

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

# OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## Lent 2013

*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 2 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr Shane Bengry, OSBCn, at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets ( <i>see Poster on last page of this issue</i> )
Sunday, March 10 7:00 p.m.	<i>BCP</i> Choral Evensong for Lent IV sung by the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at St Stephen's, 930 Watson Avenue (just west of Pinecrest, north of the Queensway)
Sunday, March 17 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Passion Sunday (Lent V), St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Tuesday, March 26 8:00 p.m.	The Office of Tenebrae, St Barnabas' Church
Sunday, April 21 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Easter III, St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Wednesday, April 24 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, April 28 4:00 p.m.	Eastertide <i>BCP</i> Evensong sung by the Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, at Emmanuel Church, Arnprior
Sunday, May 19 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception.

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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.

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*Please remember ...*

\*\*\* *When inserts are being included with a particular issue of the Newsletter,  
your copy will be mailed by regular post.* \*\*\*

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 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.

## ***A Lenten Quiet Day***

***will be led by Fr Shane Bengry, OSBCn***

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - - - - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Fr Bengry has chosen “Holiness: Sanctifying the Ordinary” as the topic for a *Lenten Quiet Day*, to 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.

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 Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. She will be glad to help you.

{A display Poster for the Quiet Day may be found on the last page of this Newsletter.}

### **2013 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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 Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058 and she will be glad to make arrangements for you to attend.

### **Clergy Attendance at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Atlantic Theological Conference**

Clergy interested in attending the 2013 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

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.

*The following reflections and comments were provided by Fr Frank Kirby. He was one of last year's Conference Delegates sponsored by the Ottawa Branch.*

## **The New Atheism**

*Atlantic Theological Conference  
St. Peter's Cathedral  
Charlottetown, PEI  
June 26-29, 2012*

I attended the Atlantic Theological Conference for the first time this past summer, fitting it into a vacation in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and the northeast American States of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. After a three-day drive through the states and New Brunswick, in pouring rain the whole time (before the drought settled in), I arrived in Charlottetown in time to check into my B&B, just a couple of blocks from St Peter's Cathedral, and to attend the opening Choral Evensong.

The lectures began the following day, Wednesday, with an "Overview of the New Atheism", by the Rev. Duncan Dormor, President and Dean of St John's College in Cambridge. I must admit that I was only vaguely aware of this "new atheism", but I soon gained a sense of what it is all about, and the challenge it presents to us, people of faith in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. The titles of four more lectures, "The Bible: foundational document for the New Atheism", "Original Sin as the Evil of Religion", "Religion and Science", and finally, and rather dauntingly, "Nietzsche and the Existence of God", might give you a notion of the scope of the talks. I regret that I do not have the time to give you a summary of what was said (nor could I recall much, had I the time!), but suffice it to say that I came away with a clearer idea of the arguments put forth by proponents of this particular critique of Christianity, and any faith for that matter. But it is Christianity, however, and in particular evangelical Protestantism, that is the principal target of the "New Atheists" – Richard Dawkins, Lawrence Krauss and David Mills being perhaps the foremost spokespersons.

One thing that was impressed upon me was the relative shallowness of the New Atheist critique of Christianity, which is itself a caricature of what we Anglicans would think of as our faith. But equally it was brought home to me that we Anglicans, and other "mainline" Christians have much too shallow an understanding of our faith, which leaves us often unable to answer adequately the criticisms of "Christianity" in general. In these days of growing, and sometimes aggressive, secularism, we practicing Christians, Anglican and others, need to have a deeper comprehension of what our faith actually teaches us about ourselves, and the world we all live in. We cannot leave ourselves open to

the attacks (and that is not too strong a word, I came to appreciate) of the new atheists, who can inflict serious damage on people whose faith is weak and inarticulate. If the attacks of the new atheism are sometimes shallow, they will only be answered by those with a depth of faith, and moreover a faith which is *practised in daily life*.

The conference began with Evensong, and at the centre of it, on the Thursday evening, was a splendid celebration of Solemn Mass for the feast of SS Peter and Paul (Peter being of course the patron saint of the Cathedral). Father Dormor preached an excellent sermon, tying in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer to the celebration (he admitted that it was a sermon he had preached on another occasion in Cranmer's memory – but it was very well adapted to the Charlottetown occasion!). He pointed out how often Cranmer used the word “heart” in his liturgical writings, to underscore how “heartfelt” was the reforming archbishop's devotion to the Gospel message. It struck me that we in our own time must be as heartfelt in our expression of, and living out, our faith.

The conference ended on the Friday, after the fifth and final lecture. All the lectures were responded to by articulate speakers – I don't know if they were given the lecture notes ahead of time, but if they weren't, they were very quick on their intellectual feet! All in all, it was a rewarding experience, especially so in the surroundings of St Peter's Cathedral, and its exquisite Chapel of All Souls. I stayed on in Charlottetown through the weekend, attending the Eucharist at the Cathedral on Sunday, which this year fell on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Celebrating Canada Day in the cradle of Confederation was a special experience, and was followed by holiday time in PEI, New Brunswick and the aforementioned American states, in glorious sunshine almost everyday ... but that is another story.

*The Venerable Frank Kirby  
Incumbent, Trinity Church, Cornwall  
Archdeacon of Stormont  
Anglican Diocese of Ottawa*

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## **NOTES FROM THE TREASURER**

By the end of 2012, the Branch was still in the black - but only just! The cost of offering the Essay Contest on the BCP, open to young Canadians aged 17 - 30, was quite expensive - a total of \$5,800 - as a one-time expenditure. As you know, our Branch Executive had decided that it was worth putting so many funds into this project, as it would do so much to raise awareness of the BCP among young Canadians, and it certainly succeeded in that!

Perhaps because of the interest generated by the Essay Competition, the Branch received more donations in 2012 than in the preceding few years: we received a total of \$5,828.50 in donations in 2012, compared to only about \$3,500 the previous year. This of course included the very generous donation of the Third Prize of the Essay Competition in memory of Miss Elaine de Temple. Thank you all very much!

Having paid out all the Essay Contest money in 2012, as well as our usual donations to the Cranmer Conference, the St. Michael's Youth Camp, the National Newsletters, and to clergy attending the annual Atlantic Theological Conference, our bank balance at the end of December stood at \$1,212.76,

having started the year at \$5,606.24. If we are to be able to carry on with our usual ongoing programmes this year, including things like our own Newsletter, we will need income to come in.

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. Donations can be sent to me at:

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- Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

### **St Michael's Youth Conference 2013**

The Conference will be held just north of Warton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario) from Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Information may be obtained by checking the Ontario Conference website at [www.stmikesontario.com](http://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 2013 Cranmer Theological Conference - North Bay**

The Cranmer Conference, held in 2011 and 2012 in North Bay, will now be called the ***Cranmer Theological Conference***, with the format being modeled on that of the Atlantic Theological Conference. It will be held at the Church of St John the Divine in North Bay and will run from the afternoon of Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to noon of Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Conference will be "Is God Good? Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?"

For more information, including cost of Registration, please check the Conference website at <http://www.stjohndivine.ca/ctc/>. Although the format of the Conference has been altered to include participation by attendees of all ages, it will still maintain a special focus for young adults. Do encourage young people to attend as they are sure to benefit by the experience.

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### **The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Atlantic Theological Conference**

Entitled "***The Biblical Job: Comfort, Righteousness, Holiness***", this year's Conference will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, in Fredericton, N.B., from the evening of Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through to noon on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

To date, speakers will include The Rev. Dr Thomas Curran (Associate Professor of Humanities at King's College, Halifax), Fr Christopher Snook (Rector of St Luke's, Regina), Dr Danielle Layne (Assistant Professor of Literature and Philosophy at Georgia Southern University), and The Rev. Dr Lisa Wang (St James Cathedral, Toronto). Papers will include such topics as "The righteousness of Job", "The literary history of Job", and "Job and Holiness".

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

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## THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ESSAY COMPETITION 2012

During 2012, the Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch, offered an essay contest 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), with the intention of raising the interest in and use of the *Book of Common Prayer* amongst Canadians aged 17 - 30. The topic for the essay was "The relevance of the *Book of Common Prayer* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

The Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch, now announces the winners of the 2012 Essay Competition. Three prizes were awarded, in the amounts of \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000 (The M. Elaine de Temple Prize).

The prizes were awarded to:

**First Prize: Elliot Rossiter**

**Title: Trusting God's Providence:**

**The Importance of the Collects in the *Book of Common Prayer***

Born and raised in Toronto, Elliot Rossiter completed a one-year diploma at Augustine College, Ottawa, and a B.A. in Philosophy at the University of Ottawa. Elliot moved to London, Ontario, in 2009 to pursue graduate studies in Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario. He and his wife Sarah were married according to the rite of the *Book of Common Prayer* in St. George's Anglican Church, London, in 2011. Now in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of doctoral studies, Elliot is completing a dissertation entitled *Covenant and Natural Law: John Locke on God's Legislative Power*.

**Second Prize: Joel Reinhardt**

**Title: Language, Scripture, and Doctrine:**

**The Relevance of the *Book of Common Prayer* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Joel Reinhardt is an upper-year (J.D.) law student at the University of Ottawa. Before entering law school, he worked as a ministerial assistant in the federal government. Joel holds a B.A. in Philosophy, along with certification in leadership and applied public affairs, studying at Augustine College, Trinity Western University, and the Laurentian Leadership Centre in Ottawa. He enjoys participating in the daily use of the *Book of Common Prayer* in his parish church.

**Third Prize: Aaron James (*The M. Elaine de Temple Prize*)**

**Title: The Daily Offices and the Pattern of Common Prayer**

Aaron James is an organist and church musician currently studying at the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY) where he is completing a combined doctoral-degree programme in organ performance and musicology (PhD/DMA). He has received many awards for his organ playing, including First Prize (the Godfrey Hewitt Prize) in the 2011 National Competition of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, from which organization he also holds the Fellowship diploma, its highest. He has served as organist and choir director of several churches in Toronto and southern Ontario, and directs the music at the Prayer Book Society of Canada's annual Cranmer Theological Conference. He is presently organist at Holy Cross Anglican Church, Webster, New York.

The jury for the competition consisted of:

The Right Reverend Dr. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma

Dr. Walter Hannam, Professor of Theology and Anglican Studies, The College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Saskatoon, SK

The Reverend George Westhaver, Rector, St. George's Church, Halifax, NS

The winning essays will be published during 2013 by the Prayer Book Society of Canada.



# Holiness: Sanctifying the Ordinary



## Quiet Day Saturday, March 2, 2013

Led by Fr. R. Shane Bengry OSBCn  
with Fr. Sean Beahen OSBCn  
from the Benedictine Community of Sts. James & John  
in Carberry, Manitoba

Come and spend some time in quiet devotion, learning and reflection at the annual St. Barnabas Lenten Quiet Day, a day to consider how to recognize and create holiness in our daily lives.

Please bring a bag lunch; soup, tea and coffee will be provided.

Information about the Benedictine community may be found at [www.osb.org/intl/angl/angl2.html](http://www.osb.org/intl/angl/angl2.html) and [www.osbcn.net](http://www.osbcn.net).

9:00	.....	Morning Prayer
9:30	.....	Mass
10:15	.....	First Address: <b>Holiness at Church</b>
		Silence
11:30	.....	Second Address: <b>Holiness at Work</b>
		Silence
12:30 – 1:30	.....	Lunch
1:30	.....	Third Address: <b>Holiness at Home</b>
		Silence
2:30	.....	Group Reflections
3:00	.....	Evening Prayer