

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Lent 2010

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 and everlasting God, who hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent : Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Ash Wednesday, *BCP*, page 138

FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

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| Sunday, February 28
5:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong for Lent II will be sung by the Evensong Choir, directed by Meredith Macdonnell at St James' Church, Carp (Parish of Huntley). The service will feature Lenten music of the Tudor period. |
| Saturday, March 6
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr Geoffrey Sangwine at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets (<i>see Notice later in this issue</i>) |
| Sunday, March 7
4:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong for Lent III will be sung by Cathedral Singers at Trinity Church, Ottawa South |
| Sunday, March 21
7:00 p.m. | Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Lent V (Passion Sunday), followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church |
| Sunday, April 18
5:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong for Easter II will be sung by Cathedral Singers at Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids |
| 7:00 p.m. | Easter Carol Service, followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church |
| Wednesday, April 21
7:30 p.m. | Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch will be conducted in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church |
| Saturday, May 8
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>) |

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Chairman's Remarks

It is not unusual in our country's current financial and climate uncertainties to feel apprehensive about the future not only for ourselves, but perhaps more so for the generations to follow us. This past week I have watched the Olympics off and on and have marvelled at the performances of these young people from around the world and learned of the motivation and dedication to excellence required from each of them to achieve their success. It was truly inspiring - terrifying at times to watch, but inspiring and strangely, I felt, reassuring. What wonderful role models they have been, even when disappointed, not only for the rest of our young people but for all of us; they are all fine examples of The Golden Rule and it doesn't get any better than that. I hope that we can all take some of this away with us.

Our own Diocese has an Olympian couple who lit the flame of enthusiasm in a local group and not only built a parish hall, adjacent to the refurbished St Bede's, Nolan's Corners, complete with a functional 'green' kitchen, but also installed the beautiful stained glass window from their former sister parish, Christ Church, Montague. Our Branch has assisted with some large-print copies of the *BCP*. Our Gold Medal goes to Andrea and Ron Hunt. Well done all. (*See pictures, page 10*).

Hats off to all the Olympians!

2010 Annual General Meeting **of the** **Ottawa Branch, PBSC**

Our **Annual General Meeting** will convene in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall,
St Barnabas Church on **Wednesday, April 21st, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**

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Please make an extra effort to join with fellow members of the Branch and members of your Executive as your input will be very much appreciated. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this year's AGM. Should you need a ride to and from the church, please call Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058 and she will be glad to make arrangements for you to attend.

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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 is held 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.

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Although this is the Lenten Issue of our Branch Newsletter, your Executive sends warmest wishes to all our members and friends for a joyful and blessed Easter.
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Advance Notices

We will be having two (2) Annual General Meetings in Ottawa this Spring. The first will be our own Branch AGM, which will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St Barnabas Church (corner of Kent and James Streets), in Ottawa. The second will be the Annual General Meeting of the National Prayer Book Society of Canada, to be held in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall at St Barnabas Church on Saturday May 8 at 2:00 p.m. This will be the first time in many years that we will be hosting the National Society's AGM. (*Please note the more detailed Notices elsewhere in this Newsletter.*)

As noted in the calendar on the first page of this Newsletter, the Cathedral Singers, under the direction of Frances Macdonnell, will continue to sing Choral Evensong in various parishes in and around Ottawa this spring. All are *BCP* services. Try and support Frances (our Branch Treasurer) and members of the choir as they uphold long-standing traditional Anglican services. Although these Evensongs and others noted are not Branch-sponsored, we are all encouraged to attend.

There are many other Evensongs held in our area: please try to support them to show their parishes how much people appreciate *BCP* services. It would be lovely to have much larger attendances at the regular Evensongs at the Cathedral and at St. Matthew's Church in Ottawa.

We hope to continue with our long-standing tradition of having our Annual Evensong and dinner in the Parish of Carp in late June. Details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Please plan to set aside a Sunday evening in October for our Annual Chinese Dinner, our main fund-raising event of each year. If you have not attended before, we are certain you will enjoy the dinner, speaking and dining with fellow members of the Society, and the concert later in the evening upstairs in the nave of St Luke's Church. If you have attended in the past, please look for the detailed announcement in the next Newsletter as we're sure you will want to attend once again.

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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.* ***

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Lenten Mission and Quiet Day

***“Faces in the Crowd : Confusion, Contrition, Compassion
in the Passion of Christ”***

to be conducted by The Rev. Geoffrey Sangwine

Tuesday, March 2nd to Sunday, March 7th

A ***Lenten Mission*** is being co-sponsored by the Parishes of St Paul’s, Hazeldean / Kanata and St Barnabas, Ottawa. It will be led by the Rev. Geoffrey Sangwine who has been Rector of the Church of St Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea (northwest of Toronto) since 2004. Fr Sangwine was ordained to the Priesthood in 2001. He is a member of the Prayer Book Society of Canada and has conducted Quiet Days for the Toronto Branch of the Society. He is also Chaplain to the St Michael’s Youth Conference that has been held in southwestern Ontario for a number of years, and to which our Branch has given monetary support on an annual basis.

Fr Sangwine will be giving a daily “Reflection” at 11:30 a.m. at St Paul’s, Hazeldean / Kanata, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. A light lunch will follow each day’s “Reflection”.

On Friday evening, Fr Sangwine will move to St Barnabas. Branch members are encouraged to join parishioners for all or part of the evening. A Potluck Supper at 5:00 p.m. will begin the evening. At 6:00 p.m., Fr will give an illustrated talk on a pilgrimage he made to the Holy Land about five years ago. “Stations of the Cross” will follow at 7:00 p.m. It is anticipated that teens from St Paul’s will join for part or all of the evening.

The ***Lenten Quiet Day*** at St Barnabas Church will follow on ***Saturday, March 6th***. The day will begin with Low Mass (Said Eucharist) at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Although homemade soup will be provided for lunch, you are invited to bring a small bag lunch if you so desire. Members are encouraged to attend this Quiet Day being held during the middle of Lent.

Fr Sangwine will conclude the week by preaching at St Barnabas on ***Sunday, March 7th*** (Lent III), at the High Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Advent and Lenten Quiet Days have traditionally been popular times of reflection and contemplation for members of the Branch. The Quiet Days have been well received by those who have attended. They form an excellent means of preparation for the major feast days of the Church.

Plan to join with parishioners at St Paul’s, Kanata and / or St Barnabas, Ottawa and fellow members of the Branch, as we continue our journey through Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter. If you require transportation, please call Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058 as she will be glad to assist you.

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

*Saturday, May 8th, 2010
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. Presently it is not yet known how many members from across the country will be able to attend, but according to our Constitution, a quorum of twenty-five (25) members is required 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. The AGM will include a Guest Speaker. A short reception will follow the AGM at which you will be able to meet the Guest Speaker, 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. St Barnabas' Rector, Fr Stewart Murray, will conduct the service and members of the parish's choir will sing the service.

Traditionally, the day ends with dinner at a local restaurant. The location for the dinner is still pending. 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 contact Ronald Bentley, the National Recording Secretary at either rwbentley@sympatico.ca or call him at 613-822-1911.

In order for the organizers to have some idea of the number planning to attend the dinner, kindly contact Ronald Bentley by April 30th to indicate your intention.

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General Synod 2010 and the PBSC

General Synod will be held in Halifax from June 3rd to 11th. In your prayers, please remember Clergy and Laity alike, especially those who will be representing our Diocese.

During the National Council teleconference meeting held in early February, Council Members were advised that arrangements are being made for PBSC representation. A number of young members from the Maritimes, along with Fr David Harris, our National Chairman, and other local clergy will represent Society members from across the country. Their attendance will help alleviate the need for long-distance travel by too many others. Still under discussion are a few loose ends such as 'giveaways', pamphlets, literature, etc.

If you are able to assist financially this most important endeavour in the life of the Canadian Church and the PBSC in particular, please forward your cheque to the National Society at the following address: **The Prayer Book Society of Canada, P.O. Box 38060, 1430 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3Y7.**

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NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

At the end of 2009, the Branch finished the year again in a positive position, the bank balance having increased by a little over \$200 to a final figure of \$7,479.05. Once again, we supported both the Cranmer Conference for young adults (\$500), as well as giving grants to three members of the clergy to attend the Atlantic Theological Conference and making a memorial donation of \$250 in memory of Dr. Peter Toon. The Branch also gave several other smaller memorial donations.

Volume III of the series of books written by Sue Careless about the *Book of Common Prayer* is now available for \$24.95, and we plan to pay for an advertisement in Crosstalk, the Diocesan Newspaper, announcing this availability. Orders for the books can be placed by calling me at 613-726-7984 or writing to me at #303 - 3099 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, K2H 5A6.

During 2009, the Branch presented large-print *BCPs* to the Parish of St. Bede's, Nolan's Corners, as well as our annual gift of *BCPs* to the students at Augustine College. The Chinese Banquet held at St. Luke's Church in September was a very good fund-raiser this year, leaving us with a profit of several hundred dollars to help pay for our programmes.

Thank you very much for supporting our sale of *BCP* calendars and Christmas cards each year; the profit from these sales forms a major part of our income. We are also grateful that our members continue to support the work of the Branch through financial donations. Your help is always appreciated, and all contributions are fully tax-receiptable.

- Frances Macdonnell

Clergy Attendance

30th Atlantic Theological Conference

Clergy interested in attending this year's Atlantic Theological Conference in Moncton, New Brunswick, and who may appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same.

The deadline for applications will be Wednesday, March 31st. To confirm your intention, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. This deadline will allow 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.

St Michael's Youth Conference 2010

This year's Conference will be held near the town of Durham in Grey County (southwestern Ontario) from Monday, August 23rd to Saturday, August 28th. Current 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 this year's Conference and who might appreciate financial assistance, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. This is the camp at which Fr Geoffrey Sangwine is Chaplain.

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The 2010 Cranmer Conference

Planned by the Grand Valley Branch and the Greater Niagara Branch of the PBSC, this year's Conference will run from Friday June 25th through to Sunday June 27th at St Paul's, Dunnville.

It is expected that Fr Gordon Maitland from Windsor will be the Leader this year. Other details are still in the planning stage as the Conference organizers are trying to be as economical as possible this year, and have not as yet be able to announce the full roster of staff for the 2010 Conference.

For current and updated information, please check the Conference website at www./cranmer.ca or call (905) 971-7863. Although the Conference is planned as a follow-up for those who may have attended earlier St Michael's Conferences, it is aimed at all young people between the ages of 19 and 29. Registration remains at \$50.00 per person again this year.

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The 30th annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled "***Knit together in one communion***": ***Anglican Identity and the Challenge of Diversity***, this year's Conference will be held at St George's Church in Moncton, New Brunswick. The Conference will run from Sunday evening, May 30th and end at noon on Wednesday, June 2nd. St George's was founded in the 1840s, with the present church having been built in 1932 and consecrated in 1948. Like many parishes in the Maritimes, the *BCP* is used exclusively.

Conference Speakers this year will include The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, The Rev. Dr Ephraim Radner, Dr Roberta Bayer, The Rev. Gavin Dunbar, and The Rev. Dr Ranall Ingalls. Bishop Stephen Andrews will preach at the Conference Eucharist.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. For those with Internet access, please check the Conference schedule on the St Peter's Cathedral website at www.stpeter.org/cathedra.html for more information as it is posted. Remember the Atlantic Theological Conference is attended by both Clergy and Laity alike.

The Rev. George Herbert (1593-1633) was a Welsh priest and poet. We have included his poem "Lent" with the hope it provides useful Lenten contemplation for our readers. Particularly appropriate are the last few stanzas as we enter this time of preparation for Easter.

LENT
from *The Temple* (1633)

by
George Herbert

Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,
He loves not Temperance, or Authority,
But is compos'd of passion.

The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, now:
Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow
To ev'ry Corporation.

The humble soul compos'd of love and fear
Begins at home, and lays the burden there,
When doctrines disagree,
He says, in things which use hath justly got,
I am a scandal to the church, and not
The Church is so to me.

True Christians should be glad of an occasion
To use their temperance, seeking no evasion,
When good is seasonable;
Unless Authority, which should increase
The obligation in us, make it less,
And Power itself disable.

Besides the cleanness of sweet abstinence,
Quick thought and motions at a small expense,
A face not fearing light:
Whereas in fulness there are sluttish fumes,
Sour exhalations, and dishonest rheums,
Revenging the delight.

Then those same pendant profits, which the spring
And Easter intimate, enlarge the thing,
And goodness of the deed.
Neither ought other men's abuse of Lent
Spoil the good use; lest by that argument
We forfeit all our Creed.

It's true, we cannot reach Christ's fortieth day;
Yet to go part of that religious way,
Is better than to rest:
We cannot reach our Saviour's purity;
Yet are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as he,'
In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,
Is much more sure to meet with him, than one
That travelleth by-ways:
Perhaps my God, though he be far before,
May turn and take me by the hand, and more:
May strengthen my decays.

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast
By starving sin and taking such repast
As may our faults control:
That ev'ry man may revel at his door,
Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,
And among those his soul.

{ You may be interested to know that George Herbert wrote the words to Hymn 803
"King of glory, King of peace" that is included in *The Book of Common Praise* (1938). Ed. Note. }

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The pictures on the next page were taken on the occasion of the Blessing of the newly constructed Parish Hall at St Bede's, Nolan's Corner this past October. 'Prayer Book Sunday' was duly celebrated with due solemnity.

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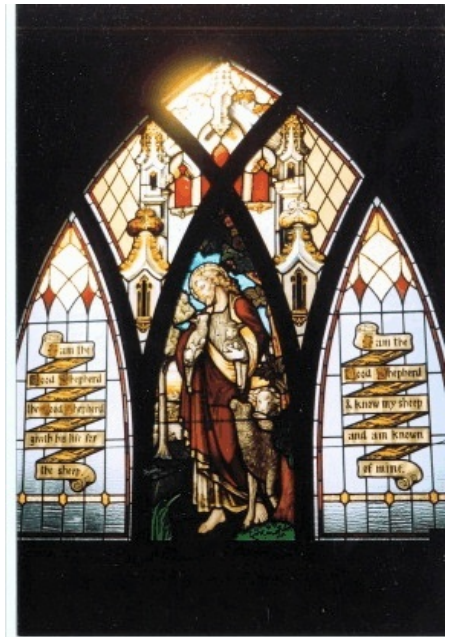
Blessing of St. Bede's Church Hall, Nolan's Corners

Sung Evensong with the Organist and Choir from St. James, Perth (18 October 2009)



Left to Right:
Archdeacon Rob Davis, two members of St. James' Choir, and the Rev. Dr. Ron Hunt, Priest-in-Charge.

This window was moved from Christ Church, Montague, and now rests in St. Bede's Church Hall, overlooking the cemetery. The window is over 100 years old.



Left to Right:
- Bill Dopson, Deputy Reeve of Montague Township
- Harry Meyer, Contractor
- Archdeacon Rob Davis
- Thom Lockwood, Designer
- The Rev. Dr. Ron Hunt, Priest-in-Charge
- Carl Saunders, Church Warden
- Eric Edmunds, Church Warden