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# THE LAMP

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

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## WEEKEND EVENT AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELORA

**November 3 and 4, 2012**

In celebration of this 350th anniversary year of the 1662 Prayer Book and 50th anniversary of the Canadian Anglican 1962 Prayer Book, the parish of St. John's Church, Elora, in collaboration with the PBSC Grand Valley Branch, is hosting a weekend with the Revd. Gavin Dunbar, rector of St. John's Church, Savannah, Georgia. Fr. Dunbar is a Canadian and a graduate of King's College Halifax, and of Trinity College and Wycliffe College in Toronto. Before moving to Savannah he served as a priest in Nova Scotia in the parish of Ecum Secum. He recently took up the position of President of the Prayer Book Society of the USA.

The theme for the weekend is "Prayer and the Prayer Book". On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Dunbar will lead a retreat from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at The Retreat, Nassagaweya ([www.theretreat.ca](http://www.theretreat.ca)), the home of Chris and Jeannie Houston, located at 11679 1st Line, Moffat (west of Milton). The title will be "Be Still and Know That I Am God: The



*Revd. Gavin Dunbar*

Spiritual Disciplines of Silence and Speech". The cost for lunch will be \$10.

This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the PBSC Grand Valley Branch, beginning at 3:00 PM.

On Sunday Fr. Dunbar will preach at St. John's Elora at the morning services, and then in the afternoon at 4:00 PM he will deliver the annual parish Smyth Lecture, which will be entitled "Like Eagles in This Life: The Ascending Spiral of Prayer in Classical Anglican Worship". All are welcome to attend any or all of these events through the weekend.

If you wish to attend the retreat or the Smyth Lecture, and especially if you would like to arrange a billet, please contact Brian Munro at 519-756-3053 ([brian.a.munro@rogers.com](mailto:brian.a.munro@rogers.com)), or Becky Creese at 519-304-3602 ([bcreese@everus.ca](mailto:bcreese@everus.ca)).

*(At left: St. John's Church, Savannah)*



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## *St. Michael's Youth Conference 2012*

13 teens participated in another fun-filled week from August 27 to September 1, featuring swimming, kayaking, volleyball, archery, hiking, and of course Prayer Book worship and biblical teaching.



## *Cranmer Conference 2012 – St. John's North Bay, August 24-26*

This weekend event aimed at 20-somethings attracted another enthusiastic crowd this year. Plans are underway for expanding the conference to a full week in May next year, and to a wider age range.



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*(We reproduce the letter below with the kind permission of Archbishop Colin Johnson.)*

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**To the Clergy and People of the Diocese of Toronto**

The Church of England has chosen today to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. For the Anglican Church of Canada, 2012 also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1962 Book of Common Prayer (Canada).

One of the most powerful symbols of Anglican unity is the heritage of the Book of Common Prayer. Across the globe, the common familiarity of the Anglican liturgy in its language and pattern binds our Church together throughout the Communion. If you want to know an Anglican understanding of a doctrine, you are more apt to find it in praying the liturgy of the Church than reading an approved theologian or a doctrinal statement. *Lex orandi, lex credendi*: we pray what we believe, we believe what we pray. The piety expressed through the theology of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer has provided the underpinnings of Anglican expressions of worship worldwide.

With newer rites taking prominence in our parish churches, we are now in our second generation of Anglicans who may not be well acquainted with the Book of Common Prayer. But for the generations that preceded them, the familiar words and phrases of the Book of Common Prayer continue to be a constant in their devotions. As the former Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Rev. John Saxbee, has said, "... perhaps of most importance is the fact that the BCP Offices and orders of service remain the only ones I can recite by heart. As and when my sight fails and my mind wanders, these words will still be on my lips and in my heart, and for that I remain ever thankful."

You will recall a recent article in the Anglican Journal in which the Prayer Book Society of Canada suggested keeping either Monday, September 3 or Sunday, December 2 as a day to observe the anniversary of the Prayer Book. Monday September 3 marks the first recorded celebration of the Eucharist in Canada using the Book of Common Prayer, by the Rev. Robert Walfall at Frobisher Bay in 1578. Advent Sunday, December 2 is the date in 1962 when the new Canadian Prayer Book was officially adopted for use.

I urge you to celebrate the gift and heritage of our Book of Common Prayer in a manner that is appropriate to your parish.

Yours faithfully,

The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson  
Archbishop of Toronto

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MISSION: To worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to embody—in word and action—God's reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation—through which knowledge of God's reign is extended.

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## 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.)

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| OCT. | 7  | <i>Trinity XVIII</i>          | St. George's Memorial Church, Oshawa   |
|      | 14 | <i>Trinity XIX</i>            | Christ Church, Bobcaygeon              |
|      | 21 | <i>Trinity XX</i>             | St. Alban's Church, Delhi              |
|      | 28 | <i>St. Simon and St. Jude</i> | St. Anne's Church, Toronto             |
| NOV. | 4  | <i>Trinity XXII</i>           | St. George's Church, Guelph            |
|      | 11 | <i>Trinity XXIII</i>          | St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto      |
|      | 18 | <i>Trinity XIV</i>            | St. John's Church, Norway (Toronto)    |
|      | 25 | <i>Next Before Advent</i>     | Christ Church, Brampton                |
| DEC. | 2  | <i>Advent I</i>               | St. Bride's Church, Mississauga        |
|      | 9  | <i>Advent II</i>              | St. John's Church, Cambridge           |
|      | 16 | <i>Advent III</i>             | Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Toronto      |
|      | 23 | <i>Advent IV</i>              | St. James' Church, Fairmount           |
|      | 30 | <i>Christmas I</i>            | St. Paul's Church (Bloor St.), Toronto |

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**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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