

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

# OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Michaelmas 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*

**☩** 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

*Sunday, September 30*  
6:00 p.m.

Chinese Dinner in the Parish Hall followed by Concert in St Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West (see description elsewhere in the Newsletter).

*Saturday, October 13*  
2:00 p.m.

Dr Ronald Hunt will present "Around the Mediterranean ...". His presentation will include slides and will be held in the Parish Hall of St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets.

7:30 p.m.

16th Annual Augustine College Hymn Sing will be held at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets.

*Sunday, October 21*  
7:00 p.m.

Festal Solemn Evensong with Procession and Benediction for the Feast of Dedication, St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception.

*Sunday, October 28*  
5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for Trinity XXI will be sung by the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at Trinity Church, 1230 Bank Street.

7:30 p.m.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Recital, played by Wesley Warren, our Branch Chairman, at St Barnabas' Church (see Notice in the Newsletter).

*Sunday, November 18*  
7:00 p.m.

Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Trinity XXIV, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception.

*Sunday, December 9*  
7:00 p.m.

Advent Carol Service "From Darkness to Light", St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception.

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## Words from our Branch Chairman ...

As we begin another fall season, one is struck by the sheer number of wonderful feast days the liturgical calendar presents for our spiritual nurture and development. At the end of September we celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels and we acknowledge our gratitude for the ministry of God's Holy Angels. This is followed in quick succession by Harvest Thanksgiving where we give thanks for the fruits of the earth and for those men and women who provide our daily food. November begins with the great Feast of All Saints (followed by All Souls' Day) where, again, we express our deep appreciation for the great heroes of the faith who have, often at enormous personal cost, taught us lessons of Christian discipleship. Remembrance Sunday (this year on November 11) reminds us all of our duty to uphold what is good and true as we contemplate the supreme sacrifice of all who have defended our freedom. Finally, at the end of November, the great culmination of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King, proclaims the sovereignty of Jesus Christ, who is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. May we all enjoy these occasions of great spiritual significance and find our faith deepened and renewed.

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**BCP Mattins** . . . Sung Mattins is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. The Service lasts about 30 minutes.

**BCP Evensong** . . . Choral Evensong continues the first and third Sunday of each month from September to 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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## 2012 - The BCP Anniversary Essay Competition!

As you know, in celebration of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1962 Book of Common Prayer (Canada) in 2012, the Ottawa Branch is holding a national 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 \$1,000 (the Elaine de Temple Prize) are being offered for the best essays of approximately 3,000 words on the topic, "Discuss the relevance of the *Book of Common Prayer* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in the light of two given quotations".

The closing date for applications to be received was June 30, 2012. A number of very interesting essays were received, and they have been sent on to the markers, three eminent Canadian Anglican theologians. We expect to award the Prizes before the end of the year. We can look forward to reading the prize-winning essays, which will be published for our membership in our Newsletter, and perhaps more widely too.

Many thanks to our faithful member, the Reverend Dr. Ronald Hunt, who has managed this competition for us and is now staying in touch with the markers.

*Reports on Branch-sponsored Conferences held this past summer*

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

Another successful Ontario Conference was held from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, near Wiarton, Ontario on the beautiful Bruce Peninsula. Check their website at [www.stmikesontario.com](http://www.stmikesontario.com) for updates of the 2012 Conference.

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**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cranmer Conference - 2012 (North Bay)**

The title of this year's Conference was "*The Murder of Thomas Cranmer*" and was held from Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Rector of the Parish, Fr Andrew Nussey, a member of the Society's National Council, organized the Conference in his parish. Our Branch gave financial support and was included amongst the 'Patrons and Supporters' of the Conference.

*Here are some reflections from Fr Nussey:*

The Cranmer Conference was once again held in North Bay, Ontario in August of this year. Several young people were in attendance as we enjoyed glorious music, splendid food, and captivating speakers. This year's keynote speaker was Fr. Tim Perry of Sudbury, Ontario who outlined for us the implications behind "The Murder of Thomas Cranmer" and what the late Archbishop's martyrdom means for us Anglicans and Christians of today. Fr. Tim Connor of London, Ontario was the chaplain, Fr. George Kwari of Callander, Ontario was the banquet speaker, and Mr. Aaron James of Rochester, New York was the choir director and organist. Everyone came together to provide an encouraging weekend of learning and fun for all involved.

Next year a new kind of conference is being planned: The Cranmer Theological Conference will be held in May of next year during the week and it will be open to people of all ages with a special component for younger adults. For more information, check out [www.stjohndivine.ca/ctc/](http://www.stjohndivine.ca/ctc/).

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Atlantic Theological Conference**

***"The New Atheism"***

*The following reflections and comments are provided by Fr Andrew Nussey, from North Bay, and one of this year's Conference Delegates sponsored by the Ottawa Branch.*

The Atlantic Theological Conference this year was held in Charlottetown and the theme was "The New Atheism". It was suggested that those attending the conference read *Why God Won't Go Away* by Alister McGrath, which was a comprehensive introduction to the contemporary and popular proponents of atheism.

Each and every paper was thought-provoking and informative. In his opening paper, the Rev. Duncan Dormor of St. John's College in Cambridge gave an overview of the New Atheism, Dr. Stephen Snobelen of the History of Science and Technology Programme at the University of King's College in

Halifax spoke about Science and the New Atheism, and Dr. David Deane of the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax spoke about Nietzsche and the Existence of God.

To simply highlight a couple more of the speakers and their papers, Dr. Gary Thorne, the Chaplain of Dalhousie University and the University of King's College in Halifax, showed us how a single-layered and literal reading of Scripture gives fodder for the "new atheists" to attack the Christian faith in a simple way, while Dr. Thomas Curran, Associate Professor of Humanities at the University of King's College in Halifax, noted that the paradoxical nature of the religious mind--our logic and principles--is not adequately considered by the New Atheists (this is helped by the Christian's own simple approach to Scripture and faith).

Moreover, Dr. Curran, who offered a summary of the conference at its conclusion, suggested that the criticisms levelled by the New Atheists, while facile and insubstantial, nevertheless offer us Christians a challenge to elaborate and clarify our beliefs due to the popularity of our detractors: this can help us enrich our faith.

As always, the Atlantic Theological Conference was a worthwhile gathering, not only for the information received but also for the splendid worship and the opportunity to connect with friends old and new.

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

For many years our Branch has supported Augustine College, primarily by presenting each student with their own copy of *The Book of Common Prayer*, to accompany their course work, and as part of our Branch's Outreach programme.

Consider joining the Faculty and Students of the College for the *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Augustine College Hymn Sing* which will be held at St Barnabas' Church, Ottawa on **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** For information about the College, please call 613-237-9870 or consult the College website at [www.augustinecollege.org](http://www.augustinecollege.org) .

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### ***NOTES FROM THE TREASURER***

So far in 2012, the Branch has as usual donated \$500 to the Cranmer Conference, \$500 to the St. Michael Youth Camp, \$500 to the cost of the National Newsletter, and \$700 to clergy attending the Atlantic Theological Conference in June. As well, the Branch incurred the usual administrative costs of sending out our Newsletters.

Perhaps because of the interest generated by the Essay Competition, the Branch has so far received more donations than last year: to the end of July, we have received \$2,850 in donations, as well as the very generous donation of the Third Prize of the Essay Competition in memory of Miss Elaine de Temple. Although this is less than the amount we received in donations a few years ago, it is very considerably better than last year: thank you all very much!

I would point out, however, that we have yet to pay out the \$5,000 in prize money for the Essay Competition, of which the Branch will have to find \$4,000 for the First and Second Prizes; that will use up most of our income this year, regardless of our other expenses and the expected grants we

have already made, as outlined in the first paragraph.

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.

Please look for our usual mailing in October which will include the sale of 2013 BCP Calendars made available by the Prayer Book Society of Canada.

Frances Macdonnell

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**ADDRESS - Dr. Ron Hunt**  
**“Around the Mediterranean . . .”**

**Saturday, October 13, 2:00 p.m. - St. Barnabas Parish Hall**

Our member Dr. Ronald Hunt, Rector of St. Bede’s, Nolan’s Corners, and his wife Andrea recently returned from a tour in the Mediterranean, and he would be happy to describe it to our members, including slides. On a previous occasion, they also toured the Holy Land, in a tour entitled “In the steps of Abraham . . .”. Ron will be including highlights of both these trips in his presentation. In the first tour, they visited Jerusalem, the West Bank, Hebron, and Tel Aviv; and in the second tour, they visited Kotor, Split, Santorini, Athens, Istanbul, and Ephesus.

Ron’s presentation of the highlights of these tours will be of great interest to us all. Please join us in the Fred Allen Hall, St. Barnabas Church (corner of Kent and James Streets), using the Hall entrance on Kent Street. The presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

***Christmas Cards and Seasonal Hasti-Notes***

Pricing and availability of our 2013 Calendars, Christmas cards and Hasti-Notes will be included in a leaflet that will be mailed out later in the fall. Look for it in your mail in October.

The cost of the 2013 *BCP* Calendars will remain at **\$7.50 each**. Detailed ordering information will be included in the leaflet.

If 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 contains a reproduction of an original painting of an Anglican church in Canada, by the well-known Canadian artist, Peter Bresnen of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**The calendars are a must for each of us. They also make wonderful Christmas gifts.**

## OUR CHINESE DINNER IS BACK AGAIN!

The Chinese Dinner which we enjoyed for so many years at St. Luke's Anglican Church was not made available in the last two years as the Chinese congregation who provide it was experiencing difficulties. We then had problems finding a date which suited them, but we are very happy to announce that the Dinner will re-start again this year as usual!

Please join us on Sunday, September 30, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the basement hall of St. Luke's Anglican Church, at 760 Somerset Street West. Following the Dinner, we will as usual go up to the church where we will enjoy a delightful concert to be given by trumpeter Travis Mandel and the organist of St. Luke's, Robert Jones. The price for this event is \$40, the same as last time, which represents \$25 for the cost of the dinner, \$5 as a donation for the concert, and \$10 as fund-raising for the Branch. This is one of the Branch's main fund-raisers during the year and we urge you to support it - besides, the food is always wonderful!

Please send your cheque for \$40.00 per person to

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before Tuesday, September 25. It will be lovely to see you all again on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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On Sunday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m., you are invited (and encouraged!) to attend the

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Recital

to be played by Wesley Warren, our Branch Chairman  
on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his appointment as  
Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr.

Music will include works by Mendelssohn, S.S. Wesley, Bach, Franck,  
Howells, Bossi and Vierne.

Tickets will be available at the door:

General Admission - \$20.00; Seniors - \$15.00; Students - \$10.00

Proceeds from the Recital will go to the Parish's Choral Music Foundation.

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