



THE LAMP



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119)

PBSC TORONTO BRANCH LENTEN QUIET DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011

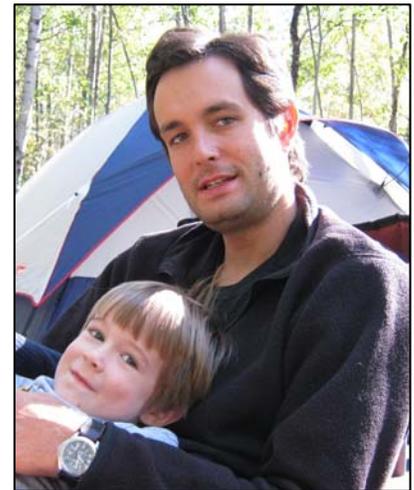
Theme: "The Way of our Redemption: Reflections on Holy Week"

***Leader: The Revd. Gethin Edward
Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Tisdale, Saskatchewan***

The Revd. Gethin Edward was born and grew up on P.E.I., and was educated at the University of King's College in Halifax and Wycliffe College, Toronto. In 1999 he was married to his wife Meg. They have three boys. He was ordained deacon in the diocese of Fredericton, in 2007, and priested after moving to the diocese of Saskatchewan in 2010. A lifelong Anglican and supporter of the Prayer Book, he enjoys camping and travelling with his family, music, cooking and (since November) extreme winter weather, though spring will be a welcome sight!

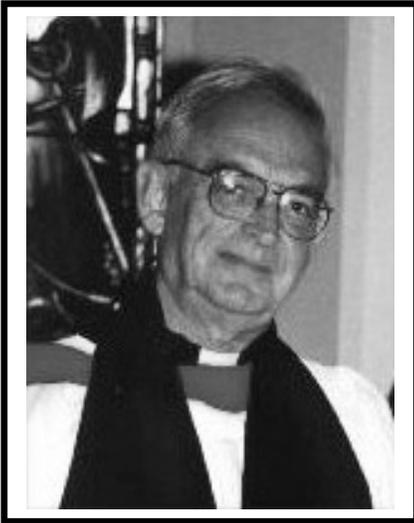
Schedule for the day:

9:30 AM Morning Prayer (parish service)
10:00 AM Holy Communion (parish service)
10:30 AM Coffee and welcome
10:45 AM ***First talk: "The Bridegroom Cometh": Palm Sunday***
11:30 AM Period of silent reflection
12:15 PM Lunch
1:15 PM ***Second talk: "A New Commandment": Maundy Thursday***
2:00 PM Period of silent reflection
2:45 PM Coffee break
3:00 PM ***Third talk: "With Him in Paradise": Good Friday***
3:45 PM Wrap-up
4:00 PM At the conclusion of the day, participants are invited to attend a ***sung service of Holy Communion*** in St. Thomas's Church, in commemoration of the life of the Revd. Dr. Robert Crouse, Honorary President of the PBSC (see page 2)



*Revd. Gethin Edward
with his son Crispin*

The Quiet Day will be held at **St. Thomas's Church, 383 Huron Street, Toronto**. St. Thomas's is located a short walk south of Bloor Street, midway between the St. George and Spadina subway stops. A voluntary contribution of \$10.00 is suggested to cover lunch and refreshment breaks, but you are welcome to pay what you can. Please notify Diana Versegby (416-739-4422) if you plan to attend, if possible by March 28 in order to help us plan for the catering.



In Memoriam: Revd. Dr. Robert Crouse

PBSC members across the country were saddened to hear of the death of the Revd. Dr. Robert Crouse on January 15, at his home in Nova Scotia. He was 80 years old. Dr. Crouse was an internationally recognized theologian and a gifted writer and preacher. He taught classics at King's College, Halifax, and was instrumental in the spiritual formation of many young Anglicans. He was a strong and eloquent proponent of the Prayer Book, and was for many years Honorary President of the PBSC.

A memorial service of sung Holy Communion will be held at St. Thomas's Church, 383 Huron St., Toronto, on Saturday, April 2 at 4:00 PM. The event is being jointly organized by the PBSC Toronto Branch, St. Thomas's and Trinity College. All are invited to attend.

CRANMER CONFERENCES 2011

This year, plans are underway for not one but two Cranmer Conferences in Ontario! One will be held on the weekend of June 17-19 at St. George's Church in London, Ontario. The main speaker will be the Revd. Gordon Maitland, Director of Christian Studies at Canterbury College, Windsor. Contact: Diana Verseghy, diana.verseghy@sympatico.ca. The other is planned for the weekend of August 26-28 at St. John's Church, North Bay. The main speaker will be the Rt. Revd. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma. Contact: Kayla Krasnor, kayla@krasnor.ca. Young people aged 20-30 are invited to attend either or both events! Further details will be posted soon on the conference website: www.cranmer.ca.



Bp. Stephen Andrews



Revd Gordon Maitland

BIBLE EXHIBIT OPENS

To mark the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the King James Bible, one of the most influential books in the English-speaking world, the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto has mounted a special exhibit, constituting a celebration of the Bible in English in its many and varied forms from the Middle Ages to the present day. As the library's website notes, "great and manifold" have been the ways in which the English Scriptures have appeared for almost half a millennium now – and not only the Church, but the home, law courts, theatre, and literature are the beneficiaries. The exhibit runs until June 3.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON THE KING JAMES BIBLE

(2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, which first appeared in print on May 2, 1611. King James I of England commissioned a gathering of the greatest religious scholars and linguists of the day to come up with a new, accurate and dignified translation of the Bible. Over 100 scholars in England and abroad were involved in the project for a period of seven years. It remained the definitive translation in English right up to the beginning of the 20th century, and is still widely used today. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, had this to say about it in his 2011 New Year's Day message.)

Perhaps someone some time has said to you that you shouldn't hide your light under a bushel. Or told you to set your house in order. Maybe you only survived a certain situation by the skin of your teeth. Perhaps it's time you listened to the still small voice within.

All those everyday phrases come from one source – a book whose four hundredth anniversary we celebrate this coming year, the King James Bible – or the Authorised Version as it's sometimes called. It wasn't the first Bible in English by any means. But for all sorts of reasons it got into the bloodstream of the people of this country.

The language it was written in wasn't ever quite the sort of language people spoke in their daily lives, even four hundred years ago. But its rhythms are exceptionally memorable, and its stories can still move and even shock us.

Things move on but it's good for us to have some long-lasting furniture in our minds, words and images that have something a bit mysterious about them and that carry important experiences for us that we can't find words of our own for. And when we try to make sense of our lives and of who we really are, it helps to have a strongly-defined story, a big picture of some kind in the background. As the King James Bible took hold of the imaginations of millions of people in the English-speaking world, it gave them just that – a big picture, a story in which their lives made sense.

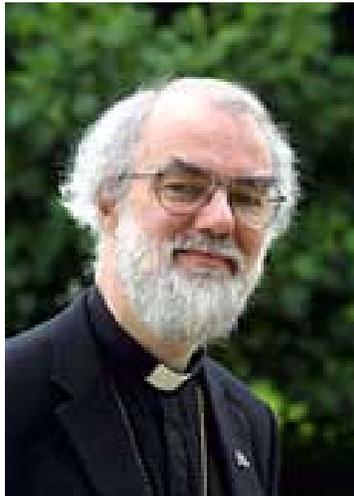
It was the story of a world broken and out of control – but still a world God loved fiercely; the story of God promising to be there for the people he had made, in good times and bad; of his promise being kept in the most dramatic way you could think of, when God himself lives a human life in Jesus Christ. And woven into all this were the records of how individuals – very like us in their confusions and failings – had got caught up in this great story of God's promises, and how it had changed them. So reading the King James Bible told you that your life story was set within the biggest of pictures, the story of the whole universe.

Four hundred years on, that can feel quite remote. You may be the sort of person who feels that you can make sense of your own story in your own terms. Or you may feel that there's only one big story and that's about money and whether I've got a job tomorrow or whether my children can afford higher education.

But the trouble is that we so often don't have the kind of big picture that simply tells us that we matter, never mind what happens, that tells us there is something quite outside ourselves that can eventually make sense of things – even if, like some of the writers of the Bible, specially the Psalms, there are moments where all we can do is shout out in protest.

Whether you're a Christian or belong to another religion or whether you have nothing you'd want to call a religion at all, some kind of big picture matters. If we're going to talk about a "big society", that'll need a big picture, a picture of what human beings are really like and why they're so unique and precious. This year's anniversary is a chance to stop and think about the big picture – and to celebrate the astonishing contribution made by that book four hundred years ago.

May the New Year be a time to discover something of this vision in your life; a time to discover more of the meaning of another of the King James Bible's great words – the "loving-kindness" we all need to give and to receive. A very happy New Year to you all.



*Rowan Williams
Archbishop of Canterbury*

ONTARIO REGIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER, APRIL-JUNE

(Over the coming months, please remember the following parishes in your prayers. You might consider using for this purpose one of Prayer #8 or #9, found on pages 43 and 44 of the Book of Common Prayer, or the prayer "For the Parish" found on page 736.)

APR.	3	<i>Lent IV</i>	St. Luke's Church, Brantford
	10	<i>Lent V</i>	St. John's Church, North Bay
	17	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	St. Olave's Church, Toronto
	24	<i>Easter</i>	Parishes of PBSC members outside of Ontario
MAY	1	<i>Easter I</i>	St. Paul's Church, Kanyengeh, Six Nations Reserve
	8	<i>Easter II</i>	St. George's Church, Hamilton
	15	<i>Easter III</i>	St. Mary's Church, Walkerville (Windsor)
	22	<i>Easter IV</i>	St. Luke's Church, Broughdale (London)
JUNE	29	<i>Rogation</i>	St. Bartholemew's Church, Toronto
	5	<i>After Ascension</i>	St. James' Church, Humber Bay (Toronto)
	12	<i>Whitsunday</i>	Parishes in the ACNA
	19	<i>Trinity</i>	St. George's Church, Lowville
	26	<i>Trinity I</i>	St. Brice's Church, North Bay

The Prayer Book Society of Canada was founded in 1986 by Anglicans who were alarmed at the erosion of classical Anglican doctrine, worship and spirituality that was proceeding alongside the adoption of new liturgies. The Society's aim is briefly to support the continuing use of the Prayer Book for all who value it as their preferred medium of worship, preserving as it does faithfulness to Holy Scripture and adherence to the orthodox Anglican doctrine of the Christian faith. The Mission Statement of the Society, adopted in 1995, is: "To promote the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer as a scriptural system of nurture for life in Christ".

The Society operates on two levels: the national level and the branch level. The National Council is responsible for setting policy and direction for the Society, and for overseeing activities with a national scope. All branch presidents are *ex officio* members of the National Council. The branches are individually responsible for organizing local activities and initiatives in their own geographical areas, in support of the aims and objectives of the Society.

The Ontario Council of PBSC Branches is an informal coalition of branches in southern Ontario, formed in 1994. It serves as a forum for the planning of joint activities, and provides a network of support for the branches. It publishes this newsmagazine, "**The Lamp**", which appears quarterly in the months of March, June, September and December. Opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily those of the Society as a whole. Contributions of articles and news items are

welcome, and should be sent to the editor (see opposite).

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