



The Prayer Book Society of Canada – Toronto Branch
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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

First of all, a few words of follow-up to our recent Lenten Quiet Day. The event was a great success, with Fr. Jonathan Eayrs' masterly talks demonstrating the close connection between our Prayer Book theological tradition and the teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews. There were many requests for copies of the talks, and Fr. Eayrs has graciously consented to work his speaking notes into a more formal written format and make them available to anyone who is interested. If you have not already done so, please let me know if you would like copies of these talks. The branch executive is also considering publishing them in booklet form for our information booth at the upcoming General Synod – they really deserve as wide an audience as possible.

Our next branch event will be our Annual General Meeting, to be held on May 11th at St. Olave's Church (see the announcement in this issue of *The Lamp*). The usual president's and treasurer's reports will be presented, and elections of branch officers will be held. A proposed slate of officers is listed on the reverse of this page, and nominations from the floor are of course always welcome! This year we are very fortunate to have as our speaker the Revd. Daniel Graves, currently serving as priest-in-charge at Trinity Church, Bradford. He is a warm supporter of the Prayer Book; many of you will remember the note that he sent to me last fall, describing his parish's commemoration of the BCP anniversary year. With the assistance of the Revd. David Neelands of Trinity College, he offered a "period" 1662 Communion service on Ascension Day, endeavouring to make it as close as possible to what such a service would have looked like in a small parish church. In addition, he wrote, "I should tell you that when I arrived in Bradford, the Prayer Book had essentially been abandoned. I have reinstated it on the first Sunday of every month with a full Communion service. It is our most popular service. We also have Mattins and Evensong, sung, several times a year ... Using our dear Book of Common Prayer feeds my soul and nurtures my theological reflection, and I know that it does so for others as well." Clearly, his talk at our AGM will be something to look forward to!

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By way of a news item, an initiative that will be of interest to all PBSC members is being launched by the Growth Committee of St. Olave's Church. They are organizing a workshop at the end of this month for representatives from Prayer Book (or mostly Prayer Book) parishes in our diocese, with the intention of developing an information sharing network among these parishes in order to help them grow. Six parishes are participating in this initial effort, and it is hoped that others will join them in due course. Representatives of the PBSC Toronto executive, including myself, will be in attendance and will be doing what we can to support this project. If you would like further information, or if your parish would like to be involved in this initiative, please feel free to contact me and I will pass on your request to the event organizers.

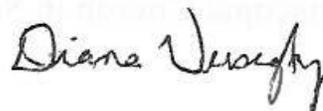
Also, a reminder that General Synod will be taking place this July in Ottawa. As I mentioned in my previous letter, I have been asked to join a committee that has been set up by the PBSC National Council to work on preparing publicity material about the Society and educational material about the Book of Common Prayer for distribution at Synod. The committee has met twice by teleconference so far, and I believe we will be able to present an impressive display. Please pray for the Society's witness at Synod, and for an increased appreciation of our Anglican heritage among those in positions of influence in our church.

Another quick reminder, that the St. Michael's Youth Conference will be taking place as usual this summer. Full details are provided on the newly-refurbished conference website, www.stmikesontario.com. If you know of any teens who might be interested, please do encourage them to come. Word of mouth is still our best advertising!

Finally, a word on our branch finances. Sadly, several of our most generous supporters have passed away over the past five or six years, and our branch income has dropped by quite a noticeable amount as a result. In order to continue our efforts to promote the Prayer Book and traditional Anglicanism, we are really counting on your financial support. If you are able to increase your givings at all, it would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

With best wishes for a blessed Eastertide and a pleasant summer,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Versegby.

PROPOSED BRANCH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014:

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