

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Eastertide 2015

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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| Sunday, April 19
7:00 p.m. | Easter Carol Service (in lieu of the monthly Evensong and Benediction), St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception. |
| Wednesday, April 22
7:30 p.m. | Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the PBSC, will convene in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church |
| Sunday, May 17
7:00 p.m. | Festal Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception. |
| Sunday, June 21
7:00 p.m. | Festal Solemn Evensong and Benediction, with the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception. |
| Mondays in the Fall
evenings | Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality lectures (see notice later in this issue) |

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Words from our Branch Chairman ...

“Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour ...” so runs the ancient Greek hymn of St. John of Damascus celebrating the Great Paschal Feast of Easter. If you are like me, you are ready for some good news to cheer the heart after the long and bitterly cold winter we have had this year. God has done an astounding thing in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a unique event in history and something that sets Christians apart in their understanding of God from all other faiths. Because God has raised Jesus from the dead, we are given the promise of eternal life in Him.

On another note: if you are able to join us for the Annual General Meeting of the Branch on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m., at St Barnabas Church (Kent and James Streets), I would encourage you to attend and give us your ideas for the future; we are always seeking ways to better serve our members and support the cause of the Prayer Book in the National Church.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter season.

Wesley R. Warren, Chairman

2015 Annual General Meeting **of the** **Ottawa Branch, PBSC**

Our **Annual General Meeting** will convene in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall of St Barnabas Church on **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 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. There are several proposed new projects to discuss.

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.

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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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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 . . . In addition to Services listed elsewhere in the Newsletter, 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.

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 daily except Monday at St Barnabas' Church. The *BCP* rite is also celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at St Thomas the Apostle, Alta Vista.

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Clergy Attendance at the 35th Atlantic Theological Conference

Clergy interested in attending the 2015 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 is **Friday, May 1st**. This 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.

The 35th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled "***The Outward Sense Befriending***": ***The Beautiful, the True, and the Good***, the Conference will be held at St Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, beginning in the evening of **Sunday, June 21st** and ending at noon on **Wednesday, June 24th**. Conference Speakers and Responders this year will include, among others, Fr Christopher Snook (Rector of St George's (Round) Church, Halifax), Nathan McAllister (St Thomas' University, Fredericton), Dr Stephen Blackwood (President of Ralston College, Savannah, Georgia), Kaitlyn Boulding (King's College, Halifax), Dr Anthony Esolen (Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island), the Hon. Justice Peter Bryson (Halifax), and Dr Douglas Hedley (Clare College, Cambridge, England). Papers will include titles such as "Sense Perception and Divine Harmony: The meditating muse in Boethius' *Consolation*." and "Romantic Contemplation: S.T. Coleridge and his Legacy". For more detailed information please check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm> .



New Courses at the Old ‘Lay School of Theology’

*We are delighted to inform members that our Branch members, Fr Jim Beall and Peter Scotchmer will be offering courses this fall at the **Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality (OSTS)**. The OSTS was formerly known as the Ottawa Lay School of Theology. The courses begin **Monday, September 21st** and except for Thanksgiving Day run through to **Monday, November 30th**. Fr Beall’s course is scheduled for 7:30 to 8:20 p.m. and Peter Scotchmer’s from 8:40 to 9:30 p.m. Between the two, there is a 20-minute ‘coffee break’. A brief course description follows for each.*

Handel’s “Messiah”

Georg Friedrich Handel’s Oratorio “Messiah” is unquestionably the world’s best-known and most frequently performed oratorio. Since its inaugural in 1742, it has been presented in countless Opera houses, Arts centres, Theatres and community halls, by internationally acclaimed musicians and by enthusiastic amateurs.

The Course will consist of three components. First, we will discover the development and popularity of oratorios in Eighteenth-Century England, and the circumstances surrounding Handel’s composition. Second, we will reflect upon the libretto for “Messiah”, from the Old Testament prophecies to the end times of the Apocalypse. Third, we will listen to lots of arias and choruses, to see how Handel’s musical genius enriches the scriptural text.

Echo and Allusion: The Theology and Cultural Influence of *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

Prayer Book prose “has seeped into the collective consciousness more profoundly than any other book written in English, even the Bible”. In fact, the Prayer Book is “the Bible arranged for public worship”. Its words “echo in the mind”. Its language is about “the soul in paraphrase, the heart in pilgrimage”. This course will deal with its legacy, by first examining the historical context that shaped its theology over its turbulent first century (1549-1662). It will briefly sample the incomparable music of its liturgy, and then demonstrate the influence the BCP has had for 350 years in enriching the English language and influencing novelists, poets, and memoirists as diverse as Shakespeare, Austen, Bronte, Hardy, Wodehouse, Alan Paton, and P.D. James.



Beginning this year, courses will be held at the Dominican University College (DUC) at 66 Empress Street. Situated in Ottawa’s Centretown West, it is located west of Bronson on the north side of Somerset Street and almost directly across the street from St Luke’s Church (venue of our Chinese Dinners in years past). Parking will be available on the DUC grounds, on nearby streets, and in two public parking lots which are free after 5:30 p.m. The Registration Fee is \$75.00.



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Please remember that when inserts are being included with a particular issue of the Newsletter, your copy will be mailed by regular post.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

The Branch ended the 2014 year with a bank balance of \$2,008.37, a welcome outcome considering that we had spent more than \$1,800 on the cost of our very successful Poetry Contest. (I hope you have been enjoying the poetic results of this contest, as the National Newsletter is publishing the poems in successive issues.) There has been little financial activity so far in 2015, so at present that is substantially still what the balance is, but as the spring progresses, we will need to make our usual contributions to the St. Michael's Youth Conference, the costs of clergy travelling from Ottawa to the Atlantic Theological Conference, the National Newsletter, the costs of producing our own Newsletter, and so on. In addition, we continue to supply copies of the BCP to students at Augustine College and to churches as needed. I encourage you to continue to make contributions to the Branch to maintain these and other programs, and of course, if you have ideas for new programs for us to undertake, please suggest them! All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please send your tax-receiptable contributions to

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- Frances Macdonnell

St Michael's Youth Conference 2015

The Conference, now in its 20th 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. Once again, the conference will be held at Selah Camp, a short drive north of Warton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario) from **Monday, August 10th to Saturday, August 15th**. Information may be obtained by checking the 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 call Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

We thought you might appreciate seeing the Poster that has been prepared for the Society's upcoming National AGM in Edmonton.



The Prayer Book Society of Canada
Edmonton Branch

**The 2015 Annual General Meeting of
the Prayer Book Society of Canada
will take place in Edmonton on**

Saturday 2 May 2015 at 2PM

**ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR PARISH
11725-93 STREET**

**The National Chairman, Fr. Gordon Maitland will
conclude this year's AGM with a talk**

The Voice of Prayer : Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
*the changing nature of liturgical English prose as
seen in the BCP, BAS, and future liturgies*

**Fr. Maitland is the Rector, St. George's, Windsor, and
Director of Christian Studies at Canterbury College
(University of Windsor)**

The day will close with sung Evensong

Refreshments will be served

***And please drop by and help us welcome visitors
at the Meet and Greet hosted by the PBSC at the
Rose and Crown, 10235 101 Street (corner 103 Ave.)
5:30-8PM Friday Evening 1 May***

(yes, that's food and drink on the house!)