



ST. CATHERINE'S NEWSLETTER

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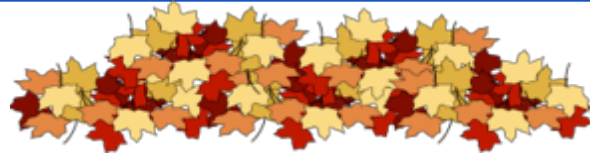
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Up coming Special Celebrations....

Entrusted with Creation , September 17th. ONE Service only at 10:00 am, Archbishop Hambidge preaching.

St. Francis Day - October 1st. Animals will be welcomed and blessed at both services.

Thanksgiving, October 8th. "Let us give our thanks and praise".

Salal and Cedar Ministry, October 15th. Laurel Dykstra and team will be present at both services speaking of their Diocesan Ministry, "striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"

Remembrance Day, November 12th. "Lest we forget"

Patronal Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria - November 19th. "Let us break bread together", a special luncheon will be held after the 10:00 am service

Next Newsletter Deadline
November 25, 2017

Please send items
to Heather Luccock at
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Services at St. Catherine's
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist
Mid-week - Wednesday Contemplative Eucharist 10:00
a.m.

Message from our Interim Priest - The Rev. Keith Gilbert

"The coldest winter I ever spent was summer in San Francisco", allegedly uttered by Mark Twain. I well remember seeing San Francisco residents donned in gloves and scarf's on foggy August mornings, while across the harbor, where I was studying at summer school in the seminary's of Berkley, it would be blazing hot. This year, I took a course at our Sorrento Centre entitled spirituality/suffering, learnings from which have found their way into some homilies. Continuing education courses are one of the aspects of, and benefits that ordination allows; I am most grateful for this opportunity.

First impressions often indelibly mark our souls. The "Saga" of my connection to Iceland continues and I shall be returning in October for ten days, my 3rd visit to this remote island in the sea of God's creation. Iceland was for me, one of those indelible impressions. On this upcoming visit I will be re-connecting with Tryggvi, a fellow fisherman of that first visit; after fifty years of not seeing each other, we are looking forward to catching up on our conversations. We would often find ourselves late at night, knee deep in fish on the pitching heaving deck of the trawler "Marz", talking of God, creation, and our place in God's world. Finding purpose and meaning in our lives is I believe, a God given task that may take, or continue to take a lifetime. Standing on the deck of the Marz, I certainly did not think I was called to be a "fisher of men" (KJV), in fact I was trying to run away from such a call.

Over the years it has been my experience that one cannot argue with God, and win. The late American psychiatrist, David Viscott wrote, "The meaning of life is to find your gift, the purpose of life is to give it away". The Season of Summer with its more relaxed pace allows one more time to reflect, to dwell on such matters as, what is the purpose and meaning of our life's work; who we have "chanced" to meet along the way and what has been their influence upon us; what gifts we have been given, what we have been able to give to those whom we have met. Being open to the mystery of God's ways, which are not always our ways, can sometimes take deep trust and willingness to be surprised as to the persons, animals, experiences, countries that we encounter in this journey we call life. This summer brought new people, experiences, and reflections to my life, which I have delighted in. Such was my summer. Thanks be to God. How was summer for you?

Keith+

Message from Assistant Interim Priest – The Rev. Sharon Salomons

One of the books I read this summer was by Margaret Silf on Ignatian Spirituality entitled Inner Compass. One of the ways she describes the process of spiritual life is to look at the self with layers of concentric circles. The outer circle represents the “Where am I?” of life – this includes all the circumstances of life that are beyond our control. It includes our age, our health, our family members, the events that occur for good or for ill in our life, including in our community as well as events on the national and world stages. The second circle includes the “how am I?” which is an area we have some choice in. We may have many difficult events occur in the “Where am I” of life, but we have options to how we will respond – what kind of attitude we seek to cultivate within ourselves. Whether we will choose to address situations, or retreat from them. Whether we choose to accept with grace or whether we are motivated to action. Every circumstance we have a choice of how to respond. And there is no right way or wrong way – each of us needs to discern the path forward for ourselves.

Given some of the events of these past few months, forest fires raging in our province, political posturing on the world stage, and for some of us recent losses in our lives, as people of faith, we are called to reflect on the “how am I” in all of this – how can I respond in a way that strengthens my faith, that encourages myself and others.

The most inner circle of the author’s image represents “who am I?” Ultimately despite the where, and the how, we can rest in the truth that we are God’s beloved.

I hope your summer has also been filled with time of reflection and inspirational reading or conversation. As we move into another busier time of the year, let us always remember to take that time for rest and reflection as well.

In the peace of Christ,

Wardens’ Messages

Associate Warden

Not surprisingly many St. Catherine's "regulars" have been absent from the pews on Sundays in the summer months. July and August are traditionally when many people take a holiday break, whether travelling afar or enjoying a staycation. Happily, we've welcomed many visitors who have joined us for the church service and invited them to join with us for a cup of coffee/tea afterwards. Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is not that far away. Please remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7, the date of our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a parish family and provide a delicious homemade Thanksgiving dinner, with all the trimmings, to people who might not otherwise get the chance to enjoy good nutritious food and be welcomed into a community. Attention all you cooks, bakers, servers, and volunteers: I'll be calling on your talents soon.

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The Wardens' Messages Cont.

Here's wishing that people return safely from their travels for the "start" of the church year in September. I pray that we are all refreshed and renewed in body and spirit and open to the plan God has for us. Respectfully submitted, Vivian McGie

Peoples Warden

Things are progressing well at St. Catherine's, with a few new members with children, which will help our Sunday School start up again. Our Canada Day celebration on July 2nd was a great success, due to our many volunteers, neighbours and friends. There will be a benefit concert in late October or early November to aid PWRDF for fire victims in the interior. More info will follow. Respectively submitted. Tony

Bishop's Warden

It was so wonderful to see new faces in the congregation over the summer and I am very excited that we are able to re-start our Sunday School in September. I spent time in late spring and early summer working with our Bookkeeper, Faranak, to ensure we had consistent financial reports and I am very grateful to Derek Barratt for accepting the position of Treasurer. Over the summer I worked with Derek and Faranak to bring Derek up to speed on our finances. I have also been developing Standard Operating Procedures for all aspects of our organization. This can help when we have changes in volunteers or people taking on new tasks. Also, I would like to thank everyone who helped in the office while Randy was on a 'well deserved' vacation over the summer. The Canonical Committee is moving forward as planned. I appreciated all the feedback we received on your priorities for our parish and was able to incorporate much of that information into the Parish Profile. I expect that the Parish Profile will be submitted to the Bishop in early September for her review and approval. Respectfully submitted, Susanne Stockdill .

A SATURDAY/SUNDAY MORNING with ARCHBISHOP HAMBIDGE

Mark you calendars for Saturday/Sunday September 16 and 17 at St. Catherine's. Archbishop Douglas will speak about ownership in the Creation story, of how God has not given, but "entrusted" us with the whole of Creation. As "Trustees" how are we doing with what has been entrusted, and what is God calling us to do? Archbishop Douglas, now in his 90th year, and as an "elder", has much wisdom and grace to pass along to us as we journey toward "a future with hope". We will meet Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m., with a break for refreshment's, and, THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday September 17th.

Derek Barratt Receives Prestigious Mining Award

Derek Barratt, along with his wife Elizabeth, were recently in London, England where he was awarded the Futers Gold Medal from The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. This medal is given in recognition for outstanding service to the international minerals industry.

Derek graduated in 1963 from the Royal School of Mines in London

Congratulations from all your friends at St. Catherine's



Derek Barratt above
Futers Gold Medal below

Coffee & Conversation

We had a mid-summer gathering of about 18 people who shared poetry selections with each other, and what meaning they had for each person. The Rev. Jeannette Stigger was the facilitator. We posted the poems during coffee hour at the Sunday service which people enjoyed reading. It was a really interesting time of sharing.

Next Dates

Tuesday, September 19, October 17, November 21

10:30 a.m. Mary Pellatt Room



Music Program - Heather Luccock

Choir practices will resume with rehearsals starting in September on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

For those wishing to be part of the **Bell Choir** please talk to Siiri.

Joyful Voice, a small group of singers, provides music for the 10:00 a.m. worship approximately 4 times a year. When we will sing and rehearse is based upon the availability of its members, who all seem to lead very busy lives. (We now have a Senator in the upper house of Parliament as one of our group.) We're dedicated to energetic, joyful music, accompanied by piano, guitar, and bass. If you are interested in singing with us, please contact Alice Korfman.

Welcome to St. Catherine's! - Alison Watt

You may have noticed some new faces in the pews recently - and we would like to officially welcome Hoony Lee and her husband, Joon Yoo, and their family to St. Catherine's. Their children are young adults - all are Handsworth grads. Their son, Min recently graduated with a Bachelor of Computing Science from the University of Waterloo and is planning to go to graduate school in 2018; next in line is Chrissie who is studying design in Ontario at OCAD University, and the youngest member of the family is Jiyoung who is in her fourth year of Early Childhood Education at UBC.



Joon manages a ground transportation business in Korea and is looking to create a business here in Canada. Joon and Hoony spend a few months in Korea each year and the rest of the time in Canada. Hoony's passion is working with pottery. They are looking forward to getting more connected with Canada, Canadians and St. Catherine's.

Remembering The Rev. Andrew Wilhelm-Boyles - Alison Watt

The Rev. Andrew Wilhelm-Boyles died on 1 August 2017 after a 19 month battle with lung cancer associated with childhood exposure to asbestos. Andrew was called as a Deacon in the Diocese of New Westminster in 2008 and served at St. Agnes until he took up a broader diaconal ministry centered at St. Catherine's from 2012-2016. He was a committed leader in the Ministry Assessment Program, a mentor with the Education for Ministry Program (EFM), was involved in the Metro Vancouver Alliance and took up his final responsibilities in 2016 as the coordinator of the Cathedral's Sunday Compline service. Andrew's funeral service took place on Saturday 12 August 2017 in Christ Church Cathedral. It was a service that he had taken time to prepare, and included inspirational readings and wonderful choral music from the Cathedral Choir, as well as the Maple Ridge Community Chorus which Andrew had conducted until recently. We are keeping Andrew's wife Carrie, his sister Hazle and brother Alastair in our prayers.

Remembering Jack Perkins

A celebration of Jack's life was held at St. Catherine's on August 26th. Jack and Jacquie were married for 72 years and were founding members of St. Catherine's Church. Jack was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, served as a Navigator in the RCAF during WW2 and had an accomplished career with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He was remembered by his two granddaughters Shawna Nickel and Courtney Lane-Milligan, as a loving and fun filled person who brought joy into the home. He lived a long and fulfilled life and is missed by all who knew him. Pictured are Jacquie Perkins and friend, Wendy Ingram, original members of St. Catherine's, at Jack Perkins' Funeral and Celebration of Life.



Pastoral Care – Tony Dodd

Although we have not met in July and August, Pastoral Care is still busy with home visits and phone calls.

We have two of our dear members pass away. One a founding member of St. Catherines, Jack Perkins and the other our beloved Deacon Andrew. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Our two residents at Evergreen, John Hadrill and Wilma Garton are doing well. Always keep them in your prayers.

Again, thanks to the Pastoral Care volunteers for this essential service.

If you know someone who is sick and would like a visit or call, or if requiring home communion, call one of our pastoral care volunteers (Tony Dodd, Janet Morris, Heather Luccock) or the office.

In faith.

Altar Guild - Molly Koning

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on Wednesday, September 6 at 9:15 a.m.

The Altar Guild members are responsible for preparing the communion vessels, candles, and flowers for the Sunday service. If anyone feels called to this important ministry please speak to Molly Koning or our Interim Priest, Keith

Remember to save your used stamps – they are welcome all year.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE - Gary Stewart

The Task Force continues to gather information on potential options for the development of our property.

We have made excellent progress in terms of our networking. The committee is gradually acquiring the knowledge base required to put us in a good position to make a recommendation regarding the future development of St. Catherine's.

Our last meeting took place on July 8th. Action items arising from that meeting are as follows:

- **Gary** to contact John and/or Roger from Lynn Valley United Church to better understand the appropriate next steps to obtain a 'Proof of Concept'.*

--Gary and John met with John Bruce on Saturday, August 12th

John Bruce recommended that we meet with Marcon Developments Ltd, the contractor they used at Lynn Valley United Church. John Bruce is to make the introduction and set up an initial meeting.

*'Proof of Concept' may likely cause many of you to think that we have come up with a final recommendation that is 'written in stone and a done deal' – nothing could be farther from the truth! This is simply part of the information gathering process that allows us to take your thoughts and ideas for the future of the Parish and put them into a visual concept. This was a recommendation from Lynn Valley United as one of the key learnings they took away from the redevelopment of their church property. They felt that they could have sped up the process if they had worked with a developer/architect earlier in the process than they did.

- * **Susanne** - to contact Archdeacon Stephen Muir to better understand any upcoming changes in and around the NV Deanery
- **John** - to contact the Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre (Roman Catholic & United Church) in Nanaimo to better understand their 'shared facilities' model
- **Susanne** - to determine whether or not the Diocese will cover some or all of the costs relating to Simon Lemare's assessment of our buildings; meeting scheduled with Bishop Melissa/Diocese Office on August 29th -- assessment to be completed on or before October 31st
- **Gary** - to speak with Keith to follow-up on his conversation with Dale Yardy, the rector at Holy Trinity Vancouver
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We are very fortunate to have John Bruce willing to provide his experience and insight as we begin our journey.

If you would like additional details regarding the Task Force, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other members of the team.



**The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund**
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

PWRDF commits \$38,600 to South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia

On August 1, a three-month program to provide South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia better access to clean water for drinking and sanitation began. Approximately 285,809 of the 1.8 million South Sudanese refugees are living in refugee camps as a result of the devastating famine and conflict.



PWRDF sending funds to Diocese of the Territory of the People to aid BC wildfire victims

PWRDF is sending an initial grant of \$5,000 to the Diocese of [Territory of the People](#) (formerly Diocese of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior) to support their ongoing immediate relief efforts for the B.C. wildfires. These funds, along with \$5,000 approved from the Diocese, will augment ongoing relief expenses.



Ride for Refugee beneficiary gives women a chance to thrive

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor to The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), every dollar raised by participants in *Ride for Refugee 2017* will be matched, to a maximum of our \$30,000 goal.



The mouth-watering scent of fresh baking wafts out of the living room of Elisa Mateus, as the Mozambican entrepreneur happily serves lunch to a hungry customer. The eight-table restaurant and catering business she runs out of her home is thriving and she is planning to expand it. She now employs five people.

All Saints film recounts how Burmese refugees save a Tennessee church. PWRDF was proud to be one of a handful of national faith-based organizations to sponsor the sneak preview screenings of the new film *All Saints*. *All Saints* reminds us time and again that even when we feel most alone, we are part of a community. We need to reach out and ask for help. Sometimes we need to get out of our own way and let others in. It is also a powerful example of how God calls us to welcome the stranger, while refugees and displaced people cross our borders every day. **View the trailer here: <http://www.allsaintsmovie.com/>**



John Luccock, PWRDF Rep.

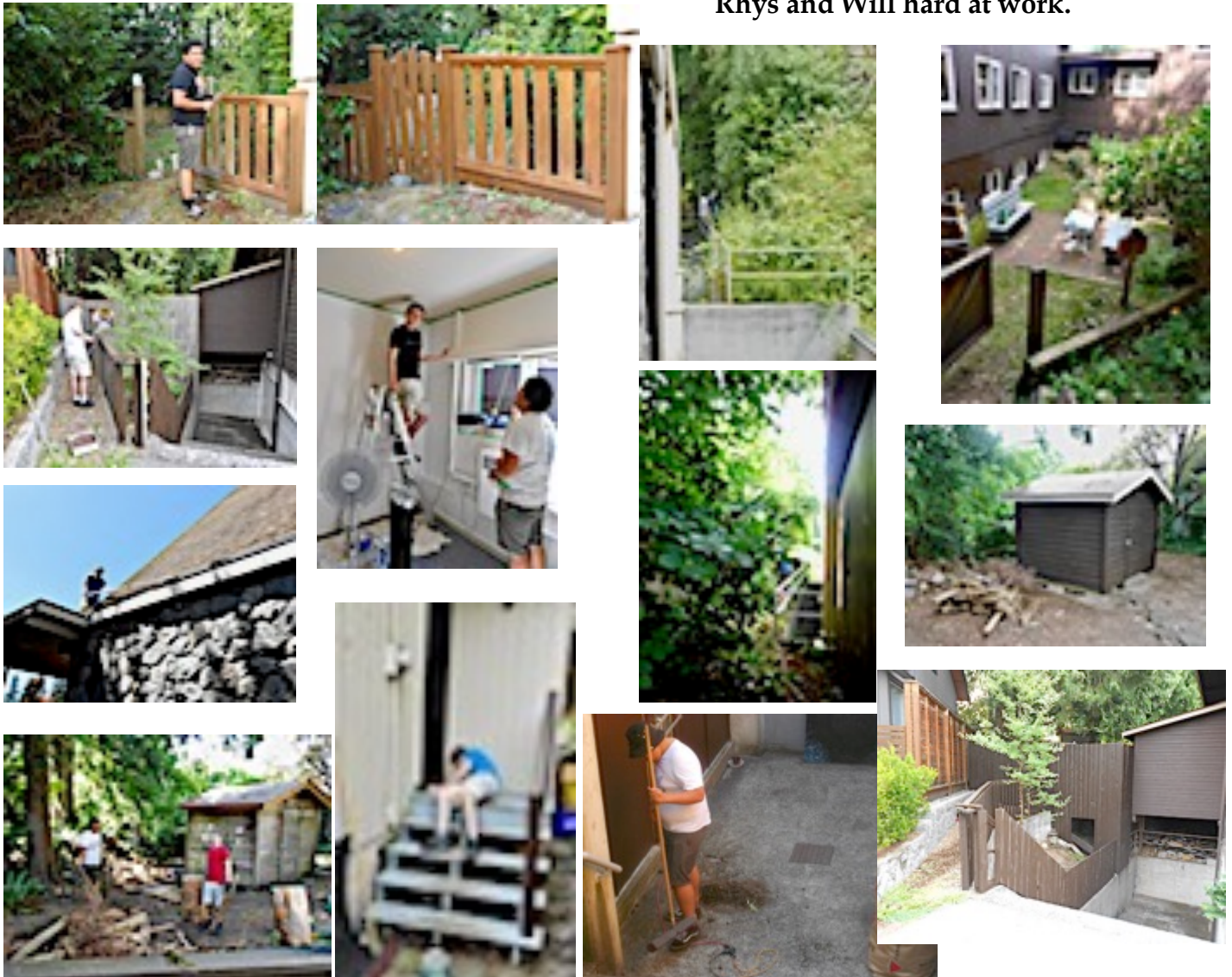
Buildings and Grounds – Student Summer Work Program

John Luccock & Randy Williams

Once again, St. Catherine’s took the opportunity to hire two students to work on various maintenance programs around the Church. This is sponsored through the Canada Student Summer Jobs Program. Our two Students, Rhys Moore and Will Stuart, have been with us for nine weeks and completed so many jobs, it is difficult to list them all. Some of the projects have included cleaning light boxes, cleaning out heating vents, painting numerous areas and items around the church complex, power washing all the stone work, clearing the brush from the east side of the church; cleaning out gutters, refurbishing the rectory shed, and doing more than was asked. We thank them for dedication and responsible attitude to all the jobs assigned.

Joe Coogan also looked after washing and waxing all the floors in the complex.

Rhys and Will hard at work.



Outreach

Toiletries for Shelters

Since I have moved and have less space for collecting and sorting, I am unable to do the "sample soaps and shampoo etc." collection this year. Anyone willing to take on this outreach to the local shelter and safe-houses will have my support!
Phyllis Mittlestead.

Preschool News

Marion Porter, Developmental Resource Teacher

Our Summer Program was lots of fun and the weather was fantastic, which meant lots of fresh air. Our theme this year was "Transportation". We changed our housekeeping corner into a travel agency with computers, tickets and maps. We talked about trains, planes, boats and automobiles and the children enjoyed various theme related crafts. We had 148 children registered during the four weeks. We received a District of North Vancouver grant for \$ 2,000 to help with the cost of hiring four Program Assistants. They provided care to 12 children requiring extra support. We also received some Bursary funding from North Shore Disability Resource Centre. Cheryl and I have been running this program for twenty years and have a great time providing a safe, nurturing and inclusive program for preschoolers.

This year we have had to be creative in our programming in order to reflect the changing times and our families' needs. About 14 years ago we introduced our Discovery 2s Program. It started with eight children attending twice a week. We now have a Monday/Wednesday and a Tuesday/Thursday program with twelve children in each class. We then added an extended program (9:00 -1:00 p.m.) a couple of years ago for our 4s. This year we are offering our families (3s/4s) an opportunity to choose a morning session Monday, Wednesday & Friday (9:30 -11:30 a.m.), stay for lunch and then move into an afternoon program, with pick up at 2:45 p.m. We hope that these extended hours will meet the current needs of the families in our community. Looking forward to an exciting preschool year!

Reflection

While the earth remains,
seed time and harvest, cold and heat,
winter and summer,
and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22



Linda Robertson/Gordon Lee and Alison and Robb Watt Attend Sorrento Centre Programs

There are many reasons to attend one of the Anglican Church's great conference sites - The Sorrento Centre on Shuswap Lake in BC's Interior. Its five-week summer residential programs are "as diverse as science and theology, prayer, journaling, climate change, hiking and the arts" along with worship outside amongst the trees over-looking the lake. This August, we took two remarkable programs that once again made us realize what an opportunity we have so close to home to explore more meaningful church engagement.



Alison and Gordon had the unique experience of singing and learning with the renowned church music composer and musician Marty Haugen. Haugen flew in from Minnesota (along with his wife and grandsons) and gave a deeply knowledgeable and inspiring workshop entitled "Our Life in Worship/Our Life in the World". It was a special opportunity to spend time with this remarkable musician, theologian and composer. We sing many of his hymns at St Catherine's including "*Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming*", "*Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard*" and "*All Are Welcome*."

Robb and Linda took retired Bishop Michael Ingham's course on the many ways that the Christian faith has developed in different countries. The course explored through discussion and a series of videos, how the church split off from its Jewish origins, the later split into western and eastern branches, the Reformation (which started 500 years ago on October 31, 1517), Ethiopian Christianity and how Christianity adapted to Celtic spirituality in Ireland. This included the many accounts and letters that did not make it into the New Testament. It was a very quick and fascinating overview of 2000 years of church history.

Sorrento offers so much more than its morning programs. There are children and teen programs, sports and games, Taize evening services on the beach, the chance to meet interesting people over meals in the dining room and under the tents. There is time just to hang out. There are also programs throughout the year such as spiritual retreats or quilting weekends.

It is a unique experience for Anglicans (or people from any denomination or faith) to expand their minds, hearts and souls. And it is right here in our own backyard.

We would be happy to talk to you about our experiences at Sorrento Centre and to answer any questions you might have.

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