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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 alway 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 SERVICES and EVENTS

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| <i>Sunday, September 21</i>
7:00 p.m. | Evensong and Benediction for Trinity XVIII, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception |
| <i>Sunday, September 28</i>
7:00 p.m. | Induction of The Rev. Canon Stewart Murray as Rector of St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets |
| <i>Saturday, October 4</i>
7:30 p.m. | 12th Annual Augustine College Hymn Sing (" <i>Songs of the Saints</i> ") will be held at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets |
| <i>Sunday, October 5</i>
5:30 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. | Our Annual Chinese Dinner in the Parish Hall of St Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West followed by Hymn Sing in the Church (<i>see Advertisement on page 4</i>) |
| <i>Sunday, October 19</i>
4:30 p.m. | Choral Evensong for Trinity XXII will be sung by Cathedral Singers at All Saints Church, Petawawa |
| 7:00 p.m. | Evensong and Benediction for the Feast of Dedication, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception |
| <i>Sunday, October 26</i>
3:00 p.m. | Evensong at St James', Carleton Place for Prayer Book Sunday (<i>See notice on page 3</i>) |
| <i>Sunday, November 16</i>
3:00 p.m. | Evensong for Trinity XXVI at St Bede's, Nolan's Corners, will be sung by the Choir of St James', Perth. Bishop Chapman will be in attendance. (<i>See notice on page 3</i>) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Evensong and Benediction for the Feast of Dedication, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception |
| <i>Sunday, December 14</i>
7:00 p.m. | Advent Carol Service " <i>From Darkness to Light</i> ", 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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Remarks from the Chairman

Editor's remarks: On Sunday, August 10th, Bishop Coffin celebrated and preached at both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Eucharists at St Barnabas', Ottawa during Fr Murray's holidays.

In his present capacity of Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, Bishop Coffin spoke glowingly of the work our Canadian soldiers were doing in Afghanistan under very difficult conditions and also of the dedicated work of the Anglican Chaplains at the front. The work of the Chaplains is also carried on in Canada, supporting the families waiting at home, counselling those who need it when the troops return, and perhaps even more so, when they don't return.

With regard to Lambeth which he also attended in his new capacity, Bishop Coffin did not address "the issue" as the distillation of the discussions held by the body divided into many smaller groups following the week of Retreat is still ongoing at present. Rather, he confined his remarks to the work done on the humanitarian topics of world hunger, disease and climate change, among others.

The change in his professional climate seems to be agreeing with him and it was a great pleasure to see and hear him again. Our prayers for his safety go with him.

Carp Evensong and Supper

This happy Annual event went off as planned, if not quite as scheduled! Fr Murray, now moved to St Barnabas, Ottawa, could not conduct the Service but was able to find a willing replacement in Fr David Andrew, Rector of Carleton Place. Alice Conway assembled her usual delicious salad on a picnic table in the park adjacent to the not-yet-unlocked Church and Corey Robillard, a parishioner, then guided us around the kitchen for colanders, etc. After locking up, she also very kindly relieved Alice and me of driving Fr Andrew back to Almonte. Thanks to everyone who came, and we hope to see more members from Carleton Place in the Fall when we will hold our Prayer Book Sunday service there in St. James's Church.

Advance Notices

Under the direction of our Branch Treasurer, Frances Macdonnell, the *Cathedral Singers* will sing Choral Evensong for Trinity XXII in **All Saints, Petawawa**, on Sunday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m. To obtain directions to the church, please call Frances at 613-726-7984.

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In honour of Prayer Book Sunday, please try to join us for Choral Evensong at **St James', Carleton Place** on Sunday, October 26th at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served both at 2:00 p.m. and after the Service.

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The Choir of St James', Perth will sing Choral Evensong for Trinity XXVI, at **St Bede's, Nolan's Corners** on Sunday, November 16th at 3:00 p.m. In attendance will be Bishop Chapman who will pay his first Episcopal visit to the parish. Refreshments will be served both at 2:00 p.m. and after the Service.

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New National Brochure and Bookmarks

In this mailing, you will find a **Bookmark** that has been produced by the National arm of the Society. It will be one of three (3) designs that have been printed. In our next mailing that will go out in October, you will receive a copy of the National Society's **new Brochure**.

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**** *Recent News* ****

As mentioned in the Lent 2008 issue of our Newsletter, our Branch has gone '*electronic*'. Recent issues of our Branch Newsletter are accessible on the site maintained by the National Society. If you have Internet access and would like to refer to this issue or a past issue, please go to the National's site which is located at <http://www.prayerbook.ca/branches.html> . Scroll down until you find the entry for the Ottawa Branch and enjoy reading the issues. While there, do browse through other information on the site, and read Newsletters from other Branches.

Issues for our Branch are identified by the title (Church's season) of the particular issue. As each Issue is forwarded electronically to the printer, it will also be forwarded for inclusion on the National site.

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 be glad to forward your copy via the Internet.

Please note

*** *If inserts such as the new National Brochure and Bookmark are being included with a particular issue of the Newsletter, your copy will be mailed as in the past.* ***

Annual Chinese Dinner at St Luke's Church

Sunday, October 5th, 2008 - - - - - 5:30 p.m. for 6:00 p.m.

You are reminded of and invited to attend our *Annual Chinese Dinner* to be held at St Luke's.

We must confirm the number of guests expected to the members of St Peter's Chinese congregation (our caterers) and have an exact number by Friday, September 26th. ***Please, please remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid!*** We hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend this dinner. Invite your friends or fellow parishioners. Those who have attended past dinners have been anxious to return in following years. Rather than having the Dinner in the winter months with uncertain weather conditions, we have again opted for having the Dinner in the fall.

The cost for the Dinner this year will be **\$40.00 per person** with a portion going to St Peter's, and a smaller portion of the amount being given to St Luke's for the evening's "concert" which follows the dinner. Because of the cancellation of the performers that evening, we are delighted to advise you that we will have an old-fashioned "Hymn Sing", which will hopefully include hymns for Harvest Thanksgiving. In addition there will be a couple of short organ works. We look forward to being entertained by members of the Executive, Wesley Warren and Frances Macdonnell.

Arrangements will be co-ordinated by Willa Rea. Cheques (payable to "PBSC, Ottawa Branch") addressed to her at 1317 Chattaway Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 6S2, should reach her by Friday September 26th. For more information or to make reservations, you may call Willa at 613-526-4405.

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Sung Mattins at the Cathedral

Remember to support Sung Mattins which is held the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral. The Service lasts about 30 minutes.

Choral Evensong at St Matthew's

Join parishioners and visitors for Evensong on the second and fifth Sundays of the month at 4:00 p.m.

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Augustine College and the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada

Our Branch has supported Augustine College, "a new kind of institution of Christian higher learning: an alternative and counter cultural college" almost since it began. The College, which opened its doors in September 1997, offers an opportunity for dedicated students to study, for one year, the basic foundations of Western intellectual and cultural tradition.

The Rev. Mark Whittall, a former member of the Faculty, and presently Deacon-in-Charge of the Parish of Huntley, was ordained to the Diaconate on May 1st and will be ordained a priest on December 4th at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa.

Wesley Warren, Organist and Choirmaster at St Barnabas', Ottawa, and Vice-Chairman of our Branch is a member of the Faculty. Since 1998, he has taught a course on "Music and Culture in the Christian West". As part of his course, Wesley presents each student with their own personal copy of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and it becomes part of his teaching. Each year the copies are provided by our Branch.

For information about the College, please call 613-237-9870 or consult their website at www.augustinecollege.org.

Below you will find some comments on Conferences held this past summer. The Conferences were noted in the Trinity issue of our Branch Newsletter.

13th Annual St Michael's Youth Conference, Ontario

This year's Ontario Conference was held from August 18th to 23rd, near the town of Durham (northwest of Toronto). For those with Internet access, you might like to check their website which is now located at www.stmikesontario.com.

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The 28th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference
"Christian Psychology : The Formation of Souls"

This year's conference was held at the University of King's College in Halifax from the evening of Tuesday, June 24th through to noon on Friday, June 27th. Speakers included the Conference Preacher, The Rev. Dr Gary Thorne, Dr Michael Treschow who spoke to members of the Ottawa Branch many years ago, and Fr Robert Crouse who gave the Response to one of the papers that were delivered. Four members from the Ottawa Branch attended this year's Conference. Comments and recollections from The Rev. Dr Ronald Hunt are included in this issue.

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The following reflections and comments are provided by The Rev. Dr Ron. Hunt, one of this year's Conference Delegates from the Ottawa area.

The 28th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference
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The 28th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the University of King's College, from June 24th to 27th, 2008 was unique in several ways. As usual, of course, the conference theme "Christian Psychology : The Formation of Souls" was explored over three days with five major presentations, accompanied critiquing responses, and audience participation of questions and comments. The days began with Morning Prayer and Eucharist and were followed later with mid-day prayers before lunch. The Conference was opened with Eucharist at St George's (Round) Church in Halifax. The speaker was The Rev. Dr Gary Thorne, Chaplain at Dalhousie University and King's College, and latterly Rector of St George's. Other events were held at King's College.

The Conference Eucharist (the opening service) was the Prayer Book Eucharist, sung and celebrated, just as it was at every Anglican Sunday Service just a few years ago, the memory and practice of which is quickly fading from memory. Dr Thorne's sermon was entitled "A Challenge to the Church to make the Good News of the Church's traditions and worship meaningful to young people today".

Very special and unique for this Conference however, was the first evening address by Dr Michael Treschow, Associate Professor of English and Head of Critical Studies at the University of British Columbia. His

tribute to The Rev. Dr Robert Crouse was a highlight of the Conference indeed. Dr Crouse, as we all know, is a Canadian Theologian and Patristics Scholar with world respect. He even serves as a consultant in Patristic studies at the Vatican. The tribute entitled, “The Soul in Paraphrase: A Tribute to Robert Crouse” will be available later from St Peter Publications, as are all the major presentations at each Conference.

The following day heard papers from Associate Professor of Classics at Dalhousie, Dr Dennis House, on “Paradise, Fall, and Restoration : Genesis and Plato’s Psychology” with the response by Rhea Bright, Lecturer in Philosophy and Humanities at the University of Central Oklahoma, and later Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Anglican Studies at the College of Emmanuel and St Chad in Saskatoon, Dr Walter Hannam, presented “St Augustine and Christian Psychology” with a response by Daniel Wilband of the Classics Department at Dalhousie.

Day two heard Dr Anthony Esolen, Professor of English at Providence College in Rhode Island speak on “Envy, the Social Disease” with the response given by Dr Crouse. In the evening, Dr Neil Robertson, Associate Professor in Humanities and Social Sciences at King’s College, spoke on “The Emergence of the Modern Self (1500-1800)” followed by the response given by Dr Jane Curran, Professor of German at Dalhousie.

The final paper was delivered on the Friday morning. Dr Steve Dowden, Professor of German at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, spoke on “Literature, Idolatry, and the Limits of Psychology”. The closing panel discussion with audience participation followed noon day prayers. All papers and responses were warmly received and there was lively interaction with all the participants of the Conference. We were supported throughout the Conference with genuine hospitality.

As this Conference will slowly recede into history and our subconscious, the topic along with the thoughts and experiences shared by those at the Conference will continue to re-vibrate in the church through its participants as they return to their normal lives. Next year’s conference is scheduled to be held from Tuesday, June 23rd to Friday, June 26th. Entitled “Changing our mind on secularization : the contemporary debate about sacred and secular in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”, it will be held at St Peter’s Cathedral in Charlottetown, P.E.I. I hope to see you all there.

The Rev. Dr Ron Hunt

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NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Grants were given to Dr Hunt and Fr Tudin so that they could attend this year’s Atlantic Theological Conference in Halifax. A more detailed financial picture will be provided in our next Newsletter. Please remember that all donations are most gratefully received and are fully tax-receiptable.

Christmas Cards and Seasonal Hasti-Notes

Pricing and availability of our Christmas cards and Hasti-Notes will be included in a leaflet that will be mailed out later in the fall.

Look for the it in your mail in October.

2009 Anglican Church Calendars

We expect delivery of the of 2009 Calendars by mid-October. They will be available at a cost of **\$7.50 each**. Detailed ordering information will be included in the leaflet that will be sent out later in the fall.

If by chance you are not familiar with the calendar, it is "*A Classical Anglican calendar based upon the historic Christian Year of the Church, as it appears in the Book of Common Prayer (Canada, 1962)*". Each month is accompanied by a reproduction of an original painting of an Anglican church in Canada, by Canadian artist, Peter Bresnen of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Remember that the calendars make wonderful Christmas gifts.

A Sermon for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

by Robert D. Crouse

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5: 25)

The Lessons for the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sundays after Trinity all come from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians --- to the Christian converts in the Province of Galatia in Asia Minor. And the letter deals almost exclusively with one major problem or conflict which had arisen among those Christians: the question as to whether we are justified by the works of the law or by faith in Christ.

"O foolish Galatians", says St. Paul, "Who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

The problem is that the Galatians have come to see Christianity as a religion of law; that is to say, a religion according to which one is justified by works in accordance with the law of the Old Covenant. St. Paul's argument against them is that justification by

works is simply impossible. The Law is indeed righteousness: holy, and just, and good. It is a standard of perfection against which our weaknesses and defects are measured. But in the face of the Law, we stand inevitably condemned: it can condemn us; it cannot save us.

"Is the Law then against the promises of God? God forbid." The Law could not save us, says St. Paul, but it did have a purpose: it was "our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." Its function was to teach us our predicament, the impossibility of saving ourselves by our good works. And in that way, its function was to prepare us for faith in Christ.

"But after faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." That is to say, by faith in Christ, our relation to God has changed. We are like children, under tutors and governors; like servants, rather than sons. But now, in Christ, our relation to God is the free relation of sonship. "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be

not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” “Ye have been called unto liberty ... walk in that Spirit.”

That is the basic argument of the letter. In the final two chapters, from which our Sunday lessons are taken, St. Paul draws out some of the implications of that argument. In 1st Sunday’s lesson, we had the contrast between life in the Spirit, and life according to the flesh: “I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the desire of the flesh. For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit is against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the Law.”

And in today’s lesson, St. Paul gives us some indication of how life in the Spirit works out in our practical relations with one another. And it is a lesson I am sure every one of us should think about and take to heart: “Let us not be conceited, provocative and envious. Those are worldly attitudes, nourished by our forgetfulness of our spiritual vocation. Let us act always in the spirit of charity towards one another, gently and considerately. Let us not deceive ourselves with notions of self-importance. We have our own part to play, and let us do that responsibly instead of fussing about other people.”

Now I’m perfectly well aware that the general argument of the Epistle to the Galatians may seem obscure and even irrelevant to many of you. The language of faith and works, spirit and flesh, and so on, is a different vocabulary from our usual one. But the issues involved, the question of justification, the problem, of a final meaning and significance in our lives: these are still the crucial questions of human existence.

And the answer in this Epistle is of absolutely vital importance: we are not saved by the Law, however good that law may be: that is to say, the significance of our life does not consist in measuring up to some abstract standard of virtue, or respectability, or whatever. It does not consist in our good works, or in our apparent importance or usefulness in the world, either as individuals

or as a Church.

It consists solely in our faith, our divine sonship, which we could not achieve, but which we humbly accept, as the leper in today’s Gospel, in the spirit of thanksgiving.

We have been called to sonship; we have been given that spirit which cries “Abba, Father”; and we pray for the increase of faith, hope and charity, that we may love our Father’s bidding, and come at length into the fulness of his promises.

“If we live in that spirit, let us also walk in that Spirit.” ✠

"A FAITHFUL WATCHMAN, MESSENGER AND STEWARD OF THE LORD FOR 21 YEARS."

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(Please note that due to transmission problems, the photograph of Fr Crouse is missing and portions of the text are placed differently from the original.)

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