

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Eastertide 2012

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 glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of the 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

Sunday, May 20 7:00 p.m.	Festal Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception.
Saturday, May 26 2:00 p.m.	Lecture to be given by Ralph Heintzman, Fred Allen Memorial Hall of St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets.
Sunday, June 10 7:00 p.m.	Festal Solemn Evensong and Benediction, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception.
Sunday, September 30 5:30 p.m. for 6:00 p.m.	Chinese Dinner at St Luke's, Ottawa (560 Somerset Street West)

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At the beginning of the Annual General Meeting, Ronald Bentley led the assembled in this Act of Remembrance for members known to have departed this life during the past year.

The Prayer Book Society of Canada (Ottawa Branch)

Annual General Meeting

held at

The Church of St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

on

Wednesday, 11 April 2012

Act of Remembrance

MEMORIAL ROLL

Muriel Elaine de Temple	Ottawa
Marjorie Farrell	Perth
Barry McDougall	Ottawa
Graham Raynes	Ottawa
Dorothea Rivett	Sarnia
Mr and Mrs L.H. Rose	Williamstown
Bruce Paul Squires	Ottawa
Barbara Stead	Ottawa
June White	Ottawa

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Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants, with Thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting life. *Amen.*

V. Rest Eternal, grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Our new Branch Executive

At our 2012 Annual General Meeting held at the Church of St Barnabas on Wednesday in Easter Week (April 11th) the following members were elected:

Wesley Warren, Chairman

Ronald Bentley, Vice-Chairman and
Editor of the Branch Newsletter

Joan Wilson, Past Chair

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

Alice Conway, Recording Secretary

Ruth Bell, Member-at-Large

Donald MacLean, Member-at-Large

William Silver, Member-at-Large

Words from our new Branch Chairman ...

Greetings! This is my first newsletter message to you as your new Branch Chairman and I want to wish you all a very blessed Eastertide. I would be remiss in not thanking Joan Wilson (Past Chairman) for her years of devoted service; Joan has guided the branch through many challenges with grace and wisdom, and I am sure you will join me in extending best wishes to her on her retirement.

As many of you know, 2012 is a year of important anniversaries for the *Book of Common Prayer*, and to mark the 50th anniversary of the Canadian *BCP* (1962) the Ottawa Branch is sponsoring an Essay Competition on the *BCP* (ably organized by Frances Macdonnell) with significant cash prizes. Please watch out for further details in upcoming newsletters. There will be a wonderful Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, U.K., on Wednesday, May 2 to mark the nation-wide celebration of the 1662 *BCP* in England, and the First Sunday in Advent, December 2, marks the adoption of the Canadian *BCP* (1962) by all Canadian Anglicans.

We truly have much to be thankful for in the liturgical heritage of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and, while the national church may have developed a certain amnesia concerning its importance, let us celebrate it vigorously this year and take every opportunity to promote its use.

Yours sincerely,

Wesley Warren

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Notes from our Past Chairman ...

When I assumed the position of Chairman of the Ottawa Branch back before the turn of the century, I had aspirations of one day at least equaling Bill Silver's tenure as Treasurer of the Branch. Not only am I short of that landmark with 16 years but at one point in our history Bill willingly took over the short term responsibilities of Acting Treasurer for the National as well! - and he is still an active member of our Branch Executive! Wesley Warren is now our Chairman and we are currently working our way through our Anniversary Event - the Essay Competition for young Canadians which was announced as our Anniversary National Project mid-way through last year. More on this topic elsewhere.

I would like to thank our Branch membership for their unfailing support of the Executive's guidance in recent years. I know I am joined by Bill in saying "Thank you" and we welcome Wesley Warren on your behalf for agreeing to take on the Chairmanship of the Ottawa Branch.

Sincerely,

Joan Wilson

May 26th Event:
“Rediscovering Reverence”
A talk given by Ralph Heintzman

On Saturday, May 26th, at 2.00 p.m., Ralph Heintzman, one of the Ottawa Branch’s most faithful members, will present a talk in St. Barnabas’ Church Hall on the subject matter of his recent book *Rediscovering Reverence*, published in 2011 by the McGill-Queen’s University Press.

One of the advertisements for this book says:

“Surprising and insightful, *Rediscovering Reverence* offers a rational explanation of what the modern western world calls ‘religion’, arguing that it is not what most people assume. Questioning western culture’s evolving use of the word ‘religion’ over the last five centuries, Ralph Heintzman strips away misunderstandings to demonstrate that faith - unlike belief - is not something one has but something one does, leading the reader to a deeper understanding of religious practice and its necessary place in human life. . . . The author argues that religious practice is rooted in two basic ways human beings act in the world. it is therefore an element in the structure of the human spirit, not a phase in its history.”

Ralph Heintzman wrote this book, he tells us, for his sons Geoffrey and David, (who, incidentally were both Head Choristers as boys in the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral), who “were brought up as Christians; but in the spirit of this book, their upbringing was in the *doing* of religion more than in talking *about* the doing. . . But [this] is not enough. At some point it becomes necessary to talk about the ideas and experience that lie behind religious practice.”

Those of us who follow the practice of the *Book of Common Prayer* as a way of life, as ‘what we do’, to paraphrase Ralph’s phrase, find indeed that the *BCP*, as its 1962 Preface says, “is offered to the Canadian Church with the hope that those who use it may become more truly what they really are: the People of God, that New Creation in Christ which finds its joy in adoration of the Creator and Redeemer of all.” (*BCP*, p. vii).

Ralph Heintzman is an Adjunct Research Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and a Senior Fellow of Massey College in the University of Toronto.

Please join us for Ralph Heintzman’s talk at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday May 26 in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall of St. Barnabas Church, (corner of Kent and James Streets). Please use the Hall entrance on Kent Street. Should you be taking a taxi the door is marked as 394 Kent Street. Ralph’s talk will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion, and then by refreshments.

News Release

Update on the 2012 BCP Anniversary Essay Competition The M. Elaine de Temple Prize

The Branch is delighted to announce that because of a substantial memorial donation, the Third Prize in the Branch's 2012 Essay Competition on the *Book of Common Prayer* will be entitled "The M. Elaine de Temple Prize" in memory of our member Elaine de Temple who died earlier this year. It is wonderful to be able to memorialize one of our most long-standing members in this way.

The Branch is receiving many enquiries from young Canadians about our Essay Contest, and we look forward to receiving a good number of essays by the closing date, June 30, 2012. The three winning essays will be published in Prayer Book Society newsletters and websites. We are so glad that awareness of the *Book of Common Prayer* amongst younger Canadians is being raised by our Competition, and that the project is so popular with our membership.

We are particularly eager to receive entries for the Essay Competition from young people within the Diocese of Ottawa, as well as from across the country. If you know any young people between the ages of 17 and 30 who are interested in looking at the *Book of Common Prayer*, writing an essay, and perhaps winning some Competition Prize money (First Prize \$2,500, Second Prize \$1,500, Third Prize - the M. Elaine de Temple Prize - \$750), then please suggest to them that they enter our competition. They can obtain the necessary information about the requirements of the Competition by contacting Frances Macdonnell at 613-726-7984, or by e-mail at fbmacdonnell@sympatico.ca. I hope we get several applications from young members of the Diocese of Ottawa!

Many thanks to you all, and we look forward to the successful conclusion of this project!

THE CHINESE DINNER Our Annual Fund-Raising Event

For many years, with an occasional hiatus, the Ottawa Branch has held a Chinese Dinner at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Somerset Street, most hospitably prepared by the Chinese congregation. This event has been our major fund-raiser each year, and we had hoped to have such an event on May 6, but because of the lack of availability of food-preparers from the Chinese congregation, we have had to postpone the dinner. The Dinner will now take place on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**, and will be followed by a concert of organ and trumpet music in the church. Please mark your calendars, and join us then - **5:30 for 6:00 p.m.**

**** Watch for details in the next Newsletter. ****

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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.

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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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News from the Prayer Book Society (U.K.)

Watch for an article and pictures in the next National Newsletter concerning the special Choral Evensong to be held on Wednesday, 2nd May 2012 in St Paul’s Cathedral, London, England. The Service, in Celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, will be followed by a Reception in the Crypt. In attendance will be the Ecclesiastical Patron, the Bishop of London, the Dean and Chapter of St Paul’s Cathedral, and the PBS President (Lord Cormack, F.S.A), Vice-Presidents, and honoured supporters of the Prayer Book Society. At the Invitation of Miss Prudence Daley, the Chairman of the Prayer Book Society, Fr Gordon Maitland, our National Chairman, and Dr Diana Versegby, the President of the Toronto Branch of the PBSC will be in attendance. It is certainly an honour to have Canadian representation at this very special Service of Thanksgiving.

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2012 - The BCP Anniversary Essay Competition!

In celebration of the 350th anniversary of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* and of the 50th anniversary of the 1962 *Book of Common Prayer* (Canada) in 2012, the Ottawa Branch has announced an essay competition with the intention of raising the interest in and use of the *Book of Common Prayer* amongst Canadians aged 17 - 30.

Prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$750 are being offered for the best essays of approximately 3,000 words on the following topic: Discuss the relevance of the *Book of Common Prayer* in the 21st Century, in the light of the following two quotations.

“The *BCP* is held in great affection by all kinds of Anglicans. This is not simply because of its beautiful language, but because it carefully reflects both Holy Scripture and the teaching of the early, undivided Christian Church. . . . Prayers that have stood the test of time can still speak with an uncanny freshness today.” Sue Careless, *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer, Volume 1, Anglican Book Centre Publishing, 2003, 2006, 2011, p. 24.*

“Anglicans committed to the authority of Scripture have used and continue to use the *Book of Common Prayer* because it allows them to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and with spiritual understanding. The *Book of Common Prayer* . . . is a well-tested way of praying the Holy Scripture in public worship and in a disciplined manner for the whole Christian Year, from Advent to the end of the Trinity season.” Peter Toon, *The Anglican Formularies and Holy Scriptures, Brynmill Press/Edgeways Books, Herefordshire, The Prayer Book Society of the United States, Philadelphia, 2006, p. 26.*

Candidates for the competition must have Canadian citizenship, or landed immigrant status in Canada, and be aged between 17 - 30 on June 30, 2012. Candidates need not be resident in Canada. Essays may be written in either English or French. The closing date for applications to be received is June 30, 2012.

The essays will be reviewed by a jury of three eminent Canadian Anglican theologians. Judgement will be based on clarity, composition, and reference to the topic. The determination of the judges need not be unanimous. The decision of the judges will be final, and no essays will be returned, or commented upon directly. All candidates will be informed of the results of the jury’s deliberations. If insufficient suitable essays are submitted, it is possible that not all prizes may be awarded. Essays become the property of the Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch, and may be posted on the Society’s website or published in the Society’s Newsletters.

Do you know any young people who might be interested in writing an essay in the hopes of winning one of the prizes? If so, please ask them to contact either:

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If you would prefer to receive your copy via electronic means, please advise the Branch Newsletter Editor at rw bentley@sympatico.ca , who will gladly forward your copy via the Internet.

Please remember ...

*** *When inserts are being included with a particular issue of the Newsletter, your copy will be mailed by regular post.* ***

15 April, 2012

St Matthew's Parish has a new home

A little over a year ago, there was an article in the Ottawa Branch newsletter about the creation of a new Anglican parish in Ottawa using *The Book of Common Prayer*. In October 2010, a group of traditional Anglicans formed the Parish of St Matthew the Apostle under the pastoral oversight of Bp Mark Havilland of the Anglican Catholic Church, Original Province.

Services at St. Matthew's follow *The Book of Common Prayer* including the use of the *BCP* lectionary. Fr Peter Jardine, ordained eight years ago, is the Rector of St. Matthew's. Fr Peter anticipates that the move will be good for the parish, "it will allow us to reach out to far more people, knowing that we can accommodate them comfortably in greater numbers". He can be contacted at 613-829-7271 or pjardine@primus.ca.

The Anglican Catholic Church is an orthodox body dedicated to faithfully continuing traditional Anglican liturgy and orthodox belief. It was founded in 1977 after an international congress of nearly 2,000 Anglican bishops, clergy and lay people met in St. Louis, Missouri, to establish an orthodox jurisdiction in which traditional Anglicanism would be maintained by returning to the fullness of the Faith of the undivided Catholic Church. Acting according to the principles determined by the seven great Ecumenical Councils of the ancient Church and adopting initially the name "Anglican Church of North America", the Anglican Catholic Church is now a worldwide body, having churches in the USA, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Haiti, and South America. Find out more at anglican catholic.org.

St. Matthew's extends an invitation to everyone who is interested in traditional Anglicanism. Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. at **Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 715 Roosevelt Ave (near Carling and Churchill)**. We are very grateful to this Lutheran parish for their warm welcome and for sharing their church with us.

We are re-printing (with some additional information) the following descriptions about this summer's Conferences with the hope that we all try to encourage attendance from within the Branch. If you know of young people in your parish, or have friends or relatives that fit the age requirements, do suggest they attend.

St Michael's Youth Conference 2012

The Conference, now in its 17th 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. It will be held just north of Warton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario) from Monday, August 27th to Saturday, September 1st. Information may be obtained by checking the Ontario Conference website at www.stmikesontario.com . As in past years, if you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners know of any teenagers aged 13 -19 who would be interested in attending this year's Conference and who might appreciate financial assistance, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058.

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The 2012 Cranmer Conference - North Bay

Following last summer's successful Conference in North Bay, it has been decided that only one Cranmer Conference will be held this summer. Like last year, it will be held at the Church of St John the Divine in North Bay and will run from Friday August 24th to Sunday August 26th. The theme of this year's Conference will be "The Murder of Thomas Cranmer". The Keynote Speaker will be the Rev. Dr Tim Perry, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury.

For more information, including cost of Registration, please check the Conference website at <http://www.stjohndivine.ca/cc/> . { Please note: Conference information has been moved to that of the Parish website. } The Cranmer Conference is aimed at young people between the ages of 19 and 30. Do encourage young people to attend. They are sure to enjoy the experience.

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The 32nd Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled "*The New Atheism*", the Conference will be held at St Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, and will run from the evening of Tuesday, June 26th to noon on Friday, June 29th. Conference Speakers and Responders will include, among others, The Rev. Duncan Dormor (President and Dean, St John's College, Cambridge), Fr Gary Thorne (Chaplain of King's College, Halifax), Dr David Deane (Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax), Prudence Daley, President of the British Prayer Book Society, The Rev. Dr Thomas Curran (Associate Professor of Humanities at King's College, Halifax), and Christopher Rice, University of Sussex . Papers will include such topics as "Religion and Science", and "The Bible: Foundational Document for the New Atheism". For more detailed information please check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm> .

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

I am delighted to report that we are experiencing a happy increase in the donations given to the Branch. In 2011, only a total of \$2,783 was received during the entire year, but up to April 15 this year, we had already received \$3,370. This is a most welcome change from the declining pattern of donations during the last several years, and I attribute it, at least in part, to the willingness of the Branch's membership to support the costs of the 2012 *BCP* Essay Competition, the largest project the Branch has undertaken for quite some years. In particular, thanks to one substantial memorial donation, we have been enabled to entitle the Third Prize in the Competition "The M. Elaine de Temple Prize" in memory of a long-standing member of the Branch who died recently.

The total cost of the Essay Competition Project will be approximately \$6,500, as approved in the 2012 Budget proposed to the Branch's Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2012. We still have some way to go to meet those costs, and any further assistance that Branch members can give us will be greatly appreciated. Please send your tax-receiptable contributions to

- Frances Macdonnell

(You might like to use the following form when making your donation.)

Please return this form to:

The Treasurer
Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch
303 - 3099 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K2H 5A6

I wish to make a donation to the Ottawa Branch and am enclosing a cheque for \$_____.
(Please make cheques payable to "PBSC, Ottawa Branch".)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Vivat! Vivat Regina!

Friday May 4, 7:30 p.m.: Please celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in Christ Church Cathedral with a stirring concert of music by Handel, Charpentier, Byrd, and Bach, performed by the Cathedral Choirs and members of the University of Ottawa Orchestra, under the direction of Matthew Larkin. Tickets are available from the Cathedral Office at 613-236-9149, extension 12.

Sunday May 6, 3:00 p.m.: The Cathedral Women invite you to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at a Jubilee Tea at the Cathedral, followed by Choral Evensong with Coronation music at 4.30 p.m. Tickets again are available from the Cathedral Office at 613-236-9149, extension 12.

