

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Lent 2011

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 hatest nothing that thou 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

Friday, April 1 to Sunday, April 3	Lenten Mission (<i>The Faces of Jesus</i>) led by Fr James Koester, SSJE, at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets
Saturday, April 2 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr James Koester, SSJE at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets (<i>see Notice later in this issue</i>)
Saturday, April 9 2:00 -3:00 p.m.	The Glory of Psalms: a workshop celebrating the singing of psalms in <i>BCP</i> language, at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets
Sunday, April 10 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Passion Sunday (Lent V), followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church
Wednesday, April 27 7:30 p.m.	Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch will be conducted in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church
Sunday, May 15 4:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong for Eastertide, sung by the Cranmer Singers, at Trinity Church, 1230 Bank Street
7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church.

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Chairman's Remarks

Your Executive is working very hard on our 2012 Anniversary project and we would appreciate the assistance of someone capable of inputting material into the Prayer Book Society of Canada's website. We hope to be able to announce our plans at our AGM on April 27th at 7:30 p.m., so please plan to attend to support us in this endeavour.

For those of you not doing much night driving if it can be avoided, I suggest you do a 'dry run' to St Barnabas at Kent and James Streets, the day before to refresh your memory. It helps; I know.

Recently I attended a service at the new parish of St Matthew's (see article about the parish later in this issue) and was welcomed by the clergy and parishioners. I'm hoping we will have at least 6 new members for our Branch.

2011 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 27th, 2011 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 we hold our Branch's AGM. Your input at the Meeting will be very much appreciated. Please mark this date on your calendar. 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 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.

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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 Happy and Blessed Easter.

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Advance Notices

Please remember that the Cranmer Singers (formerly 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 parishes in and around the Ottawa area. Please try to support them in order to show how much *BCP* services are still appreciated. 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. Watch for details in the next Newsletter.

Saturday, April 9 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
St. Barnabas Church, 70 James Street at Kent Street

The Glory of Psalms : a workshop celebrating the singing of psalms in BCP language

Fr Stewart Murray, Rector of St. Barnabas Church, will give a short address on the history and use of psalms in worship; Frances Macdonnell will give a short address on the singing of Anglican chant; and then the Cranmer Singers (formerly the Cathedral Singers), directed by Frances Macdonnell, will sing all of Psalm 119 - all 22 parts and 176 verses of it - changing the chant to a new one for every 8-verse Part. This will surely be the only time in your life you will ever hear all of Psalm 119 sung at one sitting!

This event is sponsored by the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and a donation of \$10 is suggested at the door. Refreshments will be provided after the workshop. Please plan to attend this special workshop on a Saturday afternoon to celebrate the Glory of Psalms!

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To save the costs of postage and printing of each Issue, if you would prefer to receive your copy via electronic means, please advise the Branch Newsletter Editor at rwbentley@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. *****

Clergy Attendance
31st Atlantic Theological Conference

Clergy interested in attending this year's Atlantic Theological Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and who would appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same.

The deadline for applications will be Friday, April 15th. To confirm your intention, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. 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.

Lenten Mission and Quiet Day

“The Faces of Jesus”

to be conducted by Fr James Koester, SSJE

Friday, April 1st to Sunday, April 3rd

A ***Lenten Mission*** will be held at St Barnabas, Ottawa. It will be led by the Rev. James Koester, SSJE. Born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Fr James did his undergraduate studies at Trent University in Peterborough, and his theological studies at Trinity College, in Toronto. He was ordained deacon and then priested in British Columbia. In 1989, he went to the U.S. to test his vocation with the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) and was life-professed in 1995. He has led retreats and workshops, preached, taught, and offered spiritual direction.

Friday evening will begin with “Stations of the Cross” at 7:00 p.m., and will be followed by a session that Fr Koester will lead on the “writing” of icons

The ***Lenten Quiet Day*** at St Barnabas Church will follow on ***Saturday, April 2nd***. The day will begin with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 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.

The Mission will conclude on ***Mothering Sunday*** with Fr Koester preaching at St Barnabas at the High Mass at 10:30 a.m. The Parish's Annual ***Mothering Sunday Tea***, to which all are invited, will follow the Service.

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 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. She will be glad to assist you.

26 February, 2011

Submission to the Newsletter of the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada

There's a new option for Prayer Book worship in Ottawa. Last October a group of traditional Anglicans formed the Parish of St Matthew the Apostle, part of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada 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. St. Matthew's is composed of those members of the Parish of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary who chose not to join the proposed Ordinariate within the Roman Catholic Church.

The parish is particularly blessed in its priests. Fr Peter Jardine was ordained seven years ago into the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada and is now leading St. Matthew's. He sees his ministry as "bringing people to Jesus through faithful adherence to traditional doctrine based on Holy Scripture". He is assisted by Fr Eric Melby who is currently on leave from the parish working in Afghanistan. The parish is looking forward to his return in the summer and his very engaging homilies.

St. Matthew's holds services in an old house at 1000 Byron Ave. beside the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral from whom the house is rented. There is plenty of parking! Plans for the future include:

- Growing the parish from its current 20 regular communicants
- Finding a more permanent and suitable place to worship (also, hopefully, with plenty of parking)
- Finding a suitable outreach project with which to express the wonder and joy of Christian worship as expressed through traditional Anglicanism and the *Book of Common Prayer*.

As a very new parish, St Matthew's is grateful for the generous support already received in setting up the parish and for the continuing prayers of all its friends. The optimism and joy of the congregation is palpable but, for the parish to continue, additional enthusiastic members are needed. Why not visit the parish and attend a service to find out if this is the Christian adventure you have been waiting for? You are invited to join in worship using the *Book of Common Prayer* every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Fr Peter Jardine at 613-829-7271.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Although our level of donations was lower than usual last year, I am happy to report that our budget ended the year well in 2010, finishing the year only slightly behind the previous year at a total of \$7,003.41 in the bank. During the last year, we donated our usual \$500 to the Cranmer Conference, \$1,000 to the cost of the National Newsletter, \$1,050 towards the costs of clergy attending the Atlantic Theological Conference which is sponsored by the Society, and \$500 to the St. Michael Youth Camp, as well as the costs of sending out our regular Newsletters. As expected, we also spent more money than usual in providing copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* to the students at Augustine College, as their registration for this academic year is larger than usual, which is very nice to see!

As well as the \$7,000 in our General Account, we still have the \$12,000 capital which was left to us by Lorna D. Young some years ago. As the 450th anniversary of the 1662 *Book of Common*

Prayer nears in 2012, your Executive have begun to think about sponsoring a national competition for Canadian university students, asking them to write essays, on a precise topic to be decided, concerning the *Book of Common Prayer*. We could make substantial prize money available for such a competition - for instance, we could offer a Grand Prize of \$2,500.00, a Second Prize of \$1,500.00, and a Third Prize of \$750.00; in this way, we would hope to encourage a considerable number of young Canadians to look seriously at the *BCP*. This proposal will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church, and we hope that as many of you as possible will be there to give us your input. Perhaps somebody would like to sponsor a prize! - we could put your name on it!

We are most 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

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A Review of Peter Hitchens' The Rage Against God

Militant atheism is fashionable. Books denying the existence of a Deity are bestsellers, and believers in a merciful and omniscient God suffer, according to biologist Richard Dawkins, from a "delusion." According to his compatriot, the journalist Christopher Hitchens, God is "not great." As both Dawkins and Hitchens were raised in nominally Anglican homes, it is appropriate that reasoned and moderate Christian responses to their intemperate polemics should come from Anglican writers. In his landmark book The Dawkins Delusion, (SPCK, 2007) scientist and theologian Alister McGrath has argued that atheism is itself a "delusion" -- one about God. Now it is the turn of Peter Hitchens, Christopher's younger brother, to answer what he calls his brother's "rage."

A journalist like his brother, and a former Trotskyite who once in his youth burned his own copy of the Bible, Peter Hitchens has now returned to the Church of England as an adult. His journey home is the subject of The Rage Against God, published recently by Zondervan. Hitchens junior respects his brother's right to disagree with him, but perhaps mindful that "the soft answer turneth away wrath," eschews personal attack in favour of spiritual autobiography, in the tradition of Augustine's Confessions, Bunyan's Grace Abounding, or Lewis' Surprised by Joy, to show how he was led back to faith.

As a foreign correspondent in Moscow, Peter Hitchens became disenchanted by the failure of Marxism as practised by Soviet authorities to deliver on its promise to establish heaven on earth. In a museum in Beaune, France, he had an epiphany while viewing van der Weyden's "The Last Judgement" (a painting easily accessible by googling) which spoke to him deeply and personally about his life's priorities. But when he returns to the faith of his fathers, he is shocked by what he finds in church. He sees himself in Thomas Hart Benton's famous painting "The Prodigal Son" (also

accessible by googling) in which a downcast reprobate returns too late to the abandoned family homestead, roofless and devastated by neglect. The painting is for Hitchens a metaphor for what has happened to the Church of England while he was away:

The desolation is infinite. And as I surveyed the melancholy remnants of my own church, out of which I had petulantly stomped, I felt the same [as Benson's Prodigal]....

The new, denatured, committee-designed prayers and services were not just ugly, but contained a different message, which was not strong enough to satisfy my need to atone.

What he yearns for is the strong meat of *The Book of Common Prayer*, and yet this need is answered with ecclesiastical indifference, carefully documented. He has this to say about the BCP's Evensong service:

This sunset ceremony is the very heart of English Christianity. The prehistoric, mysterious poetry of the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis...are extraordinarily potent.

If you welcome them, they have an astonishing power to reassure and comfort.

By his own admission, Peter Hitchens is the prodigal son returned, chastened by experience but nevertheless determined to affirm traditional Anglican worship in a cynical and faithless world. His determination to do so compels our respect; his honesty, our admiration.

Peter A. Scotchmer

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For those of our members who remember with affection Fr Robert Crouse, we include from the website of St Peter Publications in Charlottetown the following brief notice about his death this past January:

Death of The Rev'd Dr. Robert Crouse

We are sad to have to announce the death of Rev'd Dr. Robert Crouse. Dr. Crouse died peacefully at his home in Crousetown, Lunenburg County on Saturday, January 15th, 2011. On Wednesday, January 19th at 2 pm, the King's and Dalhousie community held a Requiem Eucharist at the King's Chapel and on Thursday, January 20th at 1 pm, there was a Requiem Eucharist at St. Mary's in Crousetown for parishioners in Lunenburg County, with Burial following in St. Mary's Cemetery. A Requiem Eucharist and Celebration of Father Crouse's life, to which all are invited, will take place at St. George's (Round) Church in Halifax, 2222 Brunswick Street on Sunday, June 26th at 7 pm, just before the Atlantic Theological Conference. This service will provide an opportunity for all of Father Crouse's friends, musical, academic, church colleagues and others to come together, remember him, and give thanks for his life.

An obituary for Father Crouse may be found at this link:

<http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/netnews/2011/documents/DrRobertCrouseobit.pdf>

***Requiescat in pace ***

From the King's College website comes the following Obituary for Fr Crouse:

In Memoriam: Dr. Robert Crouse

King's Event

January 19, 2011

Robert Darwin Crouse, a deeply respected and beloved professor at Dalhousie University and the University of King's College, died in his sleep in his Crousetown home on Saturday 15 January, at the age of 80.

Dr. Crouse's obituary follows.

Father Crouse was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, to Merle and Sarah (Crooks) Crouse in 1930. When he was just a few months old the family moved to Crousetown in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, where he spent the rest of his life. His long relationship with the University of King's College began in 1947. He graduated from King's in 1951, with the Bachelor of Arts. He then went on to earn the STB (cum laude) from Harvard Divinity School.

Father Crouse was ordained by Bishop Waterman in Nova Scotia. He moved to Trinity College, Toronto, where he completed the Master of Theology and tutored other students. He was then appointed to the Dalhousie Department of Classics in 1963. He returned to Harvard University for his PhD and graduated. He joined the faculty of the University of King's College in 1979.

At King's, Father Crouse served as Director of the Foundation Year Programme, Vice President, and Clerk of Convocation. For King's students and faculty alike, Father Crouse became a voice of wisdom, knowledge, and inspiration through his academic teaching and his sermons at Thursday Chapel. His reputation as a respected scholar spread across North America and in Europe through his participation in international conferences, his visiting lectures and the publication of over seventy articles, reviews, and translations.

During his life, Father Crouse did exceptional work for the Anglican Church of Canada, especially in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. He served as a delegate to General Synod, an Examining Chaplain for the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and was a member of the Primate's Theological Commission. He served as the Bishop Short Canon Theologian for the Diocese of Saskatchewan. He also taught at the *Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum* in Rome as a visiting Professor of Patrology (he was the first non-Roman Catholic to be so appointed). He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity from King's in 2007.

His teaching and research illuminated for his colleagues and students the fields of theology and philosophy both ancient and medieval, Greek and Latin patristics, mediaeval Platonism and interpretation of Aristotle, Dante, Anglican theology, the Book of Common Prayer, and church music. His treatment of Dante became a formative element of the Foundation Year Programme, which was also enhanced by the lectures on his beloved Palestrina and Bach, and on medieval architecture.

In addition to being a scholar and a priest, Father Crouse was also a talented musician, whose influence was felt both in Chapel worship, in his assistance as organist in the Parishes of Petite Riviere and New Dublin and in his Crousetown special choral services. The Sunday before his death Father Crouse played the organ for the Liturgy at St Mary the Virgin, Crousetown.

Referred to as “the embodiment of the scholarly priest” by friends, former students and colleagues, Father Crouse’s presence will remain alive in the collective memory of the community of the University of King’s College. May he rest in peace and may his example continue to inspire us all.



350th Anniversary of the 1662 Revision of the *Book of Common Prayer*

In anticipation of the 350th Anniversary of the Revision of the *Book of Common Prayer* in 1662, I have been asked to provide some comments on this, though I am far from being a liturgical scholar. However, I present here some historical background.

The reigns of James I and Charles I were contentious, not just about the kings’ troubles with Parliament, but also the Church of England, its form of ministry and ways of worship - heightened by intemperances and feverish actions on all sides. Charles I sought to impose episcopacy and a *Book of Common Prayer* in Scotland, which was largely rejected. Interestingly, this Book, with certain changes, later became the basis of the American Prayer Book.

After the outbreak of the Civil War, and the dominance of the Parliamentary, strongly Puritan forces in London, the Westminster Assembly began its deliberations in 1643, which led to the Westminster Confession, Long and Short Catechisms, abolishing the episcopacy and forbidding the use of the Prayer Book.

Cromwell’s victory resulted in the fleeing to the continent of many of the clergy and the imposition of Puritanism in England. While the Cromwellian regime was a brutal dictatorship, tyrants in those days did not have the means of present-day dictators for imposing their will all over the country, and so in places, some Anglican practices were carried on.

Richard Cromwell, who succeeded his father upon his death in 1658, was unable to maintain the army’s loyalty and this led to the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. Charles II restored the episcopacy and appointed a commission of twelve bishops and twelve Puritan divines to advise upon, and review the *Book of Common Prayer*. The bishops rejected most of the Puritans’ “exceptions” and considered a revision that would have made the Book much like the original Book of 1549. In the end they came up with a Book not very different from the 1552 Book.

While there were a number of changes in detail in the new Book, they were not such that would strike the ordinary worshiper. There were some word changes, the addition of the words “Sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin” in the Baptismal service, the addition of a form of Baptism for Adults, a ‘Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of Men’ and the ‘General Thanksgiving’. In the ‘Prayer for the Church Militant’, a commemoration of the faithful departed was added.

I was surprised that the Preface for the 1662 Revision and also the 1549 and 1552 Prefaces, were moved from the front of the present Canadian Prayer Book. They may be found on pages 715 to 721.

- Submitted by Bill Silver

St Michael's Youth Conference 2011

The Conference will be held a little north of Warton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario) from Monday, August 29th to Saturday, September 3rd. 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.

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The 2011 Cranmer Conference

There will be two (2) **Cranmer Conferences this summer.**

The **first Conference** will run from Friday, June 17th through to Sunday, June 19th at St George's Church, London. Fr Gordon Maitland from Windsor will speak on "***The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell, and Heaven***".

The **second Conference** will be held from Friday, August 26th to Sunday, August 28th in North Bay. The keynote speaker will be the Right Rev. Stephen Andrews, Lord Bishop of Algoma. As details for this Conference are still pending, please check the Conference website at www./cranmer.ca or send an e-mail to info@cranmer.ca for more information. Although the Conference is planned as a follow-up for those who may have attended earlier St Michael's Conferences, it is aimed at young people between the ages of 19 and 30. It is expected that Registration will remain at \$50.00 per person again this year.

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The 31st annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled "***Recognizing the ancient sacred in the modern secular***" : ***How the sacred is to be discovered in today's world***, this year's Conference sessions will be held at King's College, Halifax. Services will be held at King's College Chapel and at St George's (Round) Church. The Conference will run from the evening of Sunday, June 26th and will end at noon on Wednesday, June 29th.

Dr Crouse served on the Conference Planning Committee up to and including this year, and it was this year's topic on which he wanted this 2011 Conference to focus. Conference Speakers will include Fr Gary Thorne (Chaplain of King's College, Halifax), Dr Alyda Faber (Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax), Dr Philip Davis (Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island), Dr Wayne Hankey (Professor of Classics, Dalhousie University, Halifax), and Fr Christopher Snook (St Luke's Church, Regina). Bishop Anthony Burton will preach at the Requiem Eucharist for Fr Crouse on the Sunday evening, and again at the Conference Eucharist on the Tuesday evening.

Plan to attend. For those with Internet access, check the Conference schedule on the St Peter's Cathedral website at www.stpeter.org/conf.htm for more information as it is posted. You are reminded that the Atlantic Theological Conference is attended by both Clergy and Laity alike, and is supported solely by registrations and donations.

The National AGM of the PBSC will be conducted at St George's on the Saturday afternoon.

