

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

# OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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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*

**O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Collect for St Michael and All Angels, *BCP*, page 294

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday, October 15<br>7:00 p.m.           | Evensong and Benediction for the Feast of Dedication, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception   |
| Saturday, October 21<br>7:30 p.m.         | 10th Annual Augustine College Hymn Sing, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets   |
| Sunday, October 29<br>3:00 p.m.           | Evensong for Trinity XX, St Bede's, Nolan's Corners, preceded by a Buffet luncheon at 2:00 p.m. (Please see the notes on St Bede's, and the driving directions on the last page of this Newsletter.) |
| Sunday, October 29<br>4:30 p.m.           | Choral Evensong for Trinity XX sung by The Cathedral Singers, St Barnabas' Church, Deep River  |
| Saturday, November 18<br>2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | "An Afternoon with Sue Careless" will be an address followed by a reception in the Parish Hall, St Barnabas', Ottawa (see notice next page)  |
| Sunday, November 19<br>7:00 p.m.          | Evensong and Benediction for (anticipated) Sunday Next before Advent (Feast of Christ the King), St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception                                |
| Sunday, December 10<br>7:00 p.m.          | Advent Carol Service ("From Darkness to Light"), St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception  |
| Monday, December 18<br>7:00 p.m.          | Community Carol Sing, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception   |

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There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

**Revelation 12: 7-12**

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**\*\*\* OTTAWA VISIT \*\*\***

### **Discovering the Book of Common Prayer, A Hands -On Approach Volume II : Our Life in the Church**

**by Sue Careless**

The second volume of **Discovering the Book of Common Prayer** was launched at a reception in the afternoon of Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in Seeley Hall at Trinity College, Toronto. Copies are now available for purchase.

As she did at the time of release of Volume I, Sue Careless will make tours across the country to promote this new volume. She will be visiting Western Branches of the Prayer Book Society in late September. Sue will visit us in Ottawa on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** and will address members and friends of the Society in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall of St Barnabas Church. She has graciously agreed to sign copies of her book at this time. Refreshments will be available. Please plan to attend this important event. Do extend an invitation to relatives, friends, and fellow parishioners who may be interested in this event. Copies of Volume I will cost approximately \$20.00 each while copies of Volume II will cost approximately \$23.00 each. Coupled with her visit here, Sue will be travelling to Montreal and Kingston.

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You may be interested to know . . .

Sung Mattins is held the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral. The Service lasts about 30 minutes. (See chart below.)

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We would like to be able to publish a complete list of all Ottawa Diocese parishes that are offering *Book of Common Prayer* services on a regular basis. For instance, you will find a few examples in the chart below. We realize that there are undoubtedly others. If you are able to provide information about regular Prayer Book services in other parishes, please call Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058.

**A Short List of Parishes in the Diocese of Ottawa regularly using  
the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1962 for services**

Parish	Service	Day and Time
Christ Church Cathedral	Holy Communion (said) Sung Mattins (no sermon)  Choral Evensong	Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. (First Sunday each month) Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (Thanksgiving to Easter)
St Aidan's, Ottawa	Holy Communion (said)  Holy Communion (said)	Sunday, 8:15 a.m. (Second Sunday each month) Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. (Weekly)
St Bartholomew's, Ottawa	Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion (sung)  Holy Communion (said)	Sunday, 8:15 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (First Sunday each month) Thursday, 10:00 a.m. (Weekly)
St Barnabas', Ottawa	Holy Eucharist / Low Mass (said)  Solemn Evensong and Benediction	Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. Sunday, 7:00 p.m. (Third Sunday each month)
St Matthew's, Ottawa	Holy Communion (said)  Choral Evensong	Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (First Sunday each month) Sunday, 7:00 p.m. (Third Sunday each month)

# The Montreal Declaration of Anglican Essentials and the Windsor Report

by Robert Crouse

*Seen in the perspective of the Windsor Report (2004), the Montreal Declaration of Anglican Essentials (1994) seems prophetic in its concern to affirm only what is essential to Christian faith and practices according to the Anglican way.*

Since the *Montreal Declaration* was issued, more than a decade ago, much has happened in the Anglican Communion, with increasing division, and numerous instances of broken or "impaired" communion between and within national churches, dioceses and parishes, so widespread as to threaten the continued existence of the institution. Carolyn Purden, commenting on the *Windsor Report* (2004) and the requested withdrawal of the North American churches from the Anglican Consultative Council ("A Communion on the Verge", *Anglican Journal*, November, 2005), remarks that "the Anglican Communion appears to be on the verge of a transformation that will affect every national Anglican church. The changes we have witnessed this year are just the beginning".

The crisis which gave rise to the Lambeth Commission on Communion and its *Windsor Report* was precipitated by the action of the Episcopal Church U. S. A. in approving the consecration of a gay bishop, and by the action of the Diocese of New Westminster in approving the blessing of same-sex unions. As Archbishop Eames remarks, in his Foreword to the *Report*, "various statements and decisions at different levels of leadership and membership of the church have illustrated the depth of reaction. Among other Christian traditions, reactions to the

problems within Anglicanism have underlined the serious concerns on these issues worldwide... within provinces, dioceses and parishes, where individual Anglican Christians have experienced degrees of alienation and exclusion due to differences of opinion between leadership and members, there has been much pain and disillusionment" (*Windsor Report*, p.4). He warns that "if realistic and visionary ways cannot be agreed to meet the levels of disagreement at present or to reach a consensus on structures for encouraging greater understanding and communion in future, it is doubtful if the Anglican communion can continue in its present form" (p.6).

It was not within the mandate of the Lambeth Commission "to comment or make recommendations on the theological and ethical matters concerning the practice of same sex relations and the blessing or ordination or consecration of those who engage in them" (p.24). Rather, it was the business of the commission to find ways in which the "instruments of unity" (i.e., the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Primates' Meeting, pp.41ff.) might work together to maintain as high a degree of communion as possible between autonomous Anglican churches.

So far as theological and ethical issues are concerned, the Commission recognized that there must be limits to diversity, distinguishing between essential matters and *adiaphora* (i.e., differences which are not important): "since [the Reformation] the notion of *adiaphora* has been a major feature of Anglican theology, over against those schools of thought, both Roman and Protestant, in which even the smallest details of belief and practice are sometimes regarded as essential parts of an indivisible whole" (p.38). The *Report* includes a long discussion of the problems involved in determining what matters of belief and practice are essential and what are *adiaphora*, without reaching any specific conclusions about the disputed matters in current controversy. It seems increasingly clear, however, that the "instruments of unity" will be ineffective in reconciling divisions without some common understanding of what is essential.

Seen in the perspective of current dilemmas and controversies, the *Montreal Declaration* seems prophetic in its concern to affirm only what is essential to Christian faith and practices according to the Anglican way: "In this declaration we believe that we are insisting upon only what is genuinely essential. In regard to non-essentials, we should recognize and respect that

liberty and comprehensiveness which has been among the special graces of our Anglican heritage". And nothing is deemed essential beyond what is explicit, or at least clearly implicit, in the ecumenical creeds, the Thirty-nine Articles, the Solemn Declaration of 1893, and the *Book of Common Prayer*, which remain the official standards of faith and practice in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Unlike recent debate, which has been narrowly preoccupied with "gay issues", the *Declaration* concerns itself broadly with the whole range of Christian belief and practice. Thus, it begins with the affirmation of God's self-revelation as a Trinity of Persons, which would stand against those current distortions of trinitarian doctrine which would interpret it as simply a description of divine functions (Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier), or even as a metaphor for the unity-in-diversity proper to the Christian community. The *Declaration* affirms Jesus Christ as God Incarnate, and the only Saviour, as against such contemporary positions as would regard him as one great religious teacher among others, or (as in some "inclusivist" interpretations) as offering one of many paths towards the one God. In general, the document makes affirmations and avoids negative judgements. For instance, the section on "The Church's Ministry" affirms the baptismal ministry of all Christians, and by-passes the still divisive issues of the priestly ordination and episcopal consecration of women — issues which still divide the Anglican Communion, as, for instance, in the Church of England, with its "two integrities" and "flying bishops",

and the current threat of still more radical division of the institution.

In view of current controversies, concentrating almost exclusively on issues of sexual morality, it is striking that the *Declaration* comes to those considerations only briefly, and at the end, after such matters as evangelism, global mission and social action. And when sexual morality is finally discussed, the tone is gentle, compared with the cacophony of most contemporary debate. "Homophobia" is deplored, and homosexual activities are coupled with other sexual aberrations (mostly ignored in current discussion!) such as adultery and fornication. And all this is placed in the context of a positive affirmation of family life.

By no means a "party" document, the *Montreal Declaration* seeks to affirm only those positions which are essential to the identity of Anglicanism, and in continuity with biblical, ecumenical and Anglican tradition. Indeed, it is difficult to see how the Anglican way can survive, unless the conflicting factions in contemporary debate can come to some such agreement as to essentials, and learn to respect differing views in regard to peripheral matters.

Those who wish to explore more fully the background and implications of the *Declaration* may usefully consult the *Commentary on the Montreal Declaration* by Dr. J. I. Packer, (Essentials, Box 414, Halifax. N. S. B3J 2P8), and the volume of essays, *Anglican Essentials*, edited by George Egerton (Toronto, ABC Publishing 1995), with a commendatory preface by

the Canadian Primate, and a substantial epilogue by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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***Below you will find follow-up comments on 3 Conferences held this past summer. The Conferences were noted in the Easter - Ascension issue of our Branch Newsletter.***

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual St Michael's Youth Conference, Ontario**

This year's Ontario Conference was held from August 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, near the town of Durham (northwest of Toronto). For those with Internet access, you might like to check their website at [www.geocities.com/stmikesontario/](http://www.geocities.com/stmikesontario/). At the time of preparing this edition of our Newsletter, the site hadn't yet reflected how the week progressed, but did mention that this year more boys than girls registered, and that there would be teachers from as far away as Newfoundland and Saskatchewan. One of the teachers was Andrew Nussey who is studying for the priesthood and whom we have supported in his theological studies (*see "Notes from the Treasurer"*). Andrew gave a spirituality course on "Pain and Suffering". As in the past, in preparation for the Conference, a 'Prep Day' was held at St George's (West Hamilton) on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sue Careless spoke to those in attendance and signed copies of her latest book.

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### **The National Cranmer Conference**

This new initiative planned by the Grand Valley Branch and the Greater Niagara Branch of the PBSC ran from Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> through to a Choral Eucharist on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> (Trinity Sunday) at St Paul's, Dunnville, and ended with a luncheon.

Speakers included Fr Gary Thorne, former Rector of St George's (Round Church), Halifax and now Chaplain at King's College, Halifax, Fr David A. Harris, National Chairman, PBSC, and Ass't Priest at St Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, and Fr Haynes Hubbard, Rector of St Paul's, Dunnville. The speaker at the Banquet on the Saturday evening was The Rev. Dr George Sumner, Principal at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

The current website may be found at <http://www.geocities.com/cranmerconference/index.html>. More information and pictures are expected in future. Both the Agenda and the Registration Form for the 2007 Conference are indicated.

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### **The 26<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Theological Conference *Reform and Renewal in Contemporary Christianity***

This year's conference was held at St Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown. It began on the evening of Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and ended at noon on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Speakers included Frs Robert Crouse and David Curry who are familiar to many members of the Ottawa Branch. There was a Solemn Eucharist to mark the Patronal Festival of St Peter and St Paul on the Thursday evening. The Diocesan Bishop, The Rt Rev. Fred J. Hiltz preached at the service. Four members from the Ottawa Branch attended. On the next page, you will find reflections about the Conference from The Rev. Dr Ronald Hunt.

*The following brief reflections and comments are provided by The Rev. Dr Ron. Hunt, one of the Conference delegates from the Ottawa area.*

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Theological Conference**  
***Reform and Renewal in Contemporary Christianity***

The 2006 Atlantic Theological Conference was held in Charlottetown, P.E.I. from June 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The theme of the Conference was “Reform and Renewal in Contemporary Christianity”. The gathering of over 50 folks was held in the new Parish hall at St Peter’s Cathedral.

The sessions were a vibrant experience of presentation and discussion with a speakers’ panel responding to questions. Each morning Mattins and Said Eucharist were said in the Cathedral and Noonday Prayers were said in the Parish Hall following each morning’s session. On the Thursday evening, a Choral Eucharist for St Peter was held with Bishop Hiltz preaching.

As usual, Dr Robert Crouse, who has been present for all previous Conferences, kicked things off with a tour-de-force of the theme of the Conference. He took us through the subject of reform and renewal in the Christian Church by highlighting the development of the Church’s experience of the Holy Spirit in history. He said that reform and renewal have always been at the heart of the Christian experience of God, right from the beginning with the Acts of the Apostles. Down through the ages, Christian women and men of the church have been called by God to lives of humility and faithful service.

Other speakers touched on reform and renewal in the Middle Ages, in the Protestant Reformation in Germany, and in England in particular. Professor Neil Robertson called for the church to undergo a “radical inwardness” of spirituality and holiness as a sign of religious renewal. Finally, a Roman Catholic speaker, Fr James Mallon, spoke on the present Pope Benedict’s agenda for reform.

An audio presentation of the conference sessions was recorded and is available in CD format from: [pba@eastlink.ca](mailto:pba@eastlink.ca) or (902) 742-1498.

On the Wednesday, prior to the evening session, a fabulous lobster meal was given by the Men’s Service Club and the Binney Ladies Group of the Cathedral. Each morning, the Women’s Group provided breakfast and refreshment breaks.

Next year’s Conference is going to be held in Fredericton, N.B. Please make plans to join us at the end of June, 2007.

Personally, I wish to thank the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society for their support in my attending the conference.

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## *NOTES FROM THE TREASURER*

Some of the projects on which we have spent money in the last couple of months include the following:

- We gave a grant of \$500 to assist Andrew Nussey in completing the third year of his Master of Divinity course at Queen's College, St. John's, Newfoundland. We were delighted to hear that Andrew and his family were amongst those in attendance at the St. Michael's Conference (Ontario) in August; please see information on the Conference on its website at: [www.geocities.com/stmikesontario/](http://www.geocities.com/stmikesontario/). Andrew, a member of the Prayer Book Society of Canada, is a Postulant of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.
- We also gave a grant of \$500 to Nicholas Hatt, who is studying for the priesthood at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax.
- We also gave a grant of \$350 to assist Dr. Ron Hunt of the Ottawa Branch to attend the Atlantic Theological Conference in Charlottetown in late June. Please see Dr. Hunt's report on the Conference earlier in this Newsletter.
- We will assist in the costs of Sue Careless's visit to Ottawa on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to the Ottawa Branch on the publication of her recent book, *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer, A Hands-On Approach, Volume II: Our Life in the Church*. We have obtained a few copies of both Volumes I and II of Sue Careless's work, and they will be available for purchase that evening.

As always, we appreciate the financial donations made by our members, which are all of course completely tax-receiptable. Thank you very much!

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

<b><i>2007 Anglican Church Calendars</i></b>
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Pricing and availability of the 2007 Calendars will be available shortly. A flyer will be sent out separately from this Newsletter. Remember that the calendars make useful Christmas gifts.
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<b><i>Christmas Cards and Seasonal Hasti-Notes</i></b>
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Pricing and availability of our Christmas cards and Hasti-Notes designed by Ruth MacLean will also be included in the above-mentioned flyer. Look for it in your mail in October.
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### ***Advance Notice***

You are reminded that **General Synod** of The Anglican Church of Canada will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from June 19 to 25, 2007. Please remember Clergy and Laity alike in your prayers. We will provide more information to our readers as it becomes available over the course of the year. The theme will be "Draw the Circle Wide. Draw it Wider Still!".

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## **Happy 100th Birthday to “The English Hymnal”**

The green hymn book, which we use from time to time, is 100 years old this year. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), prolific writer and Rector of St. Mary’s, Primrose Hill (where he revived the English or Sarum Use), together with the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) produced this work in 1906. Cecil Sharp (1859-1924), the English folksong expert, nominated Vaughan Williams as editor, and the committee met initially at the great Anglo-Catholic Church of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, where Vaughan Williams was organist. A second edition (which we use at St. Barnabas) appeared in 1933. Always a hallmark of the “High Church” party, the hymnal brought together the researches of the editor, who often contributed beautiful harmonizations, with French Church melodies, new tunes by the editor’s friends (notably Gustav Holst), and many plainsong and chorale melodies - the latter often with harmonies by J.S. Bach. Many well-known hymn tunes originated with the book, notably: SINE NOMINE (“For all the saints”), MONK’S GATE (“He who would valiant be”) and CRANHAM (“In the bleak mid-winter”). The English Hymnal remains a first-rate collection that embodies the great and diverse musical heritage of the church.

**Editor’s Note:** Issues of Canticum Novum may be read in full on the St Barnabas website at <http://www.stbarnabasottawa.com/musicmain.htm> .

## **A Few Notes on St. Bede's, Nolan's Corners**

St. Bede's Anglican Church was built in 1886 on land donated by John Conlin at Nolan's Corners. Around 1904 a cemetery and rectory followed. The rectory was in "English appearance" with seven gables, multi-paned windows, two fireplaces and stucco upper story. It has been recently sold. The Church was originally in the Diocese of Ontario (Kingston) as part of the parish of Franktown and transferred to the Diocese of Ottawa in 1894. It was linked with Christ Church until recently when Christ Church was sold. St. Bede's now stands alone in the Montague community.

The Church's architecture is Gothic Revival in the Tractarian tradition of the time. Ritual imagery included a gabled entrance at one end of a side wall "...in order that the worshipper who passed under the pointed doorway of the porch ... could enjoy the drama of walking half the width of the sanctuary behind the seated congregation before pausing to turn and proceed down the center aisle to his seat. ...The baptismal font was stationed at some point along the back wall near the entrance porch. Since one entered the Church through the rite of baptism, this was but one of the symbolic devices promoted by the Tractarians to remind worshippers every time they entered the portal of a church such as St. Bede's that through baptism alone could they enter the Church. ... One aisle led from the baptismal font to the altar, symbolically representing the one unswerving path which the baptized individual must follow in the Christian pilgrimage through life." (Notes from Montague: A Social History in an Irish Ontario Township: 1783 — 1980 by Glenn Lockwood, 1980, Archivist of the Diocese of Ottawa)

On Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 3 p.m. St. Bede's will celebrate a 120-year anniversary with a Choral Evensong service remembering faithful members and faithful mission and service through times of change and challenge in the Montague community.

***Prayer Book Sunday - October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006***

This year, for “**Prayer Book Sunday**” we will be spreading ourselves a little thinly. Two services will be held in two different rural locations.

Following the Choral Evensong held in Holy Trinity Church, Pembroke, on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Frances Macdonnell was asked if the Cathedral Singers would be willing to sing a Choral Evensong at St Barnabas, Deep River in the autumn. As a result of this invitation, they will be singing Evensong at 4:30 p.m. on October 29<sup>th</sup> in Deep River.

At the invitation of The Rev. Dr Ron. Hunt, Evensong will also be held at St Bede’s, Nolan’s Corners, at 3:00 p.m. This will be preceded by a Buffet Luncheon at 2:00 p.m. For those who will be driving to St Bede’s, please consider taking the following directions (tear-off below) with you to help in your journey that afternoon.

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**Directions to St Bede’s, Nolan’s Corners**

Drive South on Hwy 416 to Hwy 6 (North Gower exit).

Take Roger Stevens Road (Hwy 6) West.

Continue through the first set of blinking stop lights (Dwyer Hill Road).

Continue on Roger Stevens Road (Hwy 6) and turn right on Rosedale Road at the next set of blinking stop lights.

Travel 2 km to the next corner.

St Bede’s is on the left and the Parish Hall is on the right.

Reverse the above directions when returning to the Ottawa area.

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