

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Michaelmass 2019

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

☩ Lord Jesus Christ, who in thy earthly life didst share man's toil, and thereby hallow the labour of his hands: Prosper all those who maintain the industries of this land; and give them pride in their work, a just reward for their labour, and joy both in supplying the needs of others and in serving thee their Saviour; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Collect for the Autumn Ember Days, *BCP*, page 245

☩ God, heavenly Father, who through thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to them that seek first thy kingdom and righteousness all things necessary to their bodily sustenance: Send us, we beseech thee, such seasonable weather that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and to thy honour, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer For Seasonable Weather, *BCP*, page 52

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

- Sunday, October 6
7:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Trinity XVI at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets, Ottawa, followed by a reception.
- Saturday, October 19
2:00 p.m. Slide presentation of a recent cruise to Norway, given by Fr Ron and Andrea Hunt in the Parish Hall at St Barnabas' Church.
- Sunday, October 27
4:00 p.m. The Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, and the choir of St James, Perth, directed by Peter Woodwark will jointly sing Choral Evensong for Trinity XIX in St James Anglican Church, Perth.
- Sunday, November 10
7:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Trinity XXI at St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception.
- Sunday, November 24
4:00 p.m. The Cranmer Singers, directed by Frances Macdonnell, will sing Choral Evensong for the Sunday Next Before Advent, in St John's Anglican Church, South March.
- Sunday, December 8
7:00 p.m. Advent Carol Service "*From Darkness to Light*", St Barnabas' Church, followed by a reception.

Our Branch Executive

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Branch, held in the Library at the Church of St Barnabas on **Wednesday, May 22nd**, the following members were elected:

Wesley Warren, Chairman	Allan Higdon, Member-at-Large
Ronald Bentley, Vice-Chairman and Editor of the Branch Newsletter	Donald MacLean, Member-at-Large
Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer	Joel Reinhardt, Member-at-Large

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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. *****

Words from our Branch Chairman ...

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones...". At the end of September, we celebrate one of the great festivals of the Christian calendar: St. Michael and All Angels, and this year, September 29 falls on a Sunday, so no excuses to not celebrate this joyful feast (apologies for the double negative!). And what better way to mark the event, than by singing John Athelstan Riley's (1858-1945) famous hymn (written in 1906, and quoted at the beginning), which elucidates the traditional nine orders of Angels in its first verse, and then continues to gather the Blessed Virgin Mary (Theotokos: "Mother of God" and "God-Bearer"), the Saints, and finally the present congregation in a heavenly vision of true worship, directed to the Holy Trinity. Riley was active in the Anglo-Catholic movement of the Church of England, and was chairman of the editorial board of *The English Hymnal* (1906). He had a special interest in the Eastern church, which is reflected in the text, drawing inspiration from the *Te Deum laudamus* and *Theotokion* ("Hymn of Mary").

Michaelmass has many traditions associated with it: marking the fall harvest (because of its close proximity to the autumnal equinox), the beginning of university terms in England, the appearance of the Michaelmass daisy (known as asters), etc. May we all give thanks for the creative ministrations of the Holy Angels, and seek (with them) to give due honour and worship to Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Wesley Warren, Chairman

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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, and daily except Mondays. Service times are given on the church phone at 613-232-6992.

If your parish has services using the *BCP*, please advise the Editor at rwbentley@sympatico.ca or by telephone at 613-822-1911 and the particulars will be incorporated into the next issue of the Newsletter.

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39th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

The following reflections and comments are provided by The Rev. Dr Ron. Hunt, Priest-in-Charge, St Bede's, Nolan's Corners, one of this summer's Conference Delegates from the Ottawa area.

The 39th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference 2019 was held Wednesday, June 26 (evening) to Saturday, June 29 (noon) at St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

On Wednesday evening at 5 p.m., we gathered for registration and Sung Evensong in the Cathedral and then assembled for the first paper of the conference, "Thou art Peter" (Matthew 16: 18), presented by The Rt Rev. Stephen Andrews, Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto (and formerly The Episcopal Visitor to the PBSC). A time of fellowship and conversation with a little wine and cheese followed.

Next morning at 10 a.m., the second paper, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (John 21: 15). The theme of the presentation was nurturing ascetic virtue in the church presented by Virginia Wilmhoff, University of Manchester. This was a challenge to wake up our focus on the place and meaning of the Christian life today. The thoughtful response was given by Benjamin Lee, recently ordained deacon in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The conference gathered at 5 p.m. for the traditional lobster dinner in the parish hall which was appreciated by all attendees.

Thursday evening, following the dinner, the conference participated in the third paper. "Partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1: 4) on the faith of St. Peter in Richard Hooker's "Lawes and Sermons" was well received. Mr. Peter Bullerwell, a doctoral student at McGill University, Montreal responded well.

Friday morning at 10 a.m. a fourth paper, "When Peter thought thereon, he wept" (Mark 14: 72), regarding the Church at the end of time, was presented by Professor Alan Hall, St. Thomas's University, Fredericton, N.B. The responder to this paper was Matthew Vanderkwaak, M.A., of Dalhousie University. The afternoon was open to activities of the town, and we joined others for a walk.

That evening at 7 p.m., the Conference Eucharist was held at the Cathedral with a Solemn Eucharist and a full choir on the eve of the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's Cathedral as well. The sermon was given by The Rt Rev. Anthony Burton, Rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, and formerly Bishop of Saskatchewan. A lively conversation ensued, after which we enjoyed wine and cheese at the rectory and all had a well-earned evening rest.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. the fifth paper, "That they all may be one" (John 17: 21) exploring the topic of the various 'churches' in ecumenical dialogue, especially the role of the Anglican Communion in ecumenical dialogue, was given by The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Trinity College, Toronto, and former Director for Unity, Faith, and Order, Anglican Communion; as well as Past President of the Canadian Council of Churches. The conference summary was given by The Rev. Dr Thomas Curran who left us all with a lively conversation and much to think about as well. Without doubt, the topic and conversations generated with the fellowship and the traditional lobster dinner left us all feeling that we have been part of one of the best conferences in recent times.

A full printed conference report will be available at the next annual conference (the 40th) to be held in Halifax.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

As many of you know Ronald Bentley, the Editor of our newsletter, has been ill for a number of months, which is why we have not recently published a Branch Newsletter. Ronald's health is improving, thanks be to God, and so we are now back in touch with you again.

In the year since our last Branch Newsletter in 2018, we have spent very nearly all the money accumulated in our bank account.

In the course of this past year, we have made our usual donation of \$500 to the St. Michael's Youth Conference, and we have given \$700 to assist clergy attending the annual Atlantic Theological Conference, \$500 towards the cost of the National Newsletter, and \$650 to assist an ordinand to attend a Prayer Book-centered conference in Texas. We have also donated money for the purchase of new *BCP*'s for the students attending Augustine College in the past year, as we hope to do again this autumn. In 2018, we gave \$1,400 to the Arthur Turner Training School for Inuit clergy in Iqaluit, and we hope to be able to support them again in the future.

I led a group of Ottawa teenagers, as well as adults, to Iqaluit in August 2018, where the teenagers worked at the Iqaluit Children's Music Day-Camp as junior counsellors, and the adults helped out at the Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, and Thrift Shop; the Branch provided \$250 to help with the airfare for the teenagers, while the adults paid their own way.

We have also taken on the responsibility for providing the Anglican pastoral ministry at St. Vincent's Hospital, a cost of \$5,000 annually; fortunately, the total cost for 2019 has already been donated by various faithful supporters of the Hospital programme and by a few parishes, along with \$500 from the Branch.

We hope to be able to carry on our annual support for all these important activities, and we actively need your help with this. At present, all this activity has left us in August 2019 with a **bank balance at present of barely \$300!** We count on your assistance to be able to carry on our programmes. 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.

The *BCP* Calendars for 2020 will be available shortly at \$8.00, the same cost as last year.

Please use the **Order and Donation Form** in this Newsletter, to order calendars and to send donations. An addressed envelope is enclosed for your use.

Thank you for all your help for our Prayer Book Society activities. We count on you entirely!

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

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Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer
