

# The Vine



## Welcome to the fifth edition of the Newsletter!

The picture of our church featured here is a water colour painted by Tom Field, a member of our congregation. In September Tom was honoured as Artist of the Year. Read more inside this newsletter.



We are very fortunate to have a congregation replete with people who have led interesting lives, who have lived in many different places, had a wide range of careers and experiences, and some who are endowed with many talents. We are an interesting bunch! Read on and learn more about some of these people.

## Me, a minister? The journey

I learned that there are two types of call to ordained ministry: inside and outside. Mine was the outside source from a very special friend. Of course, I poohed, poohed the suggestion immediately and put it out of my mind. It wasn't very long though that God put it right back in there again and continued to do so relentlessly for two years, while I continued for two years to suggest to Him why I thought that perhaps He was making a mistake. Some of those reasons being: I didn't have the proper education, I wasn't smart enough, I couldn't afford it, I didn't have time, I was too shy, and there was "so and so" who was so much more spiritual than I was and would be so much better at that sort of thing. Why couldn't I have been like the apostles or Mary who didn't hesitate when God called them? But



no, I was a Jonah trying to hide from God. I was a Gideon asking for proof. I was a Moses suggesting someone else. I spent two years wrestling on my own "Jacob's ladder." I even suggested that if this was really His will and not my own oversized ego speaking, he was going to have to "hit me with a two by four to get me to believe it." So he did. It happened at a conference which I attended and a workshop entitled "Discerning God's Will." At that point I broke down and said "OK God, I'll do it." Oh! such peace for two weeks until I decided, yet again, that ordained ministry wasn't for me because: "well, we were planning all this traveling when I retired." Finally I relented with no turning back. When I went to the first Training and Development meeting I spoke with Rev. David Ward. I told him I hadn't mentioned to a soul about this call. He told me that I should tell everyone because "if anyone fell down laughing that would be a sure sign that I was wrong!"

So I decided I had to at least tell my husband, Mike. We were planning to drive to Newfoundland for a holiday so I thought this would be the ideal time. But we were there and back again (2901 miles and three weeks later) and I still hadn't told him because once it's out in the open, you have to start doing something about it. The more people I told the more confirmation I received that this is what I should be doing. No one fell down laughing!

Most of you know the "rest of the story." God provided me with everything I needed to complete my studies. He provided a loving, supportive husband, a loving, supportive family and loving, supportive friends that I needed to encourage and uphold me along the way. He provided the overwhelming support at my ordination and the continuing support I receive today.

Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. So if you feel God is calling you for a special task or a special ministry, have faith that He will be walking with you every step of the way.

## Fran Langlois' Ordination

On Trinity Sunday, May 30, Fran Langlois was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate (she became a Deacon) in a ceremony at St. George's Cathedral in Kingston. It was an emotional occasion and it was wonderful to see so many parishioners from The County churches to support her and celebrate with her. ■

## Rector's Corner

### Finances: Where Do We Stand with the Diocese?

As most of you know we have been in talks with the Diocese for many months now about our financial situation and the Common Ministry and Mission (CMM) amount apportioned to us.

We asked that the Canon C 11 process be begun in the Parish. It became clear over time that this process was not appropriate and it was terminated. Leadership felt the process was built on the assumption that there was something wrong on our end and did not allow for questioning of the Diocese and its systems.

As part of our own investigations we met with the leadership of our neighbouring parishes, Kente and Marysburgh, to discover if they have similar problems. They do. Our concern about excessive CMM and the financial situation of the parishes was discussed at length at Synod and the result was a series of three Deanery meetings to explore "what kind of church we want to be" and "how to resource that church". Hopefully these meetings will be the start of a process of reform and refocusing Diocese-wide. Both the Bishop and the Archdeacon have met with your Incumbent and Leadership. No one has a ready solution at this point.

The Diocese does not have the money to continue subsidizing my salary and it has struck a balanced budget for 2011 that excludes the use of endowments and investments to supplement the money that comes in from the parishes. St. Mary Magdalene had previously decided not to pay any of its running costs from endowments.

It is good and right that these issues are being talked about frankly in the Diocese. There are no "good guys" and "bad guys" here. I know people on every side and know them to be people of faith and integrity, doing their best for the church. The only solutions will be joint solutions and at the end of the day we need to remain brothers and sisters in Christ. What the ultimate result will be for the parish I do not know. I urge you to keep the situation in your prayers.

On a hopeful note our givings have gone up 15% this year.

**Richard+**



## Milestones

### Births:

Eric Draper, son of Steve and Caroline and brother to Callum, Orson and Aaron in August.

### Baptisms

Cameron Thomas Beaupre, son of Todd and Tracy, grandson of Lita Field on June 17.

### Marriages:

John Norrie and Heidi Wilson, on May 22. Heidi is the daughter of Gary and Marlene Wilson.

Douglas Nugent and Amy Muller, on July 17.

Shawn Doyle and Kimberley Heard, on July 31. Kimberley is the grand daughter of Bob and Joan Mercer.

Gregory Valleau and Tanya Turner, on August 28. Tanya is the daughter of Rob and Debbie Turner.

Christopher Heard and Crystal Turner, on September 25. Chris is the grandson of Bob and Joan Mercer.

### Anniversaries:

Karl and Kyrene Tripple, celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 3.

Robert and Donnie Wilson renewed their wedding vows on October 10 at the Waring House. They celebrate 50 years of marriage on December 24.

### Moved away:

Barb Goodier moved to Ottawa to live with her son and family in August.

### Passings:

Hubert Walter Mann, aged 97, father of Shirley Stone on May 13. A reception was held in the Parish Hall. Burial at Hicksite Cemetery.

Constance Doreen Hart aged 85 on June 26. Cremation at Cherry Valley Cemetery.

Mary Louise Forrester aged 92 on August 5. Cremation at Cherry Valley Cemetery.

George Charles Orsborne, aged 81 on September 2. Interment at Cherry Valley Cemetery.

William Henry Farrar, aged 95, father of Josie Farrar on September 6.

George Albert Benson, aged 86 on November 21. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

### Memorial Service:

For Maurietta Hamilton, on May 15 followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

## The Ministry to Seniors

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This ministry to seniors in Prince Edward County is unique within our Diocese. It is done on behalf of, and supported by all three parishes (Kente, Marysburgh and Picton). I am licensed as an honorary assistant to all the parishes and as such I attend services and involve myself in the life of each parish.

This ministry was the brainchild of the late Ted Goodier. He saw a special need and devoted his time and talents to meeting that need....even ensuring that he was fully qualified by studying for and gaining a Master of Divinity. When I arrived in the County 11 years ago, with my own newly minted M.Div. from Trinity College, U of T, Ted was already ill with cancer. This sincere, compassionate and wise man became my friend and mentor and I shall always be grateful to have known and learned from him. Ted died soon after my ordination in January 2001. Since then I have strived to grow and to develop the ministry and to honor its founder.

Some four years ago, since the ministry had tripled in size and scope, I invited Fran Langlois to assist me as a lay pastoral assistant. On 30 May Fran was ordained as a vocational deacon. In this role her responsibilities are largely those of a pastoral visitor but she also assists me in seven of our 11 monthly services (held in the nursing and retirement homes and the Westwind condos) and has shown that she is capable of taking a service on her own.

Music for most of our services is provided by Phil Robins at the piano. The "Joyful Noise" singing group attends two services and Mike Langlois plays the guitar at our one regular Sunday service at Kentwood Park. The "Joyful Noise" also sings at monthly "Pub Nights" held in local nursing homes. We are most grateful for these volunteers and those from the three parishes, who organize and help at our twice yearly Seniors' Service and Luncheon.

Fran and I have other responsibilities. Fran is a member of the "Joyful Noise"; once a month she serves as chaplain in Belleville Hospital; she is involved in Hospice and willingly assists at various diocesan events. I lead Sunday worship in churches in and outside The County when a need arises. Since I am the official chaplain in most of the nursing homes I am frequently called on to minister to the dying and their families and to serve on worship and reaccreditation committees. As a trained pastoral counsellor I offer grief and other types of counseling to anyone who asks for such assistance. I also greatly enjoy leading a very lively Bible study

group of 20 women. We meet every other Wednesday afternoon and any woman is welcome to participate.

The senior's ministry is a growing and challenging one but extremely interesting. I am always aware that I receive much more than I give.

*Rev. Dorothy Lancaster*

## Amazing Grace - Hymn Sing and Fundraiser

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In previous issues of The Vine we have explained the need for help in Haiti and how we chose to help the children at La Judee Orphanage. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all the people who have reached out over the past year to help the children of La Judee Orphanage in Gonaives, Haiti. Donations go to buy food, clothing, medicines and school supplies.

A particular thank you is extended to everyone who participated in the wonderful hymn sing evening held on September 26 at our church, and organized by the Prince Edward Lecture Series in support of the Orphanage. Our special thanks go to Jeanette Arsenault and Kim Inch

(of Trinity), Sarah Barrett Harris and Michael Goodwin who provided the music, and to the local businesses that helped to sponsor the event. On that evening we raised over \$4000.



With our support, Louise Noel (pictured here) has been able to obtain a leave of absence from her work in a Long Term Care facility in Ottawa and go and spend time with her husband and the children at the orphanage. She is very happy to be there and care for the children because this has been her dream for many years. Until now she has been working to send money to support the orphanage. Louise would love

to be able to stay there for good. Hopefully we can make this happen.

A year ago we launched the "500 Club" to provide continuing support to the children of the La Judee Orphanage, so that the children can be fed, sheltered and cared for on an ongoing basis. We have now raised over \$20,000! And every cent we raise goes to the Orphanage. If you or anyone you know would like more information about this ministry, please contact Michael Smith (613-471-1135) or Robert Wilson (613-476-7177).

## Read and Rejoice: Summer / Fall 2010

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- \$1000 was donated to purchase a **Shelter Box**. One shelter box provides a dry shelter, a warm bed, light and heat, clean water, cooking aids, tools for 10 people. It was sent to a disaster area wherever it was needed at the time.
- Another successful **Roast Beef Dinner** catered by the Friends of St. Mary Magdalene was held in the Parish Hall on May 14 raising \$990.
- The three Anglican parishes of Prince Edward County hosted the **Seniors Service** in the church followed by a **luncheon** in the hall which was well attended by residents and their helpers from the The County's nursing and retirement homes (120 people including 23 wheelchairs!).
- The **old wooden wheelchair ramp** leading to the chapel doors was removed May 12.
- **Fran Langlois** was ordained as a **deacon** on May 30 (see lead article). A \$200 donation was given towards her robes.
- Members of our **Sunday School** gave a short but excellent performance of three songs after the 10.30 am service on June 13.
- **The Strawberry Social and Bake Sale** held in the Parish Hall on June 26 raised \$1700 for the Restoration Fund.
- **Festival of St. Mary Magdalene** was celebrated on July 25. The service was followed by a potluck lunch in the hall.
- Members of our church choir participated in the annual "**Gospel in the Park**" concert held August 1 in Wellington. It was a wonderful day - the weather and the singing.
- A **donation** of \$500 was given **to the ROC** (Recreation Outreach Centre) in July to sponsor 10 children to attend their summer camp.
- **Port Milford Summer Music Festival** performed four string quartet concerts in the church July 23 to August 13 and a student string quartet and choral concert on August 14.
- The annual **Jazz Service** was held on August 22. It was great to have the church full of people (well over 300) and music (provided by the Brian Barlow Trio, the church choir and the congregation). When the "Dixie Demons" jazz group entered the church at the end of the service, there was dancing in the aisles!
- **PEC Music Festival** held 6 classical music concerts in the church September 16 to 25. The last concert was dedicated to the memory of

Susan Mackay who had been very active in the organization of past festivals and was a member of our congregation.

- Food and help for the "**Loaves and Fishes**" lunch held on September 29 in the Salvation Army Hall was provided by St. Mary Magdalene. This lunch is prepared by a different organization once a month, free to anyone who wishes to attend.
- "Amazing Grace" - a fundraising concert and hymn sing for **orphan children in Haiti** was held in the church on September 26. It was wonderful to hear the church filled with music (see article this Newsletter).
- **New Life Girls' Home** in Consecon which gives troubled girls a second chance to sort out their lives was given \$494 (\$242 from the Magdalenas and \$252 from church outreach funds).
- **The Christmas Bake Sale, Coffee Table and more** (Grandma's Cupboard, Christmas Cake and Candy sales, White Elephant Table, Gift Basket and Afghan draws and squash!) held on November 6 raised \$3200. It was a great day with lots of good food and fellowship!
- We have a **Logo** - almost. In October, three logo designs were displayed in the church for the congregation to make their choice. The chosen design is now being "fine-tuned" into it's final format.
- The County **Food Bank** continues to receive several hundreds of dollars of non-perishable food and toiletry items from St. Mary Magdalene.
- The transformation of the **Parish Hall** has continued throughout the summer and fall and is now nearing completion. Many coats of paint, new wood trim, a re-finished the floor, new lighting (now up to code), new programable thermostats and improved electrical work in the kitchen have made a world of difference! Many thanks to our volunteer work force who have made this all possible.
- We continue to collect **postage stamps** for OXFAM, **tabs** from soft drink (and beer cans) for a children's wheelchair charity and **toiletries** for Alternatives for Women. Until this Fall, we have collected empty **plastic drug containers** for Doctors without Borders and empty plastic **4-litre milk bags** for the Wellington Women's Institute. The bags are cut and looped into long strips which are then crocheted or woven into mats. The mats are then used as packing for fragile medical supplies sent to Haiti. They are then distributed for use as sleeping mats. By raising the people off the ground the mats help to control parasites, particularly hookworms.
- "**Magnificat**" with settings by John Rutter and Thomas Tallis was magnificently performed in the church by the PEC Ecumenical Choir under Michael Goodwin's direction and accompanied by young organ virtuoso Duncan McDonald (Grade 12 student at PECEI) on November 28.

## Fred's Wooden Canoe

It took some 200 to 300 hours of work but this spring Fred Hornsby finished building his first cedar strip canoe. The canoe was built from a plan and has been valued at between \$8000-9000.



The shell of the canoe is made of cedar strips 3/4" wide and 1/4" thick. Each strip has to be shaped to fit and the entire hull is then sealed with a fibreglass coating and varnished numerous times.

This is not the first watercraft that Fred has built: he has a solid wood row boat to his credit, built for his wife Pat. Fred finds the work very relaxing and it is a change of pace from his pre-retirement

career in Air Traffic Control. Fred also has a downscaled version of an east coast lobster boat. The Hornsby armada can be seen on the waters of Lake on the Mountain.

## Congratulations, Tom! Artist of the Year

Tom Field was awarded the honour of "Artist of the Year" at the Picton Fair this past September with his water colour painting of Shire Hall. The picture titled "Snowy Day" depicts the well-known brick facade of Shire Hall and the attached registry building on a winter's day. Tom, now retired, grew up in Kingston but has spent most of his life in The County, and during his working days was employed by the government at the Prince Edward Complex on the Heights. Tom has a mission to paint as many historical landmark buildings as he can. Several are on display on the walls of the church link, including one of our Church (featured on page 1 of this Newsletter). Others are on display at his Tolita Gallery at 98 Union Street in Picton. The award (from ESSROC) guarantees exposure to his work along with a \$500 cash prize and gift certificate for dinner for four at a local restaurant and a silver tray as a memento.



We add our congratulations to a not-so-old Master!

## Worship Services

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 and 10:30 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am
<b>December 5</b>	Service of Remembrance 2.00 pm sponsored by Whattam and Hicks Funeral homes and followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.
<b>December 12</b>	Christmas Pageant 10.30 am
<b>December 19</b>	Festival of Lessons and Carols 10.30 am
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	7.00 pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.30 am
<b>December 26</b>	10.30 am

## Upcoming Events

- Seniors' Christmas Service and Tea** at Kentwood Park 2.00 pm December 2
- Annual Community Carol Service** 7.00 pm. Picton United Church Parade of choirs 6.45 pm December 5
- Seniors' Christmas Service and Tea** at McFarland Home 2.00 pm December 10
- Lattimer Bible discussion group:** First and third Thursday, 2.00 pm in the Library
- Men's Breakfast:** 8:00 am last Friday of the month at Waring House
- Magdalena's Potluck Lunch** for the women of the Parish: 12:00 noon last Friday of the month in the Parish Hall.

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