



THE LAMP



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

PBSC TORONTO BRANCH FALL EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

**at St. Bartholomew's Church
509 Dundas St. E., Toronto**

Theme: "The Roots of Our Prayer Book"
***An exploration of the background and
ethos of the Book of Common Prayer***

Leader: The Revd. Christopher Snow
Rector of Grace Church, Milton

***Address at 2:30 PM, followed by refreshments
and sung Evensong at 4:00 PM***



Revd. Christopher Snow

Fr. Chris was born at St John's in 1960. His father served in the RCAF, and during his childhood the family moved from St John's to Halifax to Metz, France, and then to Toronto, where he attended high school and then Trinity College at the University of Toronto. He earned the degrees of B.A. in English Literature and History, B.Ed in High School methods in English and History, and finally M.Div in 1988.

Ordained as deacon in June 1988 and priest in December 1988, Fr Chris has served in the Parish of Catalina (a four-point outpost parish on Newfoundland's northeast coast, near Bonavista), the Cathedral Parish in St John's, and the Parish of Port de Grave (another multi-point outpost parish about an hour's drive from St. John's). He served as Rector of the Parish of St Michael and All Angels in St John's from 1998-2009.

Fr Chris has been involved with a number of extra-parochial ministries including the Mission to Seafarers, and the Community Food Sharing Association, an umbrella organization which supplies product and technical advice to over fifty food banks in Newfoundland and Labrador. He has also served as a Royal Canadian Legion chaplain and has been Assistant Regimental Chaplain of the Church Lads' Brigade, a church-sponsored cadet organization with a rich history in Newfoundland. Fr Chris and his wife Bryn are proud parents of three children: Robert, Helen and Nicholas.

(Note: St. Bartholomew's Church is located at 509 Dundas St. E, two blocks east of Parliament St., a short streetcar ride east from the Dundas subway station. Street parking is available. It would be appreciated if you could notify Diana Versegby (416-739-4422) if you plan to attend, so that we know how much food to prepare.)

CRANMER CONFERENCE 2010



This year's Cranmer Conference, held on June 25-27 at St. Paul's Church in Dunnville, was a great success and was enjoyed by all. Shown are the participants, presided over by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer.

NEWS FROM ALGOMA

On October 28th, the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma, will officiate at the Institution and Induction of the Rev. Andrew Nussey at St. John's Church, North Bay. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated. The service will be according to the Book of Common Prayer. (Time of service TBA.)

Fr. Nussey comes to North Bay from the parish of Rose Blanche – Harbour le Cou in Newfoundland. He has long been active in the PBSC, and is a member of our National Council. He is well known to many of us in Ontario, having participated in the St. Michael's Youth Conference and in the Cranmer Conference. We wish him and his wife Christine all the best in this new endeavour.

PBSC BURSARIES

The Prayer Book Society of Canada is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of bursaries of up to \$1000, for Anglican students engaged in religious studies who value the Book of Common Prayer, use it in their daily prayer life, and wish to support its continuing use in the Anglican Church of Canada. Students in the ordination stream are particularly encouraged to apply.

Students wishing to be considered for one of these bursaries should submit a copy of their *curriculum vitae* and the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references, together with a covering letter explaining their interest in this bursary and in the Book of Common Prayer, to: Dr. Diana Verseghy, PBSC Bursaries Committee, 12 Sherbourne Dr., Maple, ON, L6A 1G8. E-mail: diana.verseghy@sympatico.ca. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 29. Candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee in late November, and awards will be made in mid-December.

2011 CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

St. Peter Publications in Charlottetown have as usual produced one of their handsome wall calendars for 2011, containing the Sundays, saints' days, holy days and seasons of the church year in accordance with the BCP. The calendars are illustrated with reproductions of attractive original watercolour paintings of Anglican churches throughout Canada. They are printed on heavy, high-quality paper and the square for each day provides plenty of room for making notes. They can be ordered from St. Peter Publications, P.O. Box 713, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 7L3 (phone 902-368-8442; e-mail office@stpeter.org). The price for single calendars is \$6.50 plus shipping and handling; for 25 calendars or more, \$5.80 each plus shipping and handling.

AN INTERVIEW WITH FOUR “GRADUATES” OF ST. MICHAEL’S YOUTH CONFERENCE

(In the summer of 2010 we had four nineteen-year-olds in attendance at the St. Michael’s Youth Conference. Jerome Henry, from Brampton, and Alex Urquhart, from Dunnville, have both been coming for five years. For Patience Million, from Hamilton, and Esther Sissons, from Toronto, this is their sixth year! Diana Versegny, the conference director, interviewed the four of them at the end of the conference this summer.)

All four of you have been attending the St. Michael’s Conference for virtually all of your teenage years now. What has kept you coming back?

Jerome: Well, we just love the atmosphere here – the people, the games, the food, the fun. Everything.

Patience: For me, I guess the conference offered answers to my questions. For example, like this year, what happens after we die. I had more questions this year than ever, because I see that this is really contributing to my faith.

Esther: Yes. I’ve known many of the people here for five or six years, and you meet newcomers every year too. And I think we’re all serious about our faith, or at least, are asking questions and looking for answers. So why shouldn’t you affirm your faith by coming to St. Mike’s for a week, and just dedicating yourself to learning more about it?

Alex: I keep coming back because it’s a really great place to be – you get to meet some really cool people. You also get to learn a lot about aspects of Christianity that a lot of people aren’t aware of, or just don’t think

much about. It helps you keep your faith – make it stronger.

If someone showed an interest in coming to St. Mike’s, what would you say to encourage him or her? There are lots of summer camps of various sorts out there, after all. What makes this one different, and why would you recommend it particularly?

Jerome: For one thing, I’d recommend this camp because it’s far away from home. (Laughter). For some of us there are problems and frictions at home, and it’s good to get away from home situations, and think about things for a while.

Patience: It gives you a chance to connect with people on a different level than you would if you were in the city. There are so many distractions out there, that you often put your faith on the back burner. Here you can put your faith on the front burner.



Left to right: Alex Urquhart, Esther Sissons, Patience Million. Jerome Henry

Esther: We also have really knowledgeable and responsible counsellors and teachers here. We can talk to them not just in classes but during free time too, when we’re just hanging out. You learn a lot about life issues, about how to deal with other people and how to face troubles when they come.

Alex: St. Mike’s is a great place to go if you want to deepen your faith as well as have a lot of fun. I’ve been to camps where it’s all just fun, and I’ve been to conferences where it’s all just learning with very little fun. This week strikes a great balance between learning and fun.

ONTARIO REGIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER, OCTOBER-DECEMBER

(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.)

OCT.	3	<i>Trinity XVIII</i>	St. George's Memorial Church, Oshawa
	10	<i>Trinity XIX</i>	Christ Church, Bobcaygeon
	17	<i>Trinity XX</i>	St. Alban's Church, Delhi
	24	<i>Trinity XXI</i>	St. Anne's Church, Toronto
	31	<i>Trinity XXII</i>	St. George's Church, Guelph
NOV.	7	<i>Trinity XXIII</i>	St. Bride's Church, Mississauga
	14	<i>Trinity XIV</i>	St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto
	21	<i>Next Before Advent</i>	Christ Church, Brampton
	28	<i>Advent I</i>	St. John's Church, Norway (Toronto)
DEC.	5	<i>Advent II</i>	St. John's Church, Cambridge
	12	<i>Advent III</i>	Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Toronto
	19	<i>Advent IV</i>	St. James' Church, Fairmount
	26	<i>St. Stephen</i>	St. John's Church, Peterborough

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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