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Bruce Myers ordained in Montreal

By Graham Jackson

On the feast of St. Philip and St. James, Saturday, 1 May, 2004, Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, was packed for a very special event- the Celebration of the Ordination of Bruce Joseph Andrew Myers to the Sacred Order of Deacons. As Bruce Myers, the newly ordained deacon remarked, following the service, that when he was administering the chalice, he felt as though his whole life was passing before him seeing family and friends, past and present, coming forward to support him.

Appropriate hymns were sung with great gusto accompanied by the choir and the organist Dr. Patrick Wedd. "Christ is made the sure foundation" was the processional hymn, followed by the gradual hymn "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus". The Preacher was The Rev'd Dr. Philip Jondrey, Principal, United Theological College - In his sermon he re-iterated the role of a deacon laying stress on the importance of hearing the needs of the people and serving them.

Before The Presentation of the candidate for ordination, an old favorite hymn was sung, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" making the rafters ring.

The ordinand was presented to the Lord Bishop of Quebec by members of the Parish of Quebec who worship at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity: Mr. Keith and Mrs. Joan Boeckner, Ms. Anne Chapman, The Very Rev Walter Raymond and Le Rev Chanoine Pierre Voyer.

During The Presentation, the ordinand promised to be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ, and in accordance with the canons of the Church. To obey his bishop and other minis-

tries who may have authority over him and his work. The entire congregation then loudly proclaimed that they would uphold Bruce in his ministry.

The Examination followed where the Bishop instructed Bruce in his duties as deacon. To the question, "Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so you may become a wholesome example to your people?" The ordained solemnly replied, "I will".

With the preliminary part being accomplished, the actual consecration of the deacon could now take place. Prayers were played, "Come Holy Spirit" was chanted, all kneeling, followed by the Bishop asking Our Heavenly Father to send down the Holy Spirit upon His servant Bruce who was then duly consecrated to the office and work of a deacon in the church.

The Rev John Simons, Principal and a professor from the Montreal Diocesan Theological College vested the new deacon in the time-honored manner according to the order of deacons with the dalmatic, the stole and the maniple. Bruce was also given a bible as a sign of his authority to proclaim God's word and to assist in the ministrations of the Holy Sacraments.

Accordingly, the Bishop presented the new deacon to the assembled multitude and the peace was shared.

the Synod Office routines. She has also worked most cooperatively with our Bishop and the Reverend Canon Rodney Clark. Véronique says that it is with a certain sadness she has decided to leave us in mid-July as she plans to attend LaSalle College in Montreal to study courses in fashion design.

As luck would have it, Véronique has a younger sister,



Photo by Dean Raymond

The offertory hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God" introduced the beginning of the celebration of the Eucharist. Hymns during the communion included: "Come down, o Love divine", "The King of love my shepherd is", and an anthem by the choir, "Siyakudumisa" (A South African Traditional).

After communion, administered from the high altar, the bishop pronounced the blessing followed by the recessional hymn, "Ye watches and ye holy ones".

A festive reception was held in Fulford Hall, located adjacent to the Cathedral where The Rev. Bruce Myers thanked everyone for their participation and support. And then, acceding to a general request, with considerable dexterity, he cut the traditional cake.

For the next 6 months, the in the Quebec Deanery, will have the pleasure of Bruce's company as he serves as deanery curate

Virginie, whom she is training to replace her. Virginie will remain in the office until the end of August when she will return to her studies in social science at CEGEP for her second year. Following her graduation she also plans to attend LaSalle College to study journalism.

Their quiet and efficient services at our church's central office are much appreciated.

Workshop for lay readers

By Graham Jackson

ing a sermon.

March 27 began with Morning Prayer in St Mark's Chapel using the newly published booklet written by Archdeacon Dennis Drainville entitled: **Daily Offices and Prayers- for use by Lay Readers in the Diocese of Quebec**. The booklet was duly blessed and a copy given to each of the participants.

In the forward to this booklet, our Bishop wrote the following: "what a wonderful resource this booklet is for private, family or small group daily prayer based on the age old tradition of praying the "daily office"

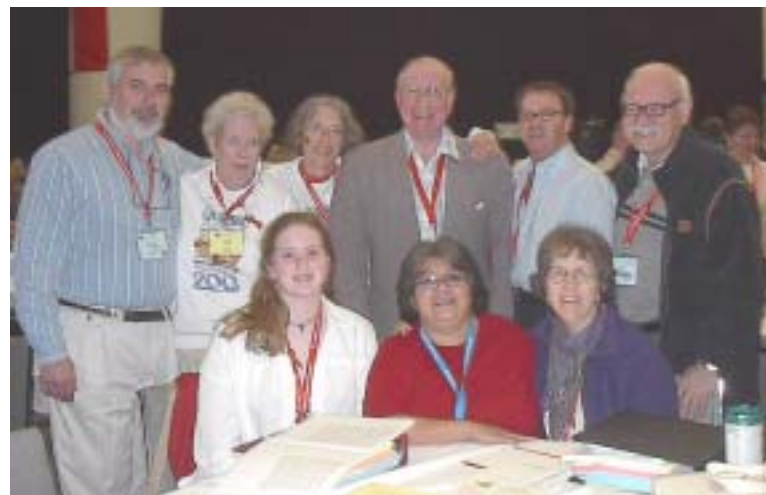
After the service, we retired to the comfortable Faculty Lounge where Dennis Drainville gave to lay readers and lay leaders an excellent presentation about how to buttress our homiletical skills. He came armed with a whole sheaf of resource material as he knows, as lay readers; we are in a constant process of self-education. To make things practical for us he centered on the somewhat difficult next Sunday readings, and gave us ideas about how to use them in compos-

Following his presentation we held noon day prayers in the chapel and these were taken again from Daily Offices and Prayers.

The afternoon speaker was Dr Harvey White, Professor of Religion at Bishop's University. He gave a scholarly address on the nature of the Bible as a text. He stressed that God's word is always within us and around us and that the Bible is people trying to express the word of God. Liturgy, therefore, is possible because we are already participating in the word of God. Dr. White's talk gave rise to some lively discussion and debate.

The day ended appropriately with a service of Holy Communion celebrated by Archdeacon Heather Thomson, Chaplain at Bishop's University and Champlain College, she was assisted by Lay Reader Dr Garry Retzleff.

The workshop for Lay Readers was sponsored by the Programme Committee of the Diocese and it there was excellent attendance by lay readers and lay leaders from all over the diocese.



The Quebec members of General Synod: Back row - the Ven. Dennis Drainville, Joan Gibb, Cecily Hinton, Bishop Bruce, Kerry Dickson, Canon Pierre Voyer. Front row: Caroline Mullin, Jean Vachon (ACIP partner) and the Ven. Heather Thomson. Photo by Dianne Parker

General Synod 2004

General Synod elected Andrew S. Hutchison, Archbishop of Montreal, Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces and Metropolitan of the Province of Canada, as the 12th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. This means that as of August 1st Bishop Stavert becomes the acting Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada until it holds an election in late September.

There was lots of other work done as well, "it was long days beginning with Bible study at 8 am and the business sessions lasting until 9 or 9:30 every night" said Heather Thomson. The General Synod passed a new strategic plan for the national church's direction over the next six years and made changes to a number of the canons including the Marriage Canon. Cecily Hinton attending her first General Synod was impressed by the presentation by Stephen Lewis

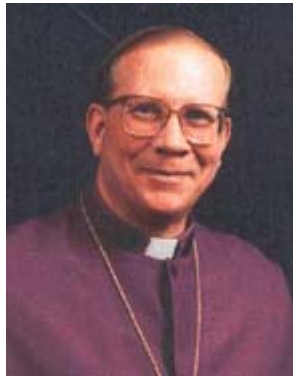
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"Temps" at the Synod Office

By Graham Jackson

Our diocesan office in Quebec City has been most fortunate to enjoy the occasional secretarial services of Véronique St. Germain since 2002. She has proven herself to be an exemplary "temp" and during her periodic times of employment she has acquired a thorough knowledge of

From the Bishop's desk:



Dear Friends:

Elsewhere in the Anglican Journal readers will find extensive coverage of the recent meeting of the General Synod of our church. This June issue of the Anglican Journal has been delayed to make that reporting possible. The Synod met from May 28 to June 4 at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. This body of representatives, bishops, clergy and laity from all the dioceses in Canada is our church's chief legislative body. It is called together every three years to reflect on and make authoritative decisions about a wide range of issues affecting the general interest and well-being of the whole church in its life and witness.

You can read in the Journal about a lot of decisions made at the Synod and see lots of photographs of the meeting in both the Journal and the Quebec Diocesan Gazette.

There are two highlights of the Synod which I thought I should mention. The first is the decision made about same sex blessings and the second is the election of a new Primate for our church.

The attention of many people across Canada both inside the church and outside and of course the media, was riveted on what General Synod would do about the controversial subject of the blessing of same sex unions.

About eight hours of discussions and debate was given to the issue. The final decision of the Synod was to defer decision about the jurisdiction of individual dioceses with the concurrence of their Bishops to authorize such blessings to the next General Synod in 2007. The purpose of that deferral was to ask the Primate to request the Primate's Theological Commission to review "whether the blessing of same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine".

Having made that decision there was a feeling that the church would be seen by many people to be once again failing gay and lesbian people, especially those in committed relationships, with frustrating indecision. As a result there was very considerable support for a resolution to "affirm the integrity and sanctity of committed same-sex relationships". That motion in itself will be controversial and will very likely continue to fuel the debate about the issue of homosexuality and relationships.

The debate must be held. The issues are not going to go away. Consequently the church, through this General Synod, has once again determined that respectful dialogue and study "of biblical, theological, liturgical, pastoral, scientific, psychological and social aspects of human sexuality" must be carried on. All levels of the leadership of the church have been urged to see that this dialogue and study continue.

After two Primates of the church who led the Anglican Church of Canada for over 30 years, this year's General Synod has elected a new Primate who will retire in four year's time. Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Archbishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of the Province of Canada, and a close friend of our diocese was elected our 12th Primate on the fourth ballot by the clergy and lay members of the General Synod. Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew our Primate!

At each place setting at a huge banquet in Hamilton following the Installation of the new Primate at the Cathedral in Hamilton was a beautifully printed little card which reads as follows:

Prayer for our new Primate
In Adversity, Strength
In Challenge, Faith
In Opportunity, Vision
In All Things, Love

Please use this prayer for my friend and colleague Andrew our Primate.

+Bruce

Bishop's Calendar August

August 3	Matrimonial Commission	Québec
August 21	Visit to Irish Memorial	Grosse Ile
August 27-29	Cathedral Bicentennial Weekend	Québec

Day trip to Grosse-Ile

Submitted by Kay Hartwell

On Saturday, August 21, 2004, the Companion Diocese Committee is organizing a trip to historic Grosse-Ile. For those from the St Francis Deanery, a bus will leave from St. George's Church, Lennoxville at 6:15 a.m. for the Port of Quebec, with pick-up points at the Shell Station in Richmond, and Score's Restaurant in Drummondville, if there are participants from these areas.

Upon arrival at the Port of Quebec they will join with the participants from the Quebec City area and board the ferry for departure to Grosse-Ile at 9:30 a.m.

Grosse-Ile is located in the St. Lawrence River off Montmagny, about 1-1/2 hours by ferry from Quebec City. From 1832 this island served as a quarantine station for the Port of Quebec. Until the First World War, Grosse-Ile was the main gateway to Canada for immigrants. In 1847 it was the site of a tragedy

when more than 5,000 immigrants, for the most part Irish, fell victim to typhus.

Inaccessible for years, Grosse-Ile now unveils its mysteries – the disinfection building, the first, second and third class hotels, the wash house, the Celtic Cross, the Irish Cemetery and Memorial which commemorate the events of 1847.

The tourist trolley leads to the village and passes several houses formerly occupied by employees of the quarantine station, the Catholic Chapel, the Anglican Chapel, the school and a few other archaeological remains. The excursion ends in the hospital sector with a tour of the lazaret, the oldest building on Grosse-Ile.

For the bird lovers the island is also a sanctuary for several species of migratory birds, among which is the renowned

snow goose.

The ferry will depart Grosse-Ile at 3:30 p.m. and arrive back at the Port of Quebec about 5 o'clock when the bus people will depart for the Eastern Townships with a stop for supper enroute.

Bring a jacket and come to enjoy an enriching experience in an unique setting and learn more of the history of many of our ancestors. For cost, further information and bus seat reservations, please call Kay Hartwell at 819-822-2242. If in the Quebec area, please call the Diocesan Office for the cost and your reservation aboard the ferry. Please reserve before August 13th. Coffee, tea and juice will be sold aboard the ferry and it is suggested you bring a picnic lunch. If, however, you want to purchase food on the island, light lunches are available in the cafeteria. It is important to note it is cash only aboard the ferry and on Grosse-Ile as there are no ATM or credit cards facilities there!

Kohners and the Chocolate Factory

By Stephen Kohner

In Baie-Comeau, the PWRDF campaign to raise money for AIDS relief in Africa has not fallen on deaf ears. One Lenten project was launched in order to raise awareness and funds.

While discussing Lent in the Protestant and Moral Religious class at their school (Baie Comeau High School) Catherine and Gabriel Kohner, aged 9 and 11 respectively, brainstormed ways to mark Lent. They did not come up with anything they could give up over Lent (other than going to school, eating broccoli, and homework!), but they decided to put their efforts into raising funds.

Their church, St. Andrew and St. George, had usually ear-marked the Lenten box/folder money for PWRDF in the past, and this year was no exception. Instead of placing loose change into a box, the two decided to make their own home-made chocolates and sell them for a profit within the commu-

nity.

At the same time, I was in touch with a school board representative, Chantal Pitt, who suggested they enter Quebec's student entrepreneurial contest. Students from across the province are able to design a business and, if approved, receive \$50 per student as seed money. The forms were dutifully filled out and the project was officially launched following the March break.

Their business plan called for a rigid timetable. An estimate of costs and supplies was created and the order forms were printed and distributed. By April 2, they had orders for close to 900 chocolates (much to the surprise of their mother Brigitte who had "volunteered" to help out). That represented 18 boxes of 12 chocolates and 32 boxes of 20.

On Palm Sunday weekend, their home kitchen was trans-

formed into a production line. White, dark and milk chocolate was melted, poured into moulds, cooled, and placed in storage boxes, awaiting packaging.

Parishioners Natalie Fournier and Benjamin Lamontagne came over to help (and help dispose of those chocolates that didn't quite make the grade!). On Sunday, the school's spiritual animator Joselyn Goble lent a helping hand to box and wrap ribbon around the 52 boxes.

On April 7th, a school holiday, the delivery route was planned and the chocolates were delivered in time for the long Easter weekend. The hard work resulted in a donation to PWRDF in the amount of \$245.

"The best part was eating the chocolates that were left over," said Gabriel. "The best part for me was counting all of the money!" stated Catherine.

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I was born on Tuesday, 28th August, 1804
I was dedicated to the Holy Trinity
My birth certificate was signed by his Majesty King George III of England

I have welcomed Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals and Statesmen from around the world.
I have hosted members of the British Royal Family and one reigning British monarch.

Within my walls sleep Jacob Mountain, first Anglican Bishop of Quebec; Charles Duke of Richmond, Lennox and Aubigny; and one other, whose names is known to God alone.

I am many things and the ghosts of many people.

I am a British army captain named Robe, and a master mason named Cannon
I am Phillip Carrington, Russell Brown, Tim Matthews and Allen Goodings;
I am Robert Seaborn, Arthur Coleman, Mervyn Awcock and Bob Belleville;
I am Sir Richeard Turner, Arnold Woodside, Stuart Dunn and Beresford Scott;
I am Hilly Gibaut, Jamie Boswell, George Clare and Owen Carter;
I am Pauline Scott, Mae LeGrand, Mary Campbell and Bar O'Halloran;
I am Richard Carroll, Stephen Codman, Eddie Nation and Harry Cutmore;
I am Joachim Hughes and Elizabeth Ray;
I am Dick Williams and I am Richard Harding.

I have witnessed much, both the tragic and the triumphant:

I have lived the crushing sorrow of the bereaved, the uncontained joy of the newly wed;

I have watched troops stack arms in the Close then kneel for a final Communion before sailing off to combat;

I remember memorial services for those who did not return, and I remember grateful services of thanksgiving for victory;

I remember garlands of spruce hung from the ceiling for the day of our Saviour's Birth, and each year I see the Altar adorned with Easter lilies for that of His Resurrection;

And I remember so much more...

I have lived a long life; you see, and that life is far from over.

I owe that life to two centuries of the faith and witness both of clergy and of laity.

Si monumenta requires, circumspice.

By R. Clive Meredith

Companion Diocese trip to Ireland

By Brian Wharry

On May 21st 12 participants from the Diocese of Quebec departed Montreal for Ireland. They arrived at Shannon airport on May 22 at 12:30pm with only one person losing luggage. The luggage caught up to the group on the following day, after traveling for who knows how long. The delegation from Quebec joined the group of twelve from the Diocese of New Hampshire and the two groups spent the next ten days visiting the Diocese of Limerick and Kilaloe. The participants from Quebec arrived back in Montreal on June 2 at 8 :30pm.

One of the bell ringers from the Cathedral, David Hinton (the diocesan youth representative on the trip) was given the opportunity to ring bells several times during the trip.

Please watch for your September issue of the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette** for more information on the trip.

ACW Education Bursary Fund.

For students of the Magdalen Islands, Lower North Shore and the Gaspé. Bursary funds are available for students attending CEGEP or University.

A Bursary Form is available from the Chair of Education
Mrs. Joan Gibb
2223 Brulart
Sillery, QC G1T 1G2
418-688-9847 email jgibb@oricom.ca

Charlie Masters opens St. Francis Deanery lecture series



Ruth Sheeran, Rural Dean of St. Francis and Canon Charlie Masters, National Director of Anglican Essentials. Photo H. Thomson

By Ruth Sheeran

The St. Francis Deanery Speakers Series got off to a very successful start on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd at St. George's Church, Lennoxville. The Rev. Canon Charlie Masters, the National Director of Anglican Essentials, gave the first presentation in what is planned to be a continuing series. In the morning Canon Masters was the invited speaker for the All in the Family service at St. George's. Following a luncheon, a group of interested members from across the Deanery gathered to hear Canon Masters explain the mission of Essentials. After detailing the history and development of the movement, Canon Masters described his own involvement. He also explained the position Essentials has taken regarding the same-sex marriage issue and the activities that have been planned for the upcoming General Synod. Discussion followed the presentation with questions from the participants.

Returning to Lennoxville was something of a homecoming for Charlie since he spent the first fif-

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on the terrible devastation of HIV/AIDS especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

The major point of division was the question of same sex blessings. The synod decided to study the question further and the vote was put off until at least the next General Synod in 2007. Kerry Dickson who found synod an uplifting experience said "I came to synod with an open mind, hoping that as a church we would be able to look at the challenges together, debate and together come to a consensus. I leave here with heavy heart as I feel still the division and a need for healing but in order to start this process we all need to be able to listen with open minds and with our hearts and not the minds of others"

teen years of his life on the campus at Bishop's University where his father, Dr. Donald Masters, taught history. Charlie reminisced about attending St. George's when Bishop Tim was the Archdeacon, and he remembered singing in the Junior Choir, which his mother, Marjory, directed for many years. He expressed his pleasure at returning to the scenes of his youth, and he greatly enjoyed renewing old friendships and visiting some old haunts.

The St. Francis Deanery Series will continue in the Fall with three speakers: the Venerable Dennis Drainville will speak about Anglicans and the Social Gospel; Dr. Garry Retzliff will trace the history and development of the Anglo-Catholic movement in the Anglican Church, and Dr. Michele Murray will talk about the early Christian Church and its relationship to Judaism. These presentations are open to all interested members of the Deanery. Further details will be published in the Deanery newsletter.

Although the civil province of Quebec recognized same sex civil unions in 2002, the Bishop wrote to all clergy then to point out that the Anglican church in this diocese does not bless same sex unions.



Then and now Primates sing a song at a dinner hosted by the diocese of Quebec for the Provincial Synod in September 2003. Photo G. Jackson

ACW meditation for July

By Maureen Taylor

1 John 4:19-21

The theme of John's 4th chapter is that of love, an all encompassing love. It includes all our fellow human beings. Christians, at that time were a diverse group of people, not only Jews. John sets us a challenging and thought-provoking message. It is not possible to claim to love God while hating other humans. John's message is as pertinent today as it was in his own era: -To love God is to love all our brothers and sisters. At this time, with our world in turmoil, it would be wise to think upon the following question: What is our own relationship between love of God and love of our brothers and sisters?

At the A. C. W. Biennial held in Gaspé Town in May, Cecily Hinton resigned as chairperson for the Worship Committee due to her responsibilities for her involvement with the P.W.R.D.F. Cecily has given much time and energy to offer the readers thoughtful comments on certain Scriptural passages. We thank her for all her efforts and wish her well in her new endeavours. She will be missed. Thank you, Cecily for all your help.

Editorial

Whose Cathedral is it ?

To survive for 200 years is a great accomplishment and it is a fine reflection of the faith, hard work and contributions of the many people from across the diocese that have supported, over all those years, the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Contrary to what one might believe based on the information on the "official" Bicentennial homepage, the Cathedral is a diocesan cathedral and is the See church of the diocese. It does not belong to the parish of Quebec, a parish who were created as part of the letters patent creating the Rector of Quebec in 1821 and whose were only expected to use the Cathedral building until they could build their own church.

This is not just an editor's wild idea. When the Cathedral held its centenary, 100 years ago, there was an endowment fund set up with contributions made from across the diocese to help support the fabric of the cathedral when the parish of Quebec moves out. It has five trustees, two of whom who specifically cannot be members of the parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral.

In a diocese as big as ours it is hard to avoid the Us vs. Them of the congregations and diocese, the urban vs. the rural, and Quebec City vs. the regions. I find it unfortunate that what should be a major diocesan event and celebration is reduced to a parochial party.

We all need to be reminded, both those who worship there and those who have just seen it in photos that it is a diocesan treasure and is a symbol of our collective life as the Anglican Church in the diocese of Quebec

Nuggets from the past

Compiled from past issues of the *Diocesan Gazette* by Dr. M.E. Reisner, Diocesan Historian

Bishop's College School — or BCS — as the name implies was originally an Anglican foundation and, as such, had regular coverage in the *Diocesan Gazette*. It was quite usual to read descriptions of graduation exercises, prize lists, and official visits to the school in the *Diocesan* paper, but its July issue for 1904 extended such coverage to include a new departure for the school, an ambitious theatrical production staged outdoors, and titled "Pastoral play at B.C.S."


"A charming woodland glade," the article began, "dappled with sunshine and shadow, soft summer airs, bearing the scent of June, music an boyish voices declaiming Shakespeare's immortal verse, are the memories carried away by those who witnessed the open air performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Bishop's College School."

It seems that such a production was regarded as quite unusual for the time for the article claimed that, "the affair was quite unique in Canada, and apart from its intrinsic merit was interesting as a new departure. The stage setting had been arranged by nature with no aid from art, and the tall trees and leafy shade were admirable substitutes for the garish accessories of the modern theatre. A very good audience was present in the afternoon, including visitors from Sherbrooke, North Hatley and other places in the vicinity. A few words from Rev. E. J. Bidwell, who had coached the boys, and arranged the play, preceded the performance, which was remarkably good."

"The parts were well taken, several of the performers displaying decided histrionic ability, and all knew their lines, and acted with a real enjoyment and gaiety that were infectious. The antics of Puck (D. Green), and the fairies were extremely amusing, and the audience were liberal in their applause, which was well deserved. The handsome dresses, which were brought from Montreal for the occasion, added immensely to the effect. An orchestra, composed of violins, viola 'cello, bass and flute, was stationed under the trees, and played the incidental music of the play, including the wedding march, and during the performance the following songs were rendered: 'O'er hill and dale,' by A.C. Kitching; 'Ye Spotted Snakes,' 'Fairy Song,' 'Hark the Lark,' choruses."

The play was performed twice, both the same day, making it necessary to adjust the scene for a change in lighting. "The evening performance was well attended, and though the 'mise-en-scène' could scarcely have been more attractive than in the afternoon, the combined light of the moon, and many Chinese lanterns, suspended from the trees, was perhaps better suited to the action of the play, which from beginning to end, was a great success, and creditable alike to all who took part."

The article adds that Professor E. A. Dunn had entertained visitors to the School event at tea in the afternoon — across the way at Divinity House, at the University of Bishop's College as the university was called prior to 1947 — and that his mother, Mrs. Dunn, had received the guests.



St. Andrew's Anglican Church, York

You're Invited
to the
75th Anniversary Celebration
of **St. Andrew's Church (York)**

July 18, 2004

9:45 AM	St. Andrew's Cemetery Tour
10:30 AM	Anniversary Eucharist
Following service	Luncheon (Wakeham Hall)

An Anniversary Fund has been established.
Contributions
May be mailed to:

St. Andrew's Anniversary Fund
441 York Blvd. West,
Gaspé, QC,
G4X 2M5

(Receipts will be issued)

Word from Michaelgarth



by Mia Anderson

A Tale of Two Cultures. The 150ths of St Michael's Anglican and St-Michel Roman Catholic, both of Sillery, are being celebrated with a great deal of joyful commonality. Our association began last year because of a painting in a stairwell at the local Caisse Desjardins. I noticed a portrait of the church of St-Michel with its founding date — our year! That was when it struck me we were made to do things together.

I'll tell you a little of what we've done and what we mean to do. But all our plans are building to the high point of August 22. That is the day that, with every kind of indoor-outdoor festivity, they take over the morning and noon, and we take over the afternoon with four-o'clock tea on the lawn, but wait; not any old tea, The Mad Hatter's Anglican Garden Tea Party, replete with croquet played à la flamingo mallet.

Alice will be in attendance, the dormouse has promised to come, the Mad Hatter will be there. A busload of personae from Lennoxville will flesh out the cast and who knows, perform the lobster quadrille? Mock-heroic Anglican chant will improve the shining hour. Cucumber sandwiches will content even an errant Lady Bracknell. Scones to die for. Double cream. Jam tomorrow and jam today. The labyrinth to pose in, have your picture taken by Lewis Carroll. Do hope you'll come. I wanted to invite you. Here's your invitation card; can you see the silver salver?

St-Michel and St Michael's co-piloted a portes ouvertes programme last summer, welcoming visitors, sharing our histories, our cultures and our space. All winter we met in committee to plan our anniversaries and support each other's highlights. Those were great meetings! Two cultures, indeed; the francophone ability to talk all at the same time and still hear; the anglophone plodding along waiting its turn in the queue.

The launch was May 2nd, the inaugural mass at St-Michel with St Michael's present. A pickaxe, a shovel and a stone came forward, reminders of their history: stone of our stone (both of us from the quarry in Cap Rouge) and the tools that commemorated Father Maguire who physically saw to the road being opened up the côte de l'Église. After the service, champagne, served in the church while

people milled around.

Next was the visit of Anglican Bishop of Malaita Terry Browne from the Solomon Islands to St Michael's where his priest Gabriel acts as assistant: Sung Evensong in traditional style and Cranmer cadence, a bishop on either side the Evan Price altar, a thurifer swinging smoke and seven singers round the font singing magnificently Aston's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis to the newly-rejuvenated organ. So new that the day before, half the pipes still leaned against the baptistry wall. That had been a tad nervewracking.

Our little Casavant 7 jeux organ had developed super-critical symptoms, but an urgent appeal had more than delivered on our first needs — the côté sonore of the organ-work in honour of the 150th. A new prestant 4, a new viol da gamba, a new 15, a working tremulo, the wald flute moved to the swell, the louvres opening the right way, and all rejoicing in 440 pitch (been a few years since we had that) — and so on. Still to come is the deep intestinal surgery — the tubes, the leathers, the unnameables — but that's for later.

Our St-Michel partners joined us that evening, and stayed to supper and to Bishop Terry's address instantly translated into French by Prof. Pierre Maranda (for whom Gabi works at Laval) — with marginalia from his own Solomon experience.

Would you like to hear the Pidgin hymn we sang? Here are a couple of verses. Sound out the letters one by one and I bet you'll get it. Bear in mind that this is an Easter hymn, that "mone" is two syllables, and "Istade" is three, and don't expect them to sound exactly like the English words, just an approximation.

1. Mone long Istade
Jisas nomoa dilei
kuiktaem kam ap long slip
no sore nomoa krae...Alleluia.
2. Sansaen long mone taem
olsem fes blong Jisas
hem hapi tumas nao
trom dak insaed long
tum...Alleluia.

After all this Pidgin, the evening ended in candlelight with Taizé chant; much participation supported by the guest singers and guitar — a rich sound. It ended as Taizé ends — that is, nobody moved. It has the power of peace and tranquillity that way.

Next came the two concerts: theirs May 29, the choeur de Québec, ours on Pentecost May 30, an organ concert in honour of the organ and in honour of Pentecost, all the music having been written on or to the Holy Spirit, by Bach, Duruflé, Tourmemire, Bédard. The organiste invité, Danny

Belisle, had been our chief consultant throughout the restoration plans, and gave a deeply intelligent and moving performance.

On June 13th, we celebrate Fête-Dieu together — Corpus Christi in our parlance — with a street Procession. Our eucharist is early, to allow us to begin to process with the Old Saint Matthew's banner of the eucharist among others down the hill to meet them as they emerge from their mass, and we all continue our pilgrimage with religious songs and prayers, held together with loudspeaker animation, until we reach la Maison des Jésuites, where lunch awaits us.

By the time we get to the big 22Twenty-Two22, we at St Michael's will have held our first summer day camps, called Alive-O! Eco-Farm: The Growing Camp. We say of the camps that they're there "because we love growing things and we love growing children". We will keep rabbits, visit goats, and garden organically; we'll make plays and music, singing and ringing — we'll learn handbells.

We'll finish the new Quiet Garden. That will be helped by government funds towards our 150th, which has also allowed us to plant many fine trees on the grounds, easing the loss of the old faithfuls that came down last year.

In September we share a journée mariale, beginning the evening of September 11th at St Michael's with meditations on the three icons of the Virgin and Child. I was very touched to be asked, an Anglican, to contribute to this, and I offered to present three icons through the Archbishop of Canterbury's eyes as he presents them in his little book, **Ponder these Things** — but, of course, in French, which the book isn't. The three icons are the Hodegetria or She who shows the Way, the Eleousa or The Mother of God of Vladimir, and the orans or The Virgin of the Sign. They are fascinated to learn that there is an Anglican rosary, so we will explore that together before going down the hill yet again, for the Roman Catholic version of the chapelet (or rosary), leading into an all-night vigil of adoration, the morning deposition du Saint Sacrement, Lauds, and thus into Sunday's mass. Yes, a tale of two cultures.

At last comes Michaelmas on Wednesday September 29, tremendously important for us this year, of course, and a feast which they are not accustomed to marking, so they will join us; it will be musical evening eucharist: a churchful of those who have lived gratefully under the aegis and care and wing of that archangel all these years. A tale of two Michaels. A tale of one Church.