

# LAUDAMUS

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



Advent 2019 Strategic Planning Update · Art Days, Animal Blessings · Fr. Murray: 40 years ordained

## Clerical moves and personnel adjustments mark a busy Advent

Dear Friends:

The fall has rushed by and another Christmas is almost here. Your Parish has been a wonderful and busy place as you will see in this issue of *Laudamus*. We are truly blessed at St. Barnabas with a talented and creative group of people who give so generously of their time to make St. B's the special place that it is for all of us.

The ongoing strategic planning process continues to unfold and at Vestry in February we will have an update on the plan to strengthen the Parish and help it to move forward into the future. We are fortunate to have a team of clergy who work to support the ministry of the Parish, and I would like to thank Fr. Jim Beall, Fr. Don Tudin, Fr. David Rath, Fr. Roger Young and Fr. Matthew Borden for all their help this past year. Due to changes in the Diocese, Fr. Beall has been appointed

Interim Priest in Charge of St. Matthew's, Ottawa for at least the next 2 months, Fr. Young has been assisting in the Parish of March since October and will return to St. B's in the New Year.

For health reasons, Fr. Borden has moved to St. Patrick's Home but with the support of his wife Beth will continue to be with us at Mass as often as possible. As many of you may already know, our Bishop John Chapman has announced his retirement, and a new Bishop will be elected in March 2020. Please keep the Diocese in your prayers as we elect a new Bishop. Our synod delegates, Keith Keyes and Cathy Brittain, and I will be voting members of the electoral synod.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Devin Crawley for their help in producing the *Laudamus* newsletter. I may provide the content but Devin puts it all

together in an attractive and readable format, with proofreading help from Laurel O'Connor..

Finally on behalf of the Parish, I would like to thank Brian Wehrle, who has been with us for the past year and done so much to help redesign our weekly bulletin and manage the e-bulletin. Brian is returning to the Diocese of Albany to work in the Parish of Potsdam as part of his preparation for ordination. Our Prayers and best wishes go with Brian and we look forward to his return visits with us.

I would also like to extend my personal heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way to make the celebration of the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood such a memorable occasion. I was humbled by the kind words and wonderful gifts.

In Christ, Fr. Murray



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## Spiritual art and the blessing of animals



**ART AND SPIRITUALITY** — On Saturday, October 19, the Parish hosted a workshop “The Art of Spiritual Practice,” led by Rev. Linda Privitera (right), a multimedia artist and Anglican priest. The workshop explored the use of art as a spiritual exercise to deepen our encounter with Christ. A special thank you to Diane Roussel, who helped coordinate this event.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** — The Parish welcomed the community on Saturday, October 5 for the Blessing of the Animals. This new tradition for our Parish is a celebration of the gift of creation, particularly of our companion animals that bring us much joy and teach us about unconditional love.



**ANNUAL BAZAAR** — The 92nd annual Bazaar and Snowflake Café was held on November 23, and after a week-long preparation, the Hall was filled with all kinds of treasures and tasty treats. With the leadership of Allayne Evans and a dedicated group of volunteers the Parish raised just over \$8,000 to support the mission and ministry of St. B's. Thank you to all for a job well done.

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## An update on the strategic planning process

Following two very successful consultation sessions with parishioners during July and August, the strategic plan committee held a well-attended “town hall” meeting on October 20th to report on the consultations and to survey parishioners on a number of questions arising from them. The results of the survey, distributed to the

Parish in mid-November, showed a very strong consensus in support of the Anglo-Catholic identity of the Parish centred on traditional liturgy and music, and prioritized a number of proposals for further action. Parish Council recently named two new members to the committee, which now consists of Christopher

Byrne, Michelle O’Brien, George Rae, and Barbara Schultz-Desbrisay, with wardens William Hallett and Diane Roussel helping to coordinate the work. They have started working on a preliminary report that will continue to focus on the four themes identified, and on any others that may be relevant to the exercise.



**THE MUSICAL HERITAGE OF ANGLO-CATHOLICISM** — Our organist and choir director, Wesley Warren, gave a well-received presentation, “From Merbecke to Willan: the influence of the Oxford movement’s musical heritage,” on Saturday, November 16. Mr. Warren has kindly offered to present the talk again in the spring, so watch for the date in the bulletin.



**40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. MURRAY’S ORDINATION** — The Parish gathered in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 1 to honour Fr. Murray as he celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest. He was presented with a wonderful photo book, a beautiful hand-stitched memento and a generous purse. Thank you to everyone who help make the celebration a truly memorable occasion.

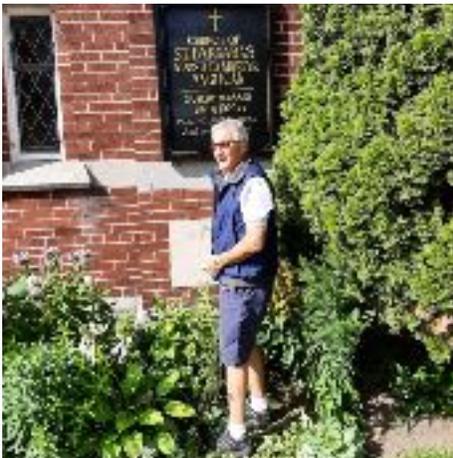
# News from the Sitio Youth Group



**ALL SAINTS PARTY** — The Sitio group gathered for a fun evening on All Saints day. The students were invited to come dressed as their favourite saint and they rose to the challenge. Thank you to Fiona Laverty for planning and hosting another successful event.



The Sitio Group hosted a Sunday morning lunch for the Students and young people of the Parish in September as we welcomed them back for another year.



**SIGN REFRESH** — One of the original outdoor signs which was removed many years ago due to its poor condition was carefully restored and made weather resistant by Lew Evans. The photo shows Lew rehangng the refurbished sign on the Kent St side of the Church. Thank you, Lew!

## CHURCH CRAWL

— Brian Wehrle (pictured) and Fiona Laverty hosted a booth at the University of Ottawa Church Crawl in September. This annual event is part of the welcome to new students to introduce the local churches that serve the University. Over 90 students came by the booth.



## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms

Edward Salter Hallett Murdock – Sept. 1, 2019

### Wedding

Alicen (Atack) Boag and Robert Shoemaker – Aug. 24, 2019

### Deaths

Doreen Murray\* - Jan. 16, 2019

William Murdock - Sept. 21, 2019

Shirley Browne - November, 2019

Gorden Brearley - Nov. 21, 2019

\* not a member of the Parish but requested a priest to preside at the funeral.

## Email newsletter

The Parish has started an email newsletter to help you stay up to date on news at St. B's. To subscribe for free, go to this URL:  
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