

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Trinity 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 given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Collect for Trinity Sunday, *BCP*, page 214

FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

Thursday, May 30 7:30 p.m.	Solemn High Mass with Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, for Corpus Christi, St Barnabas' Church. Our Diocesan, The Rt Rev. John Chapman will be in attendance.
Sunday, June 16 7:00 p.m.	Festal Solemn Evensong with Procession and Benediction, for the Patronal Festival at St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception.
Wednesday, July 3 to Sunday, July 7 at the Ottawa Convention Centre	General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada with the National Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada convenes. Pray for the delegates and in particular remember members of our Society who have registered to host the Society's Display Booth.
Saturday, September 7 2:00 p.m.	Presentation entitled "In the Path of Abraham: A Visit to the Holy Land" by Dr Ron Hunt, in the Parish Hall of St Barnabas' Church.

Branch Officers

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Our Branch Executive

At the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Branch, held in the Library at the Church of St Barnabas on Wednesday, April 24th the following members were elected:

Wesley Warren, Chairman	Alice Conway, Recording Secretary
Ronald Bentley, Vice-Chairman and Editor of the Branch Newsletter	Ruth Bell, Member-at-Large
Joan Wilson, Past Chair	Allan Higdon, Member-at-Large
Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer	Donald MacLean, Member-at-Large
	William Silver, Member-at-Large

Words from our Branch Chairman ...

Having attended a number of funerals lately, both as a member of the congregation, and also in the role of organist, it has struck me how important the prior planning of liturgy and music is to the public remembrance of a person's life (and the commending of their soul to God's gracious keeping and protection).

Please prepare well in advance, if the form of the liturgy to be used is important to you and your loved ones. It is vital that you state clearly in a letter (that can be kept on file) to your Parish Priest which liturgy you desire at your funeral (hopefully the *BCP!*), and also specific musical selections (hymns, choral music, organ music, etc.).

These details must not be left to chance: grieving family members often do not have the time (or the inclination) to go looking for this information, and many times the wishes of the deceased are not honoured.

Remember, planning of this sort does not hasten the day, but can be a source of comfort knowing that your personal wishes will be honoured.

Wesley R. Warren

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ADDRESS - Dr. Ron Hunt

“In the Path of Abraham: A Visit to the Holy Land”

Saturday, September 7, 2:00 p.m. - St Barnabas Parish Hall

Dr. Ronald Hunt, Rector of St Bede's, Nolan's Corners, and his wife Andrea toured the Holy Land. As in their visit to St Barnabas last October with their 'tour' around the Mediterranean, they will present slides and commentary to members and friends of the Branch and St Barnabas parishioners, showing sites in Jerusalem, the West Bank, Hebron, and Tel Aviv.

Please plan to join us in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall at St Barnabas Church (corner of Kent and James Streets), and let your friends know too. Please use the Hall entrance on Kent Street. The presentation will start at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by questions and discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

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At the Annual General Meeting, Wesley Warren led those in attendance in this Act of Remembrance for members known to have departed this life during the past year.

The Prayer Book Society of Canada **(Ottawa Branch)**

Annual General Meeting

held at

The Church of St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

on

Wednesday, 24 April 2013

Act of Remembrance

MEMORIAL ROLL

Rhoda Miner Pendleton Baxter	Ottawa
Graham Booth	Kanata
Charlotte Anne Mary Donaldson	Ottawa
Dorothy Eadie	Ottawa
Frank Stephen Jones	Ottawa
Ingibjörg Lillian Lane	Brockville
Fr James Douglas Megill	Cornwall
Thelma Pranschke	Ottawa
Martin Borrett Austin Wickham	Ottawa
Margaret Chillis Macdonald Wigmore	Ottawa

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Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants, with Thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting life. *Amen.*

- V.** Rest Eternal, grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

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BCP Mattins . . . 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 . . . 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. Sunday Evensongs at 4:30 p.m. will resume at Christ Church Cathedral after Thanksgiving.

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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If you would prefer to receive your copy via electronic means, please advise the Branch Newsletter Editor at rwbentley@sympatico.ca , who will gladly forward your copy via the Internet.

Please remember ...

*** *As an insert is being included in this issue of the Newsletter, your copy will be mailed by regular post.* ***

**“DAME JULIAN OF NORWICH”
POETRY COMPETITION 2014
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This poetry competition is sponsored by the Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch, with the intention of celebrating and studying some of the glorious literature of the Christian heritage.

Competition Prizes:

Provided that there are sufficient poems submitted of a suitable standard, the Ottawa Branch will award cash prizes of

\$500.00 - First Prize
\$300.00 - Second Prize
\$100.00 - Third Prize

Requirements of Candidates:

The Competition is open to all Canadians, of any age. Candidates need not be resident in Canada.

Poetry Topic:

Poems, to be of a fairly substantial nature in any poetical format, are to be founded on and perhaps inspired by the work of Dame Julian of Norwich, generally known as *The Revelation of Divine Love in Sixteen Showings*. (Any standard edition may be used for research.) It is expected that each poem will make reference to at least three of the *Showings* described in Dame Julian’s work. For instance, here are three possible statements from the *Showings* which might be used as the basis for a poem:

And with this insight He also showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand. . . . I looked at it with the eyes of my understanding, and thought “What can this be?” My question was answered in this fashion: “It is everything that is made. . . . It lasts, and ever shall last, because God loves it. And in this fashion all things have their being, by the grace of God.”

(The First Showing, Chapter 5)

The continual seeking of the soul for God pleases Him greatly. For the soul may do no more than seek, suffer, and trust, and this disposition is wrought in the soul that has it by the Holy Spirit. . . . The seeking of Him with faith pleases our Lord; the finding of Him pleases the soul and completely fills it with joy.

(The Second Showing, Chapter 10)

Our Lord said . . . “I am the ground of your beseeching. First, it is my will that you have what you ask, and then, I make you will it. Since I make you ask it, and you do ask it, how should it, then, be that you should not have what you ask?”

(The Fourteenth Showing, Chapter 41)

Applications:

Poems shall be submitted, either in hard-copy or as an attachment to an e-mail, preferably in pdf format, to:

Rev. Dr Ronald Hunt

Either by e-mail to: ronald.hunt@xplornet.ca

Or by regular mail to: Rev. Dr Ronald Hunt
297 Bristow Drive
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Smiths Falls, ON K7A 5B8

The poem itself must contain no evidence of the author's identity. In a covering letter or e-mail cover page, candidates must state their name, mailing address, and phone number, and their e-mail address if they have one. The **closing date** for receipt of applications is **March 31, 2014**.

Assessment of Applications:

Essays will be reviewed by a jury made up of a combination of three Canadian Anglican theologians and poets. Judgement will be based on the beauty of the poem, the poetical technique of its composition, and reference to the topic. The determination of the judges need not be unanimous. The decision of the judges will be final, and no poems will be returned, or commented upon directly. All candidates will be informed of the results of the jury's deliberations. If an insufficient number of suitable poems are submitted, it is possible that not all prizes may be awarded.

Award:

The awarding of the prizes to the successful candidates will be made by June 30, 2014, by the Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch.

The winning poems may be posted on the Society's website or published in the Society's Newsletters.

Information:

Further information may be obtained from:

Frances Macdonnell
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613-726-7984

OR Rev. Dr Ronald Hunt
ronald.hunt@xplornet.ca
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We have included information about this summer's Conferences with the hope that we all try to encourage attendance from within the Branch. As our Treasurer notes, all three conferences are supported financially by our Branch.

St Michael's Youth Conference 2013

The St Michael's Youth Conference, now in its 18th year, was founded to provide an environment where high school-aged youth could grow in their faith, through teaching that is faithful to the Anglican tradition. Through worship drawn from the *BCP*, the conference invites participants to experience the power of God in their lives. The conference will be held at Selah Camp, a five-minute drive north of Wiarton on the Bruce Peninsula (southwestern Ontario) from **Monday, August 26th to Saturday, August 31st**. Information may be obtained by checking the website at www.stmikesontario.com. As in past years, if you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners 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

Held in North Bay in 2011 and 2012, the Cranmer Conference will now be called the *Cranmer Theological Conference*. The Conference convened at the Church of St John the Divine in North Bay from **Tuesday, May 14th to Friday, May 17th**. The theme of the 2013 Conference was "Is God Good? Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?".

We look forward to reading a short report of this year's conference in a future issue of the Branch Newsletter. Except for the individual papers (lectures), the complete programme, including all the services printed in full, for the whole Conference, is now available at <http://www.stjohndivine.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/2013-CTC-Booklet.pdf>.

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The 33rd Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

This year's Conference, entitled "*The Biblical Job: Comfort, Righteousness, Holiness*", will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, in Fredericton, N.B., from **Sunday, June 23rd to Wednesday, June 26th**.

Speakers will include The Rev. Dr Thomas Curran (Associate Professor and Associate Director, Foundation Year Programme 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), Dr Neil Robertson (Associate Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences at King's College, Halifax), and The Rev. Dr Lisa Wang (St James Cathedral, and Faculty of Divinity at Trinity College, Toronto). Papers will include such topics as "Job in the Enlightenment", "The Book of Job: a Literary history", and "Job and Holiness".

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

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Having paid out \$5,800 for the costs of the Essay Contest which the Branch offered in 2012, as well as all our usual 2012 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 is now barely \$1,000 at the end of April 2013. We will be unable to make our usual donations to the summer activities such as the Cranmer Conference, the St. Michael's Youth Camp, and so on, unless we receive more donations soon - we need your help!

As you will have read elsewhere in this Newsletter, the Branch is now offering a Poetry Competition, aimed at encouraging participation by a much wider audience. The Essay Contest last year was open only to young Canadians aged 17 - 30, but this new contest is intended for participation by Canadians of any age who enjoy poetry! We hope that many of our own members, as well as others, may feel inspired to write a poem inspired by the thinking of Dame Julian of Norwich.

We have also been requested to make a donation to St. Barnabas Church to enable them to purchase twenty new copies of the *Book of Common Prayer*, which they use on a regular basis. As St. Barnabas Church is most hospitable to the Society in allowing us to hold all of our Executive meetings and many of our general Branch meetings there, we hope to be able to do this in return. We have already received one generous donation towards this particular cause from one of our members.

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 by using the tear-off slip below. Simply insert it in the self-addressed envelope included with the Newsletter. Thank you very much!

- Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

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