

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Easter - Rogation - Ascension 2006

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 merciful God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift : Bless, we beseech thee, the labours of thy people, and cause the earth to bring forth her fruits abundantly in their season, that we may with grateful hearts give thanks to thee for the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Rogation-tide, *BCP*, page 199

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday, May 21
7:00 p.m. | Evensong and Benediction for Rogation Sunday, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, followed by a reception |
| Sunday, May 28
10:30 a.m. | Sunday after Ascension Day, St Barnabas' Church, guest preacher Fr David A. Harris, National Chairman, PBSC |
| Monday, May 29
7:30 p.m. | Fr David A. Harris will address parishioners and members of the Branch, St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets |
| Sunday, June 4
4:30 p.m. | Choral Evensong, St Columba's Church, Manor Park |
| Sunday, June 11
4:30 p.m. | Choral Evensong, Christ Church Cathedral, in honour of the 80 th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. |
| Friday, June 23
6:30 p.m. | Evensong, St James', Carp, followed by a potluck supper in the Parish Hall |

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Special Notice

You are reminded of the upcoming visit to Ottawa of **Fr David A. Harris**, the National Chairman of the Prayer Book Society of Canada. He will preach at St Barnabas Church on **Sunday, May 28th** (Sunday after Ascension Day) at the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass, and will address parishioners and members of the Society in the Church on **Monday evening, May 29th** at 7:30 p.m. His topic on Monday will be "The Prayer Book and the Church Today". A reception will follow his address.

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Advance Notices

The Cathedral Singers will sing Choral Evensong in St. Columba's Church, Manor Park, Ottawa, on Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m.

A special **Choral Evensong** will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa on **Sunday, June 11** at 4.30 p.m. in celebration of the **Queen's 80th birthday**. The Guest Choir for the Service will be that of Oakridge Presbyterian Church in London, Ontario, with organist Ian Sadler, the Organist of St. George's Anglican Church, London, Ontario. Oakridge Presbyterian Church is setting off for a tour of England this summer, when they will be singing services in several Cathedrals: therefore they have been rehearsing Evensong assiduously!

Remember the Annual Evensong in the Parish of Carp on **Friday, 23 June**. It will be followed by a potluck supper. Your contributions to the supper may be left in the Parish Hall prior to the service. Do come and enjoy our last Branch event prior to the summer.

The Annual Summer Evensong Series at Holy Trinity, Lascelles, in the Gatineau Hills will continue this year. Services are held each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. during July and August with guest preachers and musicians from the Diocese of Ottawa.

In the next Newsletter, we will advise you of upcoming services that will be sung by the Cathedral Singers.

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CHORAL EVENSONG IN PEMBROKE

As advertised in the Lenten issue of the Newsletter, the Cathedral Singers of Ottawa, under the direction of Frances Macdonnell, sang Choral Evensong in Holy Trinity Church, Pembroke, on Sunday April 30. It was a beautiful day for those of us who drove from Ottawa to Pembroke, and a happy congregation of about 150 gathered together at 4.30 p.m. to join in Choral Evensong. The organ was in good form, Archdeacon Tim Parent preached a very pleasant homily, and the Cathedral Singers sang Morley's Responses, the Evening Canticles set by T. Tertius Noble in B minor, and S. S. Wesley's great anthem "The Wilderness", concluding as it does with Isaiah's words ". . .and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

As it happened to be my birthday, the Rector surprised me with a presentation of flowers at the end of the service! The ladies of the parish had very graciously prepared a wonderful meal for both choir and congregation following the service, and many old friendships were revived over supper. A number of people from other parishes in the Upper Ottawa Valley were present at this service, and it is likely that the Cathedral Singers will visit other Valley churches in the coming year to sing Book of Common Prayer services. A grateful thank-you to the Rector and congregation of Holy Trinity, Pembroke, for their kind welcome!

Frances Macdonnell

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We reprint here an article by Dr Peter Toon formerly Chairman of The Prayer Book Society of the USA. He is a sound scholar and a friend of the Canadian Society. Some of our members may remember his being a speaker at one of our events several years ago. While the article is addressed to the American PBS it sets out principles that apply to all people and organizations dedicated to the presentation of the Prayer Book. As with all articles that we reprint in our Newsletter, opinions expressed in it do not necessarily reflect the views of the Society.

ORDER and the Prayer Book Society

"Let all things be done decently [with grace and dignity] and in order," wrote the Apostle (1 Corinthians 14:40)

The Prayer Book Society of the USA is not a gathered church for it has no congregations or parishes and it is not an evangelization society for it does not plant churches.

The Society is an organization that both commends and provides a service for the churches of the Episcopal or Anglican way and polity - and what it has on offer is highly valued by some and scorned by others inside and outside the ECUSA! What it offers may be described as Ordered - that is, it aims to implement specific aspects of God's revealed order for his creation and his church.

Perhaps it needs to be made clear that "order" is not about obeying the "orders" of a dictator, boss or military commander. Neither does it refer to the bureaucratic notion that there should be a place for everything and everything in its place. Nor it is an ideology. Rather it points to the fact that God has so made his world that there is a first, middle and last; there is a beginning, a means and an end. One thing is first, another second and yet another last and all things and persons are related according to God's design.

The Society keeps in print and seeks to encourage use with understanding of the historic, classic prayer book of the Anglican Way - The Book of Common Prayer first published in 1549 and known in North America through three editions currently in use, that of 1662, that of 1928 and that of 1962. These editions of the one BCP contain services for each day and week, for Sundays and holy days, for baptism, confirmation, marriage, burial and other occasions. The Lectionary and each service is called "An order" for it has a beginning, a middle and ending with a clear purpose and doctrine (and thus contrasts with much modern liturgy which allows for great variety in structure

and content in use). Likewise the Psalter is arranged in an ordered way for the use and edification of the people of God and by the Calendar there is a walk by faith and with Christ day by day, week by week, season by season.

Since it commends the use of the classic BCP, the Society is also committed to the primary doctrines of that Prayer Book, which it believes are the essential doctrines of Scripture expressed in both Patristic and Reformation language. Thus it is wholly committed to the doctrines of the Creeds - to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and of the One Person of our Lord Jesus made known in two natures, divine and human. Here it sees divine order revealed as belonging both to the internal life of the Trinity in the relations of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and in the external action and word of the Trinity as the Father through the Son and by the Holy Ghost creates, reveals, saves, sanctifies, judges and redeems.

Turning to the creation, divine order as it is experienced in salvation and redemption is presented in the teaching of the Catechism, in the services for Holy Baptism and for Confirmation, and in Holy Communion and the Burial Service. There is a beginning in Baptism, a continuation in Confirmation and a further continuation in the reception of Holy Communion, leading on to presence with a redeemed body at the Messianic Feast in heaven in the age to come. The Eucharistic Lectionary for the weekly Holy Communion provides in its two parts (Advent to Trinity and Trinity to Advent) ordered doctrinal teaching on which the Church is to meditate.

Divine order, stated in the opening chapters of Genesis and confirmed by our Lord Jesus, is also seen in the creation of man as male and female and their relation to one another, where the man is first in order and the woman is second. In the marriage service there is a clear presentation of the divine order wherein the male and the female are joined as one flesh for procreation and for mutual help and friendship until death causes them to be parted.

Divine order in the new covenant and within the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church is further seen in the ordered Ministry of the Bishop, Priest and Deacon, as these are assumed in the BCP and ordination services for them are provided in the Ordinal which is bound with the BCP as one book.

By submission to Divine order there is freedom to serve God in peace and joy, and this is communicated by not a few of the Collects in the BCP, by joining with the orders of angels and archangels in worship the Church experiences the first-fruit of the fullness of communion with the Holy Trinity that shall be in the age to come.

The popularity of forms of services today that both lack the basic doctrines of order and are also without clear order in their structure reflects an age where discipline, formation of good habits and submission to those above us in the Lord are not highly prized, but rather individualism, subjectivism, relativism, relevancy and spontaneity are often and widely assumed to be the norms to follow.

Let all things be done decently [with grace and dignity] and in order! Let freedom be discovered through submission to the God of all freedom and let spontaneity be known in the disciplined walk in the Spirit with the Lord.

11th Annual St Michael's Youth Conference, Ontario

For information, see the Ontario Conference website at www.geocities.com/stmikesontario or contact stmichaels@canada.com. If you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners know of any teenager(s) who would be interested in attending this year's Conference and would appreciate financial assistance, please contact Joan Wilson at 749-5058. This year's Conference will be held from **August 21st to 26th**, near the town of Durham (northwest of Toronto). There is still time to register for the Conference and to request assistance from the Branch.

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The National Cranmer Conference

This is a new initiative being planned by the Grand Valley Branch and the Greater Niagara Branch of the PBSC. It will run from **Friday June 9th** through to a Choral Eucharist on Sunday **June 11th (Trinity Sunday)** at St Paul's, Dunnville, and end with a luncheon.

Speakers include Fr Gary Thorne, former Rector of St George's (Round Church), Halifax and now Chaplain at King's College, Halifax, Fr David A. Harris, National Chairman, PBSC, and Ass't Priest at St Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, and Fr Haynes Hubbard, Rector of St Paul's, Dunnville.

For information, please call Walter Raybould at (905) 971-7863. Information is also available on the web at www.cranmer.ca. While this Conference has been planned as a follow-up for those who may have attended earlier St Michael's Conferences and is aimed at those aged 19 to 29, all in this age bracket are welcome to attend. Cost is \$50.00 per person. The lectures will be open to the public so others may attend. The speaker at the evening Banquet on the Saturday is the Rev. Dr George Sumner, Principal at Wycliffe College, Toronto. This dinner is open to all ages.

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The 26th Atlantic Theological Conference *Reform and Renewal in Contemporary Christianity*

This year's conference will be held at St Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown. It will begin on the evening of **Tuesday, June 27th** and end at noon on **Friday, June 30th**. Speakers this year include Fr Robert Crouse and Fr David Curry who are familiar to many members of the Ottawa Branch. There will be a Solemn Eucharist to mark the Patronal Festival of St Peter and St Paul on the Thursday evening. The Diocesan Bishop, The Rt Rev'd Fred J. Hiltz will preach at that service. At the time of printing, we know of three members from the Ottawa Branch who will be attending. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!! Other information may be seen on the Conference website which is located at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm>.

The following list of names was read out at the beginning of the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch which convened on Wednesday 26 April 2006 . Major The Rev. Todd Meaker, ssc led the assembled in this Act of Remembrance for those known to have departed this life during the past year.

MEMORIAL ROLL

Edward (Ted) Beament	Ottawa
Carole Bierman	Ottawa
Elizabeth Bridges	Ottawa
Wilson Colquhoun	Perth
Eleanor Cornish	Stittsville (formerly of Perth)
Douglas Gage	Ottawa
W.J.B. Grierson (Mrs)	Ottawa
Doris Jessup	Ottawa
Carole Kennedy	Ottawa
Nancy Stead	Ottawa
Frances Trodd	Maxville (formerly of Nepean)
Joyce Warren	Ottawa
Brian Wilson	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.*

From Bill Silver (retired Branch Treasurer):

Eleven years ago our then Chairman, Willa Rea wrote a short letter to the editor of the Ottawa Citizen. I thought it so right that I kept a copy of it. I am now asking that it be reprinted in our Branch Newsletter.

7 March, 1995

The Editor,

Bob Harvey's Religion column (March 4, "Tolerance of all but intolerance") raised an important point about tolerance in a post-Christian society.

He says that "all great religions preach tolerance toward others". Unfortunately, the concept of tolerance has now been raised to such heights that religious groups are continually adjusting to their moral standards in order to become more "accessible". In the process, they water down their essential values and beliefs, alienate long time followers, and render themselves less likely to attract committed members because there appears to be no limit to acceptable behaviour.

In the name of tolerance we are in danger of gutting our society of the moral principles that gave us tolerance in the first place.

Sincerely,

Willa Rea,
Co-chair,
Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch

***** BOOK LAUNCH *****

**Discovering the Book of Common Prayer, A Hands -On Approach
Volume II : Our Life in the Church**

by Sue Careless

The second volume of **Discovering the Book of Common Prayer** will be released on Sunday afternoon May 28th in Seeley Hall at Trinity College, Toronto. Copies will soon be available for purchase.

As she did at the time of release of Volume I, it is anticipated that Sue Careless will make a tour to promote this new volume. Hopefully she will be able to visit Ottawa in the near future and address members and friends of the Society.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Some of the projects we have spent money in in the last couple of months include the following:

- We have given a grant of \$500 to support the Cranmer Conference. This conference, aimed at participants aged 19 - 29, is a "follow-up" to the very successful St. Michael's Camp aimed primarily at teenagers which has been held for a number of years. The Cranmer Conference will be held from June 9 - 11 (Friday to Sunday) at St Paul's Church, Dunnville, Ontario, and we are very glad to be able to assist young people in this worthwhile activity with our financial support.

- We have also given a grant of \$500 to support the publication of Volume II of Sue Careless's work "Discovering the Book of Common Prayer". (This grant assures us of having the name of the Ottawa Branch printed in the book as a co-sponsor!) Volume I of this work has sold out and is being reprinted at this time too. We look forward to reading Volume II when it becomes available shortly.

- We are also assisting with the travel expenses of Father David Harris, the National Chairman of the Prayer Book Society of Canada, as he visits us in Ottawa this month. We hope that many of you will be able to attend to hear his address to the Ottawa Branch on Monday May 29.

All of these activities, not to mention upcoming expenses for the events now in the planning process for next autumn, mean that as usual we need more funds! You will find a tear-off below, along with a return envelope, in the hope that you will be able to help us with a 2006 donation at this time. All financial contributions are, of course, tax-receiptable and will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

Please return this form in the self-addressed envelope provided to:

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