

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Lent 2018

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 hatest nothing that thou 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 17 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr John Organ, Rector of St Martin's, Ottawa, at St Barnabas' Church (<i>see Details later in Newsletter</i>)
Tuesday, March 27 8:00 p.m.	The Office of Tenebrae, St Barnabas' Church, 70 James Street at Kent
Sunday, April 15 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Easter II, St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Wednesday, April 25 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, May 20 7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evensong and Benediction (May Festival of Our Lady), St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception
Saturday, June 2 2:00 p.m.	"Leprechauns and Highways in the Emerald Isle", a slide presentation with Fr Ron and Andrea Hunt in the Parish Hall at St Barnabas' Church

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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.

The *BCP* rite is also celebrated every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at St Barnabas' Church.

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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. If you are interested in their schedule, please contact Frances.

There are other Evensongs held in parishes within the Diocese of Ottawa. Please try to support them so that the parishioners in those parishes 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.

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Dorothy "Joan" Wilson

We regret to announce the death of Joan Wilson, long-time Chair of the Ottawa Branch. Joan died on October 13, 2017, at the age of eighty-four, and her funeral was taken by the Reverend Graham Eglinton on November 5. Pre-deceased by her husband Brian Wilson, Joan is survived by her daughter Leslie Wilson. A lifelong Anglican, she was active in the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society from its inception, and served as Chair of the Branch for many years. Her hard work and selfless dedication to *The Book of Common Prayer* and to the Society were an inspiration to us all, and she will long be remembered.

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A Lenten Quiet Day

will be led by Fr John Organ, Rector of St Martin's Church, Ottawa

on

Saturday, March 17th - - - - - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at

The Church of St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr, Ottawa

Fr Organ has chosen “**Experiencing God**” 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. followed by the Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., and will end with Evening Prayer at 3:00 p.m. Fr Organ will give four (4) talks: ‘God in Search of Human Beings’, ‘Human Beings in Search of God’, ‘The Way of Self-Transcendence (Francis of Assisi)’, and ‘Developing A Faith / Spiritual Practice’. A time of reflection will follow each meditation. Although homemade soup will be provided for lunch, you are invited to bring a small bag lunch if you so wish. Members are encouraged to attend this Quiet Day.

Advent and Lenten Quiet Days have traditionally been popular times of reflection and contemplation. Over the years, many of our members have attended the Quiet Days. In particular, 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 the last days of Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter. If you require transportation, please call Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341. He will be glad to help you.

2018 Annual General Meeting **of the** **Ottawa Branch, PBSC**

Our **Annual General Meeting** will convene in the Library at
St Barnabas Church on **Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 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 other members of the Branch and the current Executive as we conduct 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 Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341 and he will be glad to make arrangements for you to attend.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to your kind donations at the end of 2017, we managed to end the year in fairly good shape. Having started the year with \$3,510, we wound up with \$3,905! This apparent increase of \$400 was owing entirely to the fact that several of you donated a total of \$400 to go directly to the Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit, which I sent to them in January. (See the note below in return from them.) Thank you very much for all your generosity.

During 2017, we made our usual donations of \$500 to the St. Michael's Youth Conference, \$350 to assist clergy attending the annual Atlantic Theological Conference, and \$500 towards the cost of the National Newsletter, as well as incurring the costs of printing and mailing our Branch Newsletters. (The Cranmer Conference was not held this year, and we sent only one priest to the Atlantic Theological Conference; if those expenses return in future years, we will need more money to support them.)

In addition, in mid- 2017 we sent an initial donation of \$1,000 to the Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit, which trains Inuit lay-readers and deacons using the *BCP*. You will have seen the thank-you letter from Fr Joey Royal in our most recent Newsletter.

Here is part of the response we received in January when I sent them your Christmas donations, for a further contribution of \$400:

TO the Prayer Book Society, Ottawa Branch:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is so much that I could write to you about. I will give you a very brief overview of some of our work. The Arthur Turner Training School, which re-opened in 2016 and is now operating out of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit, has five students and we expect them to graduate later this year. A second intake of students is planned for September. We train locally raised-up lay-readers, deacons, and priests.

We are most grateful to our members who support the work of the Branch through financial donations. Your support is always appreciated, and all donations are fully tax-receiptable. Donations can be sent to me at the following address:

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- Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

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Please join us ...

for another slide presentation to be given by Fr Ron and Andrea Hunt. They will show pictures and provide commentary on their trip to Ireland last year. Titled "***Leprechauns and Highways in the Emerald Isle***", the afternoon promises to be informative, enjoyable and quite amusing (if the title is any indication!).

Assuming that the snow has melted and warm weather will have finally arrived in Ottawa by **June 2nd**, we should note that the Parish Hall at St Barnabas is air-conditioned.

St Michael's Youth Conference 2018

In late February, Conference organizers were informed that the property near Warton that had been rented in previous years had been sold. As a result dates have not yet been finalized nor a new location chosen. For more details, please contact Dr Diana Verseghy, the Conference Director at diana.verseghy@sympatico.ca . Watch for updated information on the Ontario Conference website at www.stmikesontario.com . Please remember that 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 38th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

At the time of printing this issue of our Branch Newsletter, we have little information to provide to our readers. The Conference topic will be "*Memory*". We do know that the Conference will be held in New Brunswick, beginning in the evening of Sunday, June 24th and continuing through to noon on Wednesday, June 27th. Sadly we are unable to give information on the speakers and the topics chosen.

Clergy interested in attending the 2018 Atlantic Theological Conference and who would appreciate financial assistance, are invited to apply for same. For information or to make your request, please contact Wesley Warren at 613-726-6341.

The Deadline for Applications will be Friday, May 4th.

We have set this deadline so as to enable the Branch Executive to determine how many clergy may be assisted, allow for time to process requests prior to the beginning of the Conference, and provide for adequate time to make travel arrangements. For now, please check the Conference website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm> and watch for updates as they become available.

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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.* ***

'Lent' by George Herbert

Welcome dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,
He loves not Temperance, or Authority,
But is compos'd of passion.
The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, now:
Give to thy Mother, what thou wouldst allow
To ev'ry Corporation.

The humble soul compos'd of love and fear
Begins at home, and lays the burden there,
When doctrines disagree,
He says, in things which use hath justly got,
I am a scandal to the Church, and not
The Church is so to me.

True Christians should be glad of an occasion
To use their temperance, seeking no evasion,
When good is seasonable;
Unless Authority, which should increase
The obligation in us, make it less,
And Power itself disable.

Besides the cleanness of sweet abstinence,
Quick thoughts and motions at a small expense,
A face not fearing light:
Whereas in fulness there are sluttish fumes,
Sour exhalations, and dishonest rheums,
Revenging the delight.

Then those same pendant profits, which the spring
And Easter intimate, enlarge the thing,
And goodness of the deed.
Neither ought other men's abuse of Lent
Spoil the good use; lest by that argument
We forfeit all our Creed.

It's true, we cannot reach Christ's forti'eth day;
Yet to go part of that religious way,
Is better than to rest:
We cannot reach our Saviour's purity;
Yet we are bid, 'Be holy ev'n as he,'
In both let's do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,
Is much more sure to meet with him, than one
That travelleth by-ways:
Perhaps my God, though he be far before,
May turn and take me by the hand, and more:
May strengthen my decays.

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast
By starving sin and taking such repast,
As may our faults control:
That ev'ry man may revel at his door,
Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,
And among those his soul.