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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

I hope you all had a pleasant summer! We have a couple of milestones to look back on from the past few weeks, and some interesting events coming up this fall.

One important milestone is the retirement of the Revd. David Burrows, the incumbent at St. Olave's Church in Toronto. Today marked his last Sunday at St. Olave's before moving with his wife Penny to Barrie around the end of this month, to be near their married daughter and her family. As many of you know, Dave has been a member of the PBSC Toronto Branch executive ever since his move to Toronto from Bobcaygeon in the late 1990s. During all that time he was a pillar of the St. Michael's Youth Conference until ill health prevented him from attending last summer and this summer. He taught one of the morning courses every year, and regularly entertained the teens with hair-raising stories from his work as a police chaplain, and from his former parish in the wilderness of Bobcaygeon. He also organized the weekend conference reunion which was held at St. Olave's each year during the winter or spring. The St. Michael's Conference staff took Dave and Penny out to lunch yesterday, and it was an occasion for much happy reminiscing! He will be very much missed, and all our best wishes go with him and Penny. Please pray for St. Olave's, a staunch Prayer Book parish, as they now embark on the daunting search for a new incumbent.

A sad milestone was the passing of John Pickering, who with his sister Edna Mae and his son David was one of the earliest members of the PBSC. All three of them were very active and vocal in their support of the Society in those early, difficult years, and they recruited family and friends to help in various ways, especially with answering the deluge of mail that the Society regularly received from across the country. John became less active with the passage of years, but continued to follow the Society's doings with interest. His funeral was held at St. Olave's Church last month, and our sincere condolences go out to his family.

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As you will notice, this issue of *The Lamp* also has a strong focus on St. Olave's! There are two Prayer Book related events coming up at that church, one spearheaded by St. Olave's and the other by the PBSC Toronto Branch.

The first, taking place on Sunday, September 27, is one in the regular monthly choral Evensong programme organized by St. Olave's, in which the service is followed by tea or other light refreshments and a talk. This event will feature the choir of St. Peter's Erindale and their choirmaster, Clem Carelse, a long-time BCP supporter, who will speak on the general topic of English music and the Prayer Book. This talk will be of particular interest to PBSC members, and all are welcome to attend.

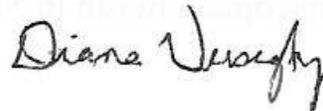
The second, scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, will be the PBSC-Toronto fall event that was promised in my last letter. It will feature the Revd. Chris Dow, a young priest in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, who is a warm advocate of the Prayer Book and, I am told, an excellent speaker. He will be telling us about the joys and challenges of ministry in the North among his varied congregations. At the end of his talk, he will treat us to a brief slide show. The event will conclude with sung Evensong.

Yet another interesting event will follow on October 22-24 – a conference organized by the Anglican Communion Alliance, in partnership with Wycliffe College and Tyndale University and Seminary. It will feature a keynote speaker and four workshop sessions on Christian formation for adults and children. Further details on this and the two events mentioned above are provided in this issue of *The Lamp*. I hope you will be able to attend one or more of them!

Finally, as always, please remember that we rely on your financial contributions to carry on our work of upholding the Prayer Book and classical Anglicanism. We hope that we can continue to count on your support and prayers through 2015.

With best wishes for a pleasant fall,

Yours faithfully,



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