

The Prayer Book Society of Canada National Chairman - The Rev'd Dr. Gordon R. Maitland

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Dear friends and supporters of the Book of Common Prayer,

Enclosed with this cover letter is our latest newsletter, with articles that I hope you will find interesting and informative. To mark this 60th anniversary year of our 1962 Canadian BCP, I have written an article about some rare and unique Prayer Books that are in my personal collection. These books present a fascinating record of civil and ecclesiastical events that have shaped the history of both our Church and our nation. The Rev'd Benjamin von Bredow has written an article about a project that he is heading up to match Old Testament lessons with the Epistle and Gospel lections for Sundays and Holy Days in the BCP. These lessons would be for optional use by those clergy who wish to enrich the already superlative system of eucharistic lections found in the Prayer Book. The newsletter also contains a review of a new collection in book format of hundreds of thematically organized prayers, drawn primarily from the BCP, by the Rev'd Robert Mitchell. This project was partially funded by the PBSC, and we are very much pleased with the result. We hope that you will consider this treasury of prayers to be a fitting Christmas gift for those you love.

With the beginning of a new term at our seminaries and schools of theology, I would like to remind you that the Society offers bursaries each fall to theological students who are supportive of the BCP. If you know of any such students, especially those who are seeking ordination, please draw their attention to the call for bursary applications that appears in this issue of our newsletter and on our website.

In other news, I am very pleased to announce that the Inuktitut version of our Prayer Book app has now been completed. Those Inuit living at home and abroad will now be able to pray Morning and Evening Prayer in their own native language. For this we can only give profound thanks to Almighty God.

Projects and initiatives such as the ones described above would be impossible without your continued support. Besides upholding the work and mission of the PBSC in your prayers, we ask that you consider making a financial contribution if you are able to do so. A reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Anything that you can give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied to our ongoing endeavours.

As autumn approaches, I wish you every blessing in Christ,

The Rev'd Dr. Gordon R. Maitland

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