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## OUR VISION STATEMENT

*The Diocese of Moosonee – called by God to live and proclaim the Gospel*



Martha and Ann Westgate were two of the eager thirty-one students at the Moosonee School of Ministry in Cochrane.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Article by the Reverend Phelan Scanlon, St. John's Foleyet, Ontario

During the last few years, some people have been preparing to write the obituary of the Diocese of Moosonee. To such scribes of sorrow I say this: "Forget it!" After the weekend of January 26th to 29th, 2017 you can call Moosonee a diocese, or a mission area, or a mission, as well as being a really big place. You can also call it: "very much alive!"

Months ago, Bishop Tom Corston recognised a need in Moosonee. Some clergy would be moving away and it seemed that very few clergy from the south were willing to come up our way. Faced with remote congregations and vast distances, Bishop Corston and the Education Task Force needed to find a way to train people of good faith to become deacons, and priests as well as lay readers. Were we going to mail prospective candidates

to Wycliffe, Trinity, Huron, OBS, and other seminaries? That would take a lot of postage. Or should we ask the great seminaries to move up to Kapuskasing and Waswanipi for a time? Perhaps we could all drive to Thornloe. Bishop Tom, Archbishop Colin Johnson, and Archdeacon Deborah realized that our Moosonee education project would have to be home grown. The Moosonee School of Ministry was born.

It was held in Cochrane. Local people administered the process. The lecturers were all from the Diocese of Moosonee: The Reverend Larry Armstrong dealt with scriptural studies, The Reverend Phelan Scanlon dealt with sacramental theology, The Reverend Canon Cliff Dee dealt with church history, and Canon Andrew Wesley dealt with Indigenous spirituality.



Lay Reader, Anne-Marie Carriere, imbibed knowledge of theology along with her coffee.

But wait until you hear the good part. Many months ago, the task force expected between six and ten students. We actually had thirty-

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Hugo Alexander tried out his shooting skills against goalie, Greg Gilson, the Dean of the Diocese and NHL hopeful.

## He Shoots! He ....

Article by Nicky Alexander, St. Matthew's Cathedral, Timmins, ON

Over the last year the Reverend Phelan Scanlon has been celebrating the Saints' Days by inviting local youth to a game of ball hockey, fellowship, and religious instruction. Hockey is a popular sport in Northern Ontario and the enthusiastic participants range in age from 6 to 13 years old. The gym in Pinecrest Public School, Timmins, provided the perfect venue in which the children could run around freely in a warm and safe environment. The participative nature of hockey means that both boys and girls could and did play together regardless of skill or ability. However, scoring goals was not easy with Braydon Emmell and Dean Greg Gilson tending the nets - and Reverend Phelan running interference.

In years past, liturgical celebrations were part and parcel of everyday life and even some school holidays were recognized by their Christian names. However, in an increasingly secular world, feast days and the traditions associated with them have either been adapted into pop culture or dis-

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# “If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On” *William Shakespeare.*

Article by Linda Greig, St. Peter's on-the-Rock, Kirkland Lake, Ontario.



*Diane and Marshall Thompson provided some excellent music during the Ordination Service for the Reverend Catherine Murkin.*

**S**t. Peter's on-the-Rock, Kirkland Lake, has many interesting people doing many things for the good of our parish, our community, and our diocese. Let me introduce you to two of our members.

First, let me tell you a little bit about our friends. Diane grew up in Kirkland Lake while Marshall was raised in farm country in southern Ontario. They met when they were about 16 at a family wedding. Then Marshall worked at Stelco in Hamilton and Diane moved to Toronto to study art at the University of Toronto. Eventually, they met at a wedding and their courtship and marriage ensued. Later in life

they decided to move north to Diane's family home in Kirkland Lake.

As a young boy, Marshall played the accordion and Diane had taken piano lessons in childhood so they both had musical backgrounds which had fallen into disuse. However, after becoming members of St. Peter's, they joined the church choir and became involved in bell ringing which also led to Diane learning to play the recorder with some of the ladies who played the bells. Marshall also learned to play the recorder and he joined forces with Diane, Joan and Janet and they became Quatz, a group that played: piano, guitar, recorders, and sang at the hos-

pital and our two seniors' residences. In the spring of 2015, David Gillette, conductor of Interlink and Kirkland Lake's Music Man, convinced Diane to try playing the flute. By July, Diane sounded like she had been playing forever. This touched a note with Marshall and he asked David what would sound good with the flute. He started picking away at the guitar and soon they had a duet going. Before long, Diane brought out an odd looking instrument that she blew into while she played on a little keyboard. I learned that it was called a melodeon and that it makes a wonderful sound. Quartz had been cut down to three when Janet moved to New Liskeard but the remaining three carried on. The pianist was gone but they had the melodeon. They renamed themselves "Diamonds in the Rough," with Marshall and Joanne on guitars and Diane on one of her three wind instruments - Diane had also learned to play the guitar.

This fall, the Hand Bell Choir was forced to take a break as one player retired and one wanted to move on to other things. Marshall had become the conductor of the group when Janet wanted to give up the job a couple of years ago. The dispersal of the bells led to quite a quandary as they provided breaks for our Brass Band during the twice yearly concerts. Marshall had an 'aha' moment and "Diamonds in the Rough" stepped in to entertain while the band members relaxed their lips.

So, now Marshall has no time for snowmobiling and he doesn't go out

too often to fish or shoot partridge. Almost every time I call Diane, I can hear Marshall strumming his guitar and singing. The couple practice a lot together - mostly music from the 50's and 60's, hymns, a little bit of country, and, of course, Christmas carols. They have become known and loved at the hospital, Teck Pioneer Residence, and Extencicare where they go each month to entertain the residents. Many of you saw them when the Reverend Catherine Murkin was ordained at St. Paul's in South Porcupine. They have a wonderful music ministry and I know that they like to share their love of music with others. Their gift to others is a blessing to them. I encourage you to follow their ministry and go out to others in your community to share your talents.

Thank you so much Diane and Marshall Thompson and we give thanks to God for giving you such a beautiful talent to share with us.

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one. Thirty-one students in Holy Trinity Church, Cochrane were elbow to elbow slogging it out by taking notes, asking questions and by making history. A northern diocese has successfully begun the process of educating its own for the many duties of ministry. But January, 2017 is only the start. The school will meet again three more times and it even has assigned field work. At the Sunday service, what Bishop Tom Corston said to the regular worshippers, the students, and the teachers was no exaggeration - it was history in the making. Twelve lectures, prayer services, and fellowship are a lot to put people through but with the power of the Holy Spirit many blessings will spring from the seeds which Moosonee planted in January.



*The thirty-one students came from many different parts of the diocese in order to take the first part of the course. Many took their notes electronically. Unlike many secular schools, there were no disciplinary problems reported!*

We were well looked after by the Diocese of Moosonee. Bishop Tom Corston, Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake, and diocesan treasurer, Reverend Patricia Dorland made sure that the diocese paid for

motels, much of the food and travel. Lay Reader James Lonergan-Freake and the Archdeacon worked very hard in the kitchen for one and all. It was a gesture of hospitality and the good work of faith. Stay tuned.



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# History Byte: St. Cuthbert's-on-Wheels

Article by Bishop Tom Corston, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Moosonee.

It is almost hard to believe that there was actually a time when the North was growing and developing so fast that the Church needed to work imaginatively to keep up. In many parts of Canada's North new forest and mining industries were carving out sites and establishing mines, and miles of roads through the rock and the muskeg. The speed at which these new industries developed was almost mind-boggling. Workers were encouraged to come to the North and whole families joined them. As the building progressed, small communities were designed with homes, schools, local businesses, and the Church.

The Diocese of Moosonee was one of those growing areas in places across the region. While many of those places continue today, some of those places are, in this time period, just distant memories. There was a time, however, when the hum of busy lives was the hallmark of life in our diocese.

One enterprising Moosonee priest, who had been trained as an evangelist by the Church Army, now known as Threshold Ministries, saw the need for the church to minister to families in far-flung villages where there were no church buildings in evidence. The Reverend Lloyd Howard had served the Church Army since his graduation in 1944 and was eventually ordained by Archbishop Robert Reni-



son, Moosonee's fifth bishop. Howard became a travelling missionary for the diocese doing his best to bring the Gospel and the Sacraments to people where there was no church building.

The growth across the diocese and the resultant spiritual needs of families living in the bush got Mr. Howard to thinking about how the church could better minister to people. In 1956, he came up with the idea of a 'travelling church on wheels.'

Concrete plans were drawn up and the Executive Committee of the diocese approved the idea. Monies were

raised across the diocese as well as in other dioceses. Eventually, a 45 foot trailer was built and furnished according to Mr. Howard's specifications. It included: an altar, lectern, pulpit, and a font. Tiny pews, each able to seat a couple of people, were situated on either side of a small aisle. Above the altar was a beautiful stained glass window. The new church could seat a congregation of thirty people. It also included private quarters for the missionary. It was towed behind a one-ton truck which carried a Delco generator for the church.

The church was dedicated in Kapuskasing in May, 1957 and was named "St. Cuthbert's Church-on-Wheels" after the bishop, Cuthbert Robinson, and 'hit the road'. In its first month of travel, it visited fifteen communities with 200 hundred people attending and 55 people making their communion. Such was the life of the Church-on-Wheels. Other clergy took on the travelling work following Mr. Howard - the last being The Reverend Charles 'Chuck' Milne.

In the early 1960's, the time came when the chapel was no longer needed as much as it had been and it was placed in Smooth Rock Falls to serve a small congregation there. By the end of the 1960's, the church was no longer in use. It was eventually moved by flatcar to Moose River Crossing to serve the small community there. I saw it once in 1973, sitting quietly surrounded by poplar and pine trees as the forest reclaimed the land around it. Today, it sits there, long forgotten and abandoned, a home to small forest animals who come inside seeking shelter from the elements.

While it is forgotten today, St. Cuthbert's Church-on-Wheels was at one time a shining example of evangelical zeal and a welcome presence to many hard working and lonely people living in the isolated bush of this great land of Moosonee.

## The Puck Stops Here continued from page 1.



Braydon Emmell and Dean Greg Gilson of St. Matthew's Cathedral provided much of the goal tending needed during the floor hockey game which as part of the Candlemas celebration activities.



carded. Reverend Phelan's initiative goes some way to re-establishing the underlying liturgical connections and provides kids with some basic theological instruction in a pleasing environment.

On Michaelmas, the kids donned Christian armour to slay a dragon; on Remembrance Day we paused for reflection; and on All Saints we carved out pumpkins which were lit and placed on the Cathedral steps. Finally, in December, the hockey game

was interrupted by the arrival of Saint Nicholas himself.

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus, is a Christian holiday marking the presentation of Jesus at the temple. Traditionally, Anglicans might celebrate by bringing candles to the cathedral for a blessing. On this occasion, kids were encouraged to make their own candles by rolling sheets of beeswax around a wick. After the exuberance of the hockey, the children

happily applied themselves to the task while the Reverend Phelan led a discussion on Candlemas and the use of light to symbolise the triumph of light over darkness.

Unfortunately, handmade candles and naked flames were deemed to be unsafe in the school environment. So the young people were encouraged to take their creative masterpieces home and they lit up some LED tea-lights instead. They gathered around the 'glow' and Reverend Phelan led the

group in a short Eucharist. This was followed by pizza and then everyone was sent home both fed and happy.



Nicky Alexander assisted one of the girls with the creation of her beeswax candle.



# Watershed Gathering

Article by the Reverend Valerie Issac, St. Mark's, Kapuskasing



Archbishop Colin Johnson and Madame Defarge er Lesley Curtis oversaw the proceedings at the Watershed Great Chapter meeting.



The Reverend Valerie Isaac led the group in a sign language version of "Father We Love You" - although everyone signed in their own way.

The weekend of March 3rd and 4th beheld the gathering of the annual Great Chapter meeting which was held at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Timmins. There were over 30 people present for the gathering with more in attendance for our Eucharist which was led by Archbishop Colin Johnson. It was a busy weekend that began at the Fish Bowl in Timmins where we all gathered for supper before heading to the cath-

dral to begin our conversations. The Reverend Patricia Dorland gave us an overview of the Anglican Foundation and the Reverend Valerie Issac gave an update regarding the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. She also introduced many people to sign language. We had a busy schedule for Saturday. To start the day, we began with the election of our Regional Dean and the Reverend Larry Armstrong was elected to

that position. The election of clergy to executive council concluded with only one nominee - the Reverend Valerie Isaac was acclaimed after accepting the nomination. There was a further election of six lay delegates to executive council which concluded the election process. Archbishop Colin Johnson made a detailed presentation on possible changes to the marriage canon and Holy Anointing by the laity.

In addition, Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake also made a detailed presentation on the Parish Vitality and Missional Ministry which we will all discuss in our parishes. The highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the Order of Moosonee during the Eucharistic service. Several of the recipients were able to be present while others were represented by family members or parish representatives.

## Farewell, Rev. Marilyn

Article by Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Diocese of Moosonee



The Reverend Doctor Marilyn van Duffelen.

At the end of November, 2016, the people of St. Mark's, Eastmain, Quebec bid farewell to their incumbent of some four years. Born and raised in Etobicoke, Marilyn van Duffelen PhD., a molecular geneticist, completed her Master of Divinity degree at Trinity before moving to Eastmain in the Diocese of Moosonee in August, 2012. Marilyn was ordained both as a deacon and priest by Bishop Tom Corston.

Marilyn spent much of her first year learning about Cree traditions and getting to know the people whom she served. Marilyn took her part in diocesan events, supporting the people of Eastmain in hosting the James Bay Great Chapter. Open to integrating traditional Cree healing practices into the Church, Marilyn worked tirelessly to organize and host a Diocesan Healing Gathering for the Diocese of Moosonee in the summer of

2014. Marilyn was a presence in the community, making improvements to St. Mark's building, celebrating sacraments and feasts with people, and attending traditional ceremonies, such as walking out ceremonies.

Marilyn has lived in many places throughout her life so it came as no surprise that over four years of dedicated ministry in this diocese, Marilyn accepted a call to ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa where she will continue to work amongst First Nations people at St. Paul's Church in Sioux City, Iowa. We give thanks for Marilyn's presence and work in this diocese and wish you God's blessings both personally and in your new ministry as you share your many talents and gifts in this new context.

The Parish of St. Mark's, Eastmain will soon welcome their new pastor, Threshold Ministries' Evangelist, Agnes Flam.



The Reverend Valerie Isaac, St. Mark's, Kapuskasing, ON, helped the delegates to the Watershed Great Chapter meeting to learn how to give voice and signs to the hymn, "Father I Adore You."

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# Speaking Peace

Article by Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Diocese of Moosonee



Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake and Lay Reader James Lonergan-Freake learned to 'sign' peace as well as to sing for it at the Watershed Great Chapter meeting.

As I sat down to write this article, my thoughts fast-forwarded to Celebrate Canada, the four days of celebration that mark National Aboriginal Day (June 21), Saint Jean-Baptiste Day (June 24), Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27), and Canada Day (July 1). This year marks the sesquicentennial of this country. I thought about the varied and long history of this land which is, of course, much longer than this country's history. I thought of the many peoples and cultures which make up today's Canada and how, even though we have our struggles, problems, and injustices to reconcile and try to

remedy, we are blessed to live in this place.

The psalm appointed for the commemoration of Canada Day is Psalm 85 and I would invite you to read it as you mark June 21st to July 1st in whatever way that you choose. "I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him." (Ps. 85 v.8) Watching or listening to the world news is a frightening venture in our times. An explosion in Russia, a chemical attack in Syria, a devastating land slide in Columbia, and a famine raging in Africa all compete for our attention. Yes,

in Canada we have crazy amounts of snow, many First Nation communities lack potable water, the prairies experience flood conditions every spring, and sadly this year a terrorist attack occurred at a mosque in Quebec City. Clearly, Canada is not without serious challenges to be fixed, remedied, or made better. But, on the whole, we live in a peaceful land when compared with many others in our world.

In our nation we have the freedom to worship and follow God who speaks his peace to us, his faithful people.

As disciples of Jesus, may we pay particular attention to the Five Marks of Mission and proclaim the "Good News" because we have the freedom to do so. Let us share our faith and because we

are blessed let us take seriously the responsibility that we have to respond to human need by loving service and work to transform unjust structures of society - such as demanding that solutions be quickly found for those communities suffering for lack of potable water. I was grateful to stand with other Christians in our little town of Cochrane and pray for the victims of the violent attack in Quebec City. Let us take up the duty to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.

As summer begins, let us find ways of safeguarding the integrity of creation, and sustaining, and renewing the life of the earth. Perhaps you can plant some flowers to help the bees or lead your church family on a roadside or waterside garbage clean up. Take the time to call or write elected officials to let them know these things are important to you because they matter to all Canadians, regardless of our origins or how long we or our families have been here.

And most of all, pray: "Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever." (BAS p. 413)



Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake and the Reverend Paul Allard, United Church, prayed together for the victims of the terrorist attack in Quebec City.

## Youthful Spagahetti Supper

Article by Emma Laiho, St. Paul's, South Porcupine, ON



Emma and Lorraine Laiho organized, cooked, and served a spaghetti supper to people of South Porcupine and provided everyone an evening of fellowship.

Over the March Break, most families go on a holiday of some sort. However, my Mother and I decided that this year, we should take on planning and executing a pasta dinner for our

church, St. Paul's, South Porcupine. Throughout the week, we were constantly doing things to prepare for the dinner - like buying the ingredients or preparing the food for Saturday night.

On the night of the dinner, I had a couple of friends come and join us to help serve. Although they were able to gain volunteer hours for school, they also had a great time helping us out.

All in all, I consider that the spaghetti dinner was a great success. The people who came really enjoyed the food and the fellowship. I am looking forward to the next church dinner that I can help with!

"Clean the sky! Wash the Wind!"

T.S. Eliot, "Murder in the Cathedral"



Cathy Millions was one of the many volunteer cleaners who helped to make St. Paul's beautiful for Easter.



# The Order of Moosonee Article by Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Diocese of Moosonee



*Archbishop Colin Johnson bestowed the Order of Moosonee - an award given to lay members of the Anglican community within the Diocese of Moosonee - to worthy recipients at the conclusion of the Eucharistic service at St. Matthew's Cathedral during the Watershed Great Chapter meeting.*

In 2016, the Diocese of Moosonee announced the establishment of the Order of Moosonee, which is an award given to lay members of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Moosonee who have given dedicated and faithful service to the church locally and at the deanery and diocesan levels over an extended period of time.

The awards are to be presented on an annual basis to those who are nominated by their parishes and then recommended to the bishop by a panel established by the bishop to advise on this matter. The Order of Moosonee is to be given to three people from both of the two deaneries, James Bay and Watershed with a seventh recipient being named by the Bishop of Moosonee.

Nominations were accepted in the late fall of 2016 with many people being nominated. A three person panel of volunteers was asked by Archbishop Johnson to read and review the submissions and to provide him with a list of three people from each deanery recommended to receive the award. The panel members also provided him with three names from which to choose the seventh recipient. With so many deserving people, the panel's work was



*Archbishop Colin Johnson was most pleased to give Peter Colbert's Order of Moosonee to Mrs. Faythe Colbert who received it on behalf of her husband.*

difficult, Archbishop Johnson was pleased to confirm the six people recommended by the panel and was then faced with choosing from the three possible nominees for the final award. Since this proved to be a nearly impossible task and because this was the first time that these awards have been given, the Archbishop decided that for 2017

only there would be a total of nine awards given.

At the 2017 Deanery Great Chapter meetings held on two successive weekends at the end of February and the beginning of March, the Order of Moosonee awards were presented to the following people: Susan Moses, James Sutherland, Elsie Chilton,

Elsie Halme, W. Peter Colbert, Thomas Coon, Anne Dyas, and Bryan Gagnon. Although the award is not to be given posthumously, just after the announcement was made the respected elder Evadney Friday would be receiving an Order of Moosonee, she died. Because the announcement had been made, Evadney's award was provided to her parish. Since some of the recipients were in hospital or in seniors' facilities they could not attend the Great Chapter meetings. Their awards were taken to them following the meetings. Sadly, we must report that after having received his Order of Moosonee in his hospital room, James Sutherland has also died.

The purpose of the Order of Moosonee is to recognize and honour faithful service to the church locally and across the diocese. Each plaque bears the Moosonee coat of arms and the names of the recipient and the thanks of the diocese in the words of Matthew, 25:23: "Well done good and faithful servant." We hope that everyone in the diocese is proud of the wonderful work and service provided to our Church by these people and will give thought to whom to nominate in 2018 to receive the 2019 Order of Moosonee awards.

# The Primate Celebrates with St. Mark's

Article by the Reverend Patricia Dorland, St. Mark's Iroquois Falls, ON



Lay Reader Lesley Curtis of St. Peter's, Kirkland Lake, engaged the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, in conversation following the centennial celebratory service at St. Mark's.



Dean Larry Armstrong, Reverend Catherine Murkin, Archbishop Colin Johnson, and Vivien Clarke came "from all geographical directions" to help the people of St. Mark's, Iroquois Falls celebrate their centennial.

**I**t was a day like no other - except, perhaps for the first day 100 years ago!

On the weekend of April 28th - 30th, people gathered together from all geographical directions to participate in a wonderful celebration of ministry presence in the Iroquois Falls area. On Friday evening, the parish hosted a warm and welcoming 'Meet and Greet' reception. Visitors and guests were able to view displays of historical community memorabilia and visual media presentations of parish events. All the while they connected with old friends and good fellowship was in the air.

On Saturday morning, despite the wind and some snow, the out of town guests, including: Primate Fred Hiltz, Archbishop Colin Johnson, his wife Ellen, Diocesan Chancellor, Bryan Finlay, and Bishop Tom Corston were treated to a tour of the local museum. The museum, in a very complete way, tells the story of the community and its major influence by Abitibi Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd. The mill was provincially incorporated at Iroquois Falls on December 4th, 1912 on the Abitibi River by Frank Harris Anson.

At 11:00 a.m. people gathered at the Legion Monument to hold a memorial service. Legion Branch 70 paraded the flag colours and Comrade President, Tony Delaurier, was on hand to assist and lead. The commemorative service was to remember and honour all local veterans who had enlisted in WWI, WW II, and the Korean War. In particular, Archbishop Robert J. Renison, who had served as military chaplain with the Canadian infantry in WWI and again as chaplain in WW II with the



Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, honoured veterans from Iroquois Falls.

Royal Canadian Air Force as well as Sergeant Aubrey Cosens VC, whose citation bespeaks of brave and courageous, sacrificial service in WWII.

The Mayor of Iroquois Falls, Michael Shea, then offered a wider tour of the area for Primate Fred Hiltz, Archbishop Colin and Helen Johnson, and Bryan Finlay with a lengthy stop over at the Monteith Correctional Complex. Although the Complex is not a tourist site, access was greatly appreciated as the Primate and the Archbishop have a personal interest in how pastoral ministry is provided to residents in a correctional facility. The Rev. Ken Gload offered insightful information as he explained the environment in which he provides support within a spiritual context.

Saturday evening was a time to kick up our heels and celebrate. Bishop Tom Corston, who was a



Dean Larry Armstrong, Reverend Patricia Dorland, and Bishop Tom Corston all added their voices in to the joyful music which Richard Kallio and the choirs from Kirkland Lake and Cochrane brought to St. Mark's.

previous incumbent at St. Mark's Church, was the gracious emcee and entertained the crowd of 100 people with memories of years gone by. The delicious dinner was followed by presentations of the St. Mark's Cross to 6 recipients and closing with an acoustic guitar and singing provided by Clive Dorland. It was certainly an evening to remember. Father Morgan Bebee, Canon Michael Rolph, and the Reverend Margurite Rae - all past incumbents of St. Mark's - were present and they offered their own remembrances and stories.

On Sunday afternoon, the anniversary worship service was held at 2:00 p.m. with the whole community being invited. Richard Kallio, CRC-CO, was the organist and choir master and with the guest choirs of Kirkland Lake and Cochrane, provided music which was celebratory and

fitting for such a joyous occasion. The Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, gave the sermon and he delivered an inspirational and yet challenging message as he used the Easter text from the Gospel of Luke recording the Emmanus story. "We come together each Sunday, bringing our joys and our sorrows. Jesus meets us and is present to us as the living Christ as we listen to the Word and as we come to receive communion. Being blessed with God's presence and God's peace, we are then sent out into the community with Jesus walking along beside us. This is where we do God's work of healing the sick, caring for the lonely, and visiting those in prison."

The parish theme chosen for the celebration was taken appropriately from the Gospel of St. Mark, their See "St. Mark's Centennial" page 8



# St. James' Stratford Comes North

Article by the Reverend Larry Armstrong, St. James, Geraldton, St. Luke's Hornpayne, St. Stephen's, Constance Lake, and St. Matthew's / St. Paul's, Hearst.



The Reverend Deacon Tom Paterson, the Reverend Larry Armstrong, and The Reverend Canon Lorne Mitchell met and prayed at St. James' in Stratford, ON.

Several years ago, when Archbishop Caleb Lawrence was Bishop of Moosonee, the Parish of St. James', Stratford began a relationship with the Parish of St. Stephen's, Constance Lake First Nation. As with any long distance relationship, nothing much was happening. Then last August, while on vacation in southern Ontario, I was given the opportunity to visit with the folk of St. James and finally got to meet them face to face. While there have been several phone calls and many e-mails over the past two and a half years there is something

about being in each other's presence that is essential to building a good relationship.

At a meeting with the outreach committee and the Reverend Canon Lorne Mitchell, Rector of St. James, at the home of the Reverend Deacon Tom Paterson and his wife Susan, many things were shared and discussed about Indigenous ministries and how we participate in Truth and Reconciliation. The problem is how to build and move forward with this relationship between these two very distant and very different parishes is perplexing. Both parishes

want more than just an exchange of goods and good wishes. Then it occurred to me that this situation is like being asked out on a first date. Even though there has been much correspondence over the years between the two parishes, they have never gotten together.

In order to have a relationship, we need to get to know each other and the best way to do that is to get together. So we have invited St. James, Stratford for a visit between July 23rd and 25th - our first date so to speak.

Over the years, St. James has been very generous in providing us with good quality crafts and supplies. However, this time they are giving us something truly extraordinary and unique. Being a very musical church, they will teach us how to do a Choral Eucharist on the Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Along with the visit and activities planned for St. Stephen's, my other parishes of St. Matthew's / St. Paul's, Hearst and St. Luke's, Hornepayne have been invited and they are eager to participate. Hearst will be providing billeting assistance. Having the Choral Eucharist on Saturday evening makes it possible for the other parishes to attend. Archdeacon Deborah Lonergan-Freake and her husband Jim will also be part of our very special weekend. While some of the St. James folk will head back to Stratford on Sunday, Canon

Lorne and the remaining group will be part of our worship in Hearst on Sunday morning.

Next year, St. Stephen's will visit Stratford. On this second date, keeping the musical tone of our friendship, we will bring a drumming workshop to St. James.



A tale of two churches: St. James, Stratford & St. Stephen's, Constance Lake First Nation.



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patron saint (MK 1:17). As the Parish of St. Mark's Anglican Church embarks on its next 100 years, there is much work to do and as we prayed during the service: "Give us the grace to write new

chapters in our unfolding story and to be transformed by your Spirit as we travel on in hope and as we listen to your invitation to "Come, follow me and I will make you fish for people."



The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz and his Chaplain, Reverend Phelan Scanlon greeted people after the centennial service at St. Mark's.



The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, and parishioner Sergio Festerini found much to talk about with each other during a social time at St. Mark's.

