

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

# OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## Eastertide 2017

*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, May 21<br>7:00 p.m.    | Rogation Sunday Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception;   |
| Tuesday, May 23<br>7:30 p.m.   | Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the PBSC, in the Library, St Barnabas' Church;   |
| Saturday, June 10<br>2:00 p.m. | Slide presentation entitled "On Safari with Ron and Andrea" given by Fr Ron and Andrea Hunt in the Parish Hall at St Barnabas' Church;  |
| Sunday, June 11<br>7:00 p.m.   | Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday with the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at St Stephen's Church, 930 Watson Street, Ottawa [please see comments later in the Newsletter]. |

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Your Executive sends warmest wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter  
to all our members and friends.  
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### **Words from our Branch Chairman ...**

As I write this, we are on the eve of the Sacred Triduum, the last three days of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) which are at the very centre of our faith as Christians. The events of these last days are re-enacted in our liturgies, drawing us in and making us active participants in the drama of our salvation.

Maundy Thursday is marked by the touching Washing of the Feet ceremony, setting out a model for our service to one another. The evening Eucharist finishes with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose with a Watch of Prayer, representing Christ's time with His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Veneration of the Cross with the sung Reproaches is at the very heart of our Good Friday commemoration, allowing us fully to apprehend the utter devastation of our Lord's death and the wages of our sin.

Holy Saturday, at the evening Vigil, presents a very different outcome than was expected on that first, bleak Friday. Indeed, Christ does not remain lifeless in the tomb, but suddenly, miraculously arises to new life, fulfilling God's plan for our redemption, linking us in His Passover from death to life to the deliverance of God's people from bondage in Egypt. The beautiful fifty days which follow our blessed Lord's Resurrection give us a chance to reflect on the incredible love and faithfulness of God towards us.

I wish you all a happy and Blessed Easter.

Wesley R. Warren, Chairman

### **Clergy Attendance at the 37<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Theological Conference**

Clergy interested in attending the 2017 Atlantic Theological Conference in Halifax and who would appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same. For information or to make your request, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

The Deadline for Applications is Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

**2017 Annual General Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Ottawa Branch, PBSC**

Our **Annual General Meeting** will convene in the Library at St Barnabas Church  
on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 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. We hope that even with the short notice you will be able to attend. Your input at the Meeting will be most welcome. Once at the church, please enter via the Parking Lot door on Kent Street. If you require 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 will resume on Sundays 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.

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The Cranmer Singers, under the direction of Frances Macdonnell, continue to sing Choral Evensong in various parishes in and around Ottawa. All are *BCP* services. Try and support Frances (our Branch Treasurer) and members of the choir as they uphold long-standing traditional Anglican services.

There are other Evensongs held in parishes within the Diocese of Ottawa. Please try to support them so that the parishioners in those parishes know that *BCP* services are still appreciated. Although these various Evensongs are not necessarily Branch-sponsored, we should try to attend as we are able.

In June when the Choir sings at St Stephen's, they will be supporting a fund-raiser to help replace the lift which provides access to the church. It has broken and morning services are currently being held in the basement hall which has wheelchair access. This will continue until the replacement lift arrives in August. Thankfully the Evensong will take place in the church on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Thank you all very much for the financial donations you made to the Branch in the latter part of 2016. We took in a total of over \$2,500 in donations last year, and the Society's calendars sold a little better than they had the previous year - thank you again!

With all that, and having 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, we managed to end the year with a small surplus. Now that we are in 2017, however, we will again need your support to carry on our ongoing programmes.

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. Donations can be sent to me at the following address:

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Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

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**Please remember ...**

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

### St Michael's Youth Conference 2017

This year the Conference, celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, will be held at Selah Camp, a five-minute drive north of Wiarton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario). The Conference will begin on **Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** and end on **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**. Information may be obtained by checking the Ontario Conference website at [www.stmikesontario.com](http://www.stmikesontario.com). The Registration fee is \$250.00. A deposit of \$50.00 is required by June 30<sup>th</sup> with the remainder due upon arrival at the conference. There is still time to register.

If you know of teenagers aged 13 -19 who would be interested in attending this year's Conference and who might appreciate financial assistance, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

On the next page we have included a message from Dr Versegby, the Conference Director.

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### The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled "***God Every Day and Everywhere***", this year's Conference will be held at the University of King's College, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, beginning with Evensong in the Chapel in the evening of Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Conference ends at noon on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Conference Papers will be presented at King's by Dr Eli Diamond, Dr Wayne Hankey, Evan King, Dr Patrick Graham, and Dr Douglas Headley. The Conference Eucharist for the Eve of St John the Baptist will be held on the Friday evening at St George's (Round) Church.

For more details, including titles of the papers, registration information, etc., please check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm>.

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#### ***Please join us ...***

for another slide presentation to be given by Fr Ron and Andrea Hunt. On this occasion, they will show pictures and provide commentary on a recent trip they took to Africa. Titled "**On Safari with Ron and Andrea**", the afternoon promises to be enjoyable and filled with much information gleaned by our intrepid members.

Assuming that warm weather will have finally arrived in Ottawa by June 10<sup>th</sup>, we would like to point out that the Parish Hall at St Barnabas is air-conditioned.

## ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

The 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Michael's Youth Conference in Ontario will run from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at Selah Camp, on the beautiful Bruce Peninsula. The Ontario conference is modelled closely on the Maritime conference, with classes in the morning on Biblical topics, theology and Anglican spirituality; recreational activities in the afternoon, such as swimming, canoeing, archery and hiking; and various activities in the evening such as discussions, games and a movie night. The days are framed by BCP Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer (or Compline), with a closing service of BCP Holy Communion on the last day.

Over the years, the Ontario conference has had nearly 120 teens participating, from all over southern Ontario. The return rate of participating teens is greater than 50% (which is considered excellent for a summer camp), and many teens return for multiple years, some of them finally "graduating" to become counsellors at the conference. Malcolm Mackenzie of St. Barnabas' has attended the conference for the past three years, and we are looking forward to welcoming his sister Alice this summer.

It costs about \$8,000 each year to run the conference. Only about half of that is covered by the teens' registration fees, since the fee is deliberately kept low (at \$250) in order to enable teens from disadvantaged families to attend. The remainder is covered by donations from supportive parishes, individuals and PBSC branches. The Ottawa Branch of the PBSC has for many years generously contributed a donation of \$500, and as such is a greatly valued sponsor of the conference.

*Respectfully submitted, Diana Versegby, Conference Director*

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The Lord is risen indeed!  
Now is his work performed;  
Now is the mighty Captive freed,  
And death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!  
Then hell has lost his prey;  
With him is risen the ransomed seed  
To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!  
He lives, to die no more;  
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,  
Whose curse and shame he bore.

The Reverend Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854  
(Known as 'The Irish Hymn Writer', he wrote 765 hymns during a period of 51 years.)