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A Taste for the Holy:

Spiritus's interview with Alison Juurinen, Minister of Discipleship & Adult Education



Tell us about yourself and how you came to be at Christ Church Deer Park.

I recently received my Master of Divinity from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto, which is where I met the lovely and charming Director of Youth and Children's Ministry here at Christ Church Deer Park, Hilary Keachie. We made fast friends in homiletics class, and I ended up helping out at Vacation Bible Camp for a few summers. As you may recall, Hilary got called up to the big leagues earlier this year with the Anglican Church in Rome, and, as it's tough to do cross-ocean ministry, she asked me to fill in at PromiseLand while she completed her internship. When that period of time came to a close, Andrea Christensen, then interim-priest-in-charge, invited me to this new position: Minister of Discipleship and Adult Education.

What does your title—Minister of Discipleship and Adult Education—mean, and what is your mandate at our parish?

Minister of Discipleship and Adult Education basically means someone to help cultivate the living, day-to-day faith of the congregants. How? Through small groups, basic Christian formation, bible studies or other forms

of fun and interesting relational connections. The vision in general is to help every believer "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," as it says in 2 Peter 3:18.

How are you going about doing your work, and what kind of reception have you received as you begin your work?

While contemplating exactly how I would tackle my position, it occurred to me that it would be well nigh impossible to figure out what to do without knowing what the congregants thought and felt about God. And so, this is how the (slightly crazy) idea to personally meet with every single member of this congregation was born. In pursuit of this, I have now consumed a positively unholy amount of tea and had innumerable fascinating discussions. It appears that my instinct was right—people do indeed have many things to say about their faith lives. The appointment times often stretch much longer than I had originally anticipated. It has been a wonderful experience. On another note, it appears that a ridiculous number of you have PhD's. What a bunch of smarty-pants! (*Continued at top of page 2*)

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Month 18: Christ Church Deer Park's Journey in Support of Refugees

By Julie Scott on behalf of the Refugee Support Committee of Christ Church Deer Park

When the Christ Church Deer Park Refugee Support Group, with the generous support of the parish community, welcomed the Alkadri family in February 2016 at Pearson airport it seemed like a leap of faith that this family who had lived for two years in a Syrian refugee camp in Jordan and spoke little English would be self-sufficient 12 months later.

It is now 18 months later and not only are the Alkadri parents working and able to communicate in English, but the three children have completed the school year and are revelling in the Canadian summer, playing in soccer leagues, and even attending sleepover camp as I write this.

Joint private/government refugee sponsors, like Christ Church Deer Park, commit to only 12 months of sponsorship. However, members of our parish's Refugee Committee have so enjoyed getting to know the Alkadris that we hope our friendship and moral support will long outlive the sponsorship program.

With the Alkadris no longer dependent on Christ Church Deer Park, the Refugee Support Committee turned to Matthew House, a Toronto shelter for undocumented refugees, to see where we could best support Toronto's refugees with our knowledge,

friendship, and resources. Matthew House, a "Faithworks" charity in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, identified an urgent need to provide a "Circle of Support" for the growing number of teenage refugees from Eritrea arriving alone in Toronto.

Since May of this year, we have formed a "Circle of Support" for two young women from Eritrea who had been living at or were affiliated with Matthew House. Thanks to the generosity of two parishioners, these two women have a safe and comfortable place to live while they look for affordable, long-term accommodation. While the women are fluent in English and successfully completed a year of high school in Toronto last June, they have limited contact with their families. We are pleased that Christ Church Deer Park has committed to provide them with a monthly stipend for the next year from the funds that remained from the 2016 parish community donations. Just as important, our parish's "Circle of Support" regularly connects to provide a helping hand or a sounding board as the women navigate their final year of high school.

As with the Alkadris, the Refugee Support Committee is inspired by the resilience of these young women and honoured to be able to provide them support.

For more information about Matthew House please go to www.matthewhouse.ca/matthewhouse/index.php

For information about Faithworks please go to www.faithworks.ca

For more information about the Christ Church Deer Park Refugee Support Committee and the "Circle of Support" or if you know of affordable (up to \$900 a month) rental accommodation for the two refugees we are currently supporting, please contact julie.c.scott2@gmail.com or johngodfrey1@gmail.com.

Are there any preliminary observations that you would like to share with us about our parish and our people?
My experience so far leads me to believe that opinions about nearly everything abound at Christ Church Deer Park. We have everyone from real mystics to questioning seekers in this congregation, but there is one thing we all have in common—a great and abiding desire for the Holy.

What kind of initiatives can we anticipate as a result of your work with us? Are there things we can take responsibility for whether or not a new incumbent is in place?

The Big Question: What’s Going To Happen? Well, in January I plan to run a brilliant program called “Alpha” at this church. It is an Anglican initiative that helps people sort out their ideas about God, invites newcomers to the church, and, blessedly, involves a lot of eating. I have talked to several people who have had fantastic experiences with Alpha in the past, and so I am really looking forward to it! I also wish to gather for a short biweekly meeting specifically to pray all the requests that the church receives. Everyone who feels called to prayer would be invited. Also, there seems to be a definite desire for further bible study, as well as for an easy, fun kind of catechism. This congregation is positively bubbling over with great ideas (many involving snacks)—it’s now just a matter of organization and making sure everyone knows what is going on and when!

Is there anything we didn’t ask you that you wish we had asked?
If I could add one thing to this interview, it would be a request. I have met with many people so far, but I have certainly not met with all of you! If you have even the faintest inclination towards this sort of encounter with me, I would be so delighted to meet with you and hear your ideas about God, faith, and the church. It might feel a bit weird at first, meeting with a relative stranger, but let me assure you: it’s fun! It’s been wonderful meeting all of you, and, rather greedily, I want more of the same. You can reach me at this email: alisonjuurinen@icloud.com or by calling 416.920.5211 ext 25 at the church and leaving a message. (My old Christ Church Deer Park email only works intermittently, so please don’t use that one. If you have sent me an email at that address and I haven’t yet responded, that’s why! The iCloud address works perfectly though.) I’m at the church Tuesdays and Thursdays, but would be happy to come at other times by arrangement.

** EDITOR’S NOTE:
For a recent two-part article on Alpha in The Anglican see www.anglican.ca/news/discipleship-alpha-course-montreal/30019441/ www.anglican.ca/news/alpha-course-proves-gospel-communication-tool-toronto/30019470/*

Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank

By Ben Dikken



This is a very appropriate time to recognize the generous in-kind donations to the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank that have been made by members of the Christ Church Deer Park congregation so far this year. Most of these have been deposited in the contribution box illustrated above which is placed in the Atrium. This year, it has received a total of 359 items up to the end of July.

These contributions represent a real variety of items such as canned vegetables and fruits, macaroni/cheese, cereal, soups, coffee, and so on. For the month of August, cold cereal was the item that we were concentrating on (with good results). For September, we are zeroing in on tins of canned ham; they will come in handy when preparing hampers which are developed for Christmas time.

Heartfelt thanks are due to all who have contributed. We now look forward to continued success in the coming months that will include the annual Food Drive to be held on October 28 and November 4, 2017.

⦿ Ben Dikken is an active and involved parishioner who volunteers at the food bank.

A Meditation On Love

By Edna Quammie

The Golden Rule instills trust, comfort, and love. Love thy neighbour. Who does not want to be loved? The giver and receiver can both feel the warmth of a kind gesture, and this leads us to a better understanding of the love that God wants us to have towards each other. Life on earth is fragile and short, but when we love each other, it can also be beautiful. Love uplifts all of us.

Feed the hungry.
Shelter the homeless.
Smile at a stranger.
Listen to your neighbour.
Take a friend for tea or coffee.
Do unto others...

Empathy, sympathy, and compassion. Is anyone remembering the Golden Rule in this day and age?

Outside of our place of worship, do we carry this rule into our workplace, our home, our neighbourhood?

How easy is it to assist someone, say good morning, or offer a kind ear? The Golden Rule seems to come naturally to me. It may be intuitive due to years of caring for vulnerable people in my profession as a nurse. Experience in a hospital environment taught me that expressions of love can be nonverbal, like offering a warm blanket, something done simply with a smile or kind gesture.

⦿ Edna Quammie is a retired operating room nurse and a member of the Congregational Care Team at Christ Church Deer Park.

What J-O-B Can Mean



By Wendy Finlay

Early in June of 2017, I was dismissed from my job as a law clerk at a large Canadian law firm. They were restructuring, and it “wasn’t personal,” but it sure felt that way. The experience was humiliating and destabilizing, and I spent most of June recovering from mental and physical exhaustion. When I mentioned my loss to some members of the congregation and clergy, I noticed that talking to other people about my situation seemed to make them feel uncomfortable. But one kind soul sat with me and asked of my present circumstances, listened, and offered emotional support.

Although I was given a time-limited financial package by my former employer, the prospect of being alone and without an income has become increasingly overwhelming. I have applied for several positions and slashed my salary expectations, but to no avail to date. I recognize that my options are rather limited given my seniority and age, and my hope is dwindling along with my bank account. From time to time I ask myself if I will weather this change. I have encountered other hardships and setbacks in life and, prior to this, I was willing and able to pick up and carry on with life changes. But now I wonder how to survive. Although I am part of the church community, I can’t help but feel embarrassed and alone.

Last year, one of our clergy, Andrea Christensen, led a study of the Book of Job. Little did I know how relevant that would become for me in 2017! Now I better understand what God is getting at in my life. Job’s friends wondered why he was not railing at God over his misfortunes, but Job stood firm. Although—with God’s permission—Satan rained down trials and tribulations, Job did not allow his suffering to sever his connection to the Divine. He ultimately accepted what life presented to him, and in the end, all was well. So, like Job, I know that I must accept and submit to what is happening in my life. Otherwise, there is no moving ahead, no transition, no growth.

I have always approached a job as defined by what I was paid, so it is easy to become lost in self-reproach and despair at this time. But I am determined to resist that temptation, and I have learned that fear is overcome by action. I accept my new reality as a challenge in many ways, and already hidden blessings are being revealed to me. For instance, I can see how much I needed to transition away from my old working environment, an insight not available to me while I was still employed. My approach now is to be thankful for this gift of time, new opportunities, and especially for the hope of renewal in thought, word and deed. My worth is *not* defined in financial success or by anyone else’s judgment of me. I am grateful for this life, promised by God, given by Christ.

⦿ Wendy Finlay is a lay reader and chalice bearer at Christ Church Deer Park.

Jane Reeves

By Tony van Straubenzee

Jane Reeves died on July 15, 2017. She was such a pillar of the parish, and there must have been over 400 people at her funeral. I wrote this after Jane died and sent it to her family.

There is a wonderful old children’s hymn that begins with the words “Jesus Bids Us Shine with a Pure Clear Light.” If there was ever a person who shone in this way, it was Jane Reeves. Wherever she went there was light. Her enthusiasm for life was infectious.

There may have been five or six activities in one day, and Jane didn’t want to miss any of them. She was everywhere. She was an active participant and brought her delightful personality to every function.

Jane loved people, and they loved her back. Her ready smile was always present when she entered a room, and she made everyone feel important. She had a unique voice and spoke with a slight drawl.

If one was having a dinner party, you would want to have Bob and Jane as guests. They were a special couple who embraced the words “joie de vivre.” For many years they had a Christmas party, and their friends coveted an invitation. It was a Bloody Mary and a box lunch, prepared and served in the only way Jane knew how—stylishly. The boxes came with a Christmas ribbon and inside there was a tasty sandwich in a croissant, a brownie or chocolates, and other nibbles.

She was always impeccably dressed, and she was indeed a beautiful woman inside and out. She had a knack for finding the perfect scarf. Sitting behind her in church was interesting, particularly during boring sermons.

Her involvement in so many organizations was amazing. Whether it was Big Sisters, tennis, bridge, the church, the Garden Club, the Current Events Club, the Friends of the Visual Arts, or whatever, she was there.

But she never sacrificed her family, and she and Bob have two super boys, Geoff and Fraser, who have adopted their parents’ values. And when Bob and I were performing in the Christ Church Deer Park Spring Flings in the 70s, Jane and my wife, Mary, were backing us up on the stage crew with encouragement and laughter.

Jane had an artistic bent, as did Bob. They both painted, and she did amazing flower arrangements and won many prizes at the Spring Garden Club Shows. Her miniatures were exquisite. Bob and I were in the cartage business for years, carefully transporting flower arrangements to the Garden Club Shows for Jane and Mary, and God help us if we disturbed the design.

Jane loved her church—Christ Church Deer Park, where she played a very active role for fifty-five years. She was a Warden in 1988, welcoming the Rev. Dr. Tim Elliott into the parish. Every Christmas she did the floral arrangements, and they were stunning.

In June 2017, she and Bob were awarded the Anne Larkin Award for their amazing contribution to the parish for so many years. When the award was announced, the members of the congregation jumped to their feet and clapped and whistled. It was the loudest ovation we had ever heard in church!

Mary was honoured to have done the flower arrangement for Jane’s funeral.

We are both so privileged to have been a part of her life, and we and so many others will miss her terribly.

Tony.

⊕ Tony van Straubenzee is a regular contributor to Spiritus.



Can You Volunteer?



Key Leadership Opportunities

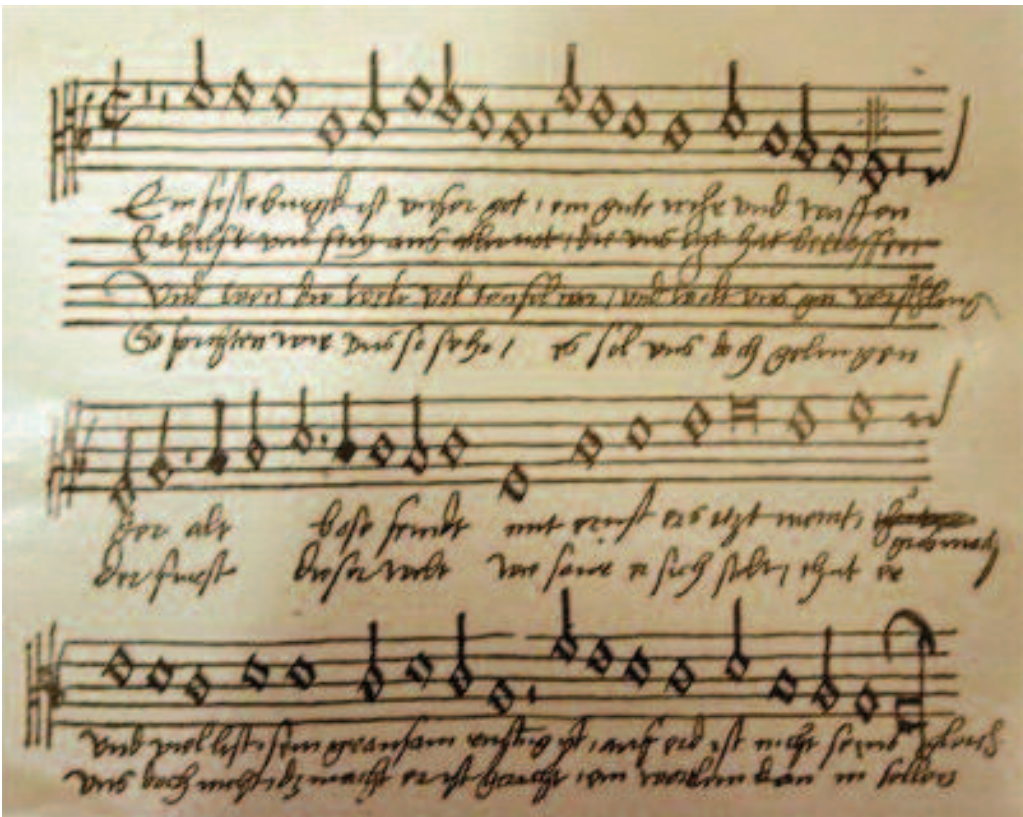
- Outreach Chair**
We need a leader who can organize our outreach activities and identify new opportunities. We are looking for a dynamic individual with experience in building community partnerships to develop and activate a strategy to share God’s love.
- Manager of Volunteer Support**
Do you have experience in leading people or helping others discover and use their gifts? Here, you will oversee the recruitment, support, and celebration of our volunteers.
- Church Historian/Archivist**
Do you have a genuine interest in the history of our church? We look forward to our upcoming 150th celebration and need a thoughtful curator to bring our history to life and share it with a broad community.
- Communications Team Leader**
This leader shows a passion and skill with communications, particularly social media, and will identify cost-effective and creative solutions and develop them to support parish programs and outreach.
- Chancel Guild Coordinator**
You will lead the team who work “behind the scenes” to prepare the altar for worship services every Sunday as well as for special services. You will also develop rotating teams and order supplies to ensure the services run smoothly.
- Jazz Vespers Coordinator**
Do you have a heart for jazz and for showing hospitality to God’s people? Put these interests together in coordinating our Jazz Vesper Sunday afternoons! You will be responsible for calling up readers, organizing a team for welcoming, and organizing a small reception afterward.

Youth Opportunities

- Online Sales Assistant**
Our parish receives items that would be better sold online than in our rummage sales. In this role, you will become familiar with sites like Ebay, Kijiji, or Varage, and you will manage sales to support our ministry.
- Social Media Assistant**
You are a tech savvy socializer who will work with our Communications Team and organize our Facebook “Throw Back Thursday” posts by working with our church historian.
- Photographer**
We need you to take great pics and video clips to use in our communications and to post on social media.
- Co-op Work Term Student**
Are you looking for a work term placement? We can work with you in developing a meaningful and challenging assignment to help you learn about the business side of running a church. Together with an advisor, you will undertake research and analysis, and develop key conclusions and recommendations for initiatives such as: Church Rental Opportunities or Funerals and Weddings, and then present your findings to Management Team.
- Children’s Ministry Teen Leaders**
 - Do you love coming down to Promiseland, but feel like maybe you’re getting a bit old for it? Why not spend a Saturday to learn about the practice of Godly Play by accredited trainers on November 12, 2107, from 10-3pm at Emmanuel College (U of T Campus)? We can also give you opportunities to dramatize and share stories at our parish.
 - Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) is an action-packed week in summer with exciting adventures, crafts, music, games, and more. We are especially looking for musicians and tribe leaders.
 - Missed VBC this year? We have a mini Christmas-themed version on Saturday, November 18, 2017, 10-2pm. If you’re busy on Saturday but want to be involved, join us on Friday for a set-up party!
- Liturgical Roles**
We are always looking for more people (especially teens) to be involved in the liturgy! We will offer training sessions to help you become a crucifer, sub-deacon, acolyte, reader, or prayer leader.
- Rummage Sale Workers and Clean-Up Crew**
Get some retail experience by working with the team to price items, create displays, work with customers, and manage cash. Or come by later in the day and be part of the clean-up crew where you can shop for free as you pack up the merchandise!

Notes from the Music Library: *Martin Luther and Congregational Singing*

By Emily Chatten



I was baptized a Lutheran, but in Eastern Ontario, Lutheran churches were few and far between. As a result, I grew up and was confirmed in the Anglican church. I was on a summer term at the University of Waterloo when the synods of the two churches agreed that they professed the same faith. Sensing this unity and intuitively knowing it to be true all along, I felt my heart gave a little leap when I heard the news.

Against this personal background, I've been following with great interest the recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation year, starting last October. I've taken this as an opportunity to look at the role of Martin Luther in church music. My starting place was the hymn EIN FESTE BURG or "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

In many hymn books, "A Mighty Fortress" is attributed Martin Luther. It is generally accepted that he wrote the paraphrase of Psalm 46, but it is harder to know if he wrote the music. One of Luther's most far-reaching musical developments of the post-Reformation church was his substitution of the Gradual for a hymn. With this development, Luther called for the writing of German Psalms (i.e. the vernacular) for the people. He worked with the composer and choral conductor Johan Walther on a number of these psalms, and it is possible that Walther wrote the music for EIN FESTE BURG.

Luther put a lot of effort into collecting German Psalms for people and inserting them into the German Mass. This was not only due to his love of music. Luther felt that all believers were members of the universal priesthood (doctrine per 1 Peter 2, 9), and he held the common parishioner in high regard. He felt that the laity needed to take an active role in Church liturgy and hymn singing.

In 1941, referring to such composers as Schütz, Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Bach, Paul Henry Lang wrote, "In the center of the new musical movement which accompanied the Reformation stands the great figure of Martin Luther. He does not occupy this position because of his generalship of the Protestant movement, and nothing is more unjust than to consider him a sort of enthusiastic and good natured dilettante. He had a gift for harnessing music for congregational participation, suggesting that he had received direction, but at the foundation was a love of music, which he considered a gift from God. Aside from changing the course of Christianity in Europe, he also had major impacts on its music." Something to reflect on as we move toward Reformation Day on October 31st.

✪ Emily Chatten is a Christ Church Deer Park chorister who helps to maintain the parish music library.

Growing Healthy Stewards... The Tree Is Growing!

By Bob Hutchison



The Stewardship Committee's pre-summer message to the parish was "Keep the Growing Healthy Stewards Tree Growing." We wanted to make sure our members maintained their financial commitments over the summer so that we remain in sound financial condition when many of us are away or have other commitments. We are pleased that the parish responded well. Everyone should feel proud!

One encouraging response was an increase in pre-authorized, paperless payments. Pre-authorized giving provides a consistent and accurate picture of congregational giving so management team can plan more efficiently and effectively. To repeat our earlier message: **pre-authorized giving is easy and one of the single most important ways to be a good steward.** Anyone who has a bank account or a credit card can do it. If you have not yet signed up, please do so. For help contact Paul Marritt, our director of operations, or any committee member.

The Growing Healthy Stewards program—GHS for short—is a year-round, disciplined approach to stewardship integrated into all parish activities. It is designed so that we can participate in our Christian mission in ways that suit us individually. Parishioners bring a breathtaking range of talent, time, availability, and resources, and by putting all of our diverse gifts to work, GHS lets us fulfill our Christian goals and duties, collectively and individually.

To participate more fully, plan to attend two upcoming events: The Discovery Fair on Sunday, September 24, 2017, (11:15 am to 12:30 pm) and Commitment Sunday on November 5, 2017.

At the **Discovery Fair** various parish committees and groups will display and offer opportunities where you can make the kind of stewardship contributions that you are suited for and comfortable with. Please plan to attend. In the meantime, give some thought to what would be best for you. Check out the parish website or the weekly announcements for some of the many opportunities.

Commitment Sunday will focus on our financial contribution to Christ Church Deer Park, and it will be similar to the Commitment Sunday held last year. Parishioners will be asked to return an updated commitment form, indicating their financial contribution for the next year, and alternative arrangements will be available for those who may not be able to attend that Sunday. Expect to receive the commitment form and related materials the first week of October. Follow up will continue during the year.

GHS uses the gardening metaphor of nurturing the seeds of good discipleship and growing a healthy parish garden that, in turn, feeds our members and the community at large. We hope you have all had a good summer in the garden and that you will respond promptly and generously in nurturing our future financial growth.

Your Stewardship Committee
Bob Hutchison, Carolyn Kearns, David Moore, Caroline van Nostrand and Rick Varkey



WHEN IN ROME: Vacation Bible Camp/2017

By Hilary Keachie

The final pillar is down, the feathers put back in their box, the white togas now plain sheets. Elliott Hall looks empty without the aqueduct, fountains, life size statue pictures, and the 40 or so children and teens running about. I always feel slightly sad when Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) ends. It is an intense and exhausting week, but definitely one of the most satisfying, fun, and invigorating experiences of the year.

This summer, we traveled back to the ancient Roman Empire. The children met Ananias in our house church and learned about the persecution of the early Christians. Saul came to arrest them and take them to prison where they encountered Peter and were miraculously freed by an angel. They witnessed Saul's dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus and helped him escape over the city walls in a basket. (Our brave Paul scaled the stairs from Elliott Hall, a basket strapped to his back.)

The children followed secret Christian symbols (on sticky notes, of course), experienced the dramatic shipwreck, and were hospitably welcomed to Malta (running through the sprinkler and roasting marshmallows over the BBQ outside the church). On the final day, we arrived in the city of Rome and appealed to the Emperor only to have to hide in the catacombs, a squished room where we sang songs of praise in (battery-operated) candlelight for what felt like centuries. Amazingly, we time traveled and were summoned back to the Emperor—now Constantine I, nearly 300 years later—whom the children helped decipher a vision, "with this sign I will conquer." They explained that the Chi Rho is the symbol for Christ, and their explanation led Constantine to legalize Christianity. We celebrated by making and racing our very own chariots and assembling supplies for house churches in an ancient-Rome-theme game of Capture the Flag.

The week was full of adventure, story, new friendships, and wonderful revelations. I loved how the children's apprehension turned to delight as they stomped grapes in bare feet and watched the curds separate from the whey in our cheese making. Our Agape Feast tasted all the better because they had prepared the food and drink with their own hands (or feet!) I was amazed by their creativity in decorating pillars, Roman helmets and chariots: ribbon, feathers, and aluminum foil abounded. I was impressed with their teamwork and determination in our aqueduct challenge of transporting marbles and then water across the field in cut pool noodles.

Even as we cleaned up into the night, the excitement and love of VBC resounded. The conversation jumped from our favourite moments to admiring the décor to retelling funny stories about the week. And then to next year's camp, suggesting maybe we should do the story of Daniel. Already, we are looking forward to next year's adventures!

A huge thank you to all our leaders and Leaders in Training who devoted countless hours and endless energy to making VBC a success. Thank you also to everyone who donated supplies or their time to help us transform the space; it was spectacular and we are so grateful for your creativity and generosity.

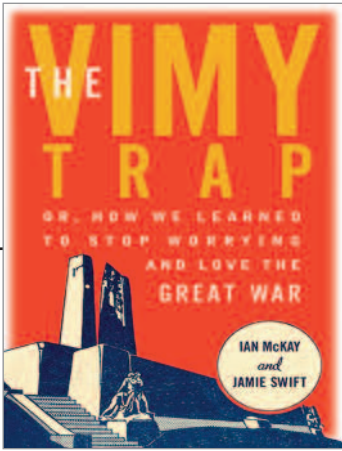
We celebrated our VBC on September 10, 2017, during the 10 am service with songs and stories, as well as a special Roman memento for all the participants.

✪ Hilary Keachie is the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Christ Church Deer Park.

Book Review

by Ward Lindsey

THE VIMY TRAP
Or, How We Learned To Stop Worrying,
And Love The Great War
by Ian McKay & Jamie Swift
(Between The Lines publisher 2016)



One of my least favourite subjects at high school was history. I was able to scrape by with an adequate mark by attending grade 12 summer school. I viewed the subject as memory work which was not a forte of mine. Now, many decades later, I have realized that history is a testament to the human condition placed within a context of a specific time period.

Historical context tends to be elusive with the passage of generations. The authors of *The Vimy Trap*, Ian McKay and Jamie Swift, have taken on the task to research and present the context of the Great War, from the first shots fired through to “the imposition of present-day hopes upon historical complexities.” A thread of reality and reflection concerning horror and suffering weaves through the book. The result is to nullify “the baseless celebration of war.”

Moral expression and political pretence travel the same road of time throughout *The Vimy Trap*. The causes of the Great War are laid out in substantial detail and become an anchor point of reference for the book. It is shown how Christianity and the Empire were intermingled, placing a mantle of duty on the young volunteer or conscript soldier. Throughout the inter-war period prior to World War II there was a transformation from reference to those who are mourned to those who are sanctified. The authors provide a substantial amount of back-up to reveal this trend.

The Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge becomes the focus of the chapter titled “Sculpting the Jagged Edges of War.” Involvement and planning between the Imperial War Graves Commission, the Canadian Battlefield Memorials Commission, and the memorial designer Walter Allward provides insightful context into the world between the wars when the memorial was unveiled in 1936. Walter Allward stated that he wanted the memorial to be “worthy of the men who gave their lives and, as a protest in a quiet way against the futility of war, (and) may make men regret that humanity has to go to war instead of being proud of it.”

The positioning of reality against a growing war myth provides points of tension throughout the book. Ian McKay and Jamie Swift have used the vehicles of context and confirmation to substantiate their view regarding what they term “the big bang theory of Canadian history.” Canada being born as a nation is more complex. *The Vimy Trap* provides a unique history lesson through which we can reflect on the oft-spoken post-war question “For What?”

⊕ *Ward Lindsey is a parishioner and volunteer chorister at Christ Church Deer Park. He is also an avid reader with a wide-ranging curiosity about human beings and how they make sense of the world.*

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Dear Church Mouse



Dear Church Mouse,

Not long ago I invited my Anglican house guest from out of province to attend the Sunday Eucharist with me. All went well until Communion. When my guest went to dip the bread in the wine, the chalice bearer put a hand over the chalice and mouthed the word “No.” I was mortified by this lack of hospitality and, although my guest tried to stay composed, they later complained that their altar-rail experience had been ruined. I think that the chalice bearer’s behaviour was unwelcoming and that they should have made an exception for a guest, don’t you?

Embarrassed

Dear *Embarrassed*,

Yours is an interesting spin on hospitality, but with respect, this mouse doesn’t agree. Welcoming someone to the Eucharist and to our sacred space doesn’t mean dispensing with “house rules” about the shared meal. In this case, no dipping. The order of service says “Please do not dip the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to drink from the cup, you may receive the bread only.”

Holy Communion is such an intimate thing, isn’t it? It makes me sad to know that this sacred moment was ruined for your guest. I hope you’ll invite them back again to worship with us and that you’ll be able to let them know beforehand what to expect at the altar rail.

Dear Church Mouse,

I am a faithful parishioner who attends church every Sunday and tries to keep up with the goings-on at the parish, but I almost swallowed my dentures when I opened the latest edition of *The Anglican*. There, on page six was a photo of everyone-who’s-anyone at Christ Church Deer Park with a notation that our parish had sponsored the annual Bishop’s Company Dinner on May 18, 2017. My question is, how did this happen without the whole parish knowing? I thought money was tight.

Living under a cabbage leaf

Dear *Living*,

This mouse didn’t know about the sponsorship either, and you sent me scurrying to my own copy of *The Anglican*. Sure enough, our parish did sponsor that dinner. Nice photo, too. I see that the churchwardens were at the dinner, so rather than jump to conclusions, let’s see what they’ll have to say.

EDITOR’S NOTE: As a courtesy and with the approval of Church Mouse, Spiritus passed Living’s enquiry on to the churchwardens who replied as follows:

Thank you very much for this question; we’re really glad you asked rather than continue to wonder. No Christ Church Deer Park funds were used for this event. In the category of “no good deed goes unpunished,” the Diocese approached one parishioner to sponsor this year’s Bishop’s Company Dinner on behalf of our parish in celebration of Bishop Kevin’s election and consecration. The sponsorship included some tables which that parishioner along with other kind donors from Christ Church Deer Park then used to invite many active parish volunteers. The Bishop’s Company Dinner raises funds for the Archbishop to use in support of the emergency needs of diocesan clergy, and our parish is fortunate to have parishioners who are able and willing to donate both to Christ Church Deer Park and the Diocese, and other charitable endeavours. I’m very sorry to hear you felt left out. Please know that the opportunity was undertaken with the best of intentions and efforts were made to include as many as possible.

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