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ST. STEPHEN'S
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A word from your Wardens

Spring has been a busy time at St. Stephen's. There is great anticipation about our upcoming 100th Anniversary celebrations. A committee was struck following the Annual Vestry Meeting to plan these events and much work has already been done. The group felt it best to spread the celebrations out, thus making it easier to attend all or most of them. The first major event is the Downton Abbey Tea on June 1st. By the time this is in print, the event will have happened. I am writing this in anticipation of a resoundingly successful event: 2 sittings – 11:00 and 2:00 – with 68 at each sitting. I have been told that the hall will be transformed into the era of the 1900's, and period costumes and fascinators will be out in great number. We hope all who desired to attend were able to get a seat as the event was sold out 10 days prior to the date. (Please see Sarah Pridy's article on the tea in this newsletter.)

Further 100th Anniversary celebrations in the planning stages are:

Saturday, September 14 – "Gentlemen of Fortune" Concert; Wine and Cheese; Art Auction.

Saturday, September 21 – 100th Anniversary Dinner – catered by "The Banqueting Table".

Sunday, September 29- Holy Eucharist – Archdeacon Douglas Hambidge, Celebrant; Al Fresco Lunch.

There is also a 100th Anniversary Banner in the works – the goal is to have completed by our anniversary service on September 29th.

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light shining in the Burquitlam area for 100 years – what an accomplishment! Please watch for your June and September issues of The Topic – there will be information about our church's 100 years of history and about current events. We are sure you will learn something about St. Stephen's Church – such as ... who dedicated the new church hall after the old hall was destroyed by fire in 1982?? →

A Report from Gary and Joy Hamblin about their recent travels in England and Scotland

It really was our Wonderful Spring Adventure. Joy and I had originally planned a Fall Adventure, last year, but it didn't happen. So, when cousins (twice removed) Sarah and Peter invited us to England to participate in the scattering of cousin (once removed)

Marjorie's ashes in Hainault Forest, we gladly accepted.

Cousin Marjorie had played a pivotal role in our lives, by providing a 'family history' bridge between Canada and England, when we finally, after a decade of searching, found Gary's

English family. She died last year at age 94 and we were unable to attend her funeral and pay a final tribute to her. So this invitation provided an opportunity for us to plan an adventure. Let us explain.

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→ Thank you to the 100th Anniversary Committee for their hours of work already spent in making plans for our celebration. They have been working tirelessly to pull things together- please respond to their requests for help as our anniversary date approaches. (Please note – The Downton Abbey tea is a fund raiser but the rest of the functions are celebratory only.)

As most of you are aware, our sister parish of St. Margaret of Scotland has been facing some difficult questions about their own sustainability. Their "Future Directions Committee" has been focusing on three options:

1. Revitalization of the parish as a vital, sustainable worship community, or
2. Merger of the parish with an adjoining parish, or
3. Closure of the parish.

With Paul Bowie being our shared minister for the last few years, there is no doubt that St. Stephen's has developed a strong relationship with the parishioners of St. Margaret of Scotland. St. Margaret's has approached us in regards to a merger. After much prayerful consideration, we feel unable to respond to their request at this time. St. Stephen is about to embark on a new journey as we welcome Ka Hyun into our parish family. We have committed our time and energy to the Korean Ministry Initiative that was presented to us by Bishop Michael earlier this spring. We are saddened that St. Stephen's is unable to respond to St. Margaret of Scotland in the capacity that they had hoped for. We do, however, want them

to recognize that they are always welcome at St. Stephen's. We ask for your prayers for St. Margaret of Scotland – may they come to a resolution that is accepted and comfortable for all involved.

Earlier this spring, we asked parishioners to consider nominations for The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. We had 3 very worthy candidates recognized: Joan Hodgkin, Joan Hobson and Bob Rusch. What incredibly vibrant and hardworking parishioners – collectively, they have donated over 100 years of service to St. Stephen's! As we have not been aware of this award before this year and have never made a prior nomination, and as this is our 100th Anniversary year, we have submitted all three nominations. We have received confirmation that the Diocese has received our submissions but no word on their decisions yet. We are hopeful that all three worthy candidates will be honoured with the award.

Anybody looking for a getaway in late

October? Bobbie is currently putting together St. Stephen's Sail-Away 15 – a 10-night cruise on the Caribbean Princess, leaving New York on Saturday, October 26, with stops in Turks and Caicos, Curacao, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, arriving in Houston on November 5th. There are already a number of cabins booked from St. Stephen's. Bobbie continues to donate her commissions from St. Stephen's groups back to the church – an extremely generous gesture that has been helping us financially for a number of years!

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I Will Not Die an Unlived Life: Reclaiming Purpose and Passion

I will not die an unlived life.

I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.

I choose to inhabit my days,

to allow my living to open me, to make me less afraid, more accessible;

to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing, a torch, a promise.

I choose to risk my significance,

to live so that which came to me as seed goes to the next as blossom, and that which came to me as blossom, goes on as fruit.

— Dawna Markova

(read by Naomi Tutu at a hospice conference in Richmond)

June 23, 2013 is fast approaching and is a memorable day for St. Stephen's. On this day, Ka Hyun Mackenzie Shin will be ordained. This is the first step in her becoming our official priest. Speaking with parishioners at Synod, Ka Hyun has made it very clear she is extremely excited about joining us and is →

→ anxious to get started in her new parish. She starts officially on July 1st and is planning to preach for the first time on July 7th. Let's give her a wonderful welcome. If you are able to attend, her ordination is at Christ Church Cathedral at 4 p.m.

June 16th is the last day of formal Church-School classes before the summer break. Please mark this date in your calendar. The children will be having their regular ball hockey game and barbeque. We want to say thank-you once again to Betty and all the Church-School teachers – your dedication and commitment to our young parishioners is so important and greatly appreciated.

Gary and Joy took a holiday to the British Isles in May. We welcome them back into the fold and hope they had a wonderful vacation. Thanks to Stephanie from St. Timothy's and Michael from St. Margaret's for filling in while Gary was away. We also have a joint service with St. Timothy, St. Margaret and St. Stephen on June 2. A full house is expected.

There has been a great amount of yard work completed over the last few months. Thank you to all our gardeners – we look cared for! The Spring Clean-up event was also a good day – approximately 15 worker bees came and cleaned, polished and scrubbed. The church smelled of Pledge the following day and sparkled in the sunlight!

Lastly, please remember that our financial obligations do not take a vacation. If you are planning on being away for any length of time over the summer, please consider keeping up with your donations while away.

Yours in Christ,

*Elaine Renforth and Valerie Krause,
Wardens*



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Although we had travelled to England several times, there were two places we had not experienced, two 'magical' places, in our minds. The Island of Iona, in the Scottish Inner Hebrides Islands, was one, and Canterbury was the other. Iona, because it is one of the roots of our Christian heritage – the Christianity of St. Columba who risked life and limb sailing over the Irish Sea in a coracle (a small boat with about the same security as a canvas lounging chair) to Iona in the mid sixth century to plant the faith among the 'heathen' Scots. Later, an Abbey was built and then destroyed and then again

rebuilt in the twentieth century by an interdenominational group (the Iona Community) whose vision is for a world of peace and social justice. We sing some of their hymns, composed by John Bell.

And we visited Canterbury, because it is another root of our Christian heritage, beginning in the late sixth century when St. Augustine was sent by the Pope to plant the faith among the 'heathen' Anglo-Saxons. Although Britannia had been converted to Christianity once before, when the Romans withdrew from England in the mid fourth century, the Celtic Christians moved in, bringing with them a brand of Christianity distinctly →



You are invited to attend this year's graduation service.

Date: Wed, June , 2013

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: St. Laurence (825 St Laurence Street, Coquitlam)

For more information on EFM or to join visit:

www.efmcanada.ca



Songs of Spring

Submitted by Audrey Watson.

Spring Garland

White is the May.
Sad willows come to leaf
And all our wasted grief
Turns wistfully away.

Lilac dips low.
Tears we need not have shed
Lie in a winter bed
Beneath the cherry snow.

Laburnams dance.
Dispelling tides of care
With locks of yellow hair
Tossed in exuberance.

Daisies delight.
While melancholy things
From long forgotten springs
Are turned to joyous flight.

White is the May.
Happiness held in trust,
Stippled with petal dust –
Care's cobwebs cast away.
- J. H.

→ different from the Roman brand. But that is another story....

We were 'blown away' by the emotions we felt in both the ancient Abbey on Iona and Canterbury Cathedral. To think that we were in places where prayers have been said over so many centuries and where, if only the walls could 'talk', what interesting stories they could tell!

And, finally, to scatter Marjorie's ashes in Hainault Forest (part of Epping Forest), on the roots of a young Oak tree, knowing that in death there is life and that Marjorie, like Columba and Augustine, but in her own way, will continue to nurture God's world.

Gary and Joy Hamblin

Downton Abbey Tea Report

Colleen and Elaine had put their heads together. Only a few months into the centennial year of the Anglican Parish of St. Stephen the Martyr (Burnaby, British Columbia), they had cooked up a plan to celebrate in style. When they cornered me one Sunday morning, I knew mischief was in the works. "Our church was founded in 1913," they gushed, "and that's the era Downton Abbey is set in, and it's our favourite show, and we could have a tea, and we could dress up," etc., etc. A full, two-sitting afternoon tea? A complete transformation of the Hall? THREE MONTHS? But, they had the kind of faith that moves mountains: they struck a committee, and we began.

It's incredible what got accomplished in three months' time. Meetings were held, teas were sampled, sponsors solicited, volunteers cajoled. We spent weeks arguing over sash colours, raiding parishioners' antique furniture, silver, and china, and yelling at our sewing machines as we edged aprons with yards of lace. We hung pictures, ironed linens, tied bows. And then there was the promotion. We plastered bulletin boards with posters and littered the neighbourhood with flyers. Our most ambitious supporters packed their purses with invitations and guided conversations toward "tea" whenever they could. It worked! We not only sold – we sold out! (And, having rearranged the seating plan for the umpteenth time, I →

→ would get the inevitable late night text from Lady Colleen asking if we could squeeze in “just 1 more—u can yell @ me all u want.”)

The results were better than we could have hoped. Picture it: Maids in crisp, frilled aprons; footmen in white gloves and tails. Guests arrayed in everything from simple strings of pearls to the most elaborate plush gowns and hats the size of fruit baskets. Trolleys piled with warm scones and dishes of jam and clotted cream. Tiers of tiny sandwiches and sweets and innumerable cups of hot, loose-leaf tea.

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Clare Morgan, harpist at Christ Church Cathedral, and Colin Pridy, our organist, provided magnificent live period music. Clare serenaded us with folk and classical melodies, and Colin pounded out the popular ragtime tunes. In the second sitting, Lexa Villette (granddaughter of parishioner and committee member Joan Hobson) sang a beautiful and haunting tune, accompanied by her sister Petra on the quinto (a Venezuelan ukulele). And, as a treat for Elaine and other fans of Downton Abbey, Colleen convinced me

A Web of Dreams

I heard the strumming of the wild woodpecker
As I stood beside the flowing stream,
The gentle lap of water,
The faint whistling of tiny birds
And the pheasant’s call

All seemed to weave a web of dreams
About my soul
Till I no longer trod the tired earth
But seemed transported to a place
Where spring’s sweet birth
Had wakened songs of joy –
And I stood transfixed,
Happy as a freckled boy
About his play.

A blackbird sang
Above the fields and
I went on my way
Rejoicing.

- J. W. (Submitted by Audrey Watson.)

and her brother-in-law, David Funk, to perform a rendition of *If You Were the Only Girl in the World*. In the show, characters Mary and Matthew are reunited when Mary is entertaining the troops, so we got David to “surprise” me by appearing at the door in uniform and adding his mellow tenor to the song. He followed our performance with *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*—two of the better-known tunes of the time.

And that’s not the end of the story: Colleen had one last surprise under her fascinator. Weeks before, she had sent off a message, hoping against hope that it would find its way over sea and cyberspace and maybe even get a reply. You can only imagine our surprise and delight when she read out the response:

best wishes for our event from—wait for it— the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Highclere Castle—the REAL DOWNTON ABBEY! For fans of the show, it was the icing on the pettit fours.

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Sarah Pridy

(for an article and some wonderful photos of the tea on the Diocese of New Westminster website, go to: www.vancouver.anglican.ca)

Downton Abbey Recipes

If you enjoyed the treats at the tea, or would like to get a taste of what you missed, The Grapevine has scooped a couple of secret recipes for you to try.

Clotted Cream (cheater version)

1 cup whipping cream

¼ cup sour cream

1-2 Tbsp icing sugar

Whip cream, add sour cream and whip 10 seconds. Add sugar to taste. Gets better overnight and keeps for 2 to 3 days. Serve with best-quality strawberry preserves on warm scones.

Coronation Chicken

This recipe was created in 1953, for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. However, the recipe is supposed to have been inspired by Jubilee Chicken, a dish prepared for the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935. Jubilee Chicken consisted of a chicken marinated in lime and ginger, diced, and mixed with a sauce made of crème fraîche and mayonnaise, dusted with parsley and lime segments. It was served as a salad.

There are a number of variations of Coronation Chicken, but the essential ingredients are curry and mango chutney, reflecting the British love of Indian cuisine. You can serve it as a salad, but for the tea it was used as sandwich filler. For a lighter version of the traditional Coronation Chicken, replace the mayonnaise with a low-fat alternative such as low-fat mayonnaise or sour cream, or plain (Greek-style) yogurt.

2 cooked chicken breasts

1 cup full-fat mayonnaise

1 teaspoon curry powder (can be omitted if the mango chutney is hot)

2 teaspoons water

¼ - ⅓ cup mango chutney

slices of bread, white or whole wheat

Chop, grate or shred chicken coarsely. In a large bowl, mix the chicken with mayonnaise. In a small cup, make a paste with the curry powder and water. Stir the curry into the chicken mixture. Add the mango chutney to taste. Refrigerate for a few hours or overnight to allow the flavours to blend.

Spread the mixture between slices of bread. Cut off the crusts and slice into squares or rectangles.