

## Faith in Action



Clay Team DBC 2016. Photo: Alison Stephan

## CLAY: The New Buzz Word on Vancouver Island

By Alison Stephan

There is a new buzz word around the diocese. That word is CLAY. But what is it? CLAY stands for Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth. Every two years youth ages 13-18 come together to worship, serve and learn. Of the 900 youth in attendance, of which 195 were Anglican, you can be proud that 22 youth from all parts of Vancouver Island represented The Diocese of BC (CLAY Team DBC). An amazing increase in attendance when you consider there were only 85 Anglicans in attendance in 2010 when CLAY became joint ministry between the Lutheran and Anglican churches.

The theme this year was Not For Sale.

### Creation is Not For Sale

*“Servant Event: An opportunity to reach out to our surrounding community and offer ourselves in service to others. It is a way for us to connect our CLAY experience to the wider world that God loves.” —CLAY Handbook*

1,000 youth and leaders flooded the streets of Charlottetown serving at over 15 different agriculture based non profit organizations. Youth were

pulling weeds, caring for vegetable crops, hauling logs and installing irrigations systems.

Even on the other side of the country our youth were able to live out our Vision of Faith in Action.

### Human Beings are Not For Sale

CLAY is a space where youth can learn about, teach about and make change with regards to numerous social justice issues that concern them. Ministry project workshops such as:

- Ecological Justice
- Relationships with Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples
- Bended Spoons: How Can We Help Alleviate World Hunger
- Stop Traffic (Human Trafficking)

All Ministry Project Teams presented to the large group gatherings where all youth and leaders were present.

This opportunity fanned the flames for many who are already passionate about a particular human rights concern. For other, it sparks the flame for a cause they didn't know existed or knew little about. Youth return home with a renewed sense of purpose and will ignite

others in their communities to join them in their social justice campaigns.

### Salvation is Not For Sale

It is a powerful thing to take communion with 1000 people. Now imagine 90% of those walking up to the altar being youth! Being is a space where you can acknowledge you are seeking a relationship with God. Being able to admit you may not know what that relationship is but knowing there are 899 other contemporaries who are walking a similar faith journey and they support you unconditionally.

Already Team DBC is reaching out to other youth in the diocese. Several were in attendance at Sharon Hallsor's yearly camp out at Kingswood Camp and shared their CLAY story. They will also be creating a documentary about their CLAY experience. This youth initiated and created project will be available before the end of the year.

CLAY Team DBC 2016 is only a small representation of the amazing youth in our diocese. We are excited to start working towards CLAY 2018 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Our goal is to DOUBLE the number of CLAY

Team DBC youth attendees.

Thank you to the ALL the parishes in the diocese. Each and every one of you supported these youth, spiritually, prayerfully and financially. Without you this ministry would not be possible.

Follow CLAY Team DBC on Facebook to stay up to date on all upcoming CLAY and diocesan youth events and activities:

[www.facebook.com/clayteambdc](http://www.facebook.com/clayteambdc)



Team DBC leading off CLAY ceilidh in the dyed team tees! New friends and great memories were made! Photo: Alison Stephan

# Diocesan Youth Represent Well At CLAY 2016



Photo: Diocesan Post

## Bishop Logan Writes

I was with a great group of young people from our diocese as we travelled to CLAY (Conference of Lutheran and Anglican Youth) in Charlottetown, PEI. When I travel around our diocese I am aware that some parishes

have no youth or children who worship on Sundays. However, there are many parishes in our diocese that have a vibrant youth and children's ministry and this can be seen at the services on Sunday. It is important for us also to realize that there are many youth who gather as church but those gatherings do not look like a traditional Sunday morning. We must come to terms with the fact that what many of us would name as church does not relate to youth and children.

The 22 young people who came from a parish in Victoria, parishes of the Cowichan Valley and a parish on the West Coast (Tofino) were an amazing group who represented our diocese so well at CLAY. They

joined 900 young people from across Canada. Of the 900 present, 130 were Anglican and we were one of the larger Anglican groups. The theme of the gathering was "Not For Sale: Creation, Humans and Salvation Not for Sale".

The issues that were dealt with were ones facing many on our planet and were issues that the youth attending CLAY could relate to. I believe youth are looking for a spirituality that they can live each day and that relates to issues that are challenging them in their lives. They are looking for a faith that can shape and form them and give them direction and wisdom in the decisions they have to make.

If we are serious about youth and children's ministry then we need to come to terms with a few realities. The first one is that it is very likely that we will not see them on a Sunday morning. Knowing this is not an excuse for parishes to cut back on youth and children's ministry. Secondly, we must look for folk who are trained and experienced in this type of ministry. We should not expect or require our curates to do this work. This is the work for trained lay folk who must be paid an appropriate salary. Parish budgets must set aside significant money for ministry with children and youth. We cannot hope to have effective youth ministry without appropriate funding.

Lastly the reality is that youth and children continue to look for an authentic faith and spirituality. They may not be there on Sundays but they are looking at Christian churches to provide them with one. At the end of the day when they take on church leadership, the church of the future will be very different from what it is today. Are we courageous enough for ministry with children and youth? Start planning for CLAY 2019. It is in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Thank you to Alison Stephen, Ruth MacIntosh, Lon Towstego and Daniel Law who organized, attended, supported and cared for our youth who attended CLAY.

# Young Eritrean Refugee Finally Arrives

## Newcomer News

By Rebecca

Our longest outstanding refugee case has arrived! It was in 2011 that we handed in this application, and now, after five years of waiting, a young Eritrean man arrived in Canada on August 15. It is a miracle he has reached safety, but despite having stepped off the plane at Victoria airport, he still cannot put his sights forward. Due to an error at the visa office overseas, his wife and two children were not processed to travel with him. Now we continue to advocate

for the office to complete their screening so they can come to Canada as soon as possible. We will wait up to twelve more months for the Winnipeg office to process the newly requested forms, for the family to receive medical exams and security check, and for the international organization to arrange their travel plans. These plans include having someone to meet the wife and children at each airport when transferring planes, and at their port of entry to Canada to sign them up immediately to health coverage.

A lot can change over five years, including the original

sponsoring group. Most members are no longer in the community. The wardens of the parish and the Diocese Refugee Committee, along with the refugee's relative here in Canada are now filling in.

### UPDATES

Since September 2015, we have met 107 refugees at the airport and they are now settling in as newcomers. They are learning that fresh fruit is more expensive here, that they must wear helmets when cycling, and that the library offers English practice online. 18 parishes supporting these newcomers.



Not many know of this small country. It became independent on 24 May 1993, and has had the same president ever since. "In June 2015 a United Nations panel accused Eritrean President Afwerki of human rights abuses by stating that he "has imposed a reign of fear through systematic and extreme abuses of the population that may amount to crimes against humanity". Amnesty International believes that the government of President Isaias Afwerki has imprisoned at least 10,000 political prisoners. Amnesty also claims that torture—for punishment, interrogation and coercion—is widespread."

# Outreach Vignette

By Bill Purdy

## Two men...

As a laity volunteer in the local men's Provincial Gaol, following God's lead in outreach is always interesting, and often challenging! The hardest part for me is keeping my focus on Jesus and on the man/men that I am ministering to, and keeping myself out of the picture. The only way this ministry works at all is letting the Holy Spirit lead. Outreach, after all, is God's ministry, not mine!

## Man one...

This man comes from a nearby town where he has lived and worked for forty plus years. He has been incarcerated for several months and has been attending Sunday night chapel service and Wednesday evening Bible study. One evening, he seemed very distracted all through bible study and finally complained that he had an abscessed tooth for which he could get no medication for pain relief. He had a dental appointment arranged for the following Friday, but didn't know how he would get through the

next two days. I felt the Holy Spirit telling me to pray for him, so I ended the bible study session by asking if we could pray for him and when he agreed, four inmates and I laid hands on him and asked God to help him get through the pain for the next two days and we prayed for the dentist who would be working on that tooth. When we finished the prayer he had a large grin on his face and said "the pain is gone, it's all gone". The following Sunday at chapel he witnessed to the group of inmates that the dentist could not believe by looking at the

tooth that he was without any pain at all. This witnessed to all the men at chapel, especially to the four who had prayed with him, and to me also! Thanks be to God!

## Man two...

This man is in his mid twenties. He too has been incarcerated for several months, his first time behind bars, and has been attending chapel regularly, and he is part of the Vancouver Island therapeutic community which is active in that Gaol. He was anxious to attend bible study when he got his release but

when the time came he never showed up. His mother had lost track of him within two days and thought he was back into his addictions. This too was God's outreach, and although we find it hard to see that anything of permanence was accomplished, seeds were sown. This is in the hands of the Holy Spirit—not our hands, Thanks be to God. Our job, yours and mine, is to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and to trust that God knows what God is doing.

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# The Colours of Fall



## Reflections

By Herbert O'Driscoll

Love affairs sometimes begin with an unforgettable moment. "Some enchanted evening" sings Emile in South Pacific, "you will see a stranger across a crowded room". In my case on this particular morning it was not a face but a vast and lovely vista viewed from the rolling deck of a venerable Cunard liner.

It was a crisp brilliant October morning in 1954. The crossing of the Atlantic had been rough. The night before someone on board had been heard to say that we were about to sail into the Strait of Belle Isle and would be well into the Strait by morning. So, early in the morning I went out on deck. I could feel that the sea was much calmer. There to the north, stretching northeast to southwest as far as the eye could see, lay the shore of the Gulf of St Lawrence. I promptly fell in love with Canada.

Even now, more than sixty years later, the name of this great river holds romance for me. All my life as a child in Ireland I had heard of its endless journey from vast lakes large enough to be inland seas, through dark forests to this immense gulf, thence into the heaving wilderness of the Atlantic.

As I looked out across the wide expanse of water, a memory came back from the still recent Second World War. I had grown up in Cork city in the south of Ireland. Our next door neighbour's eldest son, about ten years older than I, had joined the R.A.F. Along with many other recruits he had been sent to Canada for flying instruction. One very sad morning word came that he had drowned when his plane crashed in this Gulf of St Lawrence. I remembered Eddie Senior as an older boy in school.

All that day the shoreline came nearer as the old Cunarder, reconditioned from her wartime role as troop ship, beat her way west and south towards Quebec City. As the hours passed I would return again and again to the rail to look at this new country, unknown to me yet

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known in imagination from stories, books, romantic images of prairies and mountains, all now eagerly anticipated and about to become reality.

I had all the questions of countless emigrants before me, without the burdens and anxieties many emigrants face. How would this decision to come to Canada work out? Could I go back if it turned out to be wrong? What lay ahead? There was much to give me confidence. A warm invitation to join the Cathedral staff in Ottawa; an equally warm invitation from an aunt, an older sister of my mother who had emigrated to Canada in the 1920's, to live with her for at least some months; the realization that I would be returning in a year to marry someone I loved very much and to bring her to Canada if all

went as we hoped. All of these thoughts blended with the throb of the ship's engines to bring sleep.

Morning came again. I got up early because I knew the shore would now be much nearer. I went out on deck and there, as far as the eye could see, was an endless line of wonderful richly varied colour. pale yellow, deep gold, fiery scarlet. I was looking at the glory of my first Canadian fall. Then I saw a silver spire and the small houses of a village.

I would see the beauty of Fall many times in the years ahead, but the thrill of that morning encounter has always remained, the flaming beauty of the trees and the autumn sun glinting on a silver spire.

# Daycamp a Summer Highlight

By Barb Prescott

2016 marked the fifth year that St. Luke Cedar Hill Anglican Church and Lutheran Church of the Cross jointly sponsored a day camp for preschool and elementary school aged children. Our Amazing Journey 2016 edition featured superheroes and we talked about God's power in our lives. Forty-nine children attended the camp, while sixty-one volunteers helped in a variety of ways: some before the camp, others for one day or for the whole week. Included in this total were ten Leaders in Training, middle school aged students, most of whom had been campers in previous years and wanted to help out this year. We called them Sidekicks and they assisted in a number of ways during the camp.

It was exciting to see these middle school aged youth as well as high school aged youth who wanted to continue to be involved in the Day Camp. We felt this to be an important

indicator of the success of the camp and it provides the present leaders with some confidence that the camp and other activities can be sustainable into the future as the youth are able to take on more responsibilities.

The campers and volunteers alike enjoyed our Superhero theme. The campers loved the variety of activities in the Central City including a Taste Kitchen (where children helped make soup mixes for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen), a Communicodes Shop (where children learned about Braille, Morse code and sign language), a Fix It Shop (where more things were taken apart than fixed!), a Costume Shop (where children dressed up as superheroes and other imaginative characters), a Music Shop (where children tried a variety of instruments), as well as a Comics Shop and a Bead Shop. Goldie (aka Rachel Mitten) led the group in songs in the morning. Children learned stories from the Book of

Acts in the Hero Hall of Fame, went to the Training Centre where they played games outside and on the stage, and visited Gizmo's Lab.

When the planning team came together for a debrief we asked, "Where did we see God in the midst of the week?" We felt God's presence as we worked through all the ideas for the camp, and were able to create something much more than we could ask or imagine! We felt God's presence in the quiet boy who started to smile and get involved as he learned how things worked in the Fix It Shop.

We felt God's presence in the comments we received from parents and grandparents: "Our son loved camp! His absolute favourites were 'Giz' and 'Mo'. He talked about them all week, and still laughs about them nearly a week later! He also loved making the cape and the car. I know he liked all the songs, too, and was singing them around the house

and making his Lego super heroes shout, 'I will follow Jesus!' I liked that they made soup mixes and brought food donations. That's something I've never seen in a camp before and I hope you do something similar next year. Thanks so much for a great camp experience, the second year in a row!"

Our rector, the Rev. Daniel Fournier (aka Mo), also provided a report from Gizmo's Lab where he volunteered for the week. To help equip the young superheroes, they first tie dyed their capes in Gizmo's Lab. Next, the campers constructed their own unique vehicles. Mo continues: "On the last day, our lab delved into even deeper science, and a bit of mystery, too. Using a mixture of yeast, sugar, and hot water, and putting a balloon over the bottle that contained the mixture, our participants discovered what happens when yeast is activated. A chemical reaction took place, and the balloon expanded, and kept expanding! This

experiment was to demonstrate that with God's power, even the smallest of our efforts, turns into something big. The second experiment was putting baking soda and vinegar together in a container to see what happened. As the chemical reaction took place, and the bubbling mass spilled out of the container and kept expanding, the participants were able to say the words, 'Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.'

What a gift it was to share in these discoveries in our lab with our wonderful participants. In turn, what a gift it was for the campers to discover their call to be superheroes (or God's agents) as they continue their journeys in faith."

Barb Prescott is a parishioner at St. Luke Cedar Hill Anglican Church and was a member of the planning team for the 2016 Amazing Journey Day Camp.

# We Are Being Transformed

By Catherine Pate

You may have noticed that the Diocesan Post has had a bit of a makeover. Well, the diocese has also had a bit of a makeover. This summer, we had a new logo designed which incorporates the symbol of a dragonfly in black, red and grey. The story of this logo goes back further than a few short months however.

In 2015, when the Diocesan Vision Team had completed its work in articulating what God was calling us as a diocese to,

it was gifted with what we now know as our vision statement, Renewed Hearts, Renewed Spirits, Renewed People. At the working group's final gathering there was a collective sense of God's word being spoken and heard in the crafting of that vision statement. This was powerfully reinforced when, in the midst of the circle gathered, a dragonfly appeared and hovered over the group for several minutes before flying off. Later, we would learn that for the First Peoples, the dragonfly is a powerful symbol of change.

Since then, we have been on a journey of truth-telling, reconciliation and healing. As a diocese, we are seeking to be transformed as the body of Christ on these islands and inlets, shedding the colonial shackles of our past; those parts of our history when we did not live into God's call to treat all peoples with dignity, respect and equality—the times we failed to do and be what God had intended for us. In so doing, we do not forget, but we try to bring forward into God's unknowable future those parts of our life together

in Christ that affirm and uphold all of God's people, wherever we find ourselves.

So, for us the dragonfly is a powerful symbol of our commitment to allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us, in partnership with all peoples of these lands, to transform us and to create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit as the people of Christ.

I encourage all parishes of the diocese to incorporate our new logo and vision statement into

your print publications (i.e. parish bulletins) as applicable. To receive a copy of it, along with the guidelines for its use, please contact me at the synod office, cpate@bc.anglican.ca. Catherine Pate is the diocesan communications officer.

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# Our Iceberg Is Melting

This article first appeared in the St. Paul parish newsletter, Contact, July 2016.

By Ven. Brian Evans

A few years ago a popular book was Who Moved My Cheese. The book was about change. This year at our Clergy Conference our speaker was Janet Marshall from Toronto who is a consultant on Congregational Development. Her lectures were based on a book Our Iceberg Is Melting by John Kotter and Holger Rathgeber. Kotter and Rathgeber shed light on the theme of change through a fable of a penguin colony in Antarctica. Its simple storyline of penguins living on the iceberg that has potential to break apart subtly unfolds the hard truth of the timeless war between resistance and adaptation to change we humans of all walks of life have, one way or another, been experiencing.

Some of the main characters in the fable are:

**The head penguin:** the decision maker, patient, not easily influenced.  
**Alice:** makes things happen, impossible to intimidate.  
**Fred:** younger, curious, creative. Professor: logical, well read, not the most social.  
**Buddy:** not ambitious, trusted & liked, relates well with others.  
**No-No:** against any change.  
**Scout:** the one who is always on the lookout for a new iceberg.  
**Sally Ann:** the youth representative and well-liked by all.

As our diocese prepares to implement the Diocesan Vision over the next year we will meet many of these characters in the hallways and "by-ways" of the diocese. At each turn these encounters will challenge us between resistance and the call to adaptation. There will be a number of experiences for each one of us; some will be positive and others will be challenging and demanding.

In their book the authors also outline the eight step process for

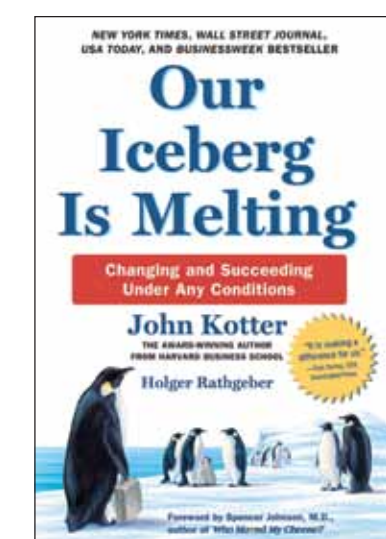
change: Eight Step Process of Successful Change; Set the Stage

1. Create a Sense of Urgency
2. Pull together the Guiding Team, Decide What to Do
3. Develop the Change Vision and Strategy Develop the Change Vision and Strategy Make it Happen
4. Communicate for Understanding and Buy-in
5. Empower Others to Act
6. Produce Short-Term Wins,
7. Don't Let Up Make it Stick
8. Create a New Culture

With the implementation of the Diocesan Vision ministry within the diocese will be creating a new culture.

To assist in creating a new culture, Bishop Logan is establishing three teams to guide us in the implementation of the Vision. These three teams will address the following:

1. **Building the Vision:** To build upon the Vision document as received at Synod as part of the Feasibility Study of Waller and



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Associates.

2. **Trust:** Of particular note in the Waller Report was the need to build trust within the diocese. This team will be charged with the examination of trust within the diocese and how this "trust" may be absorbed into the life of the diocese.

3. **Fulfillment:** This team will be called to examine the resources accessible to the diocese at present and in the future for the fulfillment of the Vision:

Renewed Hearts, Renewed Spirits, Renewed People.

To assist the Diocesan Teams in their work there will be Regional Gatherings over the next year to assist the teams their fulfillment of this journey we have all entered in together. In Lent Bishop Logan completed his Sacred Journey, walking the length of Vancouver Island entering into dialogue with a number of the First Peoples of these lands. My prayer for the diocese would be for us reflect upon Bishop Logan's Sacred Journey as a metaphor for our Journey in fulfilling the Re: Vision of the Diocese of British Columbia once again re-entering into the mission of the gospel on these Islands and Kingcome Inlet.

I encourage each person in this diocese to mark your calendar for the next year with a commitment Renewed Hearts, Renewed Spirits, Renewed People.



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# Camp Columbia Story Told Strong And Clear

By Judy Antonelli & Phyllis Thompson

"Think back on all the tales that you remember" from Camp Columbia. That line in the title song from the Broadway musical Camelot says much about the gathering on July 30 in Chemainus: a day of remembered tales and memories. It was a real reunion of former campers, staff, and others at an event honouring 65 years of ministry at the diocese's Camp Columbia on Thetis Island.

owners. On that, Bishop Logan reassured those present that the purchasers promised to look after the land, but not develop it. This being so, said Bishop Logan, "what it will be, will be revealed" over time.

Finally, since most at the Farewell were well aware of the history of the Camp's difficulties, the critical point of the Bishop's welcome was the time he took to reflect on the Camp's closure. He honoured and thanked all those who had worked so hard at/for the Camp

because it is a significant event in the diocese's history, and aspects of the closure must be acknowledged so a journey of healing and reconciliation can occur. As Bishop Logan noted, "Jesus stands among us today" calling us out, calling us to be unbound by the past, lest we miss discovering the new thing God is doing in, for, and through us. To this we must be attentive." (The bishop's full welcome, plus the majority of his sermon that day, can be found in the September 2016 issue of the Post.)

team for their hard work: Barb Coleman, Judy Antonelli, Diane Bell, the Rev. Peter Parker, and the Rev. Michael Wimmer, rector of St. Michael & All Angels' parish.

Minus an actual BBQ, lunch was typical camp or BBQ food. Lines of people waited in the parish hall to fill plates; meanwhile, others sat and chatted, getting caught up or reminiscing.

Lunch over, yet minus an actual campfire, the "campfire"

Superman skit. Everyone joined in on songs drawn from the campfires: "Noah's Ark," "Be Bold," and "Jacob's Ladder." Some younger attendees shared a skit about a submarine, and the campfire closed with Mary Jicking and Ruth MacIntosh leading a chorus line of girls of all ages in a rousing rendition of "We're Camp Columbia Girls", a song that spans all the decades at Camp Columbia.

From the shared memories of this pleasant reunion, though, people must go forth. Bishop



Well-known skillet from the camp, Big 'n Little Ferdinand, served a different and important purpose at the Eucharist: they were perfect for holding down the corners of the altar cloth. Photo: Phyllis Thompson

The Camp Columbia Farewell was held on the grounds of St. Michael & All Angels' parish in Chemainus. About 120 people attended, including the Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie who welcomed everyone. As always, his greeting set the stage and tone of "why we gather today, why I'm here with you." His welcome was a bit longer than usual, however, as he touched on some major elements integral to the camp/property: its Thetis Island proximity to Chemainus, its sale and new

and its ministry over the years. But he also acknowledged the disappointment, anger, and blame that occurred in people's varied responses to the closure, for some still real anguish. In most of his welcomes, the Bishop makes mention of the journey of reconciliation and healing we are on as a diocese, this with regard to our association with the First Nations people who were on this Island long before white settlers arrived. He did so about the closure



To assist with the distribution of Communion, the following (left to right) joined Bishop Logan at the altar: the Rev. David Peterson, the Rev. Susan Hayward-Brown, Marg Eagle, and David Buchman. As always, Moraig was totally attentive. Photo: Phyllis Thompson

The Eucharist was held outdoors; the breeze and sun through the tree branches made for a lovely, camp-like setting. Bishop Logan was the principal celebrant. Luke 'n Duke made an appearance at the Children's Time. Diane Bell and the Rev. Peter Parker provided music, and the liturgy ended with the "Camp Pledge" and "Camp Hymn." Before breaking for lunch, Bishop Logan thanked the planning

took place, the kind that ended every Columbia Camp day. The afternoon was spent "thinking back on all the [remembered] tales." The Camp's story, through those memories, was told "strong and clear." Skits, songs, and anecdotes remembered Camp days. Offerings included Bishop Barry Jenks sharing songs like "Poor Little Bug on the Wall" and "Junior Birdmen" and Gregg Perry performing his

Logan cited the scriptural story of new wine in new skins and old patches on new garments. He said "God is weaving a new garment for the church; the old one served us well, but now we need to let it go." Even as we remember "that brief shining moment known as" Camp Columbia, and its having been new wine in its day, it is time to celebrate and be part of "the new wine being poured out in our diocese" now.

## Annual Fundraising Gala in Support of Children & Youth Mental Health

Saturday, Nov. 5 at 6pm at the Hotel Grand Pacific  
**Tickets:** \$75, available online at [southislandcentre.ca](http://southislandcentre.ca)  
**Special guest speaker:** Dr Allison Rees, Phd  
**Entertainment:** Ian McDougall & Friends  
 Three-course gourmet buffet supper



# St Peter and St Paul Celebrating 150th Anniversary

By Sharon Wickware

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul is celebrating The 150th Anniversary of St. Paul's Church. Sunday, December 11th 2016. We invite you to join us.

Initially church services were held in a tiny white building that stood near the old Graving Dock in the small village of Esquimalt next to Victoria.

It served as a school house during the week and a place of worship on the weekend. The developing Naval Yard, the troops being stationed nearby, the local First Nations people and colonists were contributing factors to the growing population of the area. The history mentions all of the above as reasons why a church building was necessary as a place to gather for worship. St. Paul's Church

was built and consecrated in 1866 on property which is now Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt. Later, as the Navy needed to expand, The Dominion of Canada government purchased the land that the church stood on. In 1904, the military helped to roll the church up the hill to its present location at 1379 Esquimalt Road.

St. Paul's church has faithfully served God and this community through good and tough times. The Parish has had a long standing relationship with the Naval Base. It was also part of the early settlement of Esquimalt and the country of Canada.

The current parishioners see the December 11th event as an opportunity to share information regarding our

history and our heritage church building. We will also reflect on our ongoing and future relationships with all people that make up our community.

Our parish is taking a lead role in relationship building with the communities of the Songhees and Esquimalt People. We acknowledge that the church rests on their traditional territory. They are being asked to take part in the event.

Today our parish is vibrant and active and involved in the life outside our church walls as well as with regular worship services and activities. We currently have 43 different ministries listed. Just a few examples are Christian Education for adults and children, community and senior lunches, Military

Family Resource Center suppers for the families of the deployed, Prayer Shawl Group, sponsoring of a Syrian refugee family and Outreach.

At the 150th anniversary celebration, an exhibit of photographs and artifacts from our long history will be enhanced by an audiovisual "Narrative Map". This is a community mapping project being developed by a team from our parish, the town of Esquimalt, the Songhees and Esquimalt people, the Naval Base, our diocese and the University of Victoria.

In 2010, the parish of St. Paul amalgamated with four other parishes, All Saints (View Royal), St. Columba (Strawberry Vale), St. Martin's (Saanich), and St. Saviour (Vic West). At this time, the newly

formed parish was named St. Peter and St. Paul and now serves an even greater area.

We invite you to join us for this celebration. There will be a special 10:30 am worship service followed by viewing of exhibits, a light lunch and speakers. We especially invite people who were Baptized, attended Sunday School or the onsite School or were married in the church.

We are united in faith working together in three centuries, embracing and spreading God's love yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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# Five New Project Share in \$34,000 Vision Funds

By Ian Alexander

As previously reported in the Post, the Diocesan Vision Fund jury met in July and recommended five more projects to receive a total of just over \$34,000.00 in funding. Now that these recommendations have been approved by Diocesan Finance Committee and Diocesan Council, we are pleased to be able to share the details with you.

- \$7,230 to St. Luke, Cedar Hill for one-time funding to establish a contemporary worship program.
- Up to \$2,000 to the former
- parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith to continue their monthly community meal program in new premises in the coming year.
- \$5,000 to St. Barnabas, Victoria towards start-up funding for their proposed new Waldorf-inspired, faith-based preschool program, called "The River."
- Up to \$10,000 in seed money to assist with the ongoing development of a Kwakwaka'wakw Anglican Contextualized Church on the North Island.
- \$10,000 to support "Healing on the Land," a Summer 2017 camp for First Nations youth

organized by the First Nations organization "Surrounded by Cedar."

Altogether to date, the jury has distributed approximately \$45,000, and set aside potential commitments of another \$15,000 for next year. Most of this money comes from the Diocesan Vision Fund (which can dispense up to \$125,000 a year for three years). The jury is also able to recommend that projects receive support from the separate diocesan funds designated for Youth (up to \$50,000 per year), First Nations (up to \$25,000 per year), and Engaging God's World—covering economic,

social and environmental justice issues (up to \$25,000 per year).

A second call for applications to the Vision Fund has been issued, with a deadline of October 14th, 2016.

Applications are encouraged to faithfully seed local, regional and diocese-wide initiatives that give tangible expression to one of more of the eleven priorities of the Diocesan Vision, as articulated under the three headings of Faith in Formation, Faith in Action and Faith in Foundation.

Existing entities such as parishes

are eligible for matching grants covering 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000 in any one year. New initiatives may be eligible for full funding, up to the same level.

For more information on the diocesan Vision Fund, including the Call for Applications and an overview of the diocesan Vision, consult [bc.anglican.ca](http://bc.anglican.ca) or contact Stephen Martin, the diocesan executive officer, at [smartin@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:smartin@bc.anglican.ca).

### CORRECTION

in the September issue of the *Diocesan Post* we incorrectly gave Ian Alexander the designation of Canon of the Cathedral. He is Canon of the Diocese.

## Annual Christmas Fair & Holly Tea

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# St Michael and All Angels Chemainus Celebrates 150 Years of History

By Charles Norman

August 18 marked the 150th anniversary of the first Church of England service in the Chemainus River Valley. The service was held in a log cabin that was the home of William Andean in what was then known as Chemainus River and is now Westholme. There were seven services in the following year, all of them officiated by The Rev. Archdeacon Reece who travelled twelve miles through forest trails from Quamichan. At the time of that first service, what is now known as Chemainus was called Horseshoe Bay and was later called Chemainus Landing to differentiate it from the Horseshoe Bay on the Mainland.

We know very little about William Andean and not much more about his home. It was a two-room log cabin with a curtain dividing the two rooms. The cabin itself has now disappeared but its location is known within a few feet. The satellite photograph shows the site where the remains of the log cabin were once located.

For the next 25 years services were held in people's homes and later in rooms provided by the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing sawmill. During that time a townsite was laid out on property owned by the sawmill and land donated to the church for the

construction of the present church building.

A church was built at the corner of Willow and Mill St. and consecrated on August 29th 125 years ago, in 1891. There have been additions and modifications since but the church itself is essentially the same as it was then, with one important exception; the original stained glass window above the altar has been replaced by the existing window.

The first window, packed in molasses, came from England via Cape Horn. The replacement via the Panama Canal.

The present window, (see photograph), depicting Jesus and four Archangels was installed 90 years ago, in 1926. It was dedicated to the glory of God and to the memory of Edmund James Palmer. Palmer was the mill manager and had been very active in the church. He died on January 11, 1924.

The Palmer family chose a renowned English painter and sculptor, Percy Bacon, to design the window. Bacon had taken up working with stained glass and had established a facility in London to produce stained glass windows. His fame spread throughout the empire and many churches and cathedrals from that era have windows produced by the Bacon brothers. (Christchurch Cathedral in Victoria is

one of them).

This particular window is a gem, but the window at the west end of the church is also rated a classic of its type by experts in the field.

St. Michael and All Angels is celebrating the 150th anniversary of that first Church of England service on October 2nd. (The first Sunday after St. Michael's Day September 29th), with a catered banquet in the church hall. Bishop Logan McMenamie will be there. At the same time we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church and the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the stained glass window.



St. Michael and All Angels Stained Glass Window. Photo: Charles Norman



Site of the first Church of England service in the Chemainus River Valley. The Andean log cabin probably straddled the fence in the picture. Photo: Charles Norman

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