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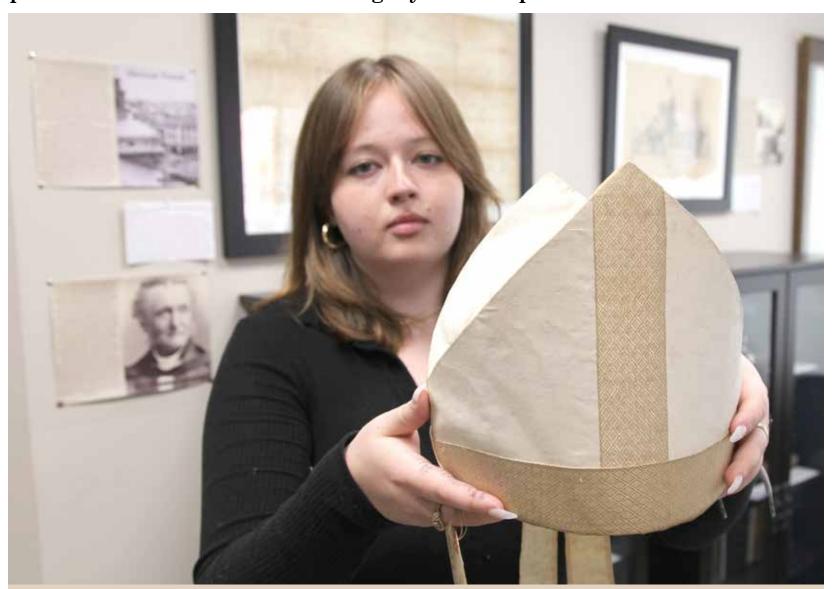


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Diocese of Ontario Archives launch museum style exhibit at Synod Office

■ The Diocese of Ontario Archives unveils 'The Boy Bishop,' a curated profile of the life and diocesan legacy of Bishop John Travers Lewis. **4**



KINGSTON. Archives Summer Intern Kelly Goslin holds a bishop's mitre that once belonged to Bishop John Travers Lewis. The mitre, along with other personal artifacts of Lewis', are on display at the Synod Office as part of an exhibit titled 'The Boy Bishop.' Photo-Mark Hauser.



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Lay Readers refresh, renew and reflect following Summer online annual conference exploring the Gospel through the lens of first century Palestine.

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Demonstrating Anglicans love of God and neighbor through effective ecumenical partnerships and community groups to make a difference in the lives of others.

The Good Samaritan

Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop asks how this New Testament Parable can inform our relationship with the natural world during the Season of Creation, not just in our relationship with others.

The integrity of God's creation

The Season of Creation is begun and the Diocese of Ontario Green Group takes steps to aid parishes in their efforts to live more consistently with the baptismal promise and the 5th Mark of Mission.

The God who performs miracles

Diana Duncan Fletcher uses daily devotions for insight and inspiration when life becomes unwieldy and a search for answers provides opportunity to reflect on the scriptures.

Summer Fruit for Souls 2022

A Study of Justice-Displaying Life As God Intended

Mary Raddon
Diocese of Ontario LayReaders

From far and wide, lay people gathered again via zoom to worship, pray, learn and chat at Summer Fruit for Souls 2022. As much as we missed the real life personal contact and warm hugs, we were able to keep safe even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues

The zoom platform enabled us to welcome participants from the dioceses of Huron, Toronto, Moosonee as well as Ontario

Despite fewer numbers of participants, conversations and learning were rich and well worth enduring the discomfort of zoom, and having to prepare our own meals!

Our speaker this year was the Rev. Dr. Willard Metzger, the executive director of Citizens for Public Justice. Dr. Metzger's topic was 'Displaying Life as God Intended.' He suggested that an individualistic way of viewing the gospel,

"Jesus and me" is a narrower approach than Jesus intended. Rather, Jesus and his early followers saw his ministry as societal and redemption as communal, even global. He suggested that an overemphasis on personal and individual salvation can lead to spiritual egoism. He stressed that God's passion is to restore the whole world, indeed, the cosmos.

Our day started with an opportunity for informal conversation, followed by deeply meaningful Morning Prayer, lead by very competent and experienced lay readers. Then we went into breakout rooms where we were asked to recall times in our lives when we experienced or witnessed various forms of discrimination or altruism. Rich conversations ensued.

Following the small group discussions, we had our minds sharpened with a lecture about attitudes and conditions in first century Palestine. After a break, our imaginations were

sparked by a story from the gospels by Dr Metzger who is a master story teller. Through his gift of creative storytelling, Dr. Metzger was able to take us to first century Palestine and illustrate for us the societal and cultural setting in which Jesus addressed injustices. Again, discussions about the story content were deep and meaningful. The mornings ended with prayers and some music.

The chat function on zoom enabled us to share resources that will be valuable to us in our service as lay readers.

We came away refreshed, renewed and broadened in our faith, reflecting on the learning we received, and recharged for our service to Christ and the church. And we did not have to drive home!

We look forward to meeting in person next year. Providence Spirituality Centre, which has hosted us for many years is no longer available, so we are looking for a new venue.



The Citadel of Jerusalem. At Summer Fruit for Souls, Lay Readers explored first century Palestine as the context for the societal and cultural setting in which Jesus addressed injustices. Image-Shutterstock.

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NEW A.C.W. Regional President for Hastings/Quinte



Pam Park (right) was inducted as the Regional President for Hastings/Quinte Region on June 27, by the Diocesan A.C.W. President Maureen Sills.

Fall 2022 A.C.W Regional Meetings

A.C.W. Regional meetings are being held this October in the following regions:

Hastings/Quinte

Tuesday, October 4 St. Andrew's, Wellington Contact: Pam Park, (613) 969-8942 pampark38@gmail.com

Leeds & Grenville

Thursday, October 6 Christ Church, Gananoque Contact: Margie Mulvihill, (613) 342-3281 margiemulvihill@gmail.com

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Tuesday, October 11 St. Mark's, Barriefield Contact: Maureen Butler (613) 389-7897 Maureen_butler@kingston.net

The cost is \$14 per person and \$10 for clergy. Please R.R.S.P. to the Regional Presidents a week before the meeting. All ladies are invited to attend.

Diocese of Ontario Foundation: serving others (part two)

Part One can be found in the Summer 2022 edition at www.anglican.ontario.ca/news/dialogue past issues

Ven John Robertson

ulliq – the traditional oil lamp used by the Inuit. In former times, the lamp was a multipurpose tool. The Arctic peoples used the lamp for illuminating and heating their tents, subterranean houses and igloos. Today such lamps are mainly used for ceremonial purposes, including offering a generous warm welcome. A qulliq was lit to welcome Pope Francis in late July on several occasions during his pilgrimage of penance to Canada. It was also lit to commence the investiture ceremony of Mary Simon, the first indigenous person to be appointed to the position of Governor General of Canada, in the Senate Chamber, 26 July 2021.

Pope Francis, in one of his homilies, linked the light of a qulliq to the light of the world to be shared by the disciples of Jesus. "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5.16) Anglicans know these words well, as they are recited by all participants following baptisms.

Hopefully these familiar words will remind everyone who has participated in the sacrament of baptism—including the congregation—of the closing four promises agreed to in the baptismal cov-

enant: "Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons loving your neighbour as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?'

Looking forward, the pilgrimage Pope reminded us of a thoughtful expression attributed to author, political activist and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel: "The opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference."

Perhaps that provocative thought was, to some extent, in the minds of those who began the process of establishing our diocesan Foundation in 2003. How can we as committed Anglicans work more effectively to demonstrate our love of God and of our neighbour? How can our parishes, the diocese and Anglicanrelated groups do more to counter any sense of indifference in our mission and ministry which may be perceived or not thoroughly explored? Are there increasing opportunities today to work more effectively ecumenically, or in partnerships with existing community groups to make a real difference in the lives of others? How can we translate our love



"Pope Francis, in one of his homilies, linked the light of a qulliq to the light of the world to be shared by the disciples of Jesus. 'Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'" says the Ven. John Robertston. Image-Shutterstock.

of God and neighbour into life-changing action in today's fast-changing society?

Our Foundation's contemporary mission statement paraphrases a more traditional one in our original corporation documents: Imagine a Church where tradition is not only honoured but

celebrated. Imagine a Church where tradition, combined with innovation and community partnerships, has the power to engage new members and friends, and respond in creative ways to ministry opportunities through our diocese and communities we serve. Imagine a Church which these ministries and programmes have the resources they need to thrive. It's not just a dream. With your help, it becomes a reality.

As we begin now another autumn "church season," celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and in early November remember the festival of All Saints, and commemoration of All Souls Day, along with Remembrance Day, this is a good time to reflect on our generosity for the well-being of others...the sharing of our gifts, energies, talents and financial resources.

Heavenly Father, you see how your children hunger for food, and fellowship, and faith. Help us to meet one another's needs of body, mind and spirit, in the love of Christ our Saviour.

-A New Zealand Prayer Book

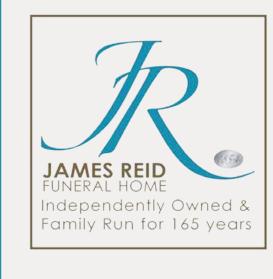
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The Boy Bishop

Diocese of Ontario Archives launches new museum style exhibit of our first bishop, John Travers Lewis

Mark Hauser Diocesan Communications

Archives Summer Intern Kelly Goslin reaches into a gray cardboard box and retrieves a cream-coloured bishop's mitre. Despite its 100+ year old age and slight signs of wear, the mitre is in excellent shape and once belonged to the first bishop in the newly formed Diocese of Ontario, Bishop John Travers Lewis.

Lewis' mitre and other personal artifacts are on display in a new museum style Archives exhibit located at the Diocese of Ontario Synod Office titled: 'The Boy Bishop'— as Lewis was known. He was consecrated bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario at just age 37.

This new exhibit is just one part of 'The Archives Project'—a sequence of steps the diocese has taken over the last number of years to rejuvenate the Diocese of Ontario Archives and bring it up to speed with modern archival practices. Beginning with

the move from 90 Johnson Street to its current home beside the Synod Office at 165 Ontario Street.

Kelly, who is entering into her Master's degree at Queen's University and specializes in the Early Modern Period exploring the Arminian Controversy of the Dutch Republic, explains that the project has moved the Archives towards the digitization of records and the creation of digital directories using Microsoft SharePoint.

With provincial CO-VID-19 restrictions lifted, the Archives is now ready to move forward in offering limited public accessibility. Kelly's work has been to assist the Archives reach that milestone. "What we want is to have some way of showcasing the archives and bringing exhibits out for the parishioners and the general public" she says, "We have a massive collection of a variety of things, we want that to be well known and available for people to enjoy whether they are researchers or just history enthusiasts.'

In launching the new





exhibit, the first decision was what of the Archives collection made sense to profile for the public. Says Kelly: "We produced a total of eight different exhibit possibilities ranging from the history of music in the diocese to architecture to looking at parish documents as a means of tracing social history." The choice ended up being a profile of John Travers Lewis as a homage to our



Lewis in 1860 prior to his bishopric.
Left) Silver tea set presented to Lewis by the congregation of St. Peter's Church in Brockville, 1862. Right) A bible presented to Bishop Lewis by former parishioners at Hawkesbury, 1861.
Photos-Mark Hauser.

general history and ties in with the celebration of the dioceses 160th anniversary this year.

The exhibit features a collection of Lewis' books and personal effects belonging to both he and his second wife, Ada Leigh, along with photos and a biography of Lewis' 40-year career with the diocese.

Kelly reflects on the need for people to engage

with history at a personal level with the items themselves. "History is just like everything else in the present day, it is tactile and multifaceted in every single sensory way. It's musical, is oral, is through patina, through texture... while you can digitize as much as you can, you can produce images, recordings, documentaries, you are still not getting the fullness of the items

themselves. The only way to truly appreciate them is in the physical format."

Along with producing the John Travers Lewis exhibit this Summer, Kelly worked with Diocesan Communications Officer Mark Hauser to record a series of videos showcasing the more notable items from the Archives collection-rare botanical engravings from the 1700's to a book titled 'The Sermons of John Calvin' published in 1581 to a mystery relic belonging to Ada Leigh Lewis purported to be connected to the doomed Frank Expedition of 1845. These Archives Showcase videos can be viewed on the Diocese of Ontario YouTube Channel and provide greater insight and profile into the unique historical gems contained within the Diocese of Ontario Archives.

Kelly's hope is that the public and parishioners alike will visit the Diocese of Ontario Synod Office and engage with 'The Boy Bishop' exhibit and the living history within our diocese that it represents, exploring the life and legacy of our first bishop, John Travers Lewis. "This exhibit," she states, "provides insight into Lewis not only as a bishop and religious figurehead, but as a son, a father, a husband and a scholar." It's a great introduction to our Archives and will be followed by other future exhibits displaying our rich Anglican history in Eastern Ontario

Who is my neighbor?

Rev Canon Sharon Dunlop

We have entered the Season of Creation—the time during our liturgical year when attention turns toward the natural world and our role in it

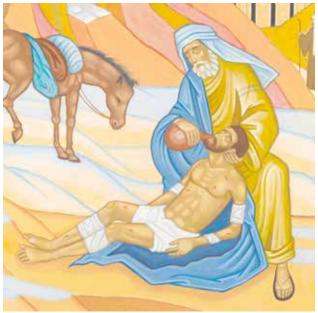
As I thought about this season, the Parable of the Good Samaritan came to mind. A lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to earn eternal life. He knows the commandments to love God with all his heart, soul, strength and mind. And to love his neighbour as himself, but he seems confused about who his neighbour is. Jesus responds with a story of a traveller who was attacked by robbers and left for dead. Two religious people pass him by. A Samaritan comes to his aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who is the

neighbour? The lawyer replies "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus replies "Go and do likewise." Note—Jesus says "go and do". This is to be an action—to the lawyer and to us as well.

We have no information about the robbers, the reason for the attack, nor who the victim is. We know something about the religious leaders. We know that the Samaritan showed compassion to the stranger without regard to ethnicity or social class.

How relevant is this parable to us today? The short answer is it is very relevant in the way we treat all human beings regardless of ethnicity, economic status, creed.

How might this parable apply in the context of our relationship with the natural world—animate and inanimate? Con-



"How relevant is the parable of the Good Samaritan today?" asks Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop. Photo-Shutterstock.

sider mining, logging and development—who would be the robbers? The victim? The passersby who do not help? Who is the good Samaritan?

The extraction of fossil fuels, minerals and elements over several decades has led to the devastation of surrounding lands, forests, peat lands and contamination of rivers and lakes. Could the robbers be the multinational oil companies, mining companies, the forest industry, bottled water companies? The victim? Could it be the earth,

forests and trees, natural resources deep in the ground, climate change resulting from the release of high levels of carbon into the atmosphere, the dwindling supply of clean drinking water? Consider the original people who have lived in the area for thousands of years, facing depletion of food sources and unusable water supply. The centuries old migration pattern of caribou, etc. interrupted. Is this an extension of colonialism into the present day?

Who are the passersby? Are they aware of what is happening but choose not to involve themselves? Could that be us and our "throw-away" lifestyle? The push towards purchasing electric vehicles could have a dark side caused by the extraction of minerals and elements to build electric vehicle batteries. Could this lead to a new environmental hazard? Research the pros and cons of the extraction

proposal for the "Ring of Fire" area in Northern Ontario.

Who is the "good Samaritan"? Could this be us? Could we take a critical view of our habits and lifestyles through an ethical lens to see where and how there can be change for good?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being." Through Christ, the world came into being and humankind was commanded to take care of it; not to exploit or desecrate it.

All creation is our closest neighbour, we live in it every day. How do we follow Christ's command to "go and do likewise" as good Samaritans in our relationship with the natural world?

Diocese of Ontario Green Group

"Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?"

Diocesan Green Group

Will, with God's help."
By replying this way
to the above—our baptismal promise and the 5th
Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion—we
have committed ourselves
to care for Creation.

The approaching Season of Creation is a timely reminder of our obligation. God's Creation is under great stress, and the signs of its suffering are everywhere: from the changing climate and its accompanying heat waves/floods/forest fires, to the loss of species and of entire ecosystems, to increasing water scarcity, to growing plastic pollution of the environmentand increasingly also plastic pollution within our own bodies. This is the time for Christians to live consistently with the beliefs we profess. The 2021 Synod of the Diocese of Ontario recognized the emergency and approved a 7-part Resolution, committing the diocese to strong action focused on the 5th Mark of Mission.

Your Green Group has taken steps to help churches and individuals in acting on the Synod Resolution.

1. We have prepared a detailed Creation Care section for the diocesan website https://www.



ontario.anglican.ca/creation-care that contains a wealth of information, including: Season of Creation and other liturgies celebrating God's Creation; importance, value, and threats to various parts of the environment (climate, water, ecosystems, insects); and ways of living more consistently with the 5th Mark (food, plastic pollution, church buildings).

2. Many churches completed a Creation Care survey we distributed. The survey was designed to help congregations identify areas and ways they could live more consistently with the 5th Mark and to prepare action plans. Care for the church premises was an important aspect of the survey.

3. The most urgent and most challenging clause of the Resolution approved by the 2021 Synod was "the development of action plans including reducing their carbon

emissions by 50% by 2030 over 2018 levels and to report annually to Synod Council on progress being made." As most people now know and the Synod recognized, this is the key action in response to the climate emergency. Many churches are still heated with natural gas and some with oil, both greenhouse gas (GHG) pollutants that directly contribute to the deteriorating climate.

4. To assist churches in dealing with the GHG challenge, we have prepared a separate webpage dealing with church buildings (https://www.ontario. anglican.ca/creationcare/church-buildings). Downloadable files on this webpage include a) descriptions of churches in the diocese heated with electricity (essentially GHG- free in Ontario), and b) a discussion of the ways of reducing the amount of GHG for churches that for various reasons are still heating with gas or oil. Item b) includes consideration of the minimum temperature church premises are kept when not in use; this turns out to be the most important factor in determining the amount of emitted GHGs - and also the cost of heating since the six cold season months account for more than 80% of energy use.

5. We have prepared two options for the churches to follow and communicated these to wardens and treasurers. For churches needing professional help, we have identified an energy audit expert who is available to visit any church in the diocese, carry out necessary assessments, and provide advice for followon actions. For churches not ready to take that step, we have offered to provide heat loss images using a thermal imaging camera. The Green Group is purchasing the required equipment and will obtain such images during the late fall and winter when the church premises are heated. We are offering this service at no charge to the churches, in the hope that their GHG emissions and the heating costs will both be reduced as a result.

Creation is suffering, and so will we unless we change our ways. The Green Group (greengroup@ontario.anglican. ca) stands ready to help diocesan churches and congregation members live more consistently with the baptismal promise and the 5th Mark of Mission.



The Green Group of the Diocese of Ontario is ready to help parishes commit to care for Creation. Photo-Shutterstock.

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Stewardship Reflections

Based on the Revised Common Lectionary - Liturgical Year C

The following reflections are intended to encourage individuals, parishes and others during the season of Pentecost to think about biblical and holistic stewardship and serve as guideposts along the way of our individual and collective faith journey. Loving God, in the midst of hard times, and in the midst of good times, we are grateful for joyful generosity. Thank you for your generosity to us and for the privilege of sharing in service. Amen.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

A stewardship prayer based on labour day

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

A stewardship prayer for the Season of Creation September 1 to October 4

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

A reflection based on Luke 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 25. 2022

A reflection based on Luke 16:19-31

OCTOBER 2, 2022

A stewardship prayer for the Season of Creation September 1 to October 4

OCTOBER 9, 2022

A stewardship prayer based on Harvest and National Thanksgiving

OCTOBER 16, 2022

eason after Pentecost

A reflection based on Luke 18:1-8

OCTOBER 23, 2022

A reflection based on Luke 18:9-14

OCTOBER 30, 2022

A reflection based on Luke 19:1-10

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

A reflection based based on all the readings of the day (Daniel 7:1-3,15-18;
Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23;
and Luke 6:20-31)

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

A reflection based on Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 20. 2022

A reflection based on Colossians 1:11-20 13TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Creator God, the source of wisdom and purpose, and the blessing of those who labour; be with us in our work to guide and govern the world. Give to all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labour, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you. (Source: prayerist.com)

14TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Source of all life, we give thanks to you for your wondrous creation made manifest in the environment that surrounds us; strengthen us in the mission of stewardship and care towards nature, the work of your hands, encouraging us to preserve life in all its precious forms. (Source: Rev. Luiz Coelho, Episcopal Church of Brazil, 2018)

15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: In today's gospel, Jesus teaches the church, "You cannot serve God and wealth." Faithful stewards know this and offer their material blessings to further God's mission to the world. What are a few ways that we are doing so in 2022? Thank you for sharing in service!

16TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: It seems that the rich man knew Lazarus but offered nothing to relieve his pain and suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life and what am I doing to quietly help and take care?

17TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Creator God, we ask for the grace to hear the "cry of the earth" and in so doing to care for creation. In giving us a new spirit of listening, transform our hearts with a desire to respond. (Source: pray.com.au)

18TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth. We praise you for your glory and thank you for your goodness towards us. We praise you for your generous gifts and for bringing fruitful results to our labours. As we rejoice in your kindness, we pray also for those in need. Open our hearts to them and teach us to be as generous to others as you are to us. (Source: greenchurches.ca).

19TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Yes, faithful stewardship requires a great deal of persistence and there are many occasions when it is easier to feel discouraged and overwhelmed. Thankfully, we know that Christ is travelling the road with us and can be trusted.

20TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Jesus teaches about humility and judging others. Faithful stewards offer our gifts, including speaking healing words of encouragement.

21ST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: This is conversion leading to a life of faithful stewardship! Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus results in real generosity offered day by day in proportion to his faith.

22ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: Who are the saints who encourage you to give thanks as examples of loving discipleship? Who are the saints in your lives serving as examples of faith, courage and integrity?

23RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: It is a privilege learning and seeing how our church buildings are used for worship, parish activities and community engagements. Yes, faithful stewards take care of the buildings for use. What are the ways that you offer your facilities in service? Thank you for doing so!

THE REIGN OF CHRIST: Saint Paul, referring to Christ, writes, "all things have been created through him and for him." Today we celebrate Christ's reign as one church year draws to a close and a new year is anticipated. What are the ways that our faithful stewardship reflects the blessings entrusted to us with Jesus as Lord of our lives and how does this direct us in what we are called to do next year?

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To a God who works miracles, each day is "another God provided opportunity to get it right" says Diana Duncan-Fletcher. Photo-Mark Hauser.

Christian Love and acceptance

Diana Duncan-Fletcher

((T)ou are the God who $m{L}$ performs miracles;" Psalm 7:14(a).

Every day I read from a book of daily devotions called The Upper Room Disciplines. Each week a different person shares his or her beliefs using the Lectionary readings. Sometimes I agree with their 'take' on the Scriptures; sometimes I fail to see what they believe. Often the person sharing their insights is a church leader, an ordained priest or pastor, and/or an author with several books out there for us to read. Their knowledge is most helpful when life is unwieldy, and I am searching for answers. Occasionally, however, the author of the week has no credentials after his or her name, but the joy in their life is very clear. I find that most heartening. It gives me hope.

This has been a difficult past year. First, my husband, Fred, suffered a terrible fall and broke his

pelvis early in 2021. He then spent two months in Providence Care Hospital in Kingston during the most extensive COVID-19 protocols. He needed a lot of ongoing medical attention as a result. We bought a house in Kingston to be closer to the various specialists and hospitals. Initially my daughter, Jennie, was able to work via Zoom from our new house during the day. In the evenings and on weekends she had the skills to upgrade it to be accessible. She occasionally went back to her own home in St. Catharines, but for six months took on this huge renovating job for us. A wonderful gift.

Meanwhile I struggled with downsizing our country home in Carrying Place in Prince Edward County, and visiting Fred in the hospital during his slow recovery. It all took its toll on my health. I am at present on my fourth pacemaker, and this one is a brand new bullet type which deals with both parts of the heart. I am a guinea

pig, seen monthly by an enthusiastic medical team who are still trying to get my health under control. But I am alive! As Psalm 30:12(b) says: "...my heart may sing to you and not be silent, O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever."

This particular reading helped me, too, when, after five years struggling with Parkinson's Disease, my brother, David, died in Penticton, B.C. Although I truly do believe he is now at peace, I have been dealing with sadness and frustration at not being able to be with him in person before he died.

COVID-19 also meant, of course, that we could not be present at the scattering of his ashes in the Rockies. "In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us." I find these are very meaningful words from The United Church of Canada's New Creed.

This past summer we finally put our Carrying Place home on the market. We do miss living there very much. Eventually our Kingston house will

become home. It takes more than furniture and possessions to do that. But we believe that: "This is the house that the Lord has [provided] built; we will be glad and rejoice in it."

So, every morning when I get up and do those Bible readings and read what each author writes, I have a new day to celebrate. This is a fresh sheet of paper to use, so to speak. I have another God-provided opportunity to get it right. Yesterday's mistakes and good things are still there, but today I am given another opportunity to reach out and give to others. I know it is a gift from above. Thanks be to God!

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I intend to appoint Archdeacon **David Selzer** as diocesan executive officer (Pro Tem), effective September 6, following the conclusion of his appointment as interim priest-incharge of St. George's Cathedral and interim dean of Ontario. David has significant experience as an executive



archdeacon, having served in that capacity within the Diocese of Ottawa for a number of years. I am very pleased that David has agreed to assume this role.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Canon **Lynn Dillabough** as incumbent of Christ Church, Cataragui, effective September 1, 2022.

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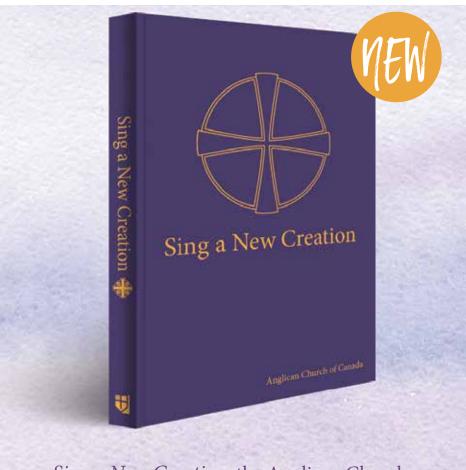
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