

The Vine



Welcome to the seventh edition of the Newsletter!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of our present church building. The cornerstone was laid in May 1912. However the church was not completed until 1913 and the first service held in May of that year. The first Parish Church was a wooden structure built on Church Street in 1827 and this was replaced in 1865 by the brick and stone building which is now used as a museum.

This year also marks the 150th anniversary of our Diocese of Ontario (see item on “The Diocese is 150! Come Celebrate”).

The picture shows the flowering cross which was placed outside the church doors after the Easter Day Service for all to enjoy.



Meet the Maestro: Presenting Michael Goodwin

Michael's first memory of musical endeavours was banging on his air raid helmet with a wooden spoon, like a drum kit. A child of the war in London, England, Michael quickly learned to thrive on very little and to this day has very simple needs. From the age of eight until fourteen he spent his summers in the English countryside, an experience which produced a lasting desire to live on the land.

Michael's earliest musical memories revolve around piano and school choral concerts which he particularly enjoyed. He quickly became adept at the piano which his dad purchased for him at great sacrifice. One memory of his first piano teacher and his wife is of her lounging on the sofa, crooning the melodies while Michael played.

Michael's first orchestral instrument, and the one to which he would devote much of his musical life, was the French Horn. He began studying



the horn at 14, and soon he was playing in amateur orchestras around London. With his trusty Vespa scooter and his horn on his back, he rode the length and breadth of London playing wherever he was needed. His experiences playing with older and more worldly musicians from all walks of life was a foundational experience. He studied at the London Guildhall School of Music and in 1959, received his diploma in horn and piano accompaniment.

Michael joined the Welsh Guards Band and spent 3 years playing horn as part of his conscription duties. After that, he played with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and then with the Sadler's Wells Opera, BBC Concert Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra. Always a rolling stone and looking for challenge, Michael was to play with many famous conductors and soloists in England including Leonard Bernstein, Andre Previn and Georg Solti.

Michael emigrated to Canada in 1966 and settled in Toronto. His first musical job was organist at St. David's Anglican Church at Danforth and Donlands. By 1967, Centennial Year, he was in such great demand for Horn playing engagements that he was working seven days a week. One memorable gig was playing at the 'EX' in Toronto where Gordon Lightfoot premiered his famous Canadian Railroad Trilogy. Another was playing on the recording of 'Give us a place to stand' or 'Ontari-ari-ario'. And yet another was playing in Rob McConnell's Boss Brass which later included the County's own Brian Barlow.

In 1969 he moved to Ottawa to take up the post of Principal Horn in the newly formed National Arts Centre Orchestra where he remained for four years. In 1973 he went to a conducting course in Monte Carlo and established his wind ensemble 'Ottawa Winds'. In 1977 he gave up horn-playing and concentrated his musical talents in accompanying, conducting and organ playing.

He moved to Williamsburg in 1985, bought a farm and became a sheep farmer for 13 years. His favourite parts of this hard job were lambing time and making hay. He also began choral conducting, at first as a favour to the Cornwall Ecumenical choir which was about to fold. Subsequently he directed choirs in Morrisburg and Brockville. He began playing in 1993 at the United Church in Morrisburg where he stayed for nine years and where the minister, Donald Smith brought Michael back into the crucible of Christian worship. He started an early music group called 'Renaissance Voyces' which performed around Eastern Ontario and upper New York State. Michael takes great satisfaction in giving amateur choirs an opportunity to perform great works. Working with people from all walks of

life and all musical backgrounds takes a special kind of calling and dedication.

In 2001 he moved to Perth Road Village, north of Kingston, and began accompanying students at Queen's Music Department and also played for a short time at St. Mark's Barriefield. Then in 2004 he took up the position of Music Director at St. Mary Magdalene where he has remained in musical contentment ever since. Moving to the County was a wonderful decision, and returning to the Anglican church and its liturgy was like a homecoming for Michael.

Michael has found that sacred music is the most beautiful and uplifting of all music. It moves the soul from the mundane to the spiritual. He composes music for the choir, and takes great joy in writing four part melodies based on scripture. He has also composed music for the Jazz Mass performed each year with Brian Barlow and his band. Who knows what else he will turn his musical hand to in the future?

When he is not in the throes of conducting, composing or rehearsing, Michael lives a quiet life on a small parcel of land. He enjoys gardening and is quite skilled at home renovation turning his hand to carpentry, plumbing, electrical or whatever is required. He has 2 cats, Maisie and Clarabella, and a really cute wife who adores him.

Josie Farrar

Creativity: We've all got it

On April 27 Rev. Karen Dukes led a workshop on creativity in the Parish Hall prior to the regular Magdalenas luncheon meeting.

By getting everyone to relax, meditate and travel down memory lane, Karen encouraged us to remember what was important to us at three different stages of our lives (i.e. at ~5 years, 20 years, and now). Based on these reminiscences, we compiled personal collages by choosing cut outs from a very large assortment of pictures that Karen had clipped from magazines.

We all enjoyed the challenge of completing the collage that reflected our true selves. Several people talked to the group about the images they had chosen and their significance to their lives.

These collages were manifestations of inner creativity and showed that each of us has creativity within us and the ability to express it. And there is no right or wrong way to do it.

Many thanks to Karen for her leadership and showing us what we can do.

The Minister's Word

When I was in grade school there were three kinds of classes that students could go to. There was the regular class where most of us went to school. There was the 'special' class, where people with particular needs went to learn. The other class was rarer, and very hard to get into. It was the 'gifted' class. I was almost moved out of the regular class and into one of these two other distinct classes, but I will leave that for you to guess which one that might have been.



If there was a gifted class in church it would be full since God has gifted all of us.

Romans 5:6 says "*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.*" Then it goes on to list some of the gifts which include: serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, giving and mercy. (I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and I Peter 4 also talk about gifts of the Spirit if you want to read further.)

These gifts are usually called "Spiritual Gifts" and they are given to us freely by God's grace to meet the needs of the church body. When we use our spiritual gifts, the body is built up, encouraged and unified even more.

If you are wondering what your spiritual gifts are test out what you think they might be. The best way to test them out is to get serving. Try doing something in this church that you have never done before. You could do one of the readings or ask to join the choir. You could start up a brand new ministry in the church or lead a prayer group. Whatever it is do not hesitate to try using your spiritual gifts.

God has given you spiritual gifts to use. Don't just use these gifts for your family or employer – use it to build up the body of Christ – we need you too!

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The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

The Grand Piano at St. Mary Magdalene

On January 13, amid a snowstorm, parishioners watched as a Yamaha C-7 (7 foot Concert) grand piano was rolled into our church. It is a very welcome addition.

It has already been played as part of our worship services, including The World Day of Prayer Service and a recent PEC Music Festival fundraising



concert : it sounded wonderful! To date donations and benefit concerts have raised well over half the cost. Several more concerts, including one by our local Four Play! Baroque Ensemble, and others by three young local musicians and by the choir of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, are scheduled. (See “Upcoming

Events” on the last page for more information).

As the Centennial year proceeds we plan for more musical events and celebrations featuring our new piano.

The Diocese is 150! Come Celebrate

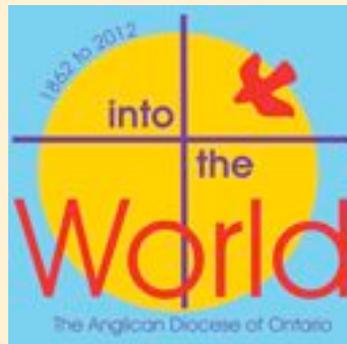
On Sunday 3 June at 10.30 am there will be a Celebration Worship Service at the K-Rock Centre in Kingston. This will be the only service held in the Diocese on this day as all parishes gather as one family to celebrate this milestone.

As part of the theme “Into the World”, Naomi Tutu, the world renowned human rights activist, educator, and daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will be the guest speaker. Also visiting African Bishops and members of other religious denominations will be present.

This promises to be a very memorable event for us all. Do think about joining the celebration. For more information:

Diocese: www.intotheworld.ca

Our Parish: Marie Connor at marie.connor@sympatico.ca or 476-7778



Words from the Wardens

In this month of May 2012 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church building. It is the beginning of a year-long celebration to acknowledge the service of many faithful parishioners to God and the community over the past 100 years.

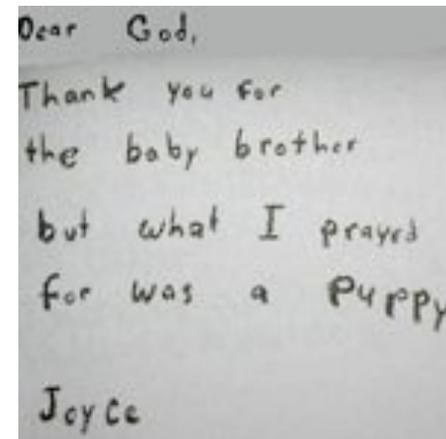
Also this month, along with the wardens and ministers of the three parishes in the County, a series of meetings has begun with Bishop Michael Oulton and retired Bishop Peter Mason, to determine the future shape and direction of Anglican ministry in PEC. Of course, we will keep the congregation informed of whatever progress is made.

On a more practical matter, in April we developed a major leak in the water supply pipe coming into the church. In the process of fixing this, we discovered there has been serious deterioration in the foundation of the north wall of the church. Over the years, water infiltration has damaged and removed much of the mortar which holds the wall together. We need to get this repaired as soon as possible in order prevent major structural damage to the church in the future.

We are grateful and give thanks to a number of former parishioners who left endowments to the church in their estates thus providing us with the restoration funds to repair and maintain our beautiful church.



You don't always get what you wish for



Things To Learn from the Story Of Noah's Ark!

1. Don't miss the boat!



2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
5. Build your future on high ground.
6. For safety's sake, always travel in pairs.
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
8. When you're stressed, float a while.
9. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Read and Rejoice!

Another successful **Pancake Supper** was held on Shrove Tuesday February 21. People enjoyed a meal of pancakes, sausages and bacon and over \$300 was raised. Thanks to all those involved.

A Lenten fundraiser for **The Pregnancy Crisis Centre** in Picton raised \$540 by parishioners filling baby bottles with cash.

The PEC Ecumenical Choir under the direction of Michael Goodwin performed the **Rutter Requiem** and other sacred music in the church on March 25. It was a very moving experience for the audience of 120.

At the beginning of April, **Rev. Ian and his family** moved to Picton. Gone is the long daily commute from Kingston!

In April, members of St. Mary Magdalene delivered **Meals on Wheels** for PEC Community Care for Seniors. Thanks to Joan and Bob Mercer for organizing the 11 volunteer drivers.

On May 10, the three Anglican parishes of Prince Edward County hosted the **Seniors Service** in our church followed by a **luncheon** in the Parish Hall. This year we were honoured to have Bishop Michael Oulton to preside at the service. Again it was well attended by residents and their helpers from the County's nursing and retirement homes. Thanks to all those that helped.



The County **Food Bank** continues to receive many hundreds of non-perishable food and toiletry items from St. Mary Magdalene. Also we have a drive to "Fill the Bottle" (a large one!) with pennies - destined for the food bank.

We continue to collect **postage stamps** for OXFAM, **tabs** from soft drink (and beer) cans for a wheelchair charity, **Campbell's soup can labels** for Sunrise Christian Academy and **toiletries** for Alternatives for Women.

Our **Joyful Noise** singing group continues to provide music sing-a-longs in the local nursing and retirement homes.

Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
Solomon had 100 wives and 700 porcupines.

Raise a Voice for Woman Sentenced to Death in Pakistan

Religious freedom monitoring agencies, including The Hudson Institute, a Washington D.C. think tank, have clearly established that Christians are the most persecuted people on the planet. Today over 200 million men, women and children, in over 60 countries worldwide face discrimination, persecution and even death for believing in Jesus Christ. Persecution happens in many places in the world, but particularly in Muslim countries, including Egypt and Pakistan.

Last year, chaos occurred in Edfu, Egypt, when the military opened fire on unarmed Christians and repeatedly ran armored vehicles over them, killing dozens. This is also the latest region to see a church destroyed by a mob.

Christians in Pakistan live under constant scrutiny, fear of attack, threats, violence, and discrimination. Some Christians are charged with blasphemy against Islam or the Qur'an. One of these is Asia Bibi, a young Christian, and working mother of two small children in Punjab province. One day when she brought water to her co-workers at the farm where she worked, they refused to drink it, saying that it had been contaminated by an infidel. The women taunted Asia because of her Christian faith.



Following a heated exchange, Asia's co-workers reported her "blasphemous" words to the village religious leaders. Five days later, as she was working at her field tasks, several mullahs and local leaders forced Asia from her workplace and took her to the village centre. She was beaten by a crowd which had gathered, and she was not allowed to defend herself against the blasphemy accusations.

Asia was arrested and taken to jail. Her guards told her if she would convert they would let her go. She refused! Seventeen months after her arrest, Asia was convicted of violating subsection C of Pakistan's blasphemy law, and was sentenced to death.

A U.S. organization has been helping Asia and her family since her arrest, providing financial support for her husband and the children, as well as helping Asia submit a legal appeal of her death sentence. Support groups are encouraging citizens and all Christians to raise a voice for this beleaguered family.

Religious freedom groups are asking Canadians to "Speak out for Asia Bibi". If you feel moved to do so, you may write to your M.P. asking for her release from prison.

Our Member of Parliament, Mr. Daryl Kramp, can be reached by e-mail at krampd1@parl.gc.ca

Mail can be sent "Postage Free" to our MP's office at the following:

Mr. Daryl Kramp, MP
1 Millenium Parkway,
Belleville, ON
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You can also sign an online petition on Asia Bibi's behalf at:

www.CallForMercy.com

Robert Wilson

World Day of Prayer

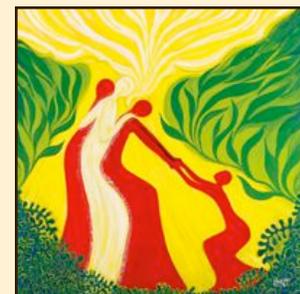
This year, on Friday 2 March, the World Day of Prayer service was held in our church. People from 8 different churches in Picton and surrounding area joined others in 170 countries and in over 2,000 parishes in Canada to share one message - "Let Justice Prevail".

This event started in Canada in 1922 and each year women from a different country write a prayer service on a theme important to their country. This year the women of Malaysia wrote the service.

A prayer booklet provided information on Malaysia, its geography, government, culture, and the story of Irene Fernandez. Irene, a social worker, was jailed for exposing the working conditions of migrants and other poor people, as it was considered "publishing false news". She was later acquitted and now aims to work with the government to promote reform, particularly with respect to human trafficking.

The organizers, Marie Connor and Fran Langlois, felt that the event was a great success and pointed out three highlights. The first was the reflection on Malaysia today by a delightful young Malaysian student. We appreciated how lucky we are to have religious freedom in Canada. The second was Fran speaking Psalm 82 - "Let Justice Prevail" - to Michael Goodwin's piano accompaniment. (See the picture on p.4.) The third was the wonderful food, particularly the Malaysian pineapple tarts!

About 75 people attended and over \$500 was raised and sent to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada for outreach purposes. Next year the service will be hosted by the Salvation Army.



I Love Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

I have been giving in this way since the early days of my time at StMM. I was warmly approached by one of the wardens who talked about PAG. I think it likely that I was not donating very much and certainly not regularly. The gist of the conversation was that PAG is really easy. I don't have to think about giving or how much to give every week.

The money that I give can easily be adjusted. For example, when I retired I considered reducing my monthly rate of giving to StMM because I thought I would be poor! It turns out I didn't need to reduce at all, and in fact I have increased my donation rate twice since coming into the program. By increasing a few dollars more a month I feel that I am doing my bit for the church. PAG is a way of giving generously without it hurting.

When I am not in church, I know that I am still contributing to the ongoing expenses. For example, when we go away on holiday, I can rest assured that my donations are continuing to help the church. If I were still giving by cheque, or by weekly cash donation, I know I would be contributing much less, because it is something that needs me to do something every week – write the cheque, or put the money into the giving envelope.

The PAG procedure is very simple, and involves less work for the giver. Believe me, this is a great way to support the church, to feel good about it, and not feel any negative effect! If you want to know more, speak to one of the wardens.

Josie Farrar

Milestones

Our sympathies go out to the families and friends of:

Solveig Austen, aged 87, mother of Lita Field, on 18 December.

Cliff Mackay, aged 63, on 26 January.

Frank Foster, aged 94, on 31 January.

Jane Hobson, aged 86, on 14 March.

Eleanor Patton, aged 81, on 21 April.

Worship Services

Sunday 9.00 and 10.30 am

Wednesday 10.00 am

July 1 Choir of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto at 10.30 am

July 22 Festival of St. Mary Magdalene

August 19 Jazz Service 10.30 am

Upcoming Events

Four Play! Baroque Ensemble: Friday May 18, 7.30 pm in the Church

Spring Tea: Saturday May 26, 1 to 3 pm in the Parish Hall

Recital by Young Musicians: Saturday June 2, 7.30 pm. Luke Bell, piano, Naomi Garrett, violin, and Duncan McDonald, organ in the Church. Fundraiser for the piano.

Hospice Fundraiser: Thursday June 7, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Coffee in the Church

Strawberry Social and Bake Sale: Saturday June 23 in the Parish Hall

Choir of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto: June 30, 7.30 pm, in Church

Music at Port Milford Festival Concerts: Friday July 20 and 27, August 3 and 10, all at 7.30 pm and Saturday August 11, 2 pm Port Milford Student Concert all in the Church

PEC Music Festival: Saturday September 15 to 22 in the Church

Christmas Tea and Bake Sale: Saturday November 3, Parish Hall

Lattimer Bible Discussion Group: First and third Thursday, 2.00 pm in the Library (starting again in September)

Men's Breakfast: 8.00 am last Friday of the month at The Waring House

Magdalenas' Potluck Lunch for the women of the Parish: 12.00 noon usually last Friday of the month in the Parish Hall

Food Bank Sunday: First Sunday of every month. Please donate nonperishable food items

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