

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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The Prayer Book Society of Canada promotes the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer as a scriptural system of nurture for life in Christ.

Society Mission Statement

☩ Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which tho hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for All Saints' Day, *BCP*, page 299

FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

Sunday, November 20
7:00 p.m.

Festal Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Christ the King, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception.

Sunday, December 11
7:00 p.m.

Advent Carol Service "*From Darkness to Light*", St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception.

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Words from our Branch Chairman ...

As I write this, there are exactly two months before the Feast of the Nativity, but in that time what incredible celebrations and remembrances. A week ago we celebrated the Feast of Dedication, when we give thanks to God for our church buildings, but more importantly for those who built them and financed them, so that a worthy house might be offered for God to indeed dwell therein. A short week from now will be the Festival of All Saints, a commemoration of all the faithful departed, but especially those men and women remembered for extraordinary works of grace, and worthy examples to us all of how Christian discipleship is to be lived.

Remembrance Sunday offers us a sober reminder of the terrible cost that peace requires in a world so often marked by conflict.

Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, is celebrated as the universal King in a joyful feast that sums up the entire liturgical year, and shows us that He is indeed the fulfilment of God’s promises. All of these commemorations are provided with incredibly rich liturgical resources in our treasured *Book of Common Prayer*; please take time over the next while to read them, especially the marvellous Collects for the season of Advent.

Sincerely,
Wesley R. Warren

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BCP Mattins . . . Sung Mattins is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. The Service lasts about 30 minutes.

BCP Evensong . . . Choral Evensong continues the first and third Sunday of each month from September to June at 4:00 p.m. at St Matthew’s Church, Ottawa, and every Sunday between Thanksgiving and Easter at Christ Church Cathedral at 4:30 p.m.

BCP Holy Communion . . . At St Bartholomew’s, (The Guards’ Chapel adjacent to Rideau Hall), each Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion is celebrated according to the *BCP* rite. The *BCP* rite is also celebrated every Sunday at 8:30 a.m., and weekdays except Mondays at St Barnabas’ Church.

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21st Annual St Michael’s Youth Conference, Ontario
Another successful Ontario Conference was held from August 15th to 19th , at “2 Timothy Place”, located in the Kawartha Lakes region on the Trent-Severn Waterway, northeast of Beaverton. Check the website at www.stmikesontario.com for updates and pictures of the 2016 Conference, and those from earlier camps.

*For the third time, a young Anglican from
the Diocese of Ottawa was one of the teens who attended this year.*

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

So far in 2016, we made our usual donations of \$500 to the St. Michael's Youth Conference, \$700 to assist clergy attending the annual Atlantic Theological Conference, and \$500 towards the cost of the National Newsletter, in addition to publishing our own Branch Newsletters.

Encouraged by a donation from Fr Ron Hunt, we gave \$250 to the cost of Anglican teenagers going to Iqaluit in the summer of 2016. For more information on this Arctic trip, please look at the two detailed reports, one in the recent 'Thanksgiving 2016' issue of the *National Newsletter*, and the other in the November issue of the *Anglican Journal*. The Ottawa Branch also paid the costs of hospitality for the Annual Meeting of the National Society held in Ottawa last spring.

After doing all this, our bank account is again getting low, so we do hope for your continued support for our Branch activities.

I am most grateful to all of you who continue to support the work of the Branch through financial donations. Your support is always appreciated, and all contributions are fully tax-receiptable. To make a contribution before the end of 2016, please use the form enclosed, through which you can also order Prayer Book Society calendars for 2017, and Christmas cards, as well as the books by Sue Careless.

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

The 36th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

“The Church Visible and Invisible: “The Blessed Company of all Faithful People”
(Sunday, June 12th to Wednesday, June 15th at St Paul's Church, Sackville, New Brunswick)

The following reflections and comments are provided by Frs Ronald Hunt and Donald Tudin, this year's Conference Delegates sponsored by the Ottawa Branch.

The conference theme was “The Church Visible and Invisible: The Blessed Company of all Faithful People.” Over 60 people, students, parishioners, scholars, professors and visitors met for 4 days to take part in an opening Choral Evensong with wonderful musical support and choir along with 5 major papers on current topics of church history, theology and prayer. A brief taste of the conference highlights follows. For a more scholarly presentation please look for the conference report that will be available in publication. Also, there is a Wikipedia source on the topics touched upon in this presentation and related fields of study.

The opening Sunday Choral Evensong with sermon by the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls, Rector of the Parishes of Sackville and Dorchester set the stage for the conference and first paper that evening “Re-imagining the Church” by Fr. David Curry. This presentation was a fine description of the church from the perspective of Scripture which reflected on church as Family of God and Body of Christ. Christian Revelation in Scriptures, Creeds and the Trinity guides and interacts with thought and culture to create forms of practice and reflection in history. This mosaic runs through fundamentalism to catholic and atheistic understandings of God's revelation. Reference was made to St. Paul's writings on the Images of God, Church and Ministry

and how this culminates in St. John's Gospel and are reflected in the Early Church's thought and practice in the transcendent and immanent presence of God in the world. The Rev. Canon Dr. John Simons, retired Principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College, gave the Response. Dr Simons picked up the biblical and Christological exegesis of how God's Grace is seen through Vatican II and the Protestant responses leading to present day conflicts and mixed messages in the voice of the church.

Monday heard two papers reflecting on St. Augustine's "Civitas Dei" and the reaction of pagan adversaries by Dr. Peter O'Brien, Asst. Professor of Classics at Dalhousie with response given by Tamara Watson, a Masters student at Dalhousie. The second paper, presented by Daniel Watson, a Doctoral student at the University of Maynooth, Ireland, was entitled "The Trouble with Origen and the Idea of Catholicity" with response given by Benjamin Lee, a doctoral student at Dalhousie. These presentations explored the position and reaction to Ammianus Marcellinus (born 325) a contemporary of Augustine, who as a pagan and historian in his major work "Res Gestae" supported religious diversity of thought and chronicled in Latin the history of Rome from the accession of the Emperor Nerva in 96 to the death of Valens at the Battle of Adrianople in 378. The historian, Edward Gibbon has judged Ammianus as "accurate and faithful" in relating facts of history. Tamara Watson, in her response, discussed differing views on ancient practice and interpretations of love, as well as urban and rural social practices. In the second presentation, Daniel Watson spoke of Origen's life and career (185-254) as head of the Alexandrian School. His writings were eventually condemned by the church (1225/1535/1681) with his controversial position on the two natures of Christ and other issues. Fr. Crouse was reported to have made the comment that, "Origen was not so much heretical as subtle!" Benjamin Lee described Origen as speaking to current tensions in the theological debates at the time and in the institutional and eschatological understandings of faith as *Sensus Fidei*, "that which has been believed always and by all."

Tuesday heard the fourth paper presented by Dr. Torrance Kirby, McGill, with response by Peter Bullerwell, Tomlinson Fellow in Religious Studies at McGill and a doctoral student. Dr. Kirby's paper was an exploration of the thought of Richard Hooker under to words "Signs are to resemble things signified." The legacy left by Hooker (1554-1600) in ecclesiastical polity defends what he refers to as the sensible excellence of public religion, and gives us a hermeneutic premise (way of understanding) the church which does the work of Heaven on earth. Peter Bullerwell's response included reference to Hooker's outstanding contribution to church music as well as his other gifts, and how his work supports the Chalcedon formula of Christ, truly God and fully human. The sermon at the evening Conference Eucharist, held at St Ann's Church, Westcoast (Dorchester) was given by The Right Rev. David Edwards, Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton.

The final paper on the closing day of the conference was entitled "The End of the Church, a tribute to Robert Crouse," given by Dr. Roberta Barker, Associate Professor of Theatre, Dalhousie and Professor in the Foundation Year and Early Modern Studies at University of King's College, Halifax. This paper was a wonderful study of the thought and writings of Robert Crouse who was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts and as an infant moved to Crousetown, Nova Scotia, studied at Trinity College, Toronto and Harvard and was Professor at Bishop's University before returning to Dalhousie and to King's College. Dr. Barker made reference to Robert Crouse's thoughts on humility and pilgrimage and reviewed a number of selections from his writings such as "Problems of Ecclesiology" (ATC 1995) and in the field of Patristics (Early Fathers of the Church). Quoting from St. Augustine, Dr. Barker referenced a descriptive thought of Robert Crouse's work and thought in the words "God has made us for himself ... and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Him." With further reference to poet George Herbert (1593-1633) in thinking of Prayer as the Church's Banquet, Dr. Barker ended with a thought from Dr. Robert Crouse, "It is the only remedy and we must trust it ... (for) ... where our treasure is, there will our heart be also." (Ministry of Reconciliation in Anglican Approaches, 1986.)

Next year's conference will be held at the University of King's College, Halifax in conjunction with the Department of Classics and Theology. It will be a gathering not to be missed!



Ottawa Branch Christmas Card 2016

Once again we are re-issuing
one of Ruth Magel
MacLean's most popular
designs, based on a stained
glass window in Great
Malvern Priory Church,
Worcestershire, England.

God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer, page 107

With best wishes
FOR A
happy and blessed
CHRISTMAS



The greeting includes a
Collect for Christmas from
the Prayer Book

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mixed-media rendering of the Nativity, from a detail of a stained glass window in
Great Malvern Priory Church, Worcestershire

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(1934 - 2006)



To the members of the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada:

The 2017 Prayer Book Society of Canada Church Calendars are now available. In addition, we still have some sets of our Branch Christmas card (with the words of the *BCP* Christmas Collect in them) as well as Sue Careless' books and the Branch Hasti-Notes. All prices are unchanged from last year. To order these items, please call Frances Macdonnell at 613-726-7984, or use the order form below. You may also make a donation to the Branch using this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

I wish to order the following:

_____ copies of the BCP Church Calendar 2017 @ \$7.50 each = \$ _____

_____ packages of 10 Christmas cards @ \$10.00 per package = \$ _____
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