

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Lent 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

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.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

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| Sunday, March 11
7:00 p.m. | <i>BCP</i> Choral Evensong for Lent III sung by the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at St Stephen's, 930 Watson Avenue (just west of Pinecrest, north of the Queensway). |
| Saturday, March 17
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Lenten Quiet Day led by Sr Elizabeth Anne, SSJD, at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets (<i>see Notice later in this issue</i>) |
| Sunday, March 18
7:00 p.m. | Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Mothering Sunday (Lent IV), St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception |
| Friday, March 23
7:30 p.m. | <i>The Shocking Truth About Christian Orthodoxy</i> , a free public lecture (the 2012 Augustine College Weston Lecture) by Fr John Behr in the Saint Paul University Amphitheatre, 223 Main Street. On-site parking is \$4.00; street parking is free. For more information visit www.augustinecollege.org . |
| Wednesday, April 11
7:30 p.m. | Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch will be held in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church |
| Sunday, April 15
7:00 p.m. | Easter Carol Service, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception |
| Sunday, April 22
5:00 p.m. | Eastertide <i>BCP</i> Evensong sung by the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at Trinity Anglican Church, 1230 Bank Street |
| 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. |

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2012 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 11th, 2011 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. Should you need a ride to and / or 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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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. *****

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Although this is the Lenten Issue of our Ottawa 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, 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 many other Evensongs held in parishes within the Diocese of Ottawa. Please try to support them in order to show how much *BCP* services are still appreciated. Although these various Evensongs are not Branch-sponsored, we are encouraged to attend.

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.

A Lenten Quiet Day

will be led by Sister Elizabeth Anne, SSJD

Saturday, March 17th - - - - - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A ***Lenten Quiet Day***, centered around the theme of “Living Prayer in Daily Life” will be held at St Barnabas, Ottawa. The day will begin with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m., and will end with Evening Prayer at 3:00 p.m. Although homemade soup will be provided for lunch, you are invited to bring a small bag lunch if you wish. Members are encouraged to attend this Quiet Day being held during the middle of Lent.

Sr Elizabeth Anne will preach the following morning at the 10:30 a.m. High Mass on Lent IV at St Barnabas. The Parish’s Annual ***Mothering Sunday Tea***, to which all are invited, will follow the Service. This will also be the occasion when the Parish will honour a former Rector, Canon James Winters, on the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Advent and Lenten Quiet Days have traditionally been popular times of reflection and contemplation. 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, local Associates of the SSJD, and fellow members of the Branch, as we 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.

Clergy Attendance
32nd Atlantic Theological Conference

Clergy interested in attending this year's Atlantic Theological Conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and who would appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same. To confirm your intention, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058.

The deadline for applications will be Friday, April 20th.

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.

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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The Book of Common Prayer

The Protestant Reformation erupted in Europe in the first half of the 16th century. While this influenced some of the clergy in England, King Henry VIII at first kept the Church of England in the Catholic fold, acknowledging the Pope as the head of the church. However, in the 1530's he broke with the Pope, declared himself the head of the Church of England and dissolved the monasteries, seizing their wealth, but the church continued to use the Latin Mass.

The accession to the throne of the ten-year-old, Protestant-tutored Edward VI brought Protestant-influenced clergy and nobles to positions of power. Thus the Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer was able to reform the Church, especially its worship. A conservative and cautious man, he wanted, though influenced by Protestant teaching, to protect the traditions, worship, and doctrine from too much innovation. He sought to simplify the mix of several missals so as to arrive at one common service of Holy Communion in the language of the people. He also wanted to simplify the daily prayer services, called offices, of which there were seven, appointed for several times during the day.

Thus in 1549 the *Book of Common Prayer* was brought out to be used in all the churches. It contained the service of Holy Communion, or Lord's Supper, a lectionary, the Psalter, and just two daily offices, Morning Prayer and evening Prayer. As the Preface stated, "the Curates shall need none other books for their public service, but this book and the Bible." In 1552 the Book was revised to meet some of the Protestants' objections. It could be said this was the beginning of Anglicanism.

In 1553 the young king died and was succeeded by his half-sister, Mary Tudor, sometimes called "Bloody Mary". She overturned the reforms of Cranmer, who along with other bishops was burned at the stake. Her reign was short; she was succeeded by Elizabeth I in 1558.

Ever the survivor, Elizabeth calculated that it was better to side with Protestant London even if the majority of Englishmen, scattered around the country, were of Catholic sympathies. Parliament passed the Act of Supremacy declaring her Supreme Governor of the Realm, including spiritual and ecclesiastical things. It also passed the Act of Uniformity which restored the 1552 Prayer Book with some minor changes. The Book was generally accepted by the people.

In 1603 James I became king, followed by Charles I in 1625. These reigns were contentious, not just about the king's troubles with Parliament but also the Church, its form of ministry and worship services - heightened by intemperances and foolish actions on all sides. Charles sought to impose episcopacy and a Book of Common Prayer in Scotland, which most Scots rejected. Interestingly, this Book later became the basis of the American Book of Common Prayer.

After the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642, and the dominance of the strongly Puritan Parliamentary forces, the Westminster Assembly began its deliberations in 1643, which led to the very Calvinist Westminster Confession of Faith with its Longer and Shorter 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 Cromwell regime was a brutal dictatorship, tyrants in those days did not have the means of 21st century dictators for imposing their will all over the country and so, in places, some Anglican practices were carried on.

When Richard Cromwell succeeded his father in 1658, he was unable to maintain the army's loyalty and this led to the restoration of the monarchy on 1660. Charles II restored the episcopacy and appointed a commission of twelve bishops and twelve Puritan divines to advise upon and revise 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 1549 Book. In the end they wound up with a Book not very different from the 1552 Book.

This Book, commonly called the 1662 Book, became the standard Book for the Anglican Communion. It was brought to the various colonies and protectorates of the British Empire. Thus it was the Book used in the Church of England in Canada, which in the 1950's changed its name to the Anglican Church of Canada. The Canadian Book had minor changes and additions to meet Canadian needs, e.g. prayers for the Governor General and the Lieutenant-Governors of the provinces, a Service for Dominion Day, etc.

In the 1920's the Church of England prepared a draft revision of the Prayer Book but it was voted down by Parliament in 1926. The Episcopal Church in the USA revised its Book in 1928. The Book of Common Prayer that is now the official Book of the Canadian Church (though sadly, in many parishes used only at some usually minor services, and in many others completely replaced by alternative service books) was revised in 1962, after many years of deliberation. It contains quite a number of changes but it is still in the spirit and language of its predecessors.

Submitted by Bill Silver, January 2012



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

Word has just arrived from Prudence Dailey, the PBS Chairman advising us that a special Choral Evensong will 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, Vice-Presidents, and honoured supporters of the Prayer Book Society. The invitation even includes the dress code for the event (lounge suit / day dress)! Watch for more details in our own upcoming National Newsletter.

St Michael's Youth Conference 2012

The Conference will be held just north of Wiarton 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://cranmerconference.com/> . 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 through to noon on Friday, June 29th.

The Conference Committee is still finalizing the list of speakers. To this point, speakers will include 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, and The Rev. Dr Thomas Curran (Associate Professor of Humanities at King's College, Halifax). Papers will include such topics as Marxism, The Evils of Religion, and "The Bible: Foundational Document for the New Atheism". For more information check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm> .

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

During 2011 the Branch donated \$500 to the Cranmer Conference, \$1,000 to the cost of the National Newsletter, \$1,050 to clergy attending the Atlantic Theological Conference, and \$500 to the St. Michael Youth Camp; as well, the Branch incurred the usual costs of sending out our Newsletters, and donated copies of the *BCP* to the students at Augustine College.

Unfortunately, 2011 was a very low year for donations to the Branch: we received only \$2,783 instead of the usual \$4,000. The Branch realized a profit of only \$200 on the sale of Christmas products, again a rather smaller figure than usual. These numbers undoubtedly illustrate the effects of the general ageing of the Branch's membership.

As a result, the Branch lost approximately \$1,400 during the year, leaving it with a bank balance of \$5,606.24. Here are the figures:

Carried forward from 2010:	\$7,003.41
Total income in 2011:	\$5,320.81
Total expenses in 2011:	\$6,717.98
Balance at the end of 2011:	\$5,606.24 - a loss of approximately \$1,400.00

As you know, the Branch has committed to operating its 2012 Essay Contest to celebrate the anniversary of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, and the costs of that competition, including its prizes, will be close to \$6,500, depending on the number of essays submitted for which we will have to pay juries' fees. Your Treasurer hopes that sufficient money will come in during 2012 that we will be able to pay the costs of the Competition without spending capital. Donations towards the costs of the Competition will be very welcome. 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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