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NORTHUMBRIA

Regional Newsletter

Greeting from the New Dean

Greeting in the name of the Lord!

When Bishop Sue asked me to consider her appointment as Regional dean of Northumbria I was humbled. God calls us all to ministry in his creation and sometimes that call is heard in the voice of others - for me that call is often heard in the voice of my Bishop. I answer that call in humility and joy. Even though my tenure here in this region has been short I feel that I am getting to know the people who live here pretty well. We are a region that is split between small town ministry and rural ministry. I have been privileged to be part of worship now in every parish in this region either as a student in 2003 or as a member of the clergy. I know the challenges we face in this part of God's world can often seem overwhelming - declining members; outmigration; unemployment—but I have come to learn that it is much better for us to focus upon what we have. What are our strengths here in his place:? What do we do well we do well? When we tackle problems from this perspective it is



The Rev. M. Elliott Siteman new Regional Dean of Northumbria.

then that the solutions become much clearer. So what do we have? We can take that care for his Body and use it to care for the whole world! Even if it is just that small part of the world in which we live. Northumbria is a beautiful place and glad I am that part of my homeland is included in this region! This region is filled also with beautiful people who are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit! Now let's take that power and put it to work.

I want to thank all who came and participated in the worship at St. George's for the Regional Celebration of New Ministry that saw me installed as Regional Dean. I offer myself in faith and in service to God's people. If you need to contact me about administrative matters please feel free to email me at me.sitmnan@gmail.com or call me at (902) 752-8509. I look forward to coming to see you all as I make my biannual visits.

Be assured of God's blessings as we work together for the building up of His kingdom.

Submitted by Rev. M. Elliott Siteman

Regional Council Meeting Update

At the last Regional Council Meeting we reviewed all the notices of motion for the upcoming Diocesan Synod. One of the notices of motion affects the canon that describes the membership of Diocesan Council. The proposed change would be that each Regional Council would elect two representatives (one lay, one clerical) to Diocesan Council. In anticipation of this being passed at Synod, it was decided to elect our representatives at that time - the next Diocesan Council is on the 19th and 20th of June (not really enough time to conveniently call another regional council meeting after Synod.).

Rev. Elliott Siteman was elected as the clerical representative and David Harrison was elected as the lay representative. The motion to change the canon was passed at Synod. Elliott and I discovered, at Synod, that one of us had to take a two year term, one a one year term. Thereafter each term would be for two years. Elliott volunteered for the one year term, I volunteered for the two year term.

The next Diocesan Synod will be held in 2011. This means that the current Synod Delegates remain our representatives until the Annual Meeting in 2011.

Submitted by David Harrison



2010 Diocesan Celebration label pin available \$3 each. Call 752-6422 to order.

Dates to Remember

Gospel Concert, St. Thomas Church, Indian Harbour Lake, June 21st at 7pm.

June 21st is the **National Aboriginal Day of Prayer**.

Christ Church is holding a **BBQ** at Sobeys on George Street, New Glasgow, on July 4th from 10 am.

All are welcome to come to the Westville Park on Saturday, July 4th for an ecumenical Christian celebration, **REJOICE**, 6 - 8:30pm, beginning with supper and ending with worship.

If you are in Pictou County on the 4th of July, or want to do something that day, why not make it a really fun filled day! Shop/visit friends in the am, go to the BBQ at Sobeys for lunch, shop, visit or enjoy the beach for the afternoon then off to the ecumenical service

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing July 14 (rain date July 21) at Hector Quay Visitor's Mariana Stage at 6pm hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

There will be no Vacation Bible School in Pictou this year. There is a new program scheduled for March Break 2010.

Hymn Sing Aug 18 at Hector Quay Visitor's Mariana Stage at 6pm hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Ladies' Retreat at Camp Geddie Nov 6 & 7 with speaker Pat Wilson.

Christ Church, Stellarton will hold their **Annual Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale** on Sept 19th 9:00 - noon. Volunteers needed to set up & price items on Sep 18th also on Sept 19th am. Gather your items during the summer (nothing large or heavy) please.

Some of the Summer Events in Northumbria

July 1 - Canada Day Parade, 10am, & **Celtic Workshop**, Westville
Canada Day 2009, Antigonish 11am - 4pm

3 - 5 - Stan Rogers Folk Festival, Canso

4-5 - Pictou County Light Horse Show, Pictou Exhibition Grounds

4 - Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee Charity Tournament, Parkdale, New Glasgow

5 - Strawberry Tea & Sale, Durham Community Hall

10 - Gyro Chicken BBQ, New Glasgow

10 - 12 - Pictou Lobster Carnival

11 - Black Battalion Memorial Ceremony, Pictou

15 - 4th Annual Pastoral Airs Concert, St James United Church 8pm \$20 charge

13 - 17 - Little Munsch on the Prairie, 10:30am - 12:30pm, at Immaculata Auditorium, St. FX \$8 charge

16 - 19 - Trenton Fun Fest Info 752-1019

17 - 19 - Antigonish Highland Games Columbus Field. & **Evolve 2009**, 4pm - 12am, throughout Antigonish County. Charges TBA

18 - River John Fire Dept Lobster Dinner, Noon Info 351-2223

Read by the Sea, River John Legion info www.readbythesea.ca

19 - 25 - River John Days info www.riverjohn.com

20 - 24 - Little Munsch on the Prairie, 10:30am - 12:30pm, at Immaculata Auditorium, St. FX \$8 charge

22 - Ernst Family Singers, 7:30pm, St Mary's Church, Lismore, \$15 Adults, \$5 children

23 - River John Quilt Show, Presbyterian Church Hall

22 - 26 - Stellarton Homecoming info www.stellarton.ca

25 - Ablaze Gospel Festival - Trenton Park 2 - 10pm.

26 - Toney River Chicken BBQ at Community Hall

28 - 29 - Tall Ships in Pictou Harbour

27- 31 - Little Munsch on the Prairie, 10:30am - 12:30pm, at Immaculata Auditorium, St. FX \$8 charge

31 - New Glasgow Fireman's Chicken BBQ, 11:30 til sold out & **Riverfront Music Jubilee** info at jubilee.ns.ca

Aug 1 - Pictou County Light Horse Show, Pictou Ex Grounds

1 - 2 - Riverfront Music Jubilee info at jubilee.ns.ca

3 - Natal Day in the Town of Pictou & **Stompin' Tom Connors** 8pm at Keating Mellenium Centre, Antigonish Charge TBA

6 - 9 - Festival of the Tartans, New Glasgow

7 - 8 - Northumberland Quilt Guild Show & Sale, DeCoste Centre, Pictou

7 - 8 - Race on the River - New Glasgow

9 - Hopewell Ceilidh

11 - 16 - Hector Festival, Pictou Annual St. Joseph's Community Picnic

16 - River John Fire Dept Chicken BBQ & a Planked Salmon Supper at Little Harbour Fire Dept 3pm

15 - Annual St. Joseph's Community Picnic 12 - 5pm st. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

22 - Northumberland Fisheries Museum Seaside Sale, Pictou &

Riverside Sportsman Series 11am - 11pm at Riverside Speedway, James River, Charge up to \$30

23 - St. Mary's Seafood Festival 12 - 6pm at Sherbrooke Village info at <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/sv/seafoodfest.php>



Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre see <http://www.festivalantigonish.com/mainstage>.

Wednesdays during July & Aug - Music on the Main, Columbus Field, Antigonish, 6:30 - 9:30pm Free

Sat 8am - noon during July & August Antigonish Farmers' Market, 4H Bldg at Ex Grounds,

Have a Safe, Healthy and Fun-filled Summer

Make Summer a Magical & Memorable Time for Teens

No school, lax rules, and adventurous activities combine to make summer a magical and memorable time for most teens.

The RespectED program of the Canadian Red Cross is reminding parents that the summer season can also be a dangerous time. While younger children are typically supervised throughout the summer, adolescents are not always subject to the same rules. Some **preventative thinking** and healthy “**ground rules**” can make all the difference this summer for your young adult. Adolescents crave excitement and autonomy, which can lead to unsafe situations. RespectED offers violence and abuse prevention education to help keep young people safer.

Checklist

Hey, you can’t follow them around all day and night, but the Canadian Red Cross says you can help keep them safe with a little forethought. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

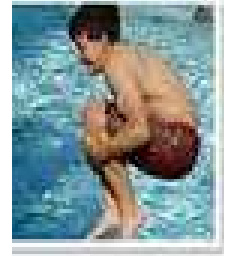
- Do you know where they are, who they’re with, and generally what their plans are for the day/night? Are they hanging around with their own age group? Do they feel safe with these friends?
- Have you scheduled “check in times” and curfews, especially for younger teens?
- Have you provided the tools to prevent sunburns?

Have you helped plan activities to keep them busy? Boredom and restlessness can lead to risk-taking and carelessness.

Did you teach youth that alcohol and water don’t mix—and set a good example? If your youth are going away with a friend’s family, have you talked to the parents about their safety policy?

Have you equipped your youth with the necessary safety education?

Visit the Canadian Red Cross website, www.redcross.ca, to learn more about safety and safety training, or call your local Red Cross office for more information.



Synod Notes

Anyone wanting to read about what happened at Synod can go to the following web site.
<http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/synod/index.htm>

New Regional Website
<http://www.northumbriaregion.ca/>

Don’t forget to send information about your fall activities. It might also be interesting to share pictures of your summer events. You never know - it might inspire others to try similar ventures.

Celebrating the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund 50th Anniversary

The Primate's Fund is a living reminder of our faith in action. Imagine a fund that has donated \$89 million dollars to global outreach programs! At St. George's Church in New Glasgow, we join with our sister churches across the region and Canada in celebrating this remarkable ministry. We invite our sister churches in the region to join us for any of our special events. Contact us at our office 752-4551 or e-mail stgeorgeschurchoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca. There are so many valuable resources (human and material) available to help us celebrate this milestone in our Church's history.

On Sunday, April 19th we began our official celebration of the 50th anniversary with our rector, The Reverend Elliott Siteman, outlining the history and nature of the Fund. A banner celebrating the Fund was dedicated; Primate's envelopes were distributed; we used the Primate's Fund placements for our fellowship hour.

On Monday, April 27th, Beth Baskin who is the Public Engagement Team Leader for The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund was with us to talk about the Primate's Fund and what the national office can do to support us as we focus on PWRDF this year.

On Sunday, May 17 we distributed Primate's Fund boxes available for summer and fall coins; we will collect the boxes on Sunday, November 1.

On Saturday, July 25th, the Church Family is invited to a garden tour with refreshments at 460 Terrace Street, New Glasgow, 2-4 pm. Rain day: Sunday, July 26th

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On Saturday September 12th at 10 am we will have a workshop presentation including: an original drama presentation written to celebrate the 50th anniversary, "Love Your Neighbour", an interactive activity involving the church's stained glass windows, a guest speaker (topic: Faith in Action) and entertainment followed by lunch.

On Sunday, October 4th, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies will speak at St. George's at our 10am worship. Marian is the Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Upham in New Brunswick and has been to see a PWRDF Partner at work.

On Saturday, December 12th, we will host our annual Variety Concert and Dessert Buffet.

Submitted by George Henaut

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St. Andrew's, Mulgrave

The men have been working hard in the Church basement, painting walls and floors. They did a great job! (Well done to all of them for making our Church basement a better place to have meetings and gatherings.)

We are planning a Silent Pantry Sale at the end of June. Also a Strawberry Tea and Mini Flea Market at the end of July.

We are also having our annual BBW in July to coincide with Mulgrave's Scotia Days. The BBW will be held at Venus Cove Park in Mulgrave.

We continue to save our pennies for MacKayla, which is doing very well. God Bless.

Submitted by Daphne Ayre

Regional Celebration of New Ministry

On the Festival of the Ascension May 21st at 7:30pm at St. George's New Glasgow, a **Regional Celebration of New Ministry** was held to install a new Regional Dean, the Reverend Elliott Siteman, rector of St. George's. The Guest Preacher was the Rev. Neale Bennet, Manager of Spiritual Care for the Capital Health District. In his homily, the preacher spoke of the ministry of absence as well as the ministry of presence. A time of fellowship was enjoyed following the worship service.



Photo: (from left to right) Front row -Melissa Drumond, currently a summer student appointed to the Parish of Liscomb-Port Bickerton; The Rev Kevin Frankland, Incumbent of the Parish of Tangier.

Back row-Guest preacher, Rev. Neale Bennett, new Regional Dean, Rev M. Elliott Siteman, Archdeacon Peter Armstrong, The Rev Jim Webber-Cook (Trinity United Church) and The Rev. Ian Wissler, Rector of the Parish of Mahone Bay.

Submitted by George Henaut

Anglican Churches of Pictou County

The annual ACPC outdoor service and picnic will take place on Sunday, July 5th at Salt springs Provincial park. The service begins at noon, followed by the picnic at 1pm. Hotdogs, drinks and ice cream will be provided, and the picnic will feature games and face painting. Remember to bring your own chairs, hats, sunscreen and bug spray. In case of inclement weather, the service and picnic will take place at Saint Bees in Westville. Salt springs Provincial Park is located just off Exit 19 from the Trans-Canada Highway (104) 17 km (10 mi) west of New Glasgow.

Submitted by Carol Dunn

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