

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

☉ God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Easter, *BCP*, page 184

FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

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| Wednesday, April 6
7:30 p.m. | Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch will be conducted in the Parish Library, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets (<i>see details later in this issue</i>) |
| Sunday, April 17
7:00 p.m. | Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Easter IV, followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church |
| Sunday, April 24
7:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong at St Stephen's Church (Watson off Pinecrest) with the Cranmer Singers, conducted by Frances Macdonnell |
| Saturday, April 30
2:00 p.m. | Annual General Meeting of the National PBSC will be held in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church (<i>see Notice later in this issue</i>) |
| Saturday, May 7
2:00 p.m. | Slide presentation entitled "A Visit to the Canadian War Memorial Cemeteries of Europe" given by Fr Ron and Andrea Hunt in the Parish Hall at St Barnabas' Church |
| Sunday, May 15
7:00 p.m. | Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Whitsunday, followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church. |

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2016 Annual General Meeting **of the** **Ottawa Branch, PBSC**

Our **Annual General Meeting** will convene in the Parish Library of St Barnabas' Church on **Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

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Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to make an extra effort to join with fellow members of the Branch and the current Executive as we hold our Branch's AGM. Your attendance and input at the Meeting are important.

If you would like a ride to and / or from the church, please call Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341 and he will be glad to make arrangements for you to attend.

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

BCP Evensong . . . In addition to Services listed elsewhere in the Newsletter, we remind you that Choral Evensong continues the first and third Sunday of each month between September and 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. at St Barnabas' Church, and daily except Mondays. Service times are given on the church phone at 613-232-6992.

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Your Executive sends warmest wishes to all our members and friends
for a Happy and Blessed Eastertide.
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Clergy Attendance at the 36th Atlantic Theological Conference

Clergy interested in attending the 2016 Atlantic Theological Conference and who would appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same. For more information, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

The Deadline for Applications will be **Friday, April 29th**.

This deadline will enable the Branch Executive to determine how many clergy may be helped by the Branch, allow for time to process requests prior to the beginning of the Conference, and provide for adequate time to make travel arrangements.

35th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

The following reflections and comments are provided by The Rev. Dr Ron. Hunt, one of last year's Conference Delegates from the Ottawa area.

The 2015 Atlantic Theological Conference took place last year at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, from Sunday, June 21 to the following Wednesday. The ATC was founded in 1981 to bring together people from all walks of life to hear papers and participate in discussions on issues of enduring and current theological importance. The theme of the Conference was "*The Outward Sense of Befriending*" : *The Beautiful, the True and the Good.*" The format allowed for the concepts of beauty, truth and goodness to be explored in the context of various eras of history, such as the Ancient World, Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, the High Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the Reformation period, the Baroque, Romantic and Modern periods.

Five major papers were presented with responses and group discussion on the following topics:

"Can goodness and truth make us beautiful?: Perspectives on beauty in current Greek thought" by Fr. Snook, Rector, St. Georges (Round) Church, Halifax;

"Sense Perception and Divine Harmony: The meditating muse in Boethius' Consolation" by Dr. Stephen Blackwood, President, Ralston College, Savannah, Georgia;

"Beauty, Truth and Goodness as understood in the High Middle Ages" by Dr. Anthony Esolen, Professor of English, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island;

"Beauty, Truth and Goodness in the Renaissance and Reformation" by the Hon. Justice Peter Bryson, QC, Judge of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, and

"Romantic Contemplation: S.T. Coleridge and his legacy" by Dr. Douglas Hedley, Reader in Hermeneutics and Metaphysics, Clare College, Cambridge University, England.

The annual Conference Eucharist, at which the Rector, Fr David Garrett preached, was held at the Cathedral on the Tuesday evening. It was followed by a wonderful lobster dinner with all the trimmings enjoyed by everyone. As usual, the spirit of Fr Robert Crouse, who died in 2011, and who was one of the co-founders of the Conference, rested on the proceedings.

Joyfully submitted, by Fr. Ron Hunt, St. Bede's, Nolan's Corners, ON

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Please remember ...

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A RESOUNDING THANK-YOU!

FROM THE TREASURER

I want to thank you all for the tremendous support you gave the Branch after I wrote in the last Newsletter, along with the mailing about the Calendars, that the Branch was going through difficult financial times. Having spent so much money in the last three years on first the Essay Contest and then the Poetry Contest, we were finding our funds to be very depleted.

But when I told you in October that we unfortunately had very little money left in the bank, you responded terrifically and sent in nearly \$4,000 in the last two months of the year in tax-receiptable donations! I am so grateful for this very concrete support of our programme and activities, and we are now back in business again.

In 2015, 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. We also gave new BCP's to the students attending Augustine College this academic year, and in addition we published our three regular 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.

And after doing all this, with the help of your generous donations, we in fact finished the year with \$3,398.36 in the bank! That means we can carry on with our normal activities for 2016, and plan our programme properly. 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.

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY OF CANADA**

*Saturday, April 30th, 2016
2:00 p.m.*

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the *Prayer Book Society of Canada* will be held in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall at the Church of St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr, Ottawa.

On behalf of the Ottawa Branch Executive, members are both invited and encouraged to attend this important Meeting of the National part of the Society. It is not yet known how many members from across the country will be able to attend. The Society's Constitution requires a quorum of twenty-five (25) members be in attendance for the National AGM. Please mark your calendars and plan to be present as it will be the members of our Branch who will inevitably make up the required quorum.

We are pleased to announce that the Guest Speaker at the AGM will be the Retired Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa, and soon-to-be retired Anglican Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, The Rt. Rev. Peter R. Coffin. Bishop Coffin has very kindly agreed to be with us during his busy schedule prior to his retirement. He plans on following a similar theme to the presentation he made at Christ Church, Bells Corners in June 2014 when he discussed how the Prayer Book has been used by military chaplains in time of war and peace; those who missed that wonderful presentation will have a chance to enjoy part of it now. A short reception will follow the AGM at which you will be able to visit with the Bishop, members of the National Council, and other members of the Society.

The AGM will be followed by Choral Evensong in the church at 4:00 p.m. It is hoped that members of the parish choir will sing the service.

Traditionally, the day ends with dinner at a local restaurant. Plan now to join with clerical and lay members of the Society for dinner following the service. For more information, closer to the time, please call Ronald Bentley, the National Recording Secretary at 613-822-1911 or send an e-mail to rwbentley@sympatico.ca.

In order for the organizers to have some idea of the number planning to attend the dinner, kindly contact Ronald Bentley by April 23rd to indicate your intention.

St Michael's Youth Conference 2016

The Conference, now in its 21st year, was founded to provide an environment where high school-aged youth could grow in their faith, through teaching that is faithful to the Anglican tradition. It is through worship drawn from the *BCP*, that the conference invites participants to experience the power of God in their lives. This year the conference will be held from **Monday, August 15th** to **Friday, August 19th** at a new location called "2 Timothy Place". It is a newly renovated retreat centre located in the Kawartha Lakes region on the Trent-Severn Waterway, northeast of Beaverton, and about 1½ hours away from Toronto. Information may be obtained by checking the Ontario Conference website at www.stmikesontario.com.

If you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners know of any teenagers aged 13 -19 who would be interested in attending the Conference and who might appreciate financial assistance, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

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The 36th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled *The Church Visible and Invisible: "The Blessed Company of all Faithful People"*, the Conference will be held at St Paul's Church, Sackville, New Brunswick. It will begin with Choral Evensong at 6:00 p.m. on **Sunday, June 12th** and end at noon on **Wednesday, June 15th**. Conference Speakers and Responders this year will include, among others, Fr David Curry (Rector of Christ Church, Windsor, N.S.), The Rev. Dr John Simons (retired Principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College), Dr Peter O'Brien (Dalhousie and King's College, Halifax), Dr Torrance Kirby (McGill University and Montreal Diocesan College), and Dr Roberta Barker (Dalhousie and King's College, Halifax). For detailed information please check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm>.

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. - Our Branch AGM

Saturday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. - The National Society's AGM hosted by the Ottawa Branch with **Bishop Peter Coffin** as our **Guest Speaker**.

Saturday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. - "A Visit to the Canadian War Memorial Cemeteries of Europe" - another in a series of presentations by **Ron and Andrea Hunt**, and very topical at this time of the Centenary of the Great War. And from Fr Hunt - "... we will all get on the bus together and travel across those parts of Europe that are reflected in the slides".

As noted elsewhere, all three events will be held at the Church of St Barnabas, A. & M., Ottawa. Please enter using the door off the parking lot. The Hall address is 394 Kent Street.