

# The Vine



## Worship Services

**Sunday** 9.00 and 10.30 am  
**Wednesday** 10.00 am  
**Silent Prayer** Tuesdays 8 to 8.30 am

**October 4** 10.30 am service followed by visit to "County Kids Read" newly renovated space in the Parish Hall

**October 11 Thanksgiving Services** 9.00 and 10.30 am

**November 8 Remembrance Sunday** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**November 11 Remembrance Day Jazz Vespers** at 7.00 pm

**November 29 Bishop's Visit and Blessing of the Tower** 10.30 am service only followed by lunch in the Parish Hall

## Upcoming Events

**Baroque Oktoberfest:** Friday 23 October at 6.00 pm, the Parish Hall

**Eyes of the Heart:** Wednesdays 4, 18 and 25 November at 7.00 pm in the Church

**Bible Study Series:** starting Wednesday 21 October for 6 weeks (see item in this newsletter for dates and times)

**Christmas Tea and Bake Sale:** Saturday 7 November 11.00 am to 2.30 pm, Parish Hall

**Messiah Concert:** Saturday 12 December in the Church

**Men's Breakfast:** 8 am last Friday of the month at The Waring House

**Magdalenas' Potluck Lunch** for the women of the Parish: 12 noon last Friday of the month in the Parish Hall

**Food Bank Sunday:** First Sunday of every month. Please donate non-perishable food items and/or toiletries.

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## Let Us Give Thanks



*The banner is the creative idea of Claudia McCabe who discovered St. Mary Magdalene to be truly A Beautiful Find!*

## From the Rector

It has been a hot summer, but now autumn is upon us. The evenings are turning colder, the leaves are beginning to turn, and already pumpkins are out in force at the roadside stands. All of this draws from us deep gratitude: for the blessing of good and abundant food, for the gift of family and friends to share it, and for the beautiful place which is Prince Edward County where we live.



I am particularly grateful for the wonderful year we have been having at St Mary Magdalene: we have so much for which to be thankful. Our Tower Restoration fundraising campaign has been a wonderfully encouraging success, and the Tower itself is looking marvellous. Old friends have been returning, and newcomers have been joining us. Our summer worship has been enhanced with a joyful Jazz Mass, banners created by Anne Boyle rededicated, and a special service of Traditional Choral Morning Prayer.

I find myself regularly pausing to say “thank you” for the special people in our parish who support everything we do, and to God who makes it all possible. A great many people are involved, often behind the scenes, supporting the worship, the music, the building maintenance, fellowship and fundraising, our outreach, and all the activities associated with St Mary Magdalene, and on your behalf I offer all of them heartfelt thanks.

The Thanksgiving holiday is a great time to make a point of expressing that gratitude. Jesus proclaimed his good news to a troubled world, and gives us the privilege of being part of his mission to redeem and renew it. At Thanksgiving we offer our thanks to God as we gather for worship in a beautiful church decorated to remind us of the bounty of harvest time, and join together to sing God’s praises and share bread and wine at the communion table. If we listen, we can hear the angels singing with us; if we look carefully, we can catch a glimpse of God’s kingdom, and find ourselves inspired to help fulfill Jesus’ prayer that God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

I look forward to joining with you for worship this Thanksgiving, and I encourage you to attend some of the activities and programs you will read about in this newsletter.

***Yours faithfully, Charles***

## Upcoming Events

### **Bible Study Series, starts 21 October**

See the item in this newsletter for more information.

### **Baroque Oktoberfest, 23 October**

An autumn celebratory feast with German food and baroque music. For the past several years a similar event was held in Kingston but it is being held here for the first time. The Four Play! Baroque Ensemble and friends will perform while patrons enjoy wonderful German food, including great desserts. A biermeister will extol the merits of German beers, which will be available. This is a fundraiser for the Tower Fund and will take place on Friday 23 October at 6.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$40.

### **Jazz Vespers, 11 November**

Again we are teaming up with well-known County Jazz Drummer Brian Barlow to offer Jazz Vespers on Remembrance Day. We welcome back Blair Yarrenton playing the trumpet and Dave Barton, the guitar, with Brian Barlow. The service will reflect on “The Pity of War” as its theme. Featuring poetry, prose and music, the 7.00 pm service is a perfect conclusion to Remembrance Day observances.

### **With Eyes of the Heart, November**

This successful conversation-based series is back for a third season and will run for three weeks in November (Wednesdays 4, 18 and 25) at 7.00 pm in the church. This year’s line-up includes Suzanne Pasternak, Otto Rogers, Conrad Beaubien, Celia Sage, Stewart Jones and Celine Papizewska. The series is not intended to focus exclusively on Christian understandings of spirituality, but to explore a variety of approaches to spiritual life and creativity. Each evening will be complete itself: so come for one or for all. Admission is free.

### **Christmas Tea and Bake Sale, 7 November**

This annual event which, in addition to the outstanding tea and bake table, includes Grandma’s Cupboard (jams, jellies, relishes and pickles), candy and “white elephant” tables, gift basket draws and a silent auction. In the Parish Hall on Saturday 7 November from 11 am to 2.30 pm.

### **Bishop’s Visit, 29 November**

Bishop Michael Oulton will preside over the 10.30 am service on 29 November - Advent 1. At this time he will re-dedicate our renovated tower. The service will be followed by a catered lunch in the Parish Hall.

### **Messiah Concert, 12 December**

The Prince Edward County Ecumenical Choir under Michael Goodwin’s leadership will perform the wonderful choruses of Handel’s **Messiah** in the church on Saturday 12 December.

## From One Pumpkin to Another!

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like being a Christian?" The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



*From Loraine Gilbert*

## Milestones

### Baptisms:

**Reid Mason**, on 17 May, parents Edmond Mason and Margaret Ballantyne, grandparents Bob and June Mason.

**Evan Walker Dunkerley**, on 2 August, parents Michael and Heather Dunkerley.

**Hugo Joseph Dunkerley**, on 2 August, parents David and Maria Dunkerley.

### Marriage:

**Coenraad Van Wyk** and **Natasha Roberts**, on 31 July.

### Passings:

**John Hutchings**, aged 69, on 10 February, husband of ?. Interment at Green Point on 1 August.

**Dorothy Wallwork**, aged 91, on 21 March, wife of late Bob Wallwork. Funeral service held in the church on 26 March. Interment in Sophiasburgh Cemetery.

**Edith Hobbs**, aged 87, on 14 June, wife of the late Very Reverend R. H. Harry Hobbs. Interment in Lanark.

**Hannah Mercer**, aged 26, on 29 May, granddaughter of Bob and Joan Mercer. Funeral service held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church Wellington on 6 June.

**Kathleen "Kay" Wright**, aged 92, on 6 August, wife of George Wright. Funeral service held in the church on 18 August.

**Gary Wilson**, aged 75, on 1 September, husband of Marlene Wilson. Funeral service held in the church on 26 September.

## County Kids Read

Please come celebrate the opening of our new space Sunday October 4



County Kids Read has had a home at St Mary Magdalene Church since its beginnings in 2009. We are so grateful to the church for its support of our program and so excited to have a wonderful newly renovated space in the basement of the Parish Hall. This new room will give us more space to sort and

distribute books. It will allow the families and children of our community partners to visit the room, listen to a story and choose a book to take home and call their own.

The mission of County Kids Read is to address the link between poverty and literacy by providing free books to low income families. Having age-appropriate books in the home is critical to literacy acquisition. Literacy scores in the County are significantly lower than the provincial standards. The 2013 *Vital Signs Report* identified a high percentage of low income families in the County and has highlighted learning as one of its three key areas for immediate action. County Kids Read is currently working with eleven existing community organizations which serve the needs of low income families and at risk children and youth. This past month we handed out over 700 books.

Please consider this your invitation to visit our new space on Sunday October 4 following the church service.

### Anne Preston

Special thanks to the volunteer crew of our Never-Ending Construction Company that made this all possible:

John Clarke, Jim Crowells,  
David Gilbert, Brian Pinkerton,  
Michael Smith and Herb Stone.



"Can I hold it for a while?"

## Growing our Ministry of Prayer

Prayer is at the centre of our lives as Christians. We have a prayer chain that can quickly offer prayer for urgent needs, a prayer list we use in worship every Sunday, and regular prayer is the practice of many at St Mary Magdalene. A number of initiatives are being developed for the coming year to support and grow our ministry of prayer.

- Earlier in the year we began opening the church Tuesday mornings from 8:00-8:30 for silent prayer (see below). Silent prayer is new for many, so we are planning a workshop in January.
- Later in the autumn we will begin a monthly gathering for intercessory prayer. This will provide an opportunity to pray for those on our prayer list, and for other people and concerns we bring to the meeting for the prayer.
- Early in the New Year we plan to begin offering prayer in the chapel during communion at the 10:30 service. You may want to thank God for something, or pray for yourself or for someone else. Members of the prayer team will be available to pray briefly with you after you have received communion.
- Rev. Charles and Deacon Fran will lead periodic workshops to prepare members of the communion prayer team so they are ready to offer this ministry.

Look for these opportunities to grow in our prayer lives.

## Silent Prayer

Of joyful noises we have an abundance at St. Mary Magdalene, whether in worship or fellowship. Less frequently, do we make space for silence and stillness and for answering the psalmist's call to *"Be still and know that I am God"*. To provide such a space, we have been opening the church on Tuesdays from 8:00 to 8:30 am for Silent Prayer and all are welcome to attend. We come and go silently and sit wherever we choose. So far from 3 to 6 people attend but there's room for more and while the practice might sound solitary, it isn't: the presence of others adds immeasurably to the experience.

What is Silent or Contemplative Prayer? Thomas Keating had this to say: *"We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing – closer than consciousness itself."*

**Andrew Innes**

The Annual **Jazz Mass** was held on Sunday 16 August and was presided over by Rev. Charles. The music was provided by The Brian Barlow Quartet and the church choir. This wonderful service filled the church.

**PEC Music Festival** performed six classical music concerts in the church 18 to 27 September. One of the musicians was quoted to say that our church was "one of Canada's acoustical gems".

Our Church provided shepherd's pie, salad and dessert for the "**Loaves and Fishes**" lunch held in the Salvation Army Hall on 30 September. Each month a different organization prepares the food. There is no cost to those who attend. Thanks to Nell Kottick for organizing this event.

The Picton United Church **Food Bank** continues to receive many large **donations** of non-perishable food items and toiletries collected on Food Bank Sunday (first Sunday of the month). Thanks to John Hughes for delivering the donations to the Food Bank.

Our "**Joyful Noise**" singing group continues to entertain residents in The County's retirement and nursing homes.

The weekly **Coffee Time** after both the 9.00 and 10.30 am Sunday services continues to be an important time for fellowship. Thanks to Donna Graves and Elaine Philip (9.00 am) and Nell Kottick and Helen Pinkerton (10.30 am) for making sure this happens.



## Belly to Belly 2015 - The biggest loser!

The results of the 2015 Belly to Belly challenge (lose weight and raise money for a good cause) are out.

### Top loser

Our own **Mike Langlois** lost 28 lb

### Top fundraiser

and, again, **Mike Langlois** \$790

### Top Parish

**St. Mary Magdalene Picton** \$2200

**Total** raised in the **Diocese** \$4400

The money raised goes to the Primate's 3-year mandate for food security to help the forgotten, neglected and starving in our world.

Thank you to all those who helped (by losing weight and/or pledging in support) to make our church the winning team.

Congratulations, St. Mary Magdalene, for a job well done! We raised half the total amount in the Diocese.

## Read and Rejoice!

A **Friendship Tea** held in the Parish hall on 22 April was a great success. Over 100 friends were served Tea and \$1000 was raised by freewill offerings for the "County Kids Read" program. Many thanks to Myrna Martin for convening this event.

April is the month when members of our church deliver "**Meals on Wheels**" for PEC Community Care for Seniors. Thanks to John Clarke for organizing the 15 volunteers.

**Seniors' Service and Lunch** was held on 12 May at the Salvation Army Citadel and was a great success.

Another **Hymn Sing** held in the church on Sunday 24 May and was a popular, feel-good event. Again, the format was similar to that of last year (favourite hymns accompanied by organists Jim Macgregor and Michael Goodwin). Freewill donations raised \$500 in support of the ROC's (Recreation Outreach Centre) programs for young people.

On Trinity Sunday, 1 June, two anniversaries were celebrated with special prayers: **Rev. Charles' 30th anniversary of ordination** and **Deacon Fran's fifth**.

The **Strawberry Social And Bake Sale** held on Saturday 27 June in the Parish Hall was a great success despite initial concerns over the state of the strawberry patch after the late May frost. We raised over \$2300 for ? Thanks to Myrna Martin and Pauline Smith for organizing the event.

We welcomed visitors to our church this summer through our **Open Doors Ministry**. The Church doors were open in July and August, Thursday to Saturday from 12 noon to 2 pm. Many thanks to Marlene McDougall and all the volunteers.

We continued to support the **ROC Summer Camp** by providing the dessert for one of the lunches. This year 130 children plus 30 counsellors and volunteers attended the camp which was run out of the local high school (PECI) 6 to 9 July.

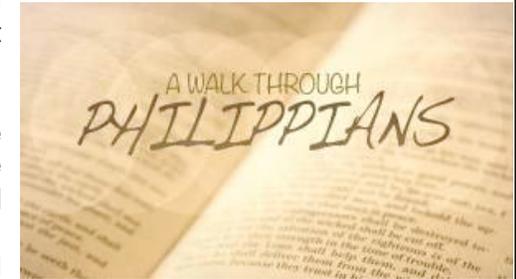
The **Festival of St. Mary Magdalene** was celebrated on Sunday 21 July. The service was followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. As always, lots of people and lots of good food.

**Port Milford Summer Music Festival** continued to perform three faculty string quartet concerts and two student string quartet and choral concerts in the church during late July and early August each year.

**Jazz Fest concert** featuring the Marika Galea Quartet was held in the church on Saturday 15 August as part of the PEC Jazz Festival.

## New Bible Study Series this Fall

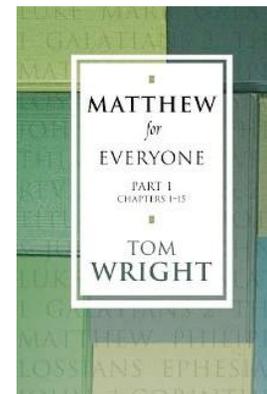
How should we behave as Christians surrounded by so many who don't believe? The Apostle Paul provides lots of food for thought in his letter to the Philippians. Philippi, in northern Greece, was the first place in Europe that heard the news that there was a new king, the crucified and risen Jesus of Nazareth. Some time after Paul had established the church there, he was in prison, where he wrote what we call Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Paul writes to Christians living in a world indifferent and sometimes hostile to Jesus and his followers, and describes God's plan for his world and how it works out in the lives of ordinary people.



Over six weeks starting on October 21 we will read Philippians together and discover how it can help us grow in our Christian lives today. Each session will begin with coffee at 10:45, with the session itself beginning at 11:00, and concluding with prayer at 12:00.

The sessions will be on Wednesdays for the first two weeks October 21 and 28, Thursdays for the next two weeks November 5 and 12 (to avoid conflicts with the Clergy Conference and Remembrance Day observances), and will finish the final two weeks back on Wednesdays November 18 and 25. The Wednesday sessions follow the mid-week Eucharist at 10:00. You are welcome to any part: if you can't make it to the Eucharist, come to the study session, and if you can't make it to all the sessions come to those you can. Please join us.

## *The New Testament for Everyone by Bishop N.T.Wright*



On the very first occasion when the apostle Peter stood up in public to tell people about Jesus, he made it very clear: this message is for everyone. With this in mind, New Testament scholar Bishop Tom Wright wrote a series of books to help everyone read and understand the New Testament. The translation is his own, which often makes you stop and think about a familiar passage in a new way. And the commentary he offers, while firmly based on his solid research, is down-to-earth and very insightful. >>>

The first book in this series is, of course, *Matthew for Everyone*. In his introduction Bishop Wright tells us “Matthew’s gospel presents Jesus in a rich, many-sided way. He appears as the Messiah of Israel, the king who will rule and save the world. He comes before us as the Teacher greater even than Moses. And, of course, he is presented as the son of man giving his life for us all. Matthew lays it all out step by step and invites us to learn the wisdom of the gospel message and the new way of life that results from it.” Bishop Wright leads us through the text, helping us understand the life circumstances from which it arose, encouraging us to explore how it speaks to our place and time, and through it all encouraging us to follow Jesus.

Each section is just a few pages long, so this book can be an excellent basis for daily bible reading, in addition to being a good source for looking up a puzzling passage. Everyone can benefit from this fresh look at the New Testament.

**Rev. Charles**



### Wonderful Celebration of Queen Elizabeth’s reign

More than sixty people gathered at 12:15 on September 9th as the church bell at St Mary Magdalene rang out joyously.

September 9, 2015 marked the date when Queen Elizabeth II surpassed Queen Victoria as holder of the title "Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith" for the longest period - including any king - since her coronation as a 25-year-old 63 years ago.



In a brief ceremony the Rector, Charles Morris, read out a letter sent by the Primate (our senior Archbishop) on behalf of all Canadian Anglicans congratulating the Queen on reaching this milestone. Then all stood as the bell was rung, after which the crowd joined in singing “God Save the Queen”. Rev. Charles offered a

prayer of thanksgiving for our Queen, and all joined in a rousing “three cheers” for her majesty.

Champagne was shared around the group and a toast was proposed to the Queen. Following the ceremony people stayed to chat, share stories, and enjoy the light reception that was provided.

### New Banners for the Church

We were pleased to welcome Anne Boyle, a local artist, to our Sunday service on August 23. Over the course of many years Anne created beautiful banners depicting scenes and images from the Bible for the different seasons of the liturgical year.



Anne is very talented and expresses her art in many forms: fabric, jewelry, acrylic, oils, inks, plastics, wool and more.

After presenting her work in our *With Eyes of the Heart* series last fall, Anne responded to our enthusiasm for her work by donating 23 of her banners to our church on long-term loan. During the Sunday service, Anne spoke about her work and Rev. Charles blessed Anne and the banners. Helen and Brian Pinkerton, Nell Kottick, Herb Stone, John Clarke, John Hughes, Michael Smith, and Rick Rowe formed the team that worked preparing easels and supports for the banners and then hung them around the church for Anne’s visit.



*We may not be able to help everyone, but each of us can make a difference to somebody*

## Surprised by Altar Guild

When I joined the altar guild it was out of curiosity to see what it was the Guild did when church was over, and before parishioners arrive. I soon realised that it is a complex and mysterious set of duties which seemed fussy and quaint at first glance.

I found myself overwhelmed by the array of cloths and napkins, curtains and candles, chalices and bowls. This is not for me, I thought. It's too detailed and complicated. This was completely out of my comfort range! I thought myself unsuitable for the job, but as the months went by I persevered.



The first job I ever got right was counting out the correct number of wafers, and I stayed on that watch for a long time! Because our teams are on duty only once a month, it's hard to recall the details from one month to the next. However, there are fantastic photos and pictures of what needs to be done, and lists of things to do. The most wonderful thing is that new guilders are always on with a seasoned member.

Gradually a transformation began to enter my psyche, and I found myself understanding and enjoying small parts of the job. I began to relax and enjoy the banter and chat with my Guild partner Pauline, who is a detail person and who makes the job infinitely easier for me, a head-in-clouds type.

I find the peace of the sanctuary and the tranquility of our quiet job to be spiritual in nature. I have discovered an aspect of myself and of the Guild's job which is unique and reverent compared to other activities in my life.

Having served on the Guild for a couple of years, I feel confident. I still don't know the names of all the things, but I have discovered a sense of deep satisfaction and accomplishment, and a quiet way of serving which is immensely appealing to me. Now I delight in being alone with my thoughts and with the privilege of preparing and caring for the sacraments whenever I have the chance.

**Josie Farrar**

*If you would like to join the team of Altar Guild volunteers and become part of this rewarding ministry, please talk to Helen Pinkerton or Nell Kottick or any of the volunteers.*



## The Tower Restoration Project is on track

Good News!

The original quote for the Tower Restoration was \$318,000, contingent on possible cost adjustment which is part of any renovation project. To date, the cost adjustments for these repairs and design changes, including the cost of installing new windows and louvers, bring us to \$358,000 including HST.

The good news, no the great news, is that we have raised \$277,914 from the congregation and various grants. This amount **does not** include pledges for future donations. When these commitments are honoured, we will be in good shape at the end of the pledge period.

To help offset some of the increased cost, the refund of the HST from the tower project will be applied to the cost of restoration. However, payment must be made before we get the HST refund, and this will not be received until well into 2016.

Bearing in mind that pledges are not cash, which is what we need, we will borrow from our investments to cover the short fall in the meantime. Future pledges have to be fulfilled to put us in a positive position at the end of the project fundraising period. If all goes as well as we hope and expect, this will be a relatively short term loan and interest free at that.

Going into the tower restoration project we wanted to be certain that:

- (1) we will continue to grow spiritually and in numbers;
- (2) contributions to the restoration project would have little or no effect on regular givings;
- (3) the outreach of the Church would continue, and;
- (4) we would be financially whole in the end.

At this point there is good reason to expect that all four of these basic mandates will be fulfilled.

At the time of writing, the restoration is finished and the scaffolding is being taken down. I hope you will all agree that the final result is absolutely splendid.

Finally, plans are underway for a memorial board to recognise all who have contributed to this project. For those who wish, a loved one in whose name a donation was give, can be acknowledged. Please contact Herb Stone with this information.

**Herb Stone**



## Unjustly Benefit Performance a Sellout

An appreciative sellout crowd enjoyed a special benefit performance of *Unjustly* on August 26. Our own Joan McBride was one of the performers in the Festival Players production staged in August at the old Macaulay Church Museum.



Combining shadow puppetry with live performers, the play recounted the true story of the infamous shooting death of Peter Lazier, the confusing investigation

that followed, and the hanging of two men.

In addition to the regular performances, a special benefit evening was arranged, with proceeds divided between the Festival Plays Young Company (whose members worked the puppets), and our Tower Restoration Fund.

Herb Stone, chair of the Tower Campaign, said “we felt this collaboration was a perfect fit: a County story, performed in the former St Mary Magdalene Church, with proceeds supporting both the work to restore the tower of the current church, reaching up, and also supporting members of the Festival Players Young Company, reaching out.”

The sellout crowd raised \$1,400, divided between the Young Company and the Tower Fund.



### Joan McBride - our star of stage, screen and radio

A Montreal native, Joan performs in theatre, film and voiceover. The inspiration for making a career in acting came when Joan saw a touring production of *The Sound of Music* at the old Her Majesty's Theatre in Montreal. She was 12. It was for her a defining moment which has fuelled her passion for a career in the performing arts ever since.

Educated at Mount Allison University and McGill, Joan subsequently completed her theatre training at John Abbott College's Department of Professional Theatre in Montreal. Since graduation, Joan has worked professionally as an actor and director.

Joan is thrilled to have been cast in two award winning Canadian films: “Cherry Fruitbread”(Laura Turek) winner of the People's Choice award at the Montreal Film Festival 2001 and “End of the Line” (Maurice Deveraux) winner of several international awards.

Her film career began in '80's and she enjoyed performing roles playing opposite Mare Winningham in “God Bless this Child”, as Tommy's teacher in “Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveler” and as the nurse in love with the robot in “PIN”. Since then, Joan counts among her film performances roles with Benjamin Bratt in “Abandon” and Natasha McElhone in “fear dot com”. Joan's portrayal of Betty in the bone-chilling Canadian film “End of the Line” provided her with the opportunity to work with Canadian actors Neil Napier and Robin Wilcox.



For over 30 years, Joan was also an acting teacher & director at John Abbott College's Department of Theatre. Recent productions include “The Tin Can People” by Edward Bond and “Under Milk Wood” by Dylan Thomas which Joan successfully brought to the Edinburgh Festival FRINGE in 2011 and 2013 respectively - both to critical acclaim. In 2013 Joan retired from the teaching side of her career in order to involve herself in the Montreal performing arts scene with more regularity.

Joan has staged successful productions including “The Owl and The Pussycat”, “The Gin Game” (directed by Montreal's Elsa Bolam) and “Anglo!” – a musical cartoon based on the hit book “An Anglo Guide to Survival in Quebec” both conceived and directed by Joan; this wildly successful production ran in Montreal for 2½ years and played to an accumulated audience of about 35,000.

Since moving to “The County” in 2014, Joan has performed in “With Eyes of The Heart” and with The Renaissance Singers of PEC and has voiced many commercials for County FM 99.3. Joan was thrilled to be “on the boards” this past summer with Festival Players/Shadow of a Doubt Collective's production of “Unjustly” in which she portrayed the role of Margaret Jones (see photo on facing page). As an actor with an almost insatiable appetite for research and delving in to a script, this story of the Peter Lazier murder and the infamous trial that followed provided Joan with an opportunity to learn about the history of her new home, Prince Edward County – much to her delight.

Joan has three wonderful adult children and five playful grandchildren as well as four lovely step-daughters – of whom she is very proud. Favorite pastimes include Sunday worship and hanging out with her new friends at St. Mary Magdalene Church – truly “A Beautiful Find” , spending time in her garden and sailing on her 25-foot sailboat with her wonderful husband, Charles.