oz. or 1 ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese



- Sprinkle salt over zucchini; mix well. Let stand 15 minutes. Squeeze out all excess moisture.
- Heat oven to 350°; grease 13x9 inch pan
- In large bowl, combine zucchini and remaining crust ingredients, except oil; spread in prepared pan.
- Bake at 350° for 20 – 25 minutes or until surface is dry and firm. Brush with oil.
- Broil 6 inches from heat for 3 – 5 minutes or until crust is light golden brown.
- In medium skillet, saute mushrooms in margarine until tender; set aside.
- In small bowl, combine tomato sauce, basil, oregano and garlic powder; Blend well. Pour over crust.
- Arrange mushrooms, green pepper and 1-½ cups mozzarella over tomato sauce.
- Bake at 350° for 20 – 25 minutes or until light golden brown.
- Cut into squares. 6 servings.

*(From Pillsbury Classic #66)*

# Anglican Parish of Central Saanich Directory

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St. Stephen's **Sandra Scarth, Don Wilson** (Margery Lord, alternate)

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**Leslie Pedlow** is at the St. Mary's office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30

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**Tracy Stubbs** is at the St. Stephen's office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 2:30

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## A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES

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