

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Miss Hasell's caravan and today's youth

The Right Rev. Rodney Andrews
Bishop of Saskatoon

When Saskatchewan and Alberta became provinces in 1905, the Anglican Church was already established here. Northern Saskatchewan was led by its fourth bishop (Jervois A. Newnham who lived in Prince Albert). We had established a theological college (Emmanuel College founded 1879) and many churches were in regular use. In the south Qu'Appelle was led by the third bishop (John Grisdale) and churches had sprung up along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Our name was The Church of England in Canada and our connection with the 'old country' was a lifeline. Money from England paid for churches, rectories and parish halls and provided a good portion of clergy salaries.

By the 1950s the church in western Canada had 'come of age' and support from England was diverted to parts of the world with greater needs. Pride in our self support is reflected today in our determination to maintain our dioceses and parishes in spite of many challenges.

Eva Hasell founded the Western

Canada Sunday School Caravan Mission in 1920. Each winter she collected money in England to fund a fleet of Ford cube trucks, all painted grey, which spread out across the west.

Teams of young women travelled from farm to farm and town to town conducting childrens services, giving Bible lessons and starting Sunday Schools.

Miss Hasell and her helper Iris Sayle recruited women in England who traveled by sea and rail to their summer missions. Often a woman from England was teamed with a young woman from Canada. The trucks were large and not well suited to muddy, rutted prairie back roads so it was quite a challenge for them.

Miss Hasell had strict rules about 'fraternization' with members of the opposite sex. Nevertheless, a number of former 'vanners' married clergy and local farmers. Several women who are active in our parishes worked on the 'Caravan.'

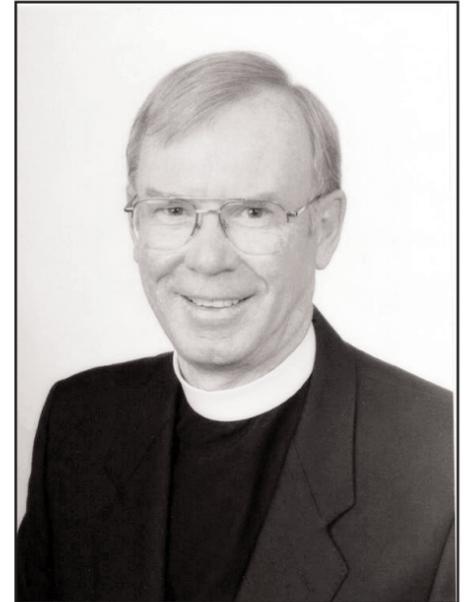
The Caravan ended when Miss Hasell and Miss Sayle were no longer able to raise money and supervise the work. They donated the assets of the Mission to be held in trust by General Synod. Their

work continues through grants for Vacation Bible Schools, youth work camps and projects to deepen the faith of young people.

This year our Diocese of Saskatoon Labor Day youth conference 'Youth Discover Christ' will be funded in part of the Western Canada Sunday School Caravan Fund. One hundred young people, ages 12 to 17, will gather at Camp Kinasao on Christopher Lake. The theme of the conference is 'Go Deeper' and the weekend is designed to help the young people realize 'theirs is the Kingdom of God and they are the children of God.'

I don't think Miss Hasell and Miss Sayle would approve of the lively Christian music at the Youth Discover Christ conference. I do expect they would take satisfaction that the work they began 85 years ago continues in a form and style which speaks to our youth today.

What is this but a connection with the past giving hope for the future? A youth ministry begun long ago but still speaking



to young people. Something to think about when drawing up your will. . . . You could leave something behind which will continue your life work years after you are gone. + Rodney

Qu'Appelle Synod Office to move

by George Axon

REGINA - The Diocese of Qu'Appelle will no longer have a presence on the College Avenue complex. The synod office will be moving from its present location of St. Cuthbert's House, 1501 College Avenue. The buildings have been sold to a local group who plans to develop it.

Incorporated in 1884 the Synod of the diocese had its first headquarters at Qu'Appelle and later Indian Head. The offices moved to Regina in 1911-12 to the newly built complex raised by the diocese on 16 acres of land located on College Avenue. The buildings were named Harding House, St. Chad's Chapel, Bishop's Court, St. Cuthbert House and Anson House which housed the first synod office. The offices moved to St. Cuthbert's in 1967.

As the needs of the diocese changed the uses for the complex changed also. A variety of people have been accommodated in the buildings. In addition to the bishop who resided in one, there was, in the early days, a group of clergy who lived in residence and traveled along branch lines ministering to scattered congregations. As well, the Qu'Appelle Diocesan School, (QDS) a boarding school for girls; Bishop's Sunday School by post; quarters for out of town clergy; a co-op residence for university students and St. Chad Theological College found a home within the buildings.

Use of the complex has been dropping away since 1975 when the property was sold to the provincial government. Several of the buildings were leased but are no longer occupied. St. Cuthbert's is the last diocesan building to be vacated.

It is anticipated that the offices will move by the end of October. The use of new facilities may be short term (1-2 years) however, as new options for the future of the headquarters of the 121 year-old Qu'Appelle Synod are explored.

Ascension Day balloon launch at Arborfield



Photo - G.R.Neel

By Munden Coates

Arborfield - On Ascension Day, May 5, the Anglican congregation at Arborfield (Diocese of Saskatchewan) celebrated its namesake. After a potluck, prayers and some singing members of the community gathered for the 15th annual balloon launch.

Church records show that the first balloon launch was celebrated in 1991 although many of the senior parishioners dispute that date claiming that it was initiated a decade before. This year's event was well attended by the children of Arborfield. Rev. Garth Neel led the prayers and the singing and after a brief explanation of the symbolism the countdown started.

Inside each of the helium filled balloons was the good news from Luke and the address of the church. The light wind was blowing to the north east. To date we have not been notified of any downed balloons being retrieved but residents of Carrot River, Cumberland House and Flin Flon are asked to be on the lookout.

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New Ecumenical Centre Director ordained priest in St. John's Cathedral

By Gwendolyn Gresham

SASKATOON - A birthday can celebrate the end of the year past as well as the hopes for the year to come. This could not have been more true for the Reverend Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard as she was ordained priest on her birthday, May 31, at St. John's Cathedral in Saskatoon.

Following a long journey toward the priesthood, Dr. Bigland-Pritchard was recently ordained deacon and appointed to River Valley Parish. Several members of her new parish were present, including St. John's, Borden, choir members who joined others in the diocesan choir. With her husband and daughter still in England in the final stages of preparing to move to Canada to join her, Dr. Bigland-Pritchard was accompanied by family and friends. A long-time family friend, Archdeacon Geoff Huggill, preached the sermon.

The Archdeacon reminded the congregation that what is expected of a new priest is also expected of all Christians. Each of us that claims ministry in Christ's body can claim Christ's priestly prayer or God can claim it of us—"All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them."

While parishioners were reminded of their part in supporting Dr. Bigland-Pritchard in her role as their priest, Jan was reminded of the challenges of entering into the life of a priest. Archdeacon Huggill summed up the increasing pressures and strains for the church, particularly in the 21st century, with a quote from Archbishop Ramsey. Ramsey once wrote, "The Church is called to serve without ceasing; but never to commend itself to the world by providing what the world would most like and approve on the world's own terms. When the Church tries to commend itself in this way it can do good, it can win admiration for awhile, but it can lose the power to lead [people] to repentance, to divine forgiveness, and to the God of the Resurrection."

This message may be especially applicable for Jan Bigland-Pritchard. As she begins her work as a priest of the Anglican Church, she is also the new director for the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. In the latter position she will have much contact with those outside her parish and the Anglican Church.



The Reverend Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard was ordained priest on May 31 at St. John's Cathedral. She serves River Valley Parish and is the Director of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

Photo - Gwendolyn Gresham

A Pilgrimage to Holy Island (Lindisfarne)

By Elisabeth Quinton



Elisabeth Quinton and her cousin Fran Jacobs outside St. Mary's Church

Why does one make a pilgrimage? The reasons are complex and many but suffice it to say I did indeed go on a pilgrimage/journey this spring, one destination being the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

The island is situated off the northeastern coast of England, close to the borders of Scotland. It is a small island but big in history, very deeply rooted in our English Christian background and forms part of our heritage. It is where St. Aidan brought the Christian Gospels to the Celtic people of Northumbria. All this before St. Augustine came from Rome to Kent. St. Cuthbert and St. Chad are all part of the background and there is a connection between this latter saint and Lichfield too.

The Vikings repeatedly raided this little island and eventually the Benedictine monks were driven out. It remained uninhabited for about 200 years. When they returned they renamed Lindisfarne 'The Holy Island' to commemorate the shed blood of their slain brothers during those terrible raids of plunder and pillage. One of the finest examples of Celtic Art of this era originated here in the form of the Lindisfarne Gospels, beautiful illuminated manuscripts which are now preserved in the British Library.

Access to the island is by a causeway. This same causeway is the one St. Aidan and St. Cuthbert would have used. Today

at Easter pilgrims still use this connecting path and walk across at low tide. In recent times a small roadway has been built; however the North Sea still floods over this route and one has to be careful of incoming tides. For those who wish to venture on foot and take the Pilgrim's Way an open safety box has been installed above sea level to allow refuge for those who are trapped by the incoming sea.

One of the reasons for my pilgrimage was to meet up with a cousin. Someone I hadn't seen for fifty-seven years. This was to be a meeting of family reconnection, of reconciliation, of forgiveness and love. Leaving the Benedictine Priory ruins outside and seeking shelter from the biting wind, we made our way into the stillness of the Parish Church of St. Mary's accompanied by Norman, a Baptist minister. We said prayers together for our families and Norman asked if he could sing the Mid-Day Office from the Celtic Book of Daily Prayer. With sweet toned clarity his sung prayers resounded around this ancient church. A spontaneous moment of praise. My cousin and I held hands together and were lost in the moment. I left a little of myself there that day.

Sadly the visit to the island was short, the tide was coming in. I left knowing Lindisfarne, The Holy Island, was special and I, too, had carved a small place in it's history.

Doug Lee passes away

by Barbara-Lynn Dixon

REGINA - The congregation of All Saints' Church were saddened at the recent death of Doug Lee who was a charter member of this parish, founded in 1959, and a noted broadcaster.

When the Regina Branch of the Prayer Book Society was founded, Mr. Lee served on its Board of Directors. He was also instrumental in organizing the annual Prayer Breakfasts which were attended by many community leaders and always featured an excellent inspirational speaker. Lee read the lessons in church and made sure that his reading and presentation were flawless. With his excellent speaking voice, honed in public broadcasting, his reading from the bible was exceptional. He preferred the King James version of the bible with its exquisite Elizabethan prose and he would some-

times use this version for special readings such as Christmas Eve.

Mr. Lee had worked at CKCK-TV from 1959 until his retirement as director of administration and community relations in 1990. He received the Order of Canada in 1985, and was singularly proud of this particular honor.

As well as his career in broadcasting, Lee was active in community affairs. He joined Ranch Ehrlo Society's board in 1979, and was president from 1984-1986. He was instrumental in establishing Regina and Saskatchewan Crimestoppers, chaired the United Way in 1968, and helped found Junior Achievement in Regina. He served as president of the Regina Chamber of Commerce, Regina Community Association and the Regina Highland Festival Association. He was also involved in the Canadian Foundation of Ileitis and Colitis, the YMCA, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of Canada and the Canadian Legion.

Camp Okema fundraiser at Saskatoon

Friday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.

Family Dance
(Tots to Grandparents)
Music for all ages!
Door Prizes!
Face Painting!
Free Popcorn!
Looney Concession!
Glow Sticks!
Sleepy Hollow Pinata!
Bunny Hop!
Scottish Country Dancing!
Spot Dances!
Bird Dance!

An evening of great fun for the whole family. At St. Timothy's parish camp weekend at Okema last September, the congregation affirmed that church camps have made major impacts on people's lives, and have encouraged deeper commitments in journeys of faith all through the years. The church decided to celebrate with a fundraiser for Camp Okema. For more information and tickets, call Betty at 249-4060 or St. Timothy's office at 343-1332.

St. Timothy's Anglican Church
2101 Landsdowne Avenue, Saskatoon
Family \$10.00 Individual \$3.00

Creating unity, celebrating diversity

Bishop Rod drives a tractor to all corners of the diocese

By Penny McKinlay

SASKATOON - Bishop Rodney Andrews of the Diocese of Saskatchewan spent 14 days driving an antique John Deere tractor from one end of his diocese to the other to celebrate Saskatchewan's 100th birthday. The trek covered 1500 kilometres and included 30 events attended by over 1000 people. It raised over \$42,000 for AIDS Africa, Camp Okema and flood relief in Guyana. The Tractor Trek was a happy event and it united the diocese. As an Evesham resident remarked, the tractor trek was "the best thing to happen to this parish. They showed they cared enough to come."

No church event would be complete without food. Coffee was served in an antique shop in Delisle. Watson celebrated its church's 90th anniversary with a cake. In Battleford, they roasted a 300-pound pig, while Endeavour served buffalo burgers and roasted marshmallows. The picnic in Biggar was hit by rain, but everyone crowded into the camp kitchen and kept dry. The Anglican church in Rose Valley was sold in 1975, but the museum hosted a supper for one hundred people from all denominations and an overnight stay. There were two tractor cakes. The one from Okla travelled to Endeavour. The other tractor cake, using licorice twizzlers for wheels, was provided for a coffee break at Don and Louise Cochrane's house in Radisson.

Bishop Rodney Andrews was joined by many others on his trek across the centre of Saskatchewan. Anna Irish, former Managing Editor of the Saskatchewan Anglican, joined him on her bicycle for the trip to Lloydminster and back to Saskatoon. Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, who is 90 years old, drove the tractor in Bjorkdale. Abbot Peter led the way to the monastery in Muenster riding on a monastery tractor. The Saskatoon Police Service provided two motorcycle escorts, the most memorable being the drive through pouring rain to St. Timothy's.

Heather Punshon was present at every stop to take photographs and Gerry Keeley was Mr. Fix-It. Jacqueline Plante, the Bishop's wife, joined the trek for 11 days and was responsible for t-shirt sales and making sure the Bishop occasionally took a break to stretch and have a drink of water. Other trek participants included Gary Sinclair who drove the Bishop's camper, the Reverend Terry Wiebe on his bicycle, Bishop Anthony Burton from the Diocese of Saskatchewan, Derek Punshon, Quinton Little, Mary Ann and Roger Assailly, Canon Colin Clay, the Reverend Dan Hughes as well as all the clergy of the parishes that were visited along the route.

John Deere tractors were, inevitably, a recurring theme on the trek. Don Smith donated the use of a 1952 John Deere tractor and flat bed and was on hand for the whole trek. The John Deere garage in Wynyard helped with tractor repairs, the dealership in Kelvington provided coffee and doughnuts and there were two displays of model tractors provided by Don Jenkins in Lloydminster and Dale Bashforth of Okla.

The trek raised over \$42,000 for AIDS Africa, Camp Okema and flood relief in Guyana with pledges and donations from groups and individuals. The sale of light- and dark-green t-shirts proved extremely popular. One of the t-shirts was purchased by Mrs. Bishop, a resident of a nursing home in Porcupine Plain. A silent auction in Lloydminster raised nearly \$3,000. People driving by on the highway stopped to donate money.

Communities welcomed Bishop Rod with open arms. Unity gave the Bishop's party a grand welcome joining his entry into town with three more tractors, one pulling a wagon full of seniors and preschoolers. The fire truck led the parade in Radisson followed by garden tractors, a series of eight old tractors, the Bishop's trailer, cars and two school buses.

There was musical entertainment at Pike Lake, Borden and St. Timothy's, but the most musical event of all was in Endeavour with singing around the campfire and three different musical groups on Sunday morning. There were two songs written to commemorate the event. Here are some of the verses of the second song :

"Dusty old Bishop out ridin' the roads,
Hangin' down over your tractor wheels;
The sun beatin' down on that straw hat you're wearin',
And drivin' that John Deere so green;
There's no gospel songs, cos there's no radio,
Just bumpy old highways and pain;

On a farm near Evesham, Saskatchewan



Photo-Heather A. Punshon

This is our way to say thanks for the trek,
And we really don't think you're insane.
Straw hats and old dirty hankies,
Moppin' a face like a shoe;
Thanks for your drive,
You keep spirits alive;
From Christians in the country to you."

Young people were enthusiastic participants in the trek. The youth group from St. James Church in Saskatoon decorated the float and were responsible for decorating cookies and face painting at the Saskatoon gathering. A young girl on a unicycle joined the trek for a mile in Borden. Two school buses joined the trek through Radisson. At one point, the bus drivers let the students off to run alongside the Bishop's tractor.

The Bishop's Tractor Trek brought the diocese closer together, but it also stretched out a helping hand around the province and around the world. The money raised on the Bishop's Tractor Trek has already begun to be distributed. The Bishop presented a banner-size cheque for \$10,000 at Camp Okema on July 22 to help with upgrading the camp's water system. In addition to raising funds for AIDS Africa, the diocese hopes to bring a priest from Nairobi, Kenya to Saskatoon in November to discuss Africa, AIDS and PWRDF. Money will be sent to Guyana to help them recover from the terrible floods this past winter.

Bishop Rod and Jacqueline on tractor



Photo - Heather A. Punshon

Barbecue in the rain at Biggar



Archdeacon Terry Wiebe and former Sask. Anglican editor Anna Irish



90 year old Margaret Schmidt drives the tractor



Children in Okla



Wagon in a parade in Unity



Editorial : Raise your voices

By Penny McKinlay,
Associate Editor for the
Diocese of Saskatoon.

As I walk to work, there are pigeons cooing under the trestles of the railway bridge, pelicans preening on a sandbank in the river and gophers nibbling on fresh, green blades of grass. I am surrounded by the beauty of God's creation and in awe of His inventiveness as displayed in the pelican's large orange bill and the gophers' agile movements.

I have also witnessed the joy of God's creation in unexpected places. I spent a number of hours and days over the past few months in Emergency with my mother. Emergency rooms are never happy places. People are hurting and scared. And yet, there has been laughter as I shared drinks and snacks from Starbucks with my mother and my brother. I have witnessed love as my sister in law, a police officer, squeezed my brother's hand, quietly sharing his anxiety before returning to work.



We sang a hymn by Marty Haugen in church this morning which very clearly expressed my gratitude and my delight: "All you works of God, every mountain, star and tree, bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new. Raise your voices, all you works of God!"

Praise to God who created a world full of beauty and love. And pray to God that we can share that love and beauty with those around us.

Electing a bishop

from an article by Basil Pogue

REGINA - The Diocese of Qu'Appelle will be electing a new bishop on November 12 at St. Paul's Cathedral. The work involved in this process is not complicated. Basically there are three main activities: the search, nomination of candidates and the election.

Just as parishes form search committees to find a new priest when an incumbent leaves, so do dioceses when bishops step down. A diocesan search committee has nine members: three clergy and three lay members elected by the diocesan council and a bishop, clergy and lay person from the ecclesiastical province appointed by the metropolitan (archbishop of that province).

The search committee's first job is to compile a profile of the diocese. This document describes the diocese and its work to give context for clergy who may become candidates for election. It has to be sufficiently detailed to give a true picture of the diocese: its history, ongoing ministries, challenges, goals and expectations and information about what the people expect of a bishop.

When the profile is complete, it is sent to members of synod with a call to start submitting names of possible candidates. Members of the House of Bishops and staff of theological colleges are asked to propose names. The search committee may also add names to the list.

As names come in, the search committee sends each person a profile, consent form, form for the curriculum vitae and questions designed to elicit information that will be helpful to synod members on election day.

The search committee next prepares a list in alphabetical order of the proposed nominees with background information for each nominee. This information is sent to all synod members.

The electoral synod meets. With the metropolitan in the chair, two secretaries (clergy and lay) and six scrutineers are appointed. The roll is called for each of the orders to determine if the required quorum of 60 per cent of each order is present. Then the search committee nominates for election the list of candidates it has prepared. Further nominations may be made from the floor if notice has been given in the proper manner 72 hours in advance. Synod then adjourns for celebration of the Eucharist.

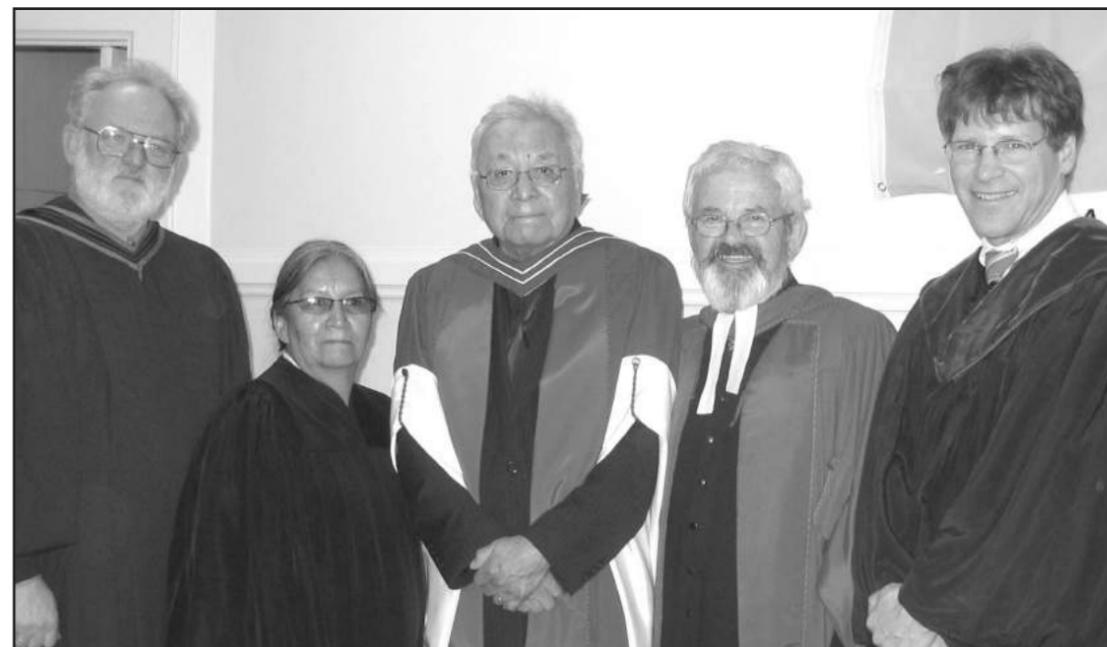
When the meeting reconvenes the scrutineers distribute a package of ballot forms, numbered for successive ballots and of a different colour for each balloting. Two ballot boxes are set up: clergy and lay. Voting occurs separately, by order. Each member votes as his/her name is called from the roll.

Voting continues until a candidate receives a majority of the votes of each order. At that point the person is declared Bishop-Elect and asked to consent to the election. Once an election is confirmed, the ballots are destroyed and the meeting concludes.



Folks at Endeavor raise their voices during the Tractor Trek

Honorary degrees from Saskatoon Theological Union



SASKATOON - The Reverend Stanley Cuthand and the Reverend Dr. Brian Thorpe received honorary Doctors of Divinity degrees from St. Andrew's College at the fourth Joint Convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union on May 6, 2005 at Third Avenue United Church in Saskatoon. The member colleges of the Saskatoon Theological Union are St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Colleges (United Church of Canada), the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad (Anglican) and the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Pictured in the photograph are, from left to right, the Reverend Rob Browne, the Reverend Bernice Saulteaux, the Reverend Stanley Cuthand, the Reverend Dr. Colin Clay and Professor Don Schweitzer.

All Saints, Regina, bus trip

REGINA - On June 29 a busload of Anglicans from All Saints and their friends under the direction of tour organizer and guide, Joyce Blake, traveled east on Highway 1. They were well entertained at the Anglican churches in Indian Head, Qu'Appelle and Fort Qu'Appelle. At each stop they were given a tour of the church and a history of the parish. It was interesting to discover that St. Peter, Qu'Appelle, was the first pro-cathedral in the diocese because the early settlers thought the capital city would be in or near the Qu'Appelle Valley.

The group were given an excellent lunch in Fort Qu'Appelle, provided by the A.C.W. At each location they sang hymns and rang the bells (if possible). From Fort Qu'Appelle they traveled to the Motherwell Homestead where they were able to step back in time and observe the lifestyle of the early 1900s.

The return trip took the group to Fort San and then back to Regina. A wonderful time was had by all.

Faithful warden at Kisbey

By Barbara-Lynn Dixon

KISBEY - St. Michael and All Angels has the distinction of having the same warden for 42 consecutive years. Nora Singleton has held that post in her congregation since 1963. Born and raised in Kisbey Nora has watched St. Michael's Church grow from a tiny gathering meeting in the Methodist House in 1911 to a lovely building dedicated on September 29, 1914.

The congregation grew and at one time had its own parish priest living in the village. Up until 1936 a custom was that the bell at St. Michael's was rung by the village constable every evening at 9:00 p.m. which sent children scurrying home. Times change.

Today on Sunday mornings there are usually around 11 worshipers from nine families. The Reverend Catherine Harper, All Saints' Church, Weyburn, comes to St. Michael's once a month. The Anglican Church Women continue to be an active group. The congregation is smaller now but they keep up with their pledges, care for the church building and yard and witness to over 90 years of Anglican worship in the area. The community of St. Michael carries on.



Mary Jane Bryce, Jean Dumier, Nora Weightman, Nora Singleton, Blanche Johnston

The Rev'd Jim Tait ordained at Gull Lake

by Sandra Wood

GULL LAKE (QuA) St. John the Baptist Church was the setting for the ordination of James (Jim) Malcolm Tait and the Celebration of a New Ministry on June 29th, 2005. What a joyful celebration it was, beginning with a feast for the body, a delicious potluck supper, and ending with a feast for the soul. In his last official duty as Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Bishop Duncan Wallace officiated at the ordination of Jim Tait as the newest deacon.

Delivering the sermon, Dean James Merrett said, "Jim, by your very person new gifts become active; we define a new place in which you will share in the ministry: a new voice, your voice, to call into being a new time. There will be growth as in a garden. It is in the course of justice

that ministry, your ministry, will find its direction and energy."

Clerical presenters for the ordination were Archdeacon Rob Hardwick and Canon Blair Dixon with lay presenters as Kathy and Carroll Chlopan, Jean Dreher, Bev, Malcolm and Carmen Tait.

Litantists were the Reverend Daniel Fournier and Archdeacon Helena Houldcroft.

The Reverend Daniel Fournier and Archdeacon Rob Hardwick presented the stole and Janet Neubauer presented the bible.

The Celebration of a New Ministry followed the ordination with the presenting of gifts from the four congregations by Anne Arnal, Mary Davis, Helen Ganley,

Grace McLeod, Vi Coupe, Coleen Retzlaff, Agnes Meinert, Sheila Peters, Dorothy Engen,

Rosemary Holmes, Ed Retzlaff, Canon Marilyn Dean and Olivia Arnal.

Bev Gatzke, Gull Lake and Margaret Brady, Shaunavon administered the chalice. The organist was Clara Butler and Al Peters and Don Aldag were sidespersons.

Everyone is excited to have the Reverend Jim Tait with the parish of Shaunavon which covers four points: St. John the Baptist, Gull Lake; All Saints, Shaunavon; St. Augustine, Eastend and Ravenscrag Mission.



Bishop Wallace with Jim Tait. Photo - Grace McLeod

New faces in the Diocese of Saskatoon

By Penny McKinlay
Saskatoon - The Diocese of Saskatoon is saying goodbye to some old friends while welcoming new ones with various changes in parish priests.

The Venerable Don Byrt, former Executive Archdeacon of the diocese, is now rector of St. Stephen's Church in Saskatoon.

The Reverend Shawn Sanford-Beck, who has been an Assistant Priest at St. John's Cathedral, will become Director of the Saskatoon Native Ministry under the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada effective September 1.

The Reverend Debbie Ramage is returning to Saskatoon where her husband works. The Reverend Jonathan Hoskin, with his new bride Cindy, will be moving to Unity Central Parish and will be ordained on November 1.

The Reverend Sheila Martin, formerly of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, will become minister of the parish/pastoral

charge of Bjorkdale, Porcupine Plain and Shand Creek effective August 15.

The Reverend Colin Clay and Alix Parson, a student at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, are serving the parish of Greater Watrous.

The Reverend Dr. Mary Gavin, who has served the Parish of Quill View since 2001, has been appointed Assistant Priest at Christ Church, Edmonton, effective September 15, 2005. It is anticipated that Mary's appointment will be for at least one year while the parish searches for a new Rector to replace the Venerable John Privett who has been elected Bishop of Kootenay.

The Reverend Laura Hermakin, who has been the Rector of St. George's Church in Battleford, will be moving to St. Cyprian's Church in Lacombe, Alberta. Plans are underway to create a two-point parish serving the communities of Battleford and North Battleford.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12

Integrity Regina will meet at St. Paul's Cathedral at 7:30. For more information please contact the Reverend Winna Martin, <winna@sasktel.net>.

September 14

Luther College at the University of Regina will be hosting the third annual Luther College Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Information booths will be set up in the Luther "Link Area" where local non-profit organizations and charities will highlight their programs and volunteer opportunities throughout the day. University students, and anyone with a desire to volunteer, are invited to attend. Admission is free. Volunteerism has something for everyone.

September 17 - 18

St. Matthew's Church, Regina, is planning events to celebrate its 95th Anniversary. Anyone interested in attending this event or with memories to share should call the office (522-5383).

September 22

The 2005 Luther Lecture in Regina will present Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, renowned author, Methodist, pacifist and Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. as speaker in the Education Auditorium at the University of Regina. The lecture is titled "The Sacrifices of War and the Christian Sacrifice." As a pacifist, Dr. Hauerwas' Luther Lecture is expected to address not only the senselessness of war, but also the place of Christians and the Church relative to the event of war. This year marks the 30th Luther Lecture. Luther College offers the Luther Lecture to the public at no charge with the financial support of the FaithLife Financial. Free parking is available the night of the lecture. Please call 306.585.5034 for more information.

September 23 - 24

Session 6 of "Warm Bodies & Willing Hearts", a youth leadership training series, will be held in Prince Albert. The topic of the session will be "Current Issues in Youth Ministry." Youth today are faced with many issues at school, at home and from their peers. This session will look at these issues and discuss ways of helping and supporting the youth while

they are dealing with these issues. Topics covered will include, but would not be limited to: drugs, alcohol, violence, sex and teen pregnancy.

September 24

The Regina Council of Churches is planning a day of celebration called Vision 100 to be held at Western Christian College. The day will include displays from churches/denominations and related Christian organizations telling their stories; an afternoon event of ecumenical dialogue on where we have come from and where we might go from here, including: keynote speaker Vern Ratzlaff, Mennonite pastor in Saskatoon and long time active member of the Saskatoon Council of Churches; round table discussion; panel presentation; celebration dinner with a short address from the keynote speaker and evening worship celebration. For more information please contact <karen.zimmerly@sasktel.net> or call 306.584.0338.

September 24

St. Mary, Regina, will hold a day conference 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on spiritual care of children with disabilities. The conference, Fearfully & Wonderfully Made, is to raise awareness and to educate, equip, encourage and inspire parents, pastors, congregations and those involved in children's ministries in the inclusion, pastoral care and nurture of children with disabilities within the Christian community. Cost is \$20; pre-register by September 16. Please contact the Reverend Claude Schroeder, 306.522.6052 for more information.

September 24

Qu'Appelle Diocesan Gathering, What in God's Name is Going on Here? discovering what is working and what is valuable to us, will be held with facilitator the Reverend Dr. Rob Voyle. "It is on positive experiences that we can build the future, for it is in these things that we see what God is doing." The conference will be held at All Saints Church, Regina, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Early bird fee \$25.00 before September 9; \$30.00 after September 9. Deadline for registrations is September 16. Please contact the synod office, 306.522.1608, for further information.

Qu'Appelle News and Notes

- Deacon Michael Jackson was made a Commander of the Royal Victoria Order by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her recent visit to Regina. Jackson was ordained deacon June 5, 1977 by his father, Archbishop Frederick Jackson and is an honorary assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral.

- All Saints' Church, Regina, in an attempt to engage the young people of the parish in an activity they would like and to provide them with a club room of their own, held a spaghetti supper at the church on June 23. The proceeds from the supper are to be used to purchase computer equipment and a room will be set aside in the parish hall for the exclusive use of the young people.

- All Saints' Church, Regina, has made a gift of \$30,000 in support of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad. The decision to contribute was in response to the call

for support of the college when it appeared to be in extreme financial difficulties earlier this year. All Saints received a substantial and unexpected bequest in 2003 and has spent much time deciding how the funds should be used. The Vestry has come to the conclusion that God was calling the parish to find creative ways to support the work of the church. In addition to the gift to Emmanuel and St. Chad, All Saints' has also committed \$36,000 in support of Qu'Appelle Diocese ministry development program over the next three years.

- Holy Trinity Church, Ogema, joined the Ecumenical Choir in celebrating the province's 100th birthday. The choir, made up of voices from the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and United churches helped the Agricultural Society in the celebration as they sang at the fashion show.

In the service of his Master

PRINCE ALBERT - It is with sadness and joy that the Diocese of Saskatchewan announces the passing of the Rev'd Jack Demery. Jack departed this life on July 7, 2005 to be with the Lord after a long struggle with cancer. His family and friends were at his side, singing his favorite hymns.

Jack was born in Vancouver on September 15, 1946. His early years were spent in Prince Albert. Jack worked as a carpenter and in financial institutions prior to going to seminary in 1996. He was ordained to the Priesthood in the summer of 2000. His parish families in Leask, Canwood, Mont Nebo, and, more recently, Birch Hills and Kinistino, were precious to him. His constant prayer was for the spiritual health and growth of his church families. His favorite music was hymns. During his last days at home, he would often ask his visitors to "sing".

One of Jack's favorite activities was visiting with family and friends. He enjoyed discussions and it was not out of character for him to initiate a good debate "just for a bit of spark!" Evening card games and cribbage with family and friends were special events. In his earlier years Jack played 3rd on his father's rink; they curled many bonspiels. Jack also enjoyed a round of golf and often commented: "I think I could get better at this game if I put more time into it." Trips with his wife Stella to the Okanagan to visit his daughter became exciting annual events that Jack spent many weeks planning. Jack is survived by his loving family.

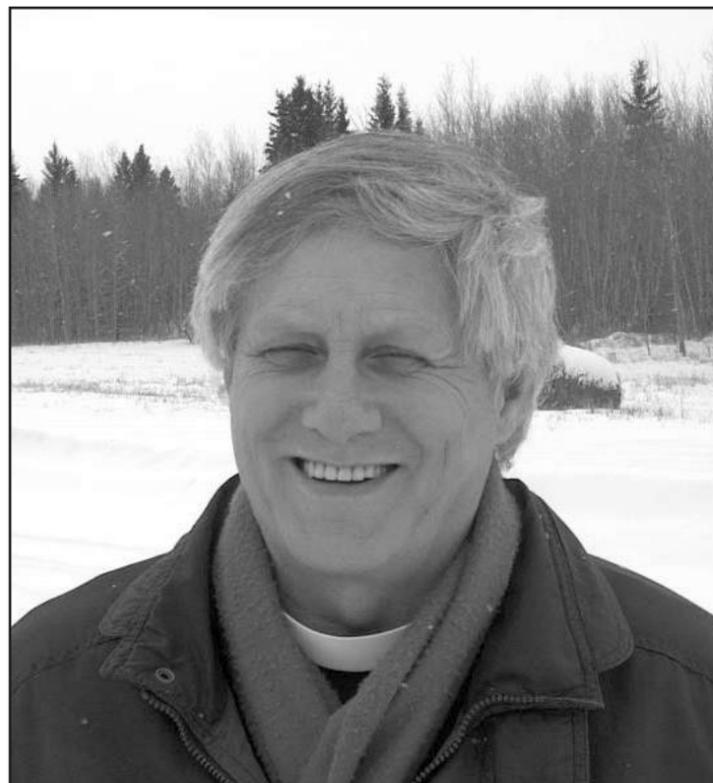
Presiding at the burial service, held July 14 at St. Alban the Martyr Cathedral in Prince Albert, Bishop Anthony Burton remarked:

"Jack's dying made sense of his earlier life, and was obviously a summation, a gathering up, of what had come before. I have

known many people to make good use of the end of their life but none who allowed it to be used so powerfully. Perhaps it was the craftsman in him, but when, following his career as a carpenter, he put down hammer and nails for the priesthood, Jack wielded his life, and particularly his death, like a tool employed in the service of his Master....

He was in some ways representative of a specifically Anglican ideal of priestly spirituality. Robert of Bridlington wrote that priests ought "to plough, sow, reap, mow hay with a sickle, and make a haystack." Jack brought to his spiritual witness that kind of pragmatism, common sense, optimism and good humour....

We have witnessed in Jack, in the Demery family, and in the communities of which they are part, something of the grace of God and of the overtaking of this world by the next



The Rev'd Jack Demery was promoted to Glory on July 7, 2005

one, and something of the fulfillment of God's good purposes in us. This afternoon we move forward trusting in the promises of God who said: **'It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.'**

New synod office welcomes visitors

By Penny McKinlay

SASKATOON - "We wanted to create an inviting, welcoming environment for people who come to visit us," explains Bishop Rodney Andrews as he shows off the new Saskatoon Synod Office. And they have certainly been successful. The new Synod Office is full of light, green plants, paintings and big, comfy chairs that make you want to settle in and stay awhile. It's also accessible. A local priest who uses a wheelchair was finally able to roll in the door of the Synod Office.

The staff are settling in to new roles as well as new surroundings. Lorea Eufemia has worked at the Synod Office for the past five years but, with the departure of Don Byrt who has returned to a parish ministry, she has taken on new and expanded responsibilities as Secretary/Treasurer for the diocese. Lorea will oversee the day-to-day financial administration and will assist the Bishop with administrative details to help him make better use of his time. The new responsibilities are well suited to Lorea's background in financial management with a number of international insurance brokers as well as her previous position as administrative assistant to the Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.

Lorea and Rod are joined by Jocelyn Peeling as Receptionist and Assistant Treasurer. Jocelyn has a Master's of Divinity and Library Science and has spent 16 years in a financial institution in

Toronto. Jocelyn spent eight months in the Sisters of St. John novitiate and is applying for ordination. "I'm living a dream come true," exclaims Jocelyn. "I can walk to work for the first time since university. I love the birds and the sun and the river." In addition to her office duties, Jocelyn will offer pastoral support to the members of St. Luke's parish as they seek new church homes.

The Synod Office staff has an additional highly-valued, but often invisible, member in Steve Draude, the part-time accountant. Steve is a Certified Management Accountant who also works for the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Steve is responsible for payroll, for financial reports and for providing financial and accounting advice.

The staff changes are matched by changes in archdeacons. The Bishop has appointed three archdeacons to extend the work of the Synod Office into the three areas of the diocese. The Venerable Dan Hughes has been appointed Archdeacon of the Eastern Plains. The Venerable Richard Spencer has been appointed Archdeacon of Saskatoon. He has also been appointed Chair of the Diocesan Finance Committee that prepares the diocesan budget and monitor its investment portfolio. The Venerable Terry Wiebe has been appointed Archdeacon of Battleford, reviving a historic title previously held by the Venerable Douglas Blackwell

and serving as a reminder of the Battle River which runs through the area.

Lorea describes the new office environment as "positive and upbeat" while Jocelyn says it is "hopeful." These are encouraging words for our church community. And, if you haven't yet stopped by the new Synod Office, do so! You're in for a pleasant surprise. The Saskatoon Synod Office is located at 505 23rd Street East. They can be reached by telephone at (306) 244-5651, by email at anglicansynod@sasktel.net and by mail at P.O. Box 1965, Saskatoon S7K 3S5.



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The Reverend Rita Harrison has been appointed incumbent of Keremeos in British Columbia. This is a shared ministry with the United Church of Canada. Her husband, Dr. William Harrison, has resigned his position as Vice Principal and Professor of Anglican Studies at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad.

The Reverend Stanley Cuthand has been named a Canon of the Diocese of Saskatoon in recognition of his many years of devoted service to the church as a parish priest, regional dean, teacher and leader and for his dedication to bringing reconciliation and harmony between cultures. Cuthand was also honoured by the Bible Society of Canada for his contribution to the Western Cree translation of the Bible.

Saskatchewan is Home

by Ivan Millard

It's the space and the size
It's the land of living skies
It's the dream that never dies,
Saskatchewan is home.

It's the vision, sweat and tears
Of ancestral pioneers
Emulated through the years,
Saskatchewan is home.

It's the splendour when day breaks
It's the forests and the lakes
We've got all that it takes.
It's the neighbourly ways
It's the caring displays
Wrapped up in the phrase
"Saskatchewan is home."

It's the daily battles won
It's the calm when day is done
It's the setting of the sun.
It's the open prairie field
It's the will that will not yield
It's a pride at times concealed,
Saskatchewan is home.

If you leave or if you stay
Any time you are away
You will contemplate the day
Saskatchewan is home.

Ivan Millard is a member of the Parish of St. Philip, Regina