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St. Mary's Church

1973 Cultra Avenue,
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Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 am Choral Eucharist & Sunday School
1st Sunday Service of the Word

Third Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé
(September - June)

Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Friendship Coffee
11:00 am Bible Study
(September - June)

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St. Stephen's Church

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Worship Services

Sundays

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
and Church (Sunday) School
4th Sunday Praise & Worship in the Hall

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Bible Study
(September - June)

Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

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Dates to Note

Our Parish website – www.ParishCS.ca – is the best place to keep in touch with what is going on, but here are significant dates to note for the next three months:

- First, there are several summer breaks until September, when things will gear up again. The last Soup's On was on May 26. The last Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, June 13** (St. Stephen's) and **Wednesday, June 14** (St. Mary's). The last Taizé Service will be on **Sunday, June 18**, and there will be no mid-week Eucharist at St. Mary's in July and August.
- The Parish Float will be in the Brentwood Days Parade on **Saturday, June 3** starting at 10 am, and in the Sidney Canada Day Parade on **July 1** starting at 11:30 am. Check with Rachel Moss for more information.
- **Saturday, June 17**, Father's Day weekend, there will be a Men's Breakfast at St. Stephen's Hall from 9-10:30 am. Nick Hunter will speak. Check with Bob Quicke for more information.
- The third annual Peninsula Wine Fest will take place on the St. Stephen's grounds on **Saturday, July 15** from 1:00–4:00 pm. More helpers are always needed and welcome. Speak to Derek Osman or Sandra Scarth if you would like to get involved.
- The long time favourite, the Blessing of the Animals, will take place in the St. Stephen's Churchyard on **Sunday, August 13**, starting at 2 pm. Check with your dog, cat or other pet to see if they would like to go, and bring you along. For further information, speak with Al Gerenser or Greg Robinson.

Peninsula Wine Fest

- A wine tasting event set on the beautiful grounds of St. Stephen's Church
- Enjoy appetizers, live music, a silent auction and a vintage car display

Tickets

Advance: \$45/\$40 Seniors
At the door: \$50

July 15, 2017
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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St. Mary's Church St. Stephen's Church

Information & Tickets:
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Join the Parade!

Canada Day
in Sidney
July 1
starting at 11:30am



Annual Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, August 13th, 2017
at 2:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church
Rain or Shine

All creatures great and small
will be welcome

Our Outdoor Service will
include music, prayers and
readings from scripture.

*All animals should be
brought in carriers or on leashes.*





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Demand or Supply?

During my recent study week I tackled a small but dense book by George Hunter called *“Should We Change Our Game Plan?”*. In this 2013 book, Hunter’s goal is to help churches “find a strategic way forward in their changing secular and increasingly postmodern communities.” The natural question that follows is: How do we do this? His suggestion is to train and equip the people of the congregation to use their gifts and talents in creative ways to reach the community around us. He lays out three points from Scripture:

1. God’s great concern is for the world
2. Christ raised up his church to be his mission in the world
3. The laity (non-ordained Christians) are the ones called to be the main leaders of this mission

In Hunter’s model, the ordained clergy are the equippers of the people. As the author says: “church growth requires that the shepherd become a rancher—and learn to get most of the shepherding done through other people.” In Hunter’s estimation, a clergy-focused and clergy-dominated church was never the intended model of the New Testament church and simply doesn’t work. Instead, he advocates for a team-based approach, such as the one used by John Wesley in 18th century England. This model takes intentional training and deep commitment, but when done properly and when surrounded by constant prayer, it works.

Hunter identifies another area a church must grapple with before it begins to identify and train congregation members for mission to the community. He asks this question: Are we “demand siders” or “supply siders?” A ‘demand side’ church is one that depends on demand for religious services in the community. If the demand is there and the community seeks out the church, everything is fine. But when the demand stops, the ‘demand’ church is paralyzed. It simply doesn’t know what to do.

The ‘supply side’ church takes the initiative because it accepts that the past demand for religious services has declined dramatically. This kind of church takes the initiative because it is convinced that there is a mission field, and is equally convinced that God calls the church to reach into the culture and share the gospel. You might call one ‘reactive’ (demand sider) and the other ‘proactive’ (supply sider).

This small book is so helpful because it brings two key questions to the forefront:

1. What is the business of our church? (mission vs. maintenance; search party vs. fortress)
2. How is business? (growing vs. stagnant/declining)

I’m working on a presentation using the material from this book and plan to offer this to the parish before the end of June. I hope you’ll be able to come and join this important discussion. In the meantime, think carefully and honestly about the two questions just mentioned. As you think and pray, resist the urge to fear the changes that have happened in our culture. Instead, embrace the unchanging power of the gospel of Jesus Christ and think of creative ways you can lead a lay-movement in our community. We live in a time when so many are spiritually hungry but are

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looking everywhere except at Jesus and his church. As people who have been born-again in his name, we have the personal experience and the knowledge to know where these searchers will find the salvation that they need. As Jesus said to his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38).

Let's pray, think, pray, study, act and pray some more, so that more of this harvest will be gathered in our own community.

In Christ,

Rev. Rob Szo

The Recipe Page

From David Scarth:

Here is an interesting recipe from 1886.

"My grandfather, William Frederick Scarth sold Crystal Honey at his store, Scarth Bros. in Virden, Manitoba in the 1880s and slept soundly at night!"

THE CELEBRATED Crystal Honey Recipe!

DIRECTIONS:

TAKE ten pounds of good white moist (brown) Sugar, three pounds Soft Water, two and a half pounds of Bee Bread Honey, forty grains of Cream of Tartar, twelve drops of Oil of Peppermint, half an ounce of Gum Arabic, ten drops of the Essence of Wintergreen. Put them into a brass or copper kettle, and let them boil for five minutes. Then take two teaspoonfuls of pulverized Slippery Elm Bark, and mix with one pound of water, then strain it, and mix in the kettle. Take it off and beat up the Whites of two Eggs, and stir them in it; let it stand two minutes, then skim it well, and when nearly cold, add one pound of pure Bee Honey, and so on for larger quantities. By adding Elm Bark to a proportionate quantity of water, the manufacturer can make it as cheap as he pleases, as a small quantity of Slippery Elm Bark will thicken a pail full of water to the consistence of honey.

N. B. —What we mean by Bee Bread Honey is that made by the bees in the fall of the year to subsist on during the winter, it being much stronger than that made in the spring. If that cannot be procured honey in the comb will answer the same purpose by putting in one half pound more than there is given in the recipe, but it makes considerable difference in the price.

RIGHT OF SALE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that in consideration of the sum

of.....*50 cts.*.....

received by me from.....*Mr. J. Nathan Scarth*.....

I do give to the said.....*Party*.....

the right to manufacture and sell the Honey made from my

Receipe and also the Family Right in the Town of.....*Georgetown*.....

.....*North*..... Dominion of.....*Ont.*.....

J. Babcock.

Star Print, Goderich



“**K**eepon Track, Keep on Time, Keep on Living”. This was the sign in the navigation quarters at RAF Station, Wickenby, Lincolnshire, where Ken Brind was the navigator in a crew which flew Lancaster bombers in 1944. One might say it is also the maxim which defines Ken’s life.

Ken was born on Oct. 17, 1922 in Aldbourne in Wiltshire. He went to St. Michael’s School, which was the village school and a church school, and then to Marlborough Grammar School, where Ken was in the choir and, as a teenager, was a crucifer. So church was part of his life from an early age.

Ken was hoping to go to Oxford when his life, along with that of his friends and his country, was irrevocably changed by the outbreak of WWII. He enlisted with the RAF on January 31, 1940 when he was 17, and, to some dismay, was trained as a pay clerk. It wasn’t all bad, however, because while pay-clerking at the RAF station in Old Sarum he met Mary. She was a week older than him. They married in 1942 when they were not quite 20. “I married an older woman”, he says with a grin.

In 1941 Ken was called for “Pilot-Navigator-Bomb-aimer” (PNB) training at Lord’s Cricket Ground in London, which was targeted so often during the Battle of Britain they slept under the beds more than on them. In 1943 he graduated as an Air Navigator from an Advanced Flying Course taken in Dumfries, Scotland, and joined a bomber crew initially flying Wellingtons, later converting to Lancaster bombers. As Ken had a medical problem, on Mary’s insistence he took sick leave to get it treated, and while away, his crew was shot down over Berlin just before Christmas 1943, and all were killed. Ken lives with conflicted thoughts of that. “Because Mary insisted I have the operation, in a way she saved my life.” But also, “Had I been there, things might have been different.” He says this because, against the odds, and to some considerable extent due to Ken’s navigating expertise, his new crew completed a full Tour of 30 Operations between D Day on June 6 and October 7, 1944. Although they were sometimes hit, they were never downed, and their gunners never once actually had to fire their guns at the enemy. Ken kept them on track, kept them on time and they kept on living.

Ken has written “*A Year In The Life*”, a book which describes each of the 30 Operations, including the tension-filled final flight, displaying the remarkable expertise and team

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Top: Avro Lancaster

Below: Navigator's compartment in the Lancaster

efforts of the crew to ensure each mission was successfully carried out. Ken would be happy to lend it to interested readers. For his efforts during such a crucial time when the liberation of Europe was underway, he was awarded the Bomber Command decoration clasp, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. There is a move afoot with respect to the French Legion d'Honneur for Ken's part in the liberation of France. The Queen commemorated the Bomber Command memorial in 2012 and Ken was part of the Canadian delegation representing Bomber Command servicemen.

The completion of the Tour could not have been better timed. Ken arrived home on leave on October 10, 1944, he took Mary to the hospital two days later, where their first child, Keith, was born, and Ken celebrated his 22nd birthday on the 17th. "That week is still in my mind," says Ken. He was finished with bombing runs, and so was Mary. Each day the BBC reported a bombing run, she would wait until noon, and if she hadn't received a telegram she would figure he was still alive. That was now over.

So Ken became a navigation instructor in the RAF, and he and Mary built a family, following Keith with Karol, Jill, Janet and Rod. In 1955, Ken heard that there were opportunities in the Canadian Air Force, and with his qualifications he was offered a position. His first posting was in January 1956 to the RCAF station at Beaver Bank, Nova Scotia. The Brinds were very adaptable, and Ken found the RCAF structure to be similar to what he was used to. After four years in Beaver Bank, there were four years in Cold Lake Alberta and four years in North Bay, Ontario.

The children seemed to thrive on being exposed to different schools, and Ken and Mary involved themselves in the community and the community churches wherever they lived. Mary taught Sunday School and Ken read the lessons. He was also for a time chair of the school board. Ken says the one regret about moving so regularly is that one doesn't have life-long friends.

With the children mostly grown up, Mary trained as a cosmetician and started work at the Bay. When they told their youngest, Rod, that Mom was going to start working, his only condition was that she be home in time for milk and cookies. She loved the job of making women look their best.

In 1968 Paul Hellyer as Minister of National Defence introduced the integration of the army, navy and air force

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into “The Canadian Forces”. Ken didn’t like the direction things were going, took early retirement (his first of several), and found a position as a personnel officer with the Federal Government. He realized things there were a little different when his secretary, unsure if he wanted to be called “Ken” or “Mr. Brind” asked what his staff had called him in his previous position. He said; “Sir”. She ended up calling him Ken.

After three years in Vancouver with the Pacific Region, the Brinds moved to Edmonton where Ken rose to being Regional Manager of Administrative Services Western Region. He then “retired” again and took on the job of Director Personnel Management for the Alberta Ministry of Highways and Transportation. When his boss was looking for someone to head up an organizational analysis study, Ken accepted early retirement and a pension and took on the job as a consultant. Clearly Ken had not lost his skills as a navigator – just navigation of a different kind! He finally really retired in 1982.

Ken and Mary had enjoyed Edmonton- it was a friendly town, “and the hockey was going well back then”, but they decided to settle in the Victoria area. The problem was where. They started in an old house in Oak Bay which Mary didn’t like – she had previously chosen everything in their new Edmonton house, and now that wasn’t possible. They lived briefly in Sidney, Saanichton and Port Royale, finally settling in Brentwood Bay. They became involved with St. Mary’s Church in 2001 when Glenn Sim was the rector. They absented themselves when the debate over same-sex marriage and related topics was ongoing, but never lost touch.

Mary died two years ago after 72 years of marriage and her Celebration of Life was held at St. Mary’s. Ken now attends as regularly as his bad back will permit, and has enjoyed being one of the lesson readers. Although he has not been on Council or taken on other jobs, he rightfully says; “I think I’ve done my bit.”

Ken, well into his 95th year, and now living at Legion Manor, proudly retains his Driver’s License, and enjoys being visited. Looking back at his many years of service in such a variety of ways, we all agree that he has indeed done his bit.



Psalms for Pilgrims

Cathy Quicke and
Judi Hiebert Levesque



Anyone fortunate enough to attend Brett's Lenten Series on the Psalms, would have found out that the Psalms were meant to be sung. And sing each week we did, accompanied by our wonderful organist Cathy, on piano. We also listened, courtesy of Cathy's husband Bob Quicke, to a number of Psalms sung in a variety of musical styles and languages.

What I didn't discover under nearly the end of the series, was that Cathy made a recording, "*Psalms for Pilgrims*", which captures her beautiful soprano voice along with the skilled accompaniment on piano by her associate and cousin, Judi Hiebert Levesque.

The CD features a selection of Psalms expressing all the joy, angst, desperation, faith and love with which they were written. The music has a range of classical styles. Interspersed in the mix are some beautiful piano pieces such as Prelude in E minor by Chopin and Allegro by G.F. Handel.

In the CD insert Cathy and Judi write "*Psalms for Pilgrims* reflects our journey as followers of Jesus Christ and as musicians. The poetic imagery of the Psalms marries beautifully with a wide range of musical expression. We identify with the Psalm writers' various responses to the roller coaster of emotions and deep-faith questions that we experience in life. The piano music was chosen to enhance the message of the songs".

Cathy Quicke (nee Rempel) obtained her Bachelor of Music degree, majoring in voice performance, from the University of Regina. Judi Hiebert Levesque graduated from the University of Regina with both a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degree in piano.

"*Psalms for Pilgrims*" is Cathy's fifth recording and a dream come true. Waiting until her young family became less dependent, she and Judi started exploring material in 2008. The production was painstakingly engineered by Bob and the recording completed in 2010. The beautiful photos on the disc and cover backside were taken by their son Sean, as he and his sister Heidi sailed Bute Inlet in Desolation Sound.

Anyone wishing to purchase the CD for the very reasonable price of \$15.00, may contact Cathy directly at Church or use the email address psalmsforpilgrims@gmail.com

The Michell Family of Keating Valley

As shown, there is a row of five infant graves in the old section of St. Stephen's Cemetery. Each grave has its own sad story: a one month old boy died of pneumonia; a two year old died of TB, or consumption, as they called it back then, and one little girl died of convulsions soon after her christening. A fourth infant was stillborn, and the last grave is that of Baby Michell who died soon after birth in 1876, the sixteenth and last child of Thomas and Margaret Michell, pioneer settlers in the Keating Valley.



Thomas Michell was born April 29, 1832 in Swansea, Wales, the second son of Ralph and Elizabeth Michell. His family was one of the first generations of Michells to leave Cornwall in search of work in the industrialized England of the 1800s. Swansea was the centre of the copper smelting industry and Ralph had found work as the manager of the Moffa Copperworks. As a young man, Thomas

apprenticed in the industry and worked alongside his father and younger brother Ralph. In 1851 he married Margaret, the 16 year-old daughter of Swansea innkeepers John and Ann Jenkins.

In 1856, in order to avoid a cholera plague in Swansea, Thomas and Margaret immigrated to the USA, settling in Baltimore, Maryland. Here they lost two infant children and by 1858, when they saw the Civil War in the States approaching, they returned to Swansea where Thomas found work as a butcher. In 1862 they once again looked West, this time to the west coast of Canada and the gold to be found on the Fraser River and the Cariboo.

Thomas, Margaret and their infant son John booked steerage on the White Star clipper ship *Silistria* departing Liverpool on July 11, 1862. It was to be a voyage of four months and eleven days under difficult conditions; violent storms around Cape Horn, crowded, unsanitary accommodation below decks, and a food ration which was marginal at best. On November 16 they docked in Esquimalt harbour and as there was not a road connecting the two harbours in those days, they then took the Mail and Coal Transport Steamer *Emily Harris* to Victoria Harbour and the start of a new life on Vancouver's Island.

That winter, the Michells found jobs in Victoria as managers of the 'What Cheer House', a lodging house on Yates at Blanchard. This was later to become the site of the Dominion Hotel which still stands today. In the Spring of '63 Thomas prospected for gold on William's Creek in the Cariboo. He returned at freeze-up that Fall with enough gold in his poke to finance their next venture in Victoria, a store on Johnson Street, selling 'groceries and confectioneries'.

A second trip to the goldfields in early '64 panned out well for Thomas and in 1866 the Michells made the decision to settle in the district of South Saanich on the Peninsula and began acquiring land in the Keating Valley at the intersection of Telegraph Road (Island View Road) and East Saanich Road (Pat Bay Hwy). The

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Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery *continued*

original farmstead was in the valley below the hill at the end of the road leading to today's Island View Beach.

In the years that followed, the Michell family (of the sixteen children they had, only six reached adulthood) were well-respected members of the farming community. Thomas was the first to use a steam-powered thresher on Vancouver Island, and Margaret, in the days before there were professional nurses, was known as the 'Lady of the Valley', caring for the sick and the elderly. The Michells retired in 1904 and moved to Victoria to live with their daughter Emily, where Margaret died in 1912 and Thomas in 1916 at the age of 84.

DEATH OF MR. WM. TURGOOSE. —Mr. Wm. Turgoose, a resident farmer and stock man of South Saanich for many years, died at his farm at midnight Thursday of a complication of disorders. Mr. Turgoose was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and aged 55 years. Twenty-three years ago he was an owner in the famous Raby claim on William creek, and made a "pot" of money which he invested in farming land and stock. He leaves numerous connections and many friends on Saanich Peninsula, who sincerely mourn his departure. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

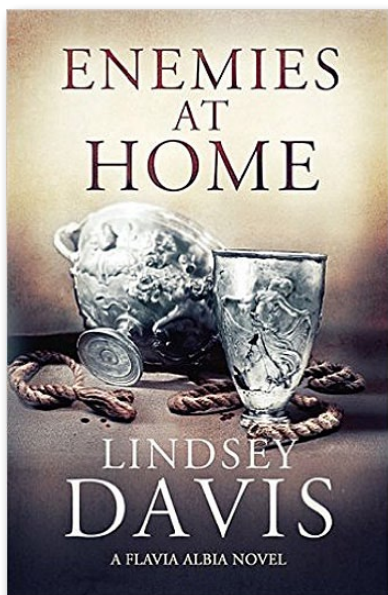
The January 4, 1885 edition of the Daily British Colonist newspaper carried this obituary for William Turgoose who died "of a complication of disorders" on Jan. 22, 1885. Turgoose had settled in South Saanich in 1865 on a 500 acre parcel purchased from Henry Tuzo which included the future village site of Saanichton, at the intersection of Mount Newton Crossroad and East Saanich Road. William married Emma Pope, daughter of Abraham and Sara Pope, pioneer members of St. Stephen's church.

Thomas Michell was amused to see that William Turgoose had made a "pot" of money from his Raby claim on Williams Creek in the Cariboo. Thomas had made his gold discovery there in '64 when he was digging a pit for an outhouse behind his cabin; you could say that he had been sitting on his pot of gold.

We thank Brad Morrison, a Michell family member and historian, for helping to make this story as factual as possible.

Book Review

by David Campbell

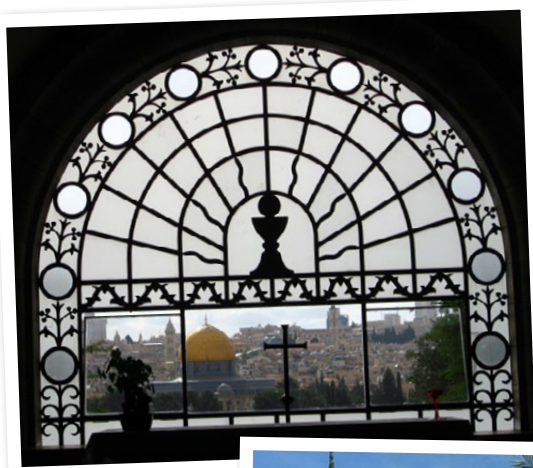


Enemies at Home by Lindsey Davis

Lindsey Davis is an English writer in her late sixties, author of a dozen novels set in Rome in the first and second centuries. The novels are in fact whodun-its, and the central character is an informer, a detective hired to solve a crime. In the first novels the informer is Marcus Didius Falco, competent and likable; in the later ones it is his daughter, Flavia Albia, equally competent and likable, a young woman working in a man's world.

In "Enemies at Home", published in 2014, the victims are a newly-married couple, robbed and strangled in their bed. Suspicion falls on the household slaves, wrongly on this occasion. Flavia works with a local magistrate, an aedile of the people, responsible for keeping law and order. They work well together, and finish by being in love. What might have been a grim story is told with gusto and humour. The reader is provided with two aids, a plan of central Rome and a list of the cast.

Visiting the Holy Land



View of the temple Mount from the Church of "Dominus Flevit"



Synagogue and ruins of Capernaum



Soldiers on guard in the Old City of Jerusalem

Dear friends,

As many of you know, I am currently away on my 3.5-month, 11-country trip which involves both ministry and touring/visiting friends and family. After two weeks elsewhere in Canada, I begin by serving in a chaplaincy role for a ten-day tour of the Holy Land (May 4-13) organized by the Bristol Theological Colleges (Bristol Baptist College and Trinity College [Anglican] where I helped out from 2012-2015). As this will be my sixth time in the Holy Land, I thought I would share with you some thoughts and photos from previous trips.



Here are some observations and reflections:

Jewish/Palestinian tensions

One obvious thing is the huge emphasis on security. In many places, there are armed Israeli soldiers (the fact that most appear to be teenagers is a little off-putting!) - from soldiers standing at the corners of streets in the Moslem quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem to a heavily-armed guard accompanying a Jewish school trip we encountered at an historic site. Because of all this, you feel very safe, though. However, the legitimate need for Israel to be secure has a downside - the humiliation of the Palestinians. On our public bus trip back into Israel from Bethlehem (West Bank), all the Palestinians had to disembark at the checkpoint at the wall to get their clearance but we did not - the soldiers came on the bus to check our documents. We would gladly have got off with them to be checked all together.

Israel is not a religious country, but secular

One of the biggest surprises to me the first time I went to Israel was its secular nature. Yes, there are a fair number of "religious" Jews but on one Kibbutz of 400 people that we visited, they could not even get the required ten Jewish males to support a synagogue. At the same time, there is a tremendous awareness that you are in a place of deep spiritual significance which is shown in so many ways.

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Marking the spot of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem

Ruins of Jeroboam's Temple at Dan



Model of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus

Visiting the Holy Land is an exposure to the universality of the Church

Moving on to the positive...a highlight of being in the Holy Land is encountering Christian Pilgrims and tourists from all over the world. While in the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem at the site of Jesus' birth there was a group from Jamaica off in a corner behind us quietly singing Christmas carols. As we celebrated communion in the church which commemorates Jesus' meeting the disciples by the Sea of Galilee after his resurrection (John 21) a group of Korean pilgrims quietly sang "Sing Halleluiah to the Lord" at the entrance – it was as if angels were accompanying us! Joining the thousands of pilgrims from every corner of the globe that walk the Via Dolorosa every Friday led by Franciscan monks in four languages is a most memorable experience.

The Bible story comes alive

Being in the actual sites where the events in the Bible took place sheds a whole new light on what was going on. For example, standing in front of the series of ruined pagan temples at Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am" (Mark 8:27-30) brings home the fact that Jesus' uniqueness was set against a background of considerable religious pluralism. Seeing the ruins of the temple Jeroboam set up in Dan to rival the temple in Jerusalem (1 Kings 12:25-30) illuminates the historical events in the Old Testament history books. Visiting the huge scale-model of Jerusalem in Jesus' day helps you understand more clearly the stories and events of the New Testament.

Other highlights

These would include walking down the Mount of Olives on the route Jesus took on Palm Sunday overlooking the Temple and then standing on the Temple Mount itself; enjoying the peace and serenity of the Galilean countryside and walking amongst the ruins of Capernaum by the shore of the Sea of Galilee; and being deeply moved by the visit to Yad Vashem (Holocaust memorial) in Jerusalem.



Church of the Holy Sepulchre



Temple and Shrines in the Grand Palace

Christian presence

One of the saddest experiences I had was visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (site of Jesus' crucifixion and burial). It is the most holy site in the world for Christians but it is fraught with tension between the six church groups that share it, giving witness to the tragic divisions of Christendom. This is offset by the countless Christian holy sites lovingly cared for, many of which have only been restored in recent years. A visit to Bethlehem Bible College last year exposed us to the amazing outreach work done by Palestinian Christians amongst their fellow nationals and it is encouraging to see the Anglican presence in Jerusalem through St. George's Cathedral (Palestinian) and Christ Church (Messianic Jewish).

Walking where Jesus walked

Finally, one of the most exciting things about being in the Holy Land is that you realize you are in the very places where Jesus walked. Some of the sites have been excavated to their first-century level and as you tread on the unrestored portions of stonework (e.g. the steps into the Temple) it is deeply moving to realize that they would have been stepped upon by Jesus himself! However, as I was meditating about this during one of our very meaningful Communion services, it dawned on me that now, by the Holy Spirit, we can have an encounter with Jesus which is far more intimate and personal than even those who were there to see him in the flesh in the first century. Plus, we can know his presence not only while in Jerusalem and the Holy Land but here, at home, every day. That was a most powerful revelation!



Thanks so much for your prayers for me during my time away - they will be especially helpful during my time in Ethiopia, June 17-July 7. I will be taking services at St. Matthew's Anglican church in Addis Ababa the four Sundays I am there and also teaching Anglican theological students at St. Frumentius' College in Gambella in the south-west from June 25-30 - do pray for stamina and wisdom as I seek to share how God has blessed Anglicanism and to help them see how they can best inculturate their new faith in their own context.

Yours in His service,

Brett

Around the Parish by Nancy (St. Mary's) & Margery (St. Stephen's)

After a seemingly endless winter here on the Peninsula, you would think that parishioners would be in hibernation. However, the many activities and events reported in this issue of Around the Parish, tells you otherwise. As we go to press, we finally have Spring!

News from the Parish

Brett Cane provided both churches with an eight week Lenten Bible Study series entitled: "The Psalms: Tools for Being and Becoming". Held on Tuesday evenings at St. Stephen's and at eleven on Wednesdays at St. Mary's, over 40 enjoyed listening, participating and even singing some of the Psalms (which were repeated at the following Sunday worship). See more on this in Ruth Hickling's Music Review.

We were again blessed to have **Bishop Bill Hockin** visit us. He and his wife Isabelle spend a few months in Victoria each year to escape some of the Fredericton winter, and Rob persuades him to lead us in a Parish Weekend discussion about a meaningful biblical topic. This year's was entitled, "When You Pray, Say Our Father in Heaven". Over 50 parishioners met in St. Stephen's Hall on Friday evening, March 31 and again on Saturday morning to hear him dissect this important prayer and give it new meaning. A tasty buffet lunch was provided by St. Stephen's. Bishop Hockin also gave the Sunday sermon at both churches on the same theme of the Lord's Prayer. A quote worth remembering (that originated with Rob - "Author! Author!") was: "If you're self sufficient, you're God deficient".

Rob spent a week on education leave in May. He stayed with the Hockins and visited with his mother and family. Rob and family will be taking a month's vacation in July, travelling in Christine's home country, Sweden.

Regional gatherings (Haro is one of five Regions in the Diocese) are held to prepare clergy, wardens, synod delegates and engaged members of the Diocese for upcoming Synod. This year's half day Conference took place at Holy Trinity church on Saturday May 27. It was facilitated by Bishop Logan McMenamie and Rob as Regional Dean. Parish attendees were **Derek Osman, Nancy Choat, David Stewart and Don Wilson**. We were asked how we can live out our vision over the coming year and to consider what God is calling us to do and be, leading up to and after Synod 2018.

On Sunday May 7, St. Mary's hosted a fund raising concert for the RAPID Team's sponsorship of our Syrian refugee family. Shady Mountain, a bluegrass band based at Shady Creek United Church, one of the seven churches in the RAPID Team, delighted an audience of over a hundred, including the **Kamalmaz family**. Ihsan gave a gracious thank you speech, and at the end of the concert many in the audience had a chance to chat with members of the family. The concert raised \$2,680, which will help to meet the final costs of sponsoring the family through to the end of June, when our commitment ends.

The challenge now is to plan for their accommodation after June. Although the family is registered on the BC Housing registry, the list has nothing suitable available in our area, and the waiting list is months and even years long! Arrangements have been made for the family to stay where they are for a while, but they can't afford to do that for long unless Ihsan gets full-time employment. Plans for that are in the works – stay tuned!

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Haro Regional Conference Held at Holy Trinity

Fund Raising Concert held at St. Mary's



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Parish Gardens



“One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth”

At St. Stephen’s, **Diana Abbott** is back on her trusty steed, mowing very straight lines. With all the rain we’ve had, she says you can almost see the grass growing! And **Don Wilson’s** garlic will soon be as high as an elephant’s eye. **Bob** and **Charlotte Nichols** returned from wintering in Florida and began work in the garden plots, replenishing the soil, planting dahlias and getting the veggie garden going. **Gary Stubbs**, **Richard West** and **Mike Dyer** take care of the grounds, especially the area outside the office entrance. It always looks bright and colourful. And it looked like there were some leeks growing among the flowers!

At St. Mary’s **Sue Smith** coordinates those who take care of the eight flower beds that surround the church, **Sue Atha**, **Sue Rumball**, **Sue Smith**, **Nancy Choat**, and **Karen McCole**. There are two beds still requiring a volunteer. And let us not forget **John Beresford** and **Carl Schwazer** who ride the lawn mower and cut the grass! Spring and fall clean up (gutter cleaning, window power washing, sweeping) are taken care of by a dedicated group, including **Derek Osman**, **Ken Pedlow** and **Roy Pullan**.

News from St. Mary’s



A damp Spring Fling

After much consideration, **Nancy Choat** decided to resign from her position of Rector’s Warden at St. Mary’s in May. The workload, in conjunction with the other ministries she enjoys, had become taxing. This will allow her to continue to serve in those other ministries more freely, like contributing to Around the Parish! Rev. Rob advises he will be looking to make an appointment in the near future. At press time, a replacement had not been announced.

This year’s Spring Fling at St. Mary’s took place on a rain soaked Saturday, May 13. Despite the continuous downpour, it didn’t “dampen” the spirits of the organizers, never mind those who purchased dry goods (no pun intended!), but also enjoyed the hot dogs, donuts and refreshments. Some gardeners bought colourful planters and perennials. The result was that more than \$2300 was raised, 10% of which goes toward St. Mary’s Outreach.

After 18 years as Treasurer for St. Mary’s, **David Cooper** officially retired! On Sunday February 26th, he was the recipient of some presents, cash and a heartfelt speech given by **Leslie Pedlow**. **John Smith** also presented David with an abacus (in case he requires assistance with future additions and subtractions!) In his acceptance speech, David said that the money would be put towards the new fence he’s putting up in his yard.

Lorry Harrison, our retired canon, celebrated his 93rd birthday on May 21st, appropriately a Sunday! Well planned, and congratulations, Lorry!

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Leslie's birthday cake



Bike rack installation by John Beresford and Carl Schwazer



Friday afternoon fun at St. Mary's

Not to be outdone by other parishioners celebrating significant birthdays, our very own **Leslie Pedlow** celebrated 60 years on Sunday April 9th. John Smith, accompanied by Cathy Quicke, sang a ditty, and a cake, balloons, a card and of course her favourite chai latte all contributed to the happy occasion. Leslie seemed surprised by all the attention, but it was indeed well deserved!

The parking lot now has a bicycle rack, thanks to the Ron Smith memorial fund. Ron, a former and well recognized attendee at St. Mary's for many years, used a bike as his mode of transportation. When he died, funds were left to St. Mary's in his name, some of which was used to purchase and install the bicycle rack near the Cooper Hall entrance. It's not only being used as a bike rack but some of the children have been seen using it to try out their acrobatic manoeuvres!

Thanks to a generous donation from **Diana Abbott**, (St. Stephen's), St. Mary's now is the proud owner of a kitchen wheeled cart, similar to the one used in the hall at St. Stephen's! Their cart is named Freddie the Wheeler. And thanks to Leslie's bizarre imagination, St. Mary's cart is called Ella Carte! Now all we have to do is train St. Mary's parishioners to put their empty coffee cups etc. on the cart instead of on the counter!

Thanks to **Cathy Quicke's** knack for finding hidden talent among the parishioners, she accompanied 'cellist **Geri Hinton** at the Sunday March 19 Service when she played Ave Verum by Mozart and As the Deer by Nostrum. Thank you Geri for contributing to our ever growing Music Ministry.

The British Columbia Choral Federation (BCCF) hosts an annual gathering of choralists from across the province working with leaders of the choral world. This year, Victoria hosted Chorfest to celebrate Canada's 150th with a stellar cast of conductors and over 350 singers performing in four different choirs over the May holiday weekend. **John** and **Sue Smith** and Cathy and Bob Quicke's son, **Sean** participated (not just as a singer but also as a conductor!)

Derek Osman has provided the latest news about a Sunday School "happening" at St. Mary's. What began as some home-schooled families gathering on Friday afternoons for socialization has morphed into the embryo of a Sunday School for St. Mary's. Yes, the Friday afternoon sessions are still very active - with members of the congregation dropping in to have fun with the kids. They are, by all accounts, very well-mannered and well-spoken and enjoy board games, street hockey in the parking lot or whatever. Now some of those families have started to join us for Sunday worship services too. Thanks to **Irene Feir** who has led the Sunday School. Holly and Danielle are two of the parents who home school their children and have encouraged the formation of this Friday group. They and their children also attend St. Mary's Sunday services. At the time of publication, **Heather Geddes** and **Betty Osman** have also contributed.

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Stephen Denroche, a long-time St. Mary's parishioner, past warden and faithful supporter of Marjorie's many church activities, died on March 11th. A service and reception were held on April 4th.

St Mary's Bursary

Each year, St. Mary's offers a \$1,000 bursary to a qualified Indigenous graduate of Stelly's High School. This year's recipient is **Liam Paul**, a member of Tsartlip First Nation. Liam will commence studies in Computer Sciences in September, either at UVic or Camosun College. Liam's father, Chris Paul, is a well-known native artist. Although Liam's first love is computer sciences and digital media, he works out at the Boulder's Climbing gym at Stellys and is a member of Stelly's Climbing Academy. Nancy Choat will make the presentation at the Stelly's Awards Ceremony on June 29th. Liam will receive the \$1000 cheque next year after successfully completing his first year of studies and being enrolled in a second year. The recipient of this year's \$1,000 is **Isabella Kennedy** and St. Mary's looks forward to presenting her with the cheque on Indigenous Sunday, June 18.

News from St. Stephen's



The parish was pleased to announce the hiring of **Bob Quicke**, Cathy's husband, as Secretary for St. Stephen's. Cathy is the Music Director for St. Mary's. Welcome aboard, Bob. Bob is one of those many talented people who you will find putting in time assisting with various jobs at both churches. A great asset.

Sandy Ormiston, a long time parishioner at St. Stephens passed away following a long illness. **Elsie Marshall's** dear husband passed away April 20, also after a lengthy illness.

Surprise! **Richard West** and **Patti Bey** announced they had been "secretly" married at St. Stephens on Valentine's Day in an intimate ceremony, with Rob officiating. They will host a celebration with family and friends at a later date. And one more surprise item – **Dave** and **Maryanne Shields** ... apparently these crazy kids eloped on a cruise ship, and plan to have a ceremony at St. Stephen's soon. We extend congratulations to each of the newly-weds.

Soups-On



Soups On is the very successful and much talked about weekly Outreach lunch program where two different homemade soups, homemade bread, and dessert are provided to those who drop in. It has continued to be blessed and now averages over forty guests each Friday. Elsie, one of the original cooks has had to take some time off so Diana, Terry and Gerry have jumped into the breach and make excellent soups for the appreciative guests. Valerie, from Holy Trinity, continues to bake delicious bread and desserts are generously provided by some talented cooks in our midst namely Eva, Josie, Jackie, Gerry (Holy Trinity). and the kind ladies from St. Mary's. The cooks in the kitchen along with the servers work hard but obviously enjoy what they do. Soups On's last day was Friday, May 26 and will hope to continue in the fall. We give heartfelt

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gratitude to Mike Dyer who faithfully sets up the tables and chairs each Friday, and to Mark Perkins who is always a willing “remover of chairs and tables” when cleaning up. And of course the flowers on the tables are thanks to Gerry.

Pre-School continues in the hall until June, always full of happy, fun loving, energetic little ones under Madeleine’s admirable leadership.

Terry Hartley has been very busy setting up the apartment for Desta, the latest refugee from Ethiopia (see Sandra Scarth’s article). Terry was also seen helping with the clean up at St Mary’s Spring Fling (as if working on Soups On every Friday doesn’t keep her busy enough!).

Helping Desta and Mekdes to reunite in Canada

The following, submitted by Sandra Scarth, is about an ongoing outreach event that is important for all parishioners to know about.

St. Stephen’s **Nichola Wade**, **Terry Hartley** and **Sandra Scarth** (Lynda Clifford has offered to help, but is not formally on the team as yet), together with Christ Community Church are working together to reunite Desta and Mekdes in Canada. Desta from Eritrea, and Mekdes from Ethiopia, met as refugees at a Christian church in Israel. They married and have a daughter Bitania who turned five in December 2016. Desta and Mekdes had 3-month-renewable temporary visas that in principle do not allow them to work, but they had to work anyway but without the normal social safety net. In spring 2014 Desta was deported from Israel back to Ethiopia where he lived first in a refugee camp and then on a UNHCR permit allowing him to live in Addis Ababa. Mekdes supported herself by cleaning houses and working in a dress shop.



Welcoming Desta at the airport

Desta arrived in Canada on March 23rd and moved temporarily to the home of one of our group members who had previously supported a young man from Eritrea. He came over to welcome Desta and brought a friend. What a surprise for all to find that Desta knew the friend from school in Eritrea! The two took Desta out for coffee and showed him around Victoria. Since then, Desta has been moving from one sponsor’s home to another while we wait for Mekdes and Bitania to arrive. They will come on what is called a “one year window” for family members, but we were warned that this process could take well over a year. We advocated to have cases of separated families treated on an expedited basis, and have been told recently that Mekdes and Bitania may come quite soon. We have therefore rented an apartment effective June 1st in the home of one of our sponsors from Christ Community Church.



Cameron Schwabe, of Christ Community Church, and Desta

Currently Desta is taking ESL classes at Camosun College to improve his high school English for employment purposes. He manages well in English, but finds some of us hard to understand, as we tend to speak very quickly. He is exploring Victoria by bus and anxiously awaiting the arrival of Mekdes. They plan to rebuild their lives in Canada and bring up their little girl in peace here.

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Pastoral Care

Cheryl Shoesmith suffered a back injury from a fall which resulted in surgery; she is at home now and on the path to recovery. And what a surprise to see her mobile (without any aid) at the May 19th Soups On. She was there with **Gil**, whose surgery has been delayed yet again due to health issues. **Jen Buscall**, after some spells in the hospital with respiratory problems, has decided to resign from her position as Treasurer of St Stephen's at the end of the year to concentrate on good health. Thank you, Jen for your years of service.

New Parishioners: **Holly Branson** and her children **Luciana**, **Jacob** and **Gabriella** have joined St. Mary's and **Carol Forster** is now a member of St Stephen's. A warm welcome to each and every one of you!

Baby News!

A new baby for **Rachel McMenemy** – Bridey, a sister for Atlas and Aonghas and only second granddaughter (of 12 grandchildren) for the McMenemy's, arrived last month. Bishop Logan will be baptizing his granddaughter on Sunday July 16 at St. Mary's.

Parish Travelers

Jane and **Paul Hughes** spent Easter in the U.K. and **Lynda Clifford** was also in the UK in May. **Carol** and **Dennis Watkins** enjoyed a wonderful two and a half week cruise in the Japanese Islands, where the blossoms were at their peak, coming home via Alaska. Starting in April, **Brett Cane** left for a three month tour that takes him to many corners of the world, including Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Istanbul, Romania, Ethiopia, Germany, Switzerland and the British Isles (not necessarily in that order!). Part of this trip will be spent with a group from Trinity University, Bristol, England. **Greg** and **Christine Robinson** had a Mexican vacation and Greg joined Brett in Tel Aviv for nine days of touring with Brett's group in May. Apparently, Greg got to shake the hand of the Archbishop of Canterbury. WOW! Now, that's news! Greg and Brett stayed at the same convent as Father Michael and Renske Averyt (former St. Mary's rector) in Jerusalem. Talk about a chance meeting! Due to her brother's passing, **Maureen McGuire** (St. Mary's) spent time in Kingston with family. **Len** and **Lynn Fallan** are off in early June for a month's holiday, touring Denmark, then doing a Baltic Cruise which covers Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, St. Petersburg, Helsinki and Stockholm, followed by a tour of Norway and then to Normandy and Paris for a week. Wow! They'll be back just in time to help out with the Wine Festival (July 15 at St. Stephen's). **David Cooper** is travelling across Canada in a new to him camper van, having left in mid-May. His son, **Philip**, and **Geri Hinton** are accompanying him at various points along the way. Their stops include places in Ontario and Halifax to visit friends and relatives. David's destination is the Crow's Nest in Newfoundland. You'll have to ask him what that's all about!



Greg Robinson and Brett Cane with the Archbishop of Canterbury

From the Editors

Another deadline met, another Issue! We are delighted with the material provided by our faithful contributors: Rob for his challenging message; Ruth for the Music Review; David for his Cemetery Stories and also this time for his Recipe; Brett for Cane's Corner (and the accompanying pictures); and newcomer/oldtimer David Campbell for his Book Review. Around the Parish has taken on a life of its own under the guidance of Nancy Choat and Margery Lord, with contributions from several parishioners, and some great pictures from Len Fallan and others. The pictures accompanying the Parishioner Profile of Ken Brind are mostly from his own stunning collection. Then John Beresford puts the icing on the cake by cobbling it all together and finding suitable images to beautify the production. Thanks to you all for another great Issue. Enjoy!

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