

LAUDAMUS

The Parish Newsletter of St Barnabas A&M Anglican Church, Ottawa



Fall 2018

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Strategic planning for the future of St. Barnabas

Dear Friends:

The Parish Council gathered on Saturday, October 20 under the leadership of Fr. John Bridges to begin the next phase of our strategic planning for the Parish. The morning was spent by responding to a series of questions to help us focus on the opportunities and challenges that we will need to address in the next 3 – 5 years.

This was the third visioning/strategic planning exercise that I have organized; we had similar gatherings in 2008 and 2011. I thought it was important to take the opportunity of this issue of Laudamus, in order to help us in our planning, to give a brief overview of the variety of ministries and activities that we are currently engaged in.

WORSHIP

The offering of the Holy Mass through the week and on Sundays continues to be at the heart of our understanding of the mission of St. B's. I have worked to respond to the issues raised at the vision days held in 2008 and 2011 to strengthen and enhance the worship life of the Parish. I have created, with much appreciated assistance, worship booklets for the High Mass and Low Masses and the various supplementary liturgies such as services for Holy Week, Requiem Mass and Baptism. I publish a monthly Ordo with the Mass schedule for the month, with the readings appointed and

the intentions for each Mass to encourage a greater participation in the weekday Masses. I have overseen the renewal of our vestment collection to ensure that everything that is

needed for our worship is in good order. Music, which is an important part of Anglo-Catholic worship, has been continually supported in a variety of ways. I oversaw the formalization of the Choral Foundation and the creation of by-laws and a governing board. I created a Music Committee to bring together people with expertise in music to help me oversee the music programme in

the Parish and to provide support to the work of the organist and choirmaster, Wesley Warren. I have encouraged the greater involvement of other clergy in the Parish to share in the offering of Mass and to share in the preaching in order to bring a variety of perspectives for the benefit of the Parish and the enrichment of our people. Wesley created the music booklet Cantate Domino with music for the Mass and Office. From your experience in the Parish, what do you think needs to be addressed regarding our worship in our planning?

FACILITIES

I have taken the initiative in renewing the facilities of our Parish, from overseeing the renovation of the Parish kitchen to the replacement of the floors and painting of the Parish Hall. Our heating systems in the Church

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A busy student group quenches its thirst

The Parish’s project of ministry and outreach to university students has decided on a name for their group — Sitio, which is Latin for “thirst.” The name captures the desire of the members who have a thirst to know Christ, to explore their faith, and to enjoy friendship and service. Sitio’s latest gathering was for dinner and Compline for All Souls on Friday, November 2. Due to Fiona Laverty’s leadership, the group enjoyed a time of worship, good food and fellowship.



MEMBERS OF SITIO — (from left to right) Mina Hanna, Cassandra Schantz, Bruce Patterson, Fiona Laverty, Chris Yordy, Aaron Shenkman, Sofiya Sapeha, Josh Lindner and Brian Wehrle.



Harmony Concert Series leads fall events of note

A new series of three fall concerts in the relaunched Harmony Concert Series promises an eclectic mix of talent.

November 28: Ottawa folksinger Sneezy Waters performs with guitarist Vince Halfhide. 7 pm.



Sneezy Waters



Jeffrey Li

December 1: Toronto’s Jeffrey Li, the 13-year-old singer who wowed the judges at America’s Got Talent,

performs. 7 pm.

December 12: Community Christmas Concert — Christmas Around the World.

The Harmony Concert series is an initiative by the Parish to use our facilities to

promote professional and emerging talent and to provide a new source of income to the Parish. Ticket information for each concert is available at the series website: www.harmonyconcerts.ca.

And don’t forget:
Parish Bazaar:
 Nov. 26
Advent Carol Service: Dec. 9 at 7 pm.

and Hall have all been updated and the much-appreciated air conditioning installed. I have obtained grants through Ottawa Hydro to replace — at little or no cost to the Parish — the lighting in the Parish Hall. I have worked with Jennifer Veitch to upgrade and replace the lighting and wiring in the Church and we are now in the midst of a fundraising campaign to finish this necessary work in the Church. The aim is to make our facilities up to date, energy efficient, cared for and welcoming to all who enter the doors of our church.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is a vital part of our life as a Parish community. In responding to the need for regular communication within and outside the Parish, I have reinstated the Laudamus parish newsletter, which is mailed usually four times a year to everyone on our Parish list. I have sent Christmas and Easter letters to every household in the Parish. I encouraged the updating and use of the Parish

website – special thanks to Devin Crawley, our webmaster; have started a parish Facebook page; and with the leadership of Laurel O’Connor we have a presence on Twitter. In the past year I have produced a monthly two-page newsletter to highlight upcoming events and news in the Parish. We have the beginnings of an email list for the Parish, which will enable us to communicate quickly and effectively. The card ministry by Elsa Frayne, where she sends birthday cards, anniversary cards, sympathy cards, etc. on behalf of the Parish,

continues to be much appreciated by everyone. I am certain there are a variety of other ways to make our communication within the Parish more effective, and your input and ideas are needed.



HOLY OFFICE — Jean Murray, shown, along with Allayne Evans, Christopher Cullen, Fiona Laverty and bulletin editor Ronald Bentley help keep the Parish office running smoothly.

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Parish. The budget process, for example, now involves the whole Parish Council in reviewing and approving the draft budget. I have established regular office hours and I have encouraged people to volunteer to help in the office on a regular basis to provide support to the work of the Parish. The annual Vestry report is now usually available two weeks before the Vestry to allow people time to be prepared for the meeting. Christopher Bowers and Joanne Beall have worked many hours to revamp and redesign our Parish list and records system.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care, which is the quiet day-to-day ministry of our Parish, continues to be the focus of the work of Fr. Beall and myself. I have instituted the regular prayers for each family of the Parish on a weekly rotating basis, with a prayer card being sent to the families to let them know they are being upheld in prayer. One of the new initiatives that has become more formalized this fall is our monthly service at the Bruyere long-term care facility on Bruyere Street, which was done in response to a request by a resident. With the end of the position

of Chaplain at the Bruyere Centre – which Fr. Beall filled in the early days of his retirement – there were no Anglican services offered on a regular basis.

Over the last few years we have seen a growth in the numbers of young adults either at university or starting their careers attending St. B's. At my invitation, Fiona Laverty has worked tirelessly to create opportunities for worship, study and fellowship to encourage and support this age group in our Parish. (The included photo sheet



ON GUARD FOR THEE – One of our servers, Brandon Longpre, is a proud member of the Governor General's Foot Guards. He was part of the changing of the guard ceremony this summer and continues to pursue a career in the Canadian Armed Forces.

highlights the group's recent activities.) To support this new ministry I applied for a grant to the Diocesan Innovation Fund, which seeks to support new ministry initiatives in the Parishes of the Diocese. I am happy to report that we have received a grant of \$4,200 for 2018/2019 to enable Fiona to devote more time to this growing ministry. If there are areas of pastoral care in the Parish or the wider community that you feel we as a Parish community need to address, please let me know.

EDUCATION

Education in the faith and in living the Christian life has always been a hallmark of St. B's. In continuing this important part of our Parish life, I have been encouraging and enabling the leadership of some of the many talented members to share their gifts in providing study opportunities during the year. In addition to arranging the annual Lenten Quiet Day, I have encouraged and sought out others to lead

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study sessions. For example, this Advent, with the skilled leadership of Dr. Hugh Hunter, we will have the opportunity to share in a study called "Philosophers and the Existence of God." This study will provide an excellent introduction to philosophy and to encourage all of us to explore our faith from a new perspective.

In 2019, to respond to the request for Bible study, Fr. David Rath has kindly agreed to host a Bible study during Lent. More information on both of these study opportunities will be available in the near future. If there are topics that you would like to see explored, or questions that you would have about the ministry and witness of St. B's, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

OUTREACH

Outreach continues to be an important part of our identity as a Parish. Yvonne Moses has given tremendous leadership in our Outreach activities, supported by many members of the Parish with their time and donations to the 'barrel' in the Narthex. One of the initiatives that I brought to Yvonne and her team was the need to open

our doors once a month to welcome the community into our hall for tea and conversation. What was originally envisioned to be for isolated seniors in Centretown has evolved into what is called the

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Communita.

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month our hall is filled from 2pm – 3:30pm as we welcome between 30 and 40 neighbours from a variety of backgrounds and ages, from retired Chinese professors to people living on low incomes looking for a safe and friendly environment to spend part of an afternoon. Our annual



A COZY GROUP — Dennis Boyd, standing, hosts a regular coffee gathering after each Tuesday morning Mass.

collection of items for the Christmas gift baskets and bags for Centre 454 and for the shut-ins and seniors of our Parish will begin during

Advent. Why not consider picking up some small toiletries, mitts, hats or small gifts for children that you can donate to help with this ministry? If you wish to know

more about the wide range of Outreach activities in the Parish or have suggestions how we might be of help, please speak to either Yvonne Moses or myself.

A WAY FORWARD

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To help us in moving into the future, it was decided at the end of our Saturday morning session that the Parish Council:

1. Establish a small committee (four members) to focus on

priorities and planning. Members should not be Wardens or Clergy. This committee would make recommendations to the Parish Council as to how we might address the challenges and opportunities identified by the committee.

2. Create a "Making Ministry Happen" Committee (four members). When the Parish Council agrees to the recommendations, this committee would be tasked to find ways to make them happen, finding creative ways to engage volunteers and make the recommendations a reality.

The leadership team of your Wardens and members of Parish Council and I look forward to hearing your ideas, suggestions and feedback as we plan for the continued growth of our beloved Parish of St. Barnabas.

In Christ,

The Rev. Canon Stewart W. Murray

Electrical and lighting campaign update

Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate towards the needed electrical upgrades and energy-efficient lighting campaign. We are well on the way to our goal of \$24,000 with our current total of \$15,500. The plan is to have the work done before Christmas.

Remembering the Parish legacy of Kathryn Missen

An inquest into the mishandling of an emergency call to 911 that resulted in the tragic death in 2014 of Kathryn Missen, a beloved member of the Parish and Choir, was held in Ottawa in late October and reported widely in the news. Kathryn died of asthma-related asphyxiation, and during the inquest her family has asked for the province to improve the processes involved in responding to emergency calls placed by people unable to properly communicate due to medical distress.



Among her many talents, Kathryn was a professional graphic designer, who created the original, and largely unchanged, design of this newsletter, in addition to brochures and other communication materials.

In 2015 a bench in her memory was installed on the James Street side of the



church, and it offers a place of rest for people who wish to sit and rest awhile.



INTREPID WALKERS — Kyle and Yvonne Moses and Margaret Pippy – Team St. Barnabas — participated in the Walkathon for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre on Oct 21. Over \$500 was raised to support the Centre.



St. B's own Fr. David Raths, top left, was one of the pipers leading the walkers on their Walkathon journey.

Choir featured in Healey Willan tribute concert

The Parish choir made a rare extra-liturgical appearance as featured performers in a concert dedicated to the music of Healey Willan on the 50th anniversary of his death, presented by the Ottawa chapter of the Royal

Canadian College of Organists on October 12. The event included organ performances by organist and choirmaster, Wesley Warren, assistant organist, Donald Russell, Sondra Goldsmith Proctor and Robert Jones.

Thank you to the choir for their gift of time and incredible talent that enhances our offering of Mass.



PUTTING FACES TO VOICES — Conductor Wesley Warren, left, shares the balcony with sopranos Patricia Kell, Suzane Thomas, Kate Jordan, Laurena Nash, choral scholar Sofiya Sapeha and Estelle Duez; tenors Donald Russell and Bruce Patterson; basses Sean Maher (choral scholar), Aaron Shenkman, Gary King and Ronald Bentley; and altos Peggy Robinson, choral scholar Cassandra Schantz and Elizabeth Brown. Not pictured: tenor and photographer Devin Crawley and bass Chris Yordy.

Newly reorganized library an excellent resource

The Parish Library is one of the hidden gems of our Parish. Dennis Boyd has spent the last year reorganizing and cataloguing the books of the library to make it more user

friendly. We have also been fortunate to receive a wonderful donation of books from Hope Clement, the former parish librarian, which has added a great variety of excellent books to our collection. Please consider checking out the table of books on display in the Parish Hall or visit the library to help you grow in your faith.



WILL HE BE A MUSICIAN? Shawn Joseph and Suzane Thomas, a soprano in the Parish choir, with their son Pascal. Pascal's baptism will take place on November 25.



BAPTISM: News from Australia as Charles Berry (Ruth Berry's grandson) and Kirstin welcomed their first child, Spencer Deans Berry. Kirstin, Charles and Spencer plan on a visit to Ottawa in the near future.



MARRIAGE: Samuel Kiramathypathy and Justine Payne married on September 29. Our prayers and best wishes to the happy couple.



PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

Sarah Marie Brownlee
August 5, 2018

Marriages

Samuel Kiramathypathy
and Justine Payne
September 29, 2018

Blessings of a Civil Marriage

Lyndra Griffith and
Benjamin Harnden
October 13, 2018

Funerals

Norma Anne Mellon
July 28, 2018

Carl Marcus Wolff
August 4, 2018

William James Blanchard
October 5, 2018

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