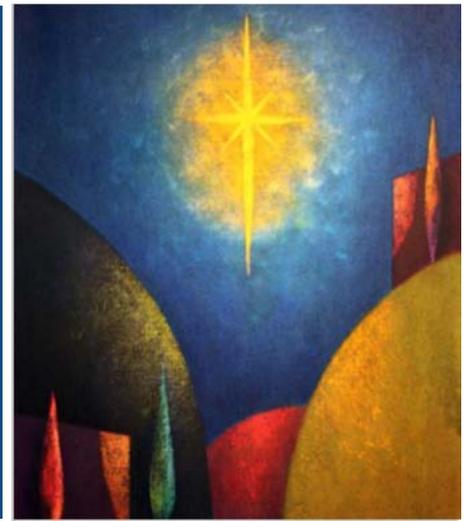


Cathedral CORNERSTONE



ADVENT/CHRISTMASTIDE - DECEMBER - JANUARY 2019/2020



Visions of a Cathedral Christmas

The end of our calendar year is near, and the beginning of a new liturgical year - the Advent season of waiting and wonder - is upon us. I feel truly blessed to be celebrating this special time with the Cathedral congregation. And in 2020, the Cathedral building will be 110 years old! The Cathedral congregation will also be envisioning the future through a project known as “20/20,” shaping the Cathedral and its position in the community and Diocese.

While reflecting on this and researching the history of the Cathedral, I stumbled across an inspiring letter written by Bishop Hibbert Binney at Christmastide in 1872. Binney was a Tractarian from the Oxford Movement, and for him the sacramental life of the church was key to the religious well-being of the Diocese. His letter petitioned members of the “Church of England in the Diocese of Nova Scotia” to support his vision of building a Cathedral Church.

He expressed his disappointment in the initial response, noting that he thought that “...the hearts of

Churchmen would have been stirred within them, and that zealous men would have been anxious to erect, to the Glory of God, a building for public worship in harmony at least, with the most advanced structures appropriated to secular purposes...” My heart was with him as I read this this. Great things can be accomplished only when we work together, have faith in God, and give freely of what we have.

God gave his only begotten son - the Divine became incarnate on Christmas day. The Cathedral now stands as a testimony to our love of Christ. Binney felt that “...there ought to be in every Diocese one Central Church, testifying to the love of the people for the House of God”, and urged his Diocese “to make this house of Prayer worthy of the purpose for which it is designed...”

Binney would die five years after writing this letter and wouldn't see his vision realized during his time on earth. But his dream of a Cathedral wasn't forgotten and would come to fruition 28 years

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later on September 3rd 1910, with Bishop Worrell officiating the opening ceremony. Imagine what that first Christmas in the new Cathedral was like, three months later!

The Cathedral has long been a sacred place, where members and visitors have prayed, wondered and waited for Christmas. It has offered shelter, warmth and light during times of trial; hurricane Dorian being a recent example. It has also been itself a victim of storm and natural powers – and has risen again in its present glorious form.

So, during this time of waiting, pause on your way to the altar to take a look at Bishop Binney's grand Cathedra chair, which graces the top right, hand side of our chancel, and reflect on his vision. Our spiritual home is more than just a building; it is a sacred space where we can all offer our love to God. In this Advent season, it becomes a metaphor of the stable, where Christ, come down to live among us, is made incarnate.

-By the Rev'd Taunya J. Dawson

Evangelism

A recent issue of Modern Believing (vol.60, 3, 2019) focuses on "Reclaiming Evangelism" from fundamentalism and literalism in a series of articles critiquing past efforts of addressing declining membership and concern about the future of the institutional church. The emphasis on developing programs with a contemporary flair have proven ineffective to the neglect of proclaiming the relevance of Jesus' teachings in the modern world.

The first step is to ask young people and lapsed Anglicans why they are not attending church. The second is to re-imagine a new set of metaphors to reflect the reality of everyday contemporary living in a globalized and secular world. As a part of Christian mission the church is involved in many "good works", but one has to wonder how many people associate these efforts

as a response to Jesus' teaching to "Love God and your neighbour".

The church tries hard but perhaps what is needed is more individual one-on-one contact where each of our lives become a daily witness to the world. Organizations and institutions are necessary to deliver big programs, but face-to-face contact in the name of Jesus is a powerful demonstration of what constitutes being a Christian.

In one article, the Rev. Mark Waters, a priest in the Diocese of Sheffield suggests that as individuals we need to go out from the church and be unashamedly free to be Christ in the world. He suggests that the dismissal at the end of the Eucharist, "Go in Peace", should be "Go in Pieces"! He quotes the poet Padraig O Tuama:

*The task is ended, go in pieces.
Our faith has been rear-ended, certainly amended,
and something might be rendered that we didn't know was torn.
And we are fire, always bright burning fire,
emptying ourselves into the bell
in which we'll find our loving and beloved brother,
mother, sister, father, friend.
And so friends, the mass is ended.
Go in pieces, to see and to feel your world.*

-Rev. Canon John Smith
November, 2019

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Pageant Rehearsal and Greening of the Cathedral December 21st at 10am



The Christmas Pageant is upon us! This year the 9 am and 10.30 services are combining for one 10 am service on **DEC. 22** so children from both the 9 and 10.30 services may participate.

REHEARSAL is Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 am. Please make it if you can, particularly if your child would like a mainstage role. We are more than happy to place last minute sheep and angels. elissa.barnard@gmail.com

Please join us at 10 am to decorate the Cathedral. We are counting on an influx of children and parents from our 9 am service along with our veteran crew who will be happy to have help around the greenery. Refreshments will be provided so please join us for a fun time and opportunity to meet others members of our Cathedral home. Don't forget the sign up sheet down by the font. Thank You! margy.rawdon@bellaliant.net

Christmas Memorials

For inclusion in our Christmas bulletins, memorials must be received by Monday, December 16th. Thank you for your cooperation.



Education – a life changing gift!

It was a pleasure to welcome to the Cathedral on the Reign of Christ the King Sunday, **Nancy Henry** and **Betsy Baillie**, two of the amazing Kings “Grannies” who are paired with “Grannies” in Kikima, Kenya. In turn, Nancy and Betsy felt very welcomed and were thrilled to be with us at two services, appreciating both, and enjoying the Cathedral choir. They extend thanks for their warm Cathedral welcome and the wish that the Prince of Peace be with us this Christmas season.

The Kikima Grannies are raising their orphaned grandchildren, orphaned because HIV/AIDs has claimed their parents. The King's Grannies are making a better future possible for these Kikima children and Grannies, with lots of support from communities locally and further afield. If we needed a reminder on the Reign of Christ the King Sunday of what kind of kingdom Christ holds out to us, Nancy and Betsy's story told it all.

For 11 years Nancy, Betsy, and their Kings Grannies colleagues have been raising money to help the village of Kikima, the children, and the Grannies not just survive, but, ultimately, thrive. First, by addressing the food insecurity reality (crop failure because of drought, so food delivery, followed by the building of a water reservoir for irrigation in the fields and water tanks to capture the rain for drinking, cooking, and cleaning), then by enhancing nutrition with the gift of goats. Once the basic need of food was taken care of, money could be freed to ensure that the children had the required school uniforms, supplies, and tuition to attend school. Education is the priority, because seeing children and youth educated through to high school and post-secondary ensures a future not only for the young people, but the whole community.

The Anglican Church Women Board for our diocese is pleased to have “adopted” the Kings Grannies, and, by extension, the Kikima Grannies, starting in May 2019 to the end of April 2020, with the Project, ***Education – a life changing gift!*** The plan is to bring in enough funds from the parishes in the diocese and individuals to see that 5 youth can attend a post-secondary institution, starting in the fall of 2020. This is the priority identified in Kikima. We look forward to presenting a generous cheque to the King's Kikima Grannies in May or June 2020. Every donation of whatever size is welcome.

Help make this post-secondary educational opportunity possible. Contributions are tax deduct-



ible when directed (cheques payable) to the **Anglican Church Women (ACW) Board**, with **Annual Project** in the memo line of the cheque. There are envelopes at the entries to the Cathedral for your cheque or cash to be inserted and then placed on the collection plate at any of the services. Sarah in the Cathedral Office has been alerted and will see that your contribution is directed to the ACW Board Office. Thank you to those who have already made a contribution – we appreciate that there are others who want to do so. A contribution makes a great Christmas gift for someone!

Certainly the **Kings Kikima Grannies** are evidence of what anthropologist, Margaret Mead, so accurately stated many years ago: *“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”* Nancy and Betsy closed their presentation with that quote, but I would like to add another one of Margaret Mead’s to characterize the Cathedral congregation and its response to *Education - a life changing gift!*: *“Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.”* Amen to that!

-Cynthia Pilichos



2019-2020 Project
Education – a life changing gift!

Anglican Church Women Board,
Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Anglicans in our diocese will be supporting Grannies in Kikima, Kenya by providing funds for 5 Kikima grandchildren to attend university/college.

Education – a life changing gift!

The Kikima Grannies are raising their grandchildren, orphaned because of HIV/AIDS, and over the past 11 years have been helped by grannies in Kings County, NS.



Please make cheques payable to Anglican Church Women Board, Annual Project noted in memo line. Mail to:
Anglican Church Women Board
Anglican Diocesan Centre
1340 Cathedral Lane, Halifax, NS B3H 2Z1
The board will be accepting donations for this project until April 2020.

Rejoice in the Lord Always... people - look East



After the Resurrection of Christ. Followers and leaders of the Gospels developed a Christian calendar. The primitive Church of God expected our Lord to return in a short time of waiting. The calendar was a way to offer a pattern of events for believers.

It is this early church, possibly in Gaul and Spain where the church made the season of Advent. Most church historians suggest that Advent was at first a preparatory time, a kind of catechism for those who wanted to be baptised in another part of the calendar, called Epiphany.

For over fifteen hundred years the Church's use of the Advent season featured some penance, some levity, some special customs and practices, and in the catholic tradition Europe, the British Isles, and Asia, a vast creation of music and drama.

Our manger scene (the crèche), and our pageants owe much to the monastic and convent customs in villages and cities ten centuries earlier.

Nowadays our Advent season offers special services of worship, music for the season, special food recipes, and visual aids to promote the Christian message that a Saviour, Christ the King, soon comes among us all.

Old and New Testament books in the Bible provide verses, psalms, prophecies, and narrative to build Advent themes. There are many different kinds of Advent candles; they are part of the local customs in different countries. The four Sundays before Christmas Eve and Day promote the symbols of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and the Four Last Things, Death, Judgement, Heaven

and Hell; all as the Christian's wait for Christ return: "until his coming again."

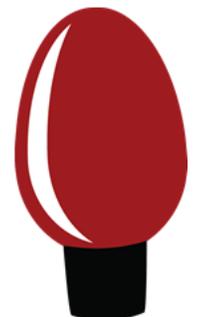
Perhaps the most powerful signs of the wonder and cosmic force in Advent still appears in the human condition of love; such love that is found in the magnificent abundance of persons who joyfully, happily, completely, their time and talents to attend to so many different circumstances that are present in our world.

"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand." - Dr. Suess

-Kent Doe

Parade of Lights Hot Chocolate Booth

With the assistance of a very merry band of helpers, this annual event proved to be yet another success!



Vision & Mission Review Process

On Saturday, November 16th, Congregational Council held a retreat at St. James in Herring Cove. The purpose of the meeting was to review our foundational statements.



View from St. James Parish Hall

In advance of the retreat, Council received extensive comments from members of the Cathedral community. All comments were read and they were very helpful in our deliberations.

Council is presently reviewing a refreshed Mission and Vision statements and will be discussing this at our further at our December meeting.

Early in the new year we will seek addition input from the Cathedral community, both on the revised foundational statements, and on how we, as a Cathedral community, can bring these to life. A broader process overview and session report will be provided shortly.

Thank you to Ramona Lumpkin for facilitating our retreat and to St. James for providing us with a quiet home for our retreat.

Finally, thank you to those who took time to share their insights and wisdom.

Andrew Black
Cathedral Warden

Please note: if you would like a summary of the feedback Council received in advance of the retreat, please contact Sarah in the Cathedral Office.

From the Register

Burials

The Reverend David Dellapinna

Ruth Ballah Memorial Bible Quiz #8

1. What three objects are mentioned by Jesus as part of his coming again to Judge the world?
2. What message does Jesus repeat when he teaches about His coming again to Judge the world?
3. What condition of our lives does St. Paul teach that fulfills the Law?
4. What does St. Paul teach about the purpose of Holy Scripture?
5. What prophet does Jesus quote in His teaching about John the Baptist?
6. What is the sign used by the Jews when God passes over the land of Egypt?
7. In the scriptures, John's Gospel, Jesus answers the question "What must we do to be doing the works of God?" What is our Lord's answer?
8. Who is the prophet whose verses are used to develop the Advent theme of Peace on earth?
9. In Christmastide days, we remember the first Martyr recorded in scripture, who believed Christ as Saviour; what is his name?
10. Name four of the main characters often represented in pageants, in musical stories, and in carols and murals?

Answers on page 7

Parking News

Many visitors to the Cathedral and Anglican Diocesan Center have noticed our new fire lane signage. While we appreciate this is inconvenient to some, the priority of maintaining access for emergency vehicles to the Cathedral takes precedence over the convenience of the few cars the circular driveway can safely accommodate.



In an effort to help make parking available to those visiting the Cathedral or Anglican Diocesan Center during the week, we now ask that prior to your visit, you obtain a temporary parking pass to display in your vehicle. Janice Roby, at the Diocesan reception desk will be happy to provide you with one. This parking pass will ensure you do not receive a warning or ticket. Thank you for your cooperation.



Services for Advent & Christmas

Sunday, December 1 *Advent 1*

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 8 *Advent 2*

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist

4pm Advent Procession with Carols

Sunday, December 15 *Advent 3*

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 22 *Advent 4*

8am Holy Eucharist

10am Children's Pageant

Tuesday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

4pm Christmas Celebration

7pm Holy Eucharist with Holy Eucharist

11pm Holy Eucharist preceded by music for brass and organ at 10:30pm

Wednesday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 29 *First Sunday after Christmas*

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist

4pm A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, January 1 *New Year's Day*

10am Holy Eucharist followed by the Bishop's Levée until 1pm



Bible Quiz Answers

1. The sun, the moon and the stars. *Luke 21:25*
2. No one knows the time. *Matthew 24: 36-44*
3. Love. *Romans 13:8*
4. Hope. *Romans 15:4*
5. Malachi. *Malachi 3:1, Matthew 11:10*
6. Blood of a lamb on the Jewish families doors. *Exodus 12:7*
7. "That you believe in him whom he has sent." *John 6: 29*
8. Micah. *Micah 4:1ff*
9. Stephen. *Acts 7: 55-60*
10. Jesus, Mary, Innkeeper, shepherds, wise men (Magi), the Infant Jesus, King Herod, Gabriel and angels.

Your 10:30am Greeters for December & January

December

Ken Dauphinee

Geraldine May

Louise Stringer Warren

Jim Warren

January

Susan Tripp

Brian Cuthbertson

Ruth Holloway

Nancy Richards



The High Altar on Remembrance Sunday.

Children's Page



Silent Night



"Silent Night" was originally written in German in 1816 but has since been translated into about 140 languages. Recorded by artists from every genre of music, it was sung in French, English and German by the troops on the front line during the WWI Christmas truce of 1914.

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SILENT NIGHT
HOLY NIGHT
ALL IS CALM
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HOLY INFANT
SO TENDER
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