

Summer Supplement 2019

THE BRIDGE

Bringing together the Parish of St. Joseph and St. George

St. John's
Hilton Beach

Holy Trinity
Jocelyn

St. George's
Echo Bay

Chapel of the Intercession
Llewellyn Beach

From the Incumbent's Desk

In the second week of May, clergy and lay delegates from every parish in our widespread diocese came together in Sault Ste Marie for our 49th Synod. We gathered to learn together, to worship together, and – of course – to do the business of the Church together. As Anglicans, we say that our church is “episcopally led and synodically governed”. The word “Episcopal” comes from the Greek word “Episkopos” which literally means “overseer” (epi = over; skopos = watchman). The word “synod” comes from the Greek word “synodos” which means “assembly” or “meeting”. In a nutshell, this means that bishops have oversight and make many decisions as they carry on the role originally undertaken by the apostles – the bishops are responsible for the unity, discipline, and orthodoxy of



members under their charge. This doesn't mean that bishops make *all* of the decisions. In the Anglican Church, no single person holds the power to make decisions on behalf of the wider church – not even the Archbishop of Canterbury. This is where the “synods” come in. The Bishop, clergy, and lay delegates gather every couple of years in Diocesan Synod to make decisions together concerning the ongoing life of the diocese. This model holds true at the parish level too. The incumbent (the bishop's representative) makes certain types of decisions but representatives of the parish gather in synod (the parish council) to make other decisions together. Anglicans often engage in a lot of dialogue before coming to any sort of consensus – and sometimes a consensus is never reached. Some people find this method frustrating and think, perhaps, it would be simpler if our church had a “do this/don't do that” way of operating like other denominations do. However, it is one of the beauties of Anglicanism that we are able to embrace our diversity as a strength. Millions of Anglicans around the world are held together by bonds of love – not because we are all the same and certainly not because we all agree on everything. I was so very proud of the Anglican Church as represented by the people of Algoma in our Diocesan Synod – we spent time in dialogue over the controversial issue of same-sex marriage and, in a



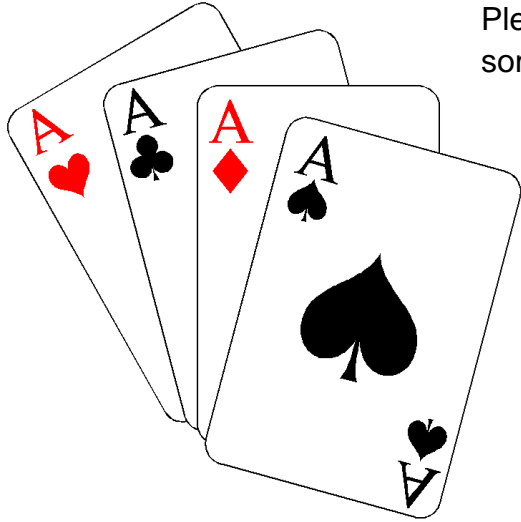
roomful of 200 people, there was not even one raised voice. The large room was filled with the quiet hum of people sharing their thoughts while the other people at their table compassionately and respectfully listened. There is a wide range of opinions on this issue but what became clear rather quickly was that people are committed to being the Anglican Church in Algoma together – differences and all. In *Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*, we are called “to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one

another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” (Eph.4:1-6)

Yours in Christ,

Susan Montague Koyle

Many thanks to everyone who took part in one or both of our cemetery clean-ups (at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn and at St. John's, Hilton Beach)! We very much appreciate all of the helping hands. The cemeteries look beautiful.



Please join us the first Wednesday of each month for some fun in our new venture...

Games Afternoon

for those 50+

Where: The Legion (Lounge)

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Dates: 1st Wednesday of each month (summer dates are July 3rd and August 7th)

Bring your favourite board game or card game! Bring your knitting or crocheting or just bring yourself and hang out! We'll provide coffee, tea, and goodies. ☺

Our Parish ACW – Small Group, BIG Impact!

The ACW has hosted two events so far in 2019 – the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and a yard sale during Echo Bay 4 Sale. With those two events combined, the ladies have already raised nearly \$1500! All of this money will be given to those in need through donations to various charities in the area and in the wider church. In addition, loads of clothes and small household items have already been given to organizations such as *Pauline's Place* and *The Women in Crisis Shelter*. At the time of writing, the ACW is about to hold a Spring Tea so we wish them well in that endeavour too! Thank you very much to everyone who has supported our events! We couldn't do it without you.





Sunday, May 26th, The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin dedicated the portable home communion set (pictured) given in memory of Don Callahan by his wife Edith. The plaque reads: Presented to the Parish of St. Joseph & St. George, to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Don Callahan, 1933-2018.

Don enjoyed working with groups of people whether it be at the Pancake Supper, Pastie Luncheon, or the Sunday Morning breakfasts at St. George's.

He was also equally skilled with carpentry tools helping with building the new Sacristy, or the walls and wainscoting in the Church Hall at St. George's. You are missed Don. BME

Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual May 29-31

What a thrill it was for members of our parish to hear Roberta Bondar speak about her great love and care for creation. It was an unforgettable experience!

I was also very excited to be asked to speak about the work of the Council of the North in Canada. This is a ministry *of* our church *for* our church. The Council of the North financially supports dioceses across our country that account for 85% of the entire Canadian land mass but just 15% of our population. This ministry ensures that people all across our great country hear and experience the good news of Jesus Christ.



A Madagascar – Mary Sherwood Update

Mary has just celebrated 25 years of mission work with the school and orphanage in Madagascar. The good news of Jesus Christ is shared with the children as they are loved and educated, helping them to become productive and caring members of their society. It's hard to picture what life is like in other countries...a measles outbreak spread like wildfire among the children because they don't have a vaccination programme like we do in Canada. Canadian Anglicans have been generously supporting Mary throughout these 25 years but donations have been dwindling. If you'd like to lend your support, you can send money to Mary through the Anglican Missions Service Committee, Box 1072, Sault Ste Marie, ON, P6A 5N7. Thank you.

We're Going Green!

As a parish, we are making more of an effort to be environmentally friendly. The people of St. George's have been recycling for quite some time and Holy Trinity has recently joined in. Little changes can make a big difference - using "real dishes" or biodegradable dishes for our coffee time and potlucks, using "green" cleaning products, and we are even going to try our hand at composting. With the help of the Island's horticultural society, we will be offering a presentation on composting so please stay tuned for more details.

Announcing...



Special Services Coming Up:

July 14th: 11am Memorial Service – Holy Trinity,
Jocelyn

August 4th: 11am Memorial Service – St. John's, Hilton
Beach

August 18th: 10:30am Eucharist – The Chapel of the
Intercession, Llewellyn Beach; Archbishop Anne Germond
presiding

September 8th: 11am Eucharist – St. John's, Hilton Beach;
followed by a potluck at 12:15pm

Also Coming Soon...

The Church Closet – St. George's Parish Hall, Echo Bay

Every Saturday, 10am-1pm beginning June 15th, ending September 14th

Come check out our bargains on gently used clothing for all sizes and shapes, Books, Bedding, China, Household items, Glassware, Small furniture, Linens, Small appliances, Toys and Tools.

One last thing...It struck me that, in over 2000 years, our call to live as Christians has remained the same. And so, here are words that Paul wrote to the Christians in Colossae that still ring true for us:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:12-17)