

Worship Services

Sunday 9.00 and 10.30 am
Wednesday 10.00 am
Tuesday 3 pm silent prayer

March 25 Palm Sunday 10.30 am Holy Communion with Blessing of the Palms (no 9.00 am service)

March 29 Maundy Thursday
6.00 pm Simple Meal in the Parish Hall
7.00 pm Holy Communion observing the Lord's Supper

March 30 Good Friday
11.00 am Good Friday Service
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross

April 1 Easter Sunday 10.30 am Festive Communion (no 9 am)

May 10 Ascension Day Thursday 7 pm

July 22 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene followed by potluck lunch in the Parish Hall

August 19 Jazz Mass 10.30 am

Upcoming Events

Seniors' Service and Lunch: Tuesday 8 May at 11 am at the Salvation Army

Bible Study Series: Starts April 18 at 10:30 am

Choral Ensemble Concert: Saturday 26 May at 7.30 pm

Vicarage "Open House": Sunday 10 June from 2 to 4 pm

Summer Noon-Time Concert Series: Wednesdays 20 June to 25 July at noon

Strawberry Social: Saturday 23 June 12 to 3 pm

Men's Breakfast: 8.00 am last Friday of the month

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

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St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Picton March 2018

The Vine



Celebration!

*See the song the flowers sing,
Wind-whispered joy - 'O welcome, Spring!'
With hope-filled promise, the Season brings....
The Hallelujah! The Christ. The risen King!*

cjmccabe, csa

From the Rector

It is with both amazement and delight that I celebrate my fifth Easter with you. Each year at this time I am drawn to our lovely stained-glass window near the front of the church, depicting Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome: the three women who went to Jesus' tomb on the first Easter morning. They were amazed and delighted, if also staggered and frightened, by what they saw and soon came to understand: Jesus was risen from the dead! In that unprecedented event they knew the living God was unveiling God's answer to the problems of the world.



The resurrection first of all announces that Jesus' death on the cross was not a tragic mistake, but a supreme act of love that started a revolution. And more: the resurrection declares that this present world matters, that the problems and pains of this present world matter, and that, in the name of God's strong love, all that is wrong in our world will be addressed with the news that healing, justice and love have won the day.

Easter celebrates the living God reclaiming the world of space, time and matter as his own. That is why Christians celebrate it with bread and wine, with candles and flowers and processions and banners and music: the material world of creation has been reclaimed by the living and healing God. This celebration of Easter leads us to delight in God's way, giving ourselves to God in the knowledge that his is the way of true fulfilment. And this celebration of Easter, in a world where injustice and violence are still common, makes the powerful symbolic statement that we are not prepared to tolerate such things, and that God is not prepared to tolerate such things, and that we will work, and plan, and pray, and vote, with all the energy of God to implement the victory of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene and the others found themselves inspired with a new sense of urgency that first Easter morning: Mary and the other women didn't walk, they *ran* from the tomb. The other disciples *ran* to the tomb, the folks on the road to Emmaus after seeing the risen Jesus *ran* back to Jerusalem. They were in a hurry to share their news. May their energy and urgency inspire us to give our all in service to our risen Lord.

Yours faithfully, Charles



Upcoming Events

New Bible Study Series: Wednesdays 18 April to 13 June

This series will run for nine weeks on Wednesdays at 10.30 am, after the mid-week Eucharist. The sessions will have a flexible format and will focus on the readings for the following Sunday.

Choral Chamber Concert Saturday 26 May at 7pm

After the great success of the final concert of the PEC Ecumenical Choir in December, Michael Goodwin was inspired to form a small Chamber Choir. This choir is made up of 18 singers and will present a program of choral music from the 16th to 20th centuries.

Summer Noon-hour Concerts: Wednesdays 20 June to 25 July

This is a series of six Wednesday noon-hour concerts held in the church and featuring local musicians. Those performing will be Ernie Neufeld, violin; Patrick Headley, bassoon and Cheryl Bruce, clarinet; Penny Kitchen, vocal; Janine Dudding, harp and vocal and Josie Farrar, cello, guitar and vocal; David Colwell, vocal; and Michael Goodwin on piano. One or two different musicians will perform for 30 to 40 minutes each week. The concerts will feature a range of music from classical to popular and they are free (free-will donations welcome).

Vicarage "Open House" Sunday 10 June 2 to 4 pm

Rev. Charles and Joan are inviting members of the parish into their home for an afternoon of nibbles, refreshments and fellowship.

Strawberry Social Saturday 23 June 12 noon to 3 pm

Come and enjoy a tea of fancy sandwiches, local strawberries, home-made cake and ice cream.

ROC'N Revue Thursday 17 May Regent Theatre 7pm

This is a show case of youth talent in The County and is the major fundraiser for the ROC. Tickets are \$25. We support the ROC as part of our outreach.



Youth Perform Live with
Professional Community Coaches **\$25**

ROC'N REVUE
Fundraiser
for the Prince Edward County Youth Centre

Thursday, **May 17, 7pm**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE or at THE REGENT THEATRE BOX OFFICE
224 Main Street, Picton Tel: (613) 476-8416 ext.28
TheRegentTheatre.org

Busy Annual Vestry Meeting

Our Annual Vestry Meeting took place on the first Sunday in February. A new element this year: in the place of the sermon during the service, we watched a video presentation by our Bishop Michael Oulton, which he had asked parishes to view on their Vestry Meeting Sunday. Following a delicious pot-luck lunch, the gathering sat down to review the events of 2017 and establish the budget and leadership for this year. The Annual Reports again this year presented an impressive array of projects and activities. Accomplishments during the year were celebrated, including the *Discover Week* with guest speaker Harold Percy, the installation of air-conditioning in the church, the planting of a renewed garden in front of the church, and the installation of a new outdoor electronic sign.

Brian Etherington was thanked (in absentia) for serving as a Deputy Warden: he was elected last year but unexpectedly was away in the latter part of the year and was not able to continue. The meeting re-elected Herb Stone and Janet Howes as Churchwardens and John Clarke as Deputy Churchwarden. Brian Pinkerton was elected as a Deputy Churchwarden for this year. Kathy Condie was also elected as an additional Deputy Churchwarden. Brian will help Kathy transition into the role.



The Churchwardens have been assisted by our Parish Treasurer Mike Langlois and Envelope Secretary John Brett, and they were thanked for keeping our parish accounts in good order. After twenty years of service, Mike has stepped down, and as a token of thanks he was presented with a watch. The meeting was very pleased to hear that Karen Tiller has agreed to take on the role of Parish Treasurer.

It was reported that after nine years of service Pauline and Michael Smith would be stepping down this spring from the editing and production of the Parish Newsletter *The Vine*. Charles and Janet presented Pauline with flowers as a token of our thanks and appreciation. So this edition of *The Vine* is their last.

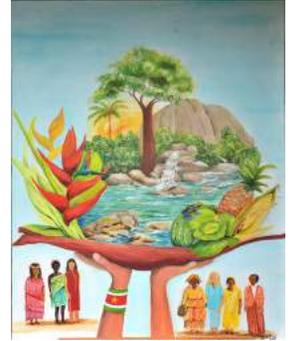


All who wander are not lost
whose faithful journey is the Cross.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer dawned snowy this year, but that didn't diminish the enthusiasm amongst participants and the somewhat smaller congregation that attended the service held at the Salvation Army Citadel. We all enjoyed meeting Lieutenants Joe and Donna Ludlow, who are the new leaders in Picton.

The service this year was written by the women of Suriname, the former Dutch Guiana, which is located on the north-east coast of South America. Pristine tropical rainforest covers over 90% of the country, and 15% of this rainforest is protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Suriname is named after the Surinen tribe, one of the original indigenous peoples. Nowadays, the population is mainly made up of Indigenous, African, Asian and European descendants.



The theme for the service was "All God's Creation is Very Good". The primary scripture reading was Genesis 1: 1-31, which tells us of the world's creation "And God saw that it was good."

As part of the service, attendees were asked to write down a personal commitment to care for God's creation. Although only a few were read out loud, the real exercise was to think about how we could care for the Earth.

Lieutenant Donna Ludlow, drawing on scripture as inspiration for her reflection, called us to take seriously our commitment as stewards of the planet. She shared with us, amongst other things, how her 8 year old son is already picking up garbage around the neighbourhood.

During the service, we were able to admire the beautiful display that Lieutenant Joe Ludlow had created. Using tablecloths borrowed from St. Mary Magdalene for the event, he fashioned a geometric table covering (describing ever diminishing signposts) in the colours of the Surinamese flag. This in turn was topped by a ring of tropical flowers encircling a large candle, which represented God's presence amongst us.

After the service, as we walked into the gymnasium there was a display of cassava, plantain, tamarind juice and ginger beer – all common foods in Suriname. We were treated to delicious sandwiches, sweets, tea, and coffee and a time of fellowship.

Next year, Slovenia will unite us in prayer on Friday 1 March at Picton United Church.

Marie Connor

Earth Day 22 Sunday April 2018



Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the World with over 190 countries participating. It promotes awareness and calls for the protection of our planet. This year's theme is "**End Plastic Pollution**". The exponential growth of plastic is now threatening our planet.

Plastics were invented in 1907 from by-products of refining oil and natural gas and for a long time only their benefits were perceived. Little was known about their damaging consequences to

our health, the environment and climate and the challenges to discarding them properly.

Plastics litter our beaches, the countryside; clog our streams and landfills. Through decades of poor waste management policies large amounts of plastic are dumped in the oceans and have formed huge floating rafts of waste. One of these areas, between California and Hawaii, is the size of the State of Texas. The effect on marine life is far reaching.

Plastic gradually breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces but never fully degrades. Smaller pieces are ingested by the ocean fauna and through predation becomes concentrated in the animals further up the food chain, of which we are a part. These small particles have even found their way into our bottled drinking water. Clothing made from man-made fibres (eg polyester, nylon, by-products of the petroleum industry) also contribute to the problem by shedding fibres into the environment. Harmful chemicals released from plastics can cause many health problems including cancer.

So what can WE do to end plastic pollution?

Reduce: Do we need to use plastic bags, straws, cutlery, plates, containers, and clothes made out of artificial fibres, etc? We can try to use something other than plastic (paper, wood, glass, metal, cotton, wool).

Reuse: as many items as possible; containers, water bottles etc.

Recycle: This is important but far from a final solution. Recycling is expensive and not all plastics are recyclable. New technologies are constantly being developed to help improve the situation.

Remove: We can help to clean up the plastic already discarded in our environment (in our gardens and parks, on our streets and sidewalks, in our streams and on our beaches - almost anywhere). We can do this as part of **Quinte Trash Bash** to be held on Saturday 21 April and help clean up and take pride in our environment.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a Great Fun-Raiser

Once again we opened our doors for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. More than 130 people enjoyed our menu of pancakes (with real maple syrup), sausages, and bacon. A team of more than 20 cooked, baked, served and washed up. Some of the team were new this year, while many benefited from the experience of last year's event, and it was at least as much fun for those in the kitchen as it was for those enjoying the meal in the Parish Hall.



This was a "fun-raiser" rather than a fund-raiser, meaning our focus was more on getting people in and giving them a good time than on raising money. However we did raise a over \$600, which will be go towards one of our outreach ministries. Special thanks are due to Nell Kottick whose experience with past dinners was invaluable as always. And a huge thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a great evening.

Basketeers

During February we held our annual collection for Alternatives for Women. (This organisation serves women and children at risk in The County). Again it was hugely successful. All the donations were packed into large plastic storage containers, full to the brim. With the cash donations, electric kettles and toasters were purchased, as well as some additional sheet sets. Six containers were each labelled Kitchen, Bath, Bedroom, Toiletries, Kids and Stationery, or Clothing and, on 6 March, were delivered to Alternatives for Women, who were delighted and impressed by all the wonderful things our congregation had collected.

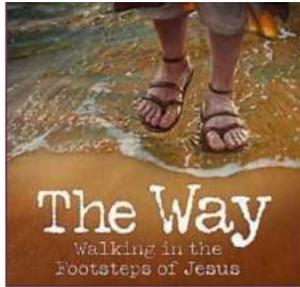


A very big 'thank you' to everyone. A representative from Alternatives for Women will visit St. Mary Magdalene after Easter, likely in May, to offer a personal 'thank you' and to update us on the wonderful work they continue do in the County.

Janet Howes

Lenten Series Features Video Visits to the Holy Land

For five Wednesdays during Lent about 20 parishioners gathered each week to watch and discuss a video series called *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. The series visited places in the Holy Land where many of the events in the gospels took place. We visited the Jordan River near where John the Baptist baptized Jesus, and saw Christians still being baptized there (the river is smaller and muddier than many of us had imagined). We visited the mountains around the Sea of Galilee, and the Judean wilderness, and got a sense of the place Jesus went for his forty days of testing, and where he taught the Sermon on the Mount. We saw the present-day churches that mark the traditional locations of Jacob's Well, Mount Calvary, and the tomb where Jesus was laid after his crucifixion.



The narrator for the series acknowledged that in most cases it is impossible to know if these are the exact places where the events took place, but seeing the surroundings and the landscape, and knowing the events occurred in the area, many of us came away with a deeper appreciation for the scriptures. Seeing the rocky hillside made the imagery of a house built on rock or on sand more vivid. Seeing a small boat on the Sea of Galilee brought to life the account of the disciples threatened by a storm. And seeing the huge stones that were once the Jerusalem Temple lying in a heap gave somber reality to Jesus' warning that the Temple would not stand.

This series allowed us to see places that have great meaning to Christians, and to reflect together on biblical events that occurred there.

Milestones

Passings:

Sheila Gribble, aged 91, on 17 March. Memorial service to be held in the church on 7 April

Clayton Hineman, aged 84, on 25 February, at home in Picton. Father of Debbie Turner, our sexton. A celebration of his life was held on 4 March in the Elks Lodge.

Phyllis Martin, aged 97, on 20 February, in Collingwood, Ontario. A celebration of her life will be held in the church on Saturday 26 May at 10.30 am. Phyllis some time ago was a member of our congregation and taught Sunday school here.

Susan Pennell, aged 74, on 25 February, in Woking, England. Sister of Mary Brett.



TRASH BASH
QUINTE TRASH BASH
APRIL 21, 2018
9am - 1pm
Do you live in Belleville, Prince Edward County, Quinte West or Tyendinaga Township? We need your help picking up litter from roadsides, parks and sidewalks!
Pre-register at quintetrashbash.ca

"Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?"
(Baptismal Covenant Question)

We are merely custodians of this Earth and should strive to leave it in the same, if not better, condition than when we came.

Primate of Anglican Church of Canada Visits Diocese



The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Fred Hiltz, is visiting the Diocese of Ontario for Holy Week this year. He will spend the week visiting some parishes and outreach projects and celebrating Holy Week services.

In the Anglican Church the primary organizing authority is the Bishop of each diocese. Dioceses form regional groupings called Provinces (each of which has one of its diocesan bishops serve as Archbishop for the Province), and Provinces are grouped into a national body (in our case the Anglican Church of Canada) presided over by an Archbishop who also has the title of Primate. A little understood fact, the Archbishop of Canterbury is the Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury and Primate of All England. He is not the equivalent of the Pope, and so is not Primate of Canada.

Archbishop Hiltz is visiting across our diocese and comes closest to us when he visits Tyendinaga. On Monday 26 March from 2 to 4 pm he will attend a tea at the Queen Ann Parish Centre, All Saints Church, Tyendinaga. At 5:00 pm he will celebrate Evensong at Christ Church, Chapel Royal, in Desoronto. The Primate's visit includes other stops across our diocese, from West to East: St Thomas' Belleville, St. George's Cathedral, the new diocesan offices, the Cowdy Street Habitat for Humanity Project, St. Lukes Lyndhurst thrift shop and parish and Camp Hyanto Board, the Tamworth Legacy Centre, St. John's Stirling, St. Paul's Kingston, St. Lawrence Brockville and Holy Trinity Merrickville.

Reformation



This piece of mine, which hangs in the Parish Hall, is entitled "Reformation." The title has a double meaning. Principally, the piece is about the need for the Church's reformation over time and only secondarily, in a more literal, physical sense, is it about re-formation, the construction of the piece allowing for the reassembling of the elements - the panels and tiles - in many different ways.

It is made of 75 tiles, each composed of 3 to 4 layers of plastic, a mixture of Plexiglas and polycarbonate. Other materials used include fly fishing line, lead sinkers, butcher's twine, children's blocks, acrylic paint, and paper.

The equilateral triangles from which the panels are hung, represent the Trinity. The little blocks which are sometimes random and at other times cruciform, are intended to suggest an evolving and changing church; the horizontal bands of paper, and thread, prayer across time.

This multi-layered complexity mirrors the complexities of the Anglican Church (different understandings of scripture, doctrine, etc.; different ways in which churches and even dioceses govern themselves across the Communion.. And yet despite the muddle, which many would say is the Church's genius, the Church manages slowly, often painfully, to reform itself over time. Today, the issue is same-gender marriages; before that, in a long succession, we had, among others, the ordination of women, remarriage of divorced persons, and the matter of contraception.

The piece is a silent, visual hymn. Working on the piece, I had in mind a great expanse of time, and the voices of the Saints raised to God down through the ages. I also heard the quiet, insistent, minimalist music of Taverner and Pärt; and found inspiration from the minimalist art of Agnes Martin.

Last of all, the piece is an offering to the glory of God, our creator.

Andrew Innes

Another piece of Andrew's artwork, "The Road to Belleville" hangs in the chapel of the church. See the April 2017 edition of "The Vine" for an explanation of this piece.

The Knitting Ministry

Every Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm, a group of up to 14 people, including several members of local churches, meet in the Wellington Library to knit. The group comprises a range of ages and talents. We chat and discuss a wide variety of subjects. We always have a cup of tea and when lucky, goodies. The group has been meeting for several years.

We knit a wide variety of items which are then donated to mostly local organizations: The County's nursing homes, the Alzheimer's Society, The Salvation Army, Alternatives for Women, the Belleville Hospital and orphanages overseas as well as to a few individuals.

For the hospital, we knit baby items including blankets, bonnets and clothing. Little knitted baby caps are given to newborn babies delivered at the hospital. Some of the yarn for these is supplied by the Hospital Auxiliary. Some items are donated to a Good Samaritan Cupboard where items are free for those in need. Some are also given to the hospital's gift shop for sale.



For the other organizations, we knit caps, blankets, special "twiddle" muffs (muffs with knitted shapes attached inside the muff to occupy fidgeting fingers), Grippies (knitted and stuffed shapes designed for exercising the hands and fingers), arm or wrist warmers, head bands, sweaters, pneumonia vests and scarves.

We always need yarn and welcome donations. We usually ONLY knit ACRYLIC yarn, mainly because of its good wear ability and easy care.

Thank you to all who knit and to all who donate yarn. All are welcome. For more information contact Mary Brett at 613-393- 1365 or at art.and.song@sympatico.ca.

Mary Brett

Unanswered Prayer

A preacher's 5-year old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why ... "Well, honey", he began, proud that she was so observant. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach."
"How come he doesn't answer you?" she asked!!!

Oh, baby, baby, baby

Arnold DeVries, a member of our congregation, was born on 25 July 1931 in Leeuwarden, Friesland, Netherlands. Two sets of triplets and one set of twins were all born on that same day! An event never likely repeated. Arnold and his brother John are in the centre of the picture below (Arnold is on the right). You may recognize him!



After struggling through the Second World War, Arnold's family were looking for a better life and the chance to have their own farm. They originally thought to emigrate to Argentina but when that didn't work out, they came to Canada arriving in 1947, when Arnold was 16.

They found themselves working on a farm in Cressy owned by a Mr. Kaiser. After some years at Cressy, Arnold's father was able to buy their own farm on the Demorestville Road. Eventually, Arnold bought his own farm on Bethesda Road. and dealt in cattle. He continued to work the land until his retirement just a couple of years ago.

Barbara Ansell's New Address

Many of you will remember Barb Ansell who left here several years ago, to be close to her family in the Toronto area. If you wish to get in touch, her new address is:

c/o Chartwell Waterford Retirement Residence
114 B - 2160 Baronwood Drive
Oakville, Ontario
L6M 0Y1
Telephone number: 905-847-4253

County Kids Read

This past year has been a busy one for County Kids Read. We now are distributing upwards of 500 to 700 free books per month to our fourteen community partners who service low-income families and at-risk children and youth in Prince Edward County. St. Mary Magdalene Church has generously provided a large room in the basement of the Parish Hall for the storage and distribution of the books.



Every month books are sorted, stamped and distributed to our partner organizations by our team of volunteers. This contact with our partners ensures that we are providing sufficient books and that the books match the interests and needs of the children and families who attend their programs. In addition, staff

and children from some of our community partners (e.g. Queen Elizabeth School) are able to visit the book room and choose their own books.

Sourcing and purchasing the books continues to be a challenge. We have contacts with several publishers from whom we order books at a sizeable discount and continue to raise funds to purchase these books through donations, grants, fundraising and the generous support of the community.

This year we created a website www.countykidsread.ca. The website includes information, stories and photos as well as the video that was created by the Anglican Diocese of Ontario. Please take a look.

We believe that acquiring literacy is one of the crucial and important ways to eradicate poverty in our community. The distribution of books to families, who would not otherwise have them, is the first step.

Thank you for your continued support and help.

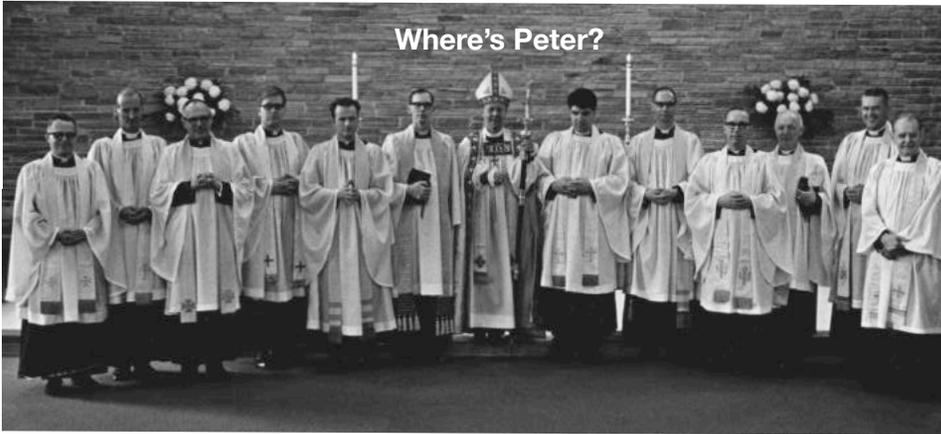
Anne Preston

If you are interested in donating to County Kids Read, you can do so on their website www.countykidsread.ca or by writing a cheque, payable to the PEC Arts Council – County Kids Read. The address of the Arts Council is 289 Main Street, P.O.Box 6180 Picton Ontario K0K 2T0. If you are interested in donating time or new / gently used books, please email Anne Preston at anne.preston@gmail.com or call [613 476 8767](tel:6134768767).

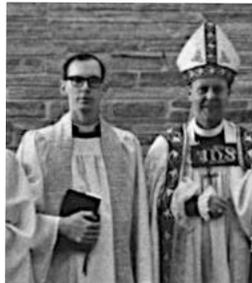
Peter Mason: A Memorable Anniversary



This March 25 marks the 50th anniversary of Bishop Peter Mason's ordination. Peter was part of a group of 12 who were ordained together in St. Paul's Church in Lachine, Quebec, by the Bishop of Montreal in 1968. The group became known as "The Dirty Dozen", referring to a popular film of the time. This film told the story of 12 rag-tag characters sent on a suicide mission. Mmm! A reunion of four of the original Dirty Dozen is planned for Palm Sunday, March 25, in Lachute, Quebec.



Peter was brought up on a farm in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. In his early years he was influenced by his grandfather, a retired Anglican priest, who lived with the family and said daily prayers. In his early teens, Peter felt the call to be a priest. After high school he moved to Montreal and studied at McGill University. During his time there, he taught Bible Studies and this is where he met and later married Carmen, a student nurse.



In the 50 years since his ordination, Peter's ministry has taken him far and wide. Initially he was in charge of a SIX-point parish centered around Hemmingford in rural southeastern Quebec. Apart from the number of churches and the distances between them, the swing bridge on the Richelieu River proved to be an additional challenge in getting to church on time. In 1975 he was appointed rector at St. Peter's in Mont Royal, Montreal, where he was known to have answered the phone saying, "St. Peter's Church, Peter speaking"! Youth ministry continued to be an important part of his life there and this is where he first met our rector Charles Morris. Small world!

In the early 1980's, Peter moved Down East and spent five wonderful years as rector of St. Paul's, Halifax. Whilst in Halifax, he completed his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Princeton University in New Jersey in 1983.

Then, in 1985, his appointment as the principal at Wycliffe College, in Toronto, took the Mason family (Peter, Carmen and three children) to Ontario. He would have been content to stay there for the rest of his working life but after seven years he was startled to receive a call one Saturday afternoon saying he had been elected Bishop of Ontario, our own Diocese.

In 2002, after ten years in Kingston, Peter retired to live full-time in The County. His connection to The County had begun in 1989 when he built a "cottage" out at Prinyer's Cove. This rural retreat replaced a cottage they had built on the family farm in Quebec. Guess who he sold this cottage to? Rev Charles! During his "retirement" he has taken on several Interim Ministries, including at our own St. Mary Magdalene and has continued to do support, administrative, and teaching work at Wycliffe College. Maybe 2018 will finally mark his full retirement and he can relax and enjoy playing his saxophone in The Trenton Citizens' Band.

Peter and Carmen moved to Wellington-on-the-Lake in 2014 but remain a part of our congregation. We enjoy hearing Peter's homilies whenever he is invited to preach.



The Keukenhof: Spring in Holland

Having worked for three years in Germany, I was lucky enough to visit the Spring tulip fields in Holland. I love painting tulips – I have painted the tulip beds and individual tulips. Also having lived in Ottawa, we had a chance to show and paint outside at the annual Tulip Festival. In some years this was difficult if the spring was a wet one.

My favourite tulip variety is the Parrot style. They are so flamboyant. My picture illustrates a water colour of a mixed bouquet of various tulips – collaged to a canvas which has then been sealed.

Mary Brett

