

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

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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

Saturday, March 15 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr James Koester, SSJE, at St Barnabas' Church (<i>see Details later in Newsletter</i>)
Sunday, March 16 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Lent II, St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Sunday, March 23 3:00 p.m.	Organ and Choral Concert, Rideau Park United Church, Ottawa, with the Cranmer Singers and Frances Macdonnell
Tuesday, April 15 8:00 p.m.	The Office of Tenebrae, St Barnabas' Church
Wednesday, April 30 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 4 5:00 p.m.	Eastertide Carol Service with the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at St Barnabas, Deep River
Sunday, May 18 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Sunday, June 15 7:00 p.m.	Festal Solemn Evensong with Procession and Benediction, for the Patronal Festival, at St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Sunday, June 22 3:00 p.m.	"The Book of Common Prayer - 'A Reasonable, Religious and Holy Hope' in War and Peace", Christ Church, Bells Corners.

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Although this is the Lenten Issue of our Ottawa Branch Newsletter, your Executive
sends warmest wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter to all our members and friends.
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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.

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.

Clergy Attendance at the 34th Atlantic Theological Conference

Clergy interested in attending the 2014 Atlantic Theological Conference and who would appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same. For information, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

The Deadline for Applications will be **Friday, April 25th** (Friday in Easter Week).

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.

A Lenten Quiet Day

will be led by Fr James Koester, SSJE

Saturday, March 15th - - - - - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fr Koester has chosen “Praying with Jesus” as the topic for a ***Lenten Quiet Day***, to be held at St Barnabas, Ottawa. Fr will take a few key words such as ‘Our’, ‘Come’, ‘Give’, and ‘Forgive’ from the Lord’s Prayer and do a series of meditations on them. 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 mid- Lent.

Of interest too will be Fr Koester’s presentation the previous evening (Friday) entitled “Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living” in which he will take a number of themes such as the vows and suggest ways that they could be lived out in the everyday world. This will begin about 7:30 p.m. following Stations of the Cross.

Fr Koester will finish off his visit by preaching at the 10:30 High Mass on Lent II (March 16th).

Advent and Lenten Quiet Days have traditionally been popular times of reflection and contemplation. Those who have attended the Quiet Days appreciate and benefit by the time spent. The Lenten Quiet Days form an excellent means of preparation for Easter. Plan to join with parishioners at St Barnabas, and members of the Branch, as we journey through Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter. If you require transportation, please call Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341. He will be glad to help you.

2014 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 30th, 2014 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.

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.

**“The Book of Common Prayer - ‘A Reasonable, Religious and Holy Hope’
in War and Peace”**

Plan to attend a talk to be given by **The Right Rev. Peter Coffin**, retired Bishop of the Diocese and now Anglican Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces. Bishop Coffin intends to show us how the Prayer Book was used extensively by the Church of England during WWII. He will also discuss the part hymns played during wartime and how they helped the troops. Frances Macdonnell will direct the Cranmer Singers as they assist in the presentation. We anticipate seeing a number of vintage photographs (e.g. a WWII chaplain leading prayers on a landing craft at D Day and another at a grave site - both using *BCPs*).

Remember - **Sunday, June 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church, Bells Corners.**
For information, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341 or Frances Macdonnell at 613-726-7984.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

I am glad to report that we wound up the 2013 calendar year in a positive state with a bank balance of \$2,401.36, which is entirely thanks to the generous donations many of our members sent in at the end of 2013 - thank you all very much! We were able to make our usual donations of \$500 to the Cranmer Conference, \$500 to the St. Michael's Youth Camp, and \$700 to clergy attending the annual Atlantic Theological Conference. We also donated money for the purchase of new BCP's for St. Barnabas Church, Ottawa, and for the students attending Augustine College, as well as publishing our usual Branch Newsletters and contributing towards the cost of the National Newsletter.

As you know, the Branch is now offering a Poetry Competition, aimed at encouraging participation by all Canadians. Even though the Poetry Contest does not end until March 31, we have already received eleven applications, and we have had quite a few more enquiries. Our ad in the Anglican Planet for the Poetry Contest has attracted a lot of attention. We hope that many of our own members, as well as others, may yet feel inspired to write a poem inspired by the thinking of Dame Julian of Norwich. Prizes are being offered in the amounts of \$500, \$300, and \$100.

We are now looking forward to Bishop Peter Coffin's presentation on Sunday June 22 to celebrate the comfort which the BCP has been in time of peace and war during the last century, and we hope that this event will serve to attract new members to the Society.

We are most grateful that our members 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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St Michael's Youth Conference 2014

As dates have not yet been advertized, tt is expected that the Conference will once again be held during the last week in August, just north of Wiarton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario). Information may be obtained by checking the Ontario Conference website at www.stmikesontario.com . 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.

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The Cranmer Theological Conference - North Bay

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the *Cranmer Theological Conference* will not be held this year, and has been postponed until further notice.

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The 34th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

Entitled "*The Meaning of Evil*", this year's Conference will be held in Halifax, N.S., beginning in the evening of Sunday, June 22nd and continuing through to noon on Wednesday, June 25th. To date, speakers have not been announced. Proposed papers will include: "C.S. Lewis and Evil", "Evil in the Old and New Testaments", "Augustine and Evil", "Aquinas and Evil", "Evil Reconsidered: The Reformation and Enlightenment", and "Evil and Holiness: Becoming Human".

For more information, please check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm> .

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