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THANKSGIVING 2015

THERE ARE NO SIMPLE **ANSWERS**

Robert Fisk, veteran British journalist and author has been a foreign correspondent in Beirut for nearly 40 years, covering numerous conflicts and interviewing figures like Saddam Hussein, Ayatollah Khomeine and Osama Bin Laden. On a seven city speaking tour of Canada with Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East he was with us at the Cathedral last week. He spoke of how the Syrian civil war has destabilized the existing order in the Middle East and of the humanitarian disaster that has resulted. The immediate impact of these events has been upon the Middle East and the European community. Canada and the United States are more distant and have been rather indifferent to the humanitarian problems. That is, until the picture of Alan Kurdi appeared washed up on a Turkish beach. "He was white and looked like us. Perhaps we could say he was "old stock". At this point we had to pay attention and ask "why is this child dead?"

There are no simple answers, but the reality is that the consequences of this event cannot be ignored. We are confronted, not simply with a geopolitical problem, but a human disaster.

At the heart of the matter is the emergence of ISIL. Asked who ISIL is, Fisk replied: "ISIL is an army of lost souls, they are a people who have become totally desensitized".

"Normally you associate religion with emotion. And yet ISIL has never shown any emotion. The execution of the Jordanian pilot was filmed with seven different camera angles. Hollywood uses four. These people showed no anger. Nothing.

Last year I went to Yabroud after the Syrian government army had managed to retake it. I went to the church - the oldest Christian church in Syria - to see if (it) had been destroyed. Around the church someone had specifically *drilled out all the eyes of the Saints* in the orthodox mosaics, including St. George and the dragon. They even drilled out the eyes of the dragon! In one corner there were piles and piles of ripped up oil paintings. Beautiful, gold paintings. But they didn't use a knife to cut them. They brought a machine - the paintings were mathematically, precisely cut by a machine. It's the lack of emotions. They are absolutely cold".

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TOP LEFT: ROBERT FISK, ENGLISH JOURNALIST, WRITER AND EXPERT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, SPOKE AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ON **SEPTEMBER 24, 2015.** PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



A requiem Eucharist was held in the Cathedral for Canon Robert Falby on July 8. Canon Falby was a long time member of St. James and served the Church faithfully in many roles including Churchwarden, Chancellor of the Diocese of Toronto, and Prolocutor of the Anglican Church of Canada.

"As I remember Robert this prayer by the seventeenth century bishop and theologian Jeremy Taylor comes to mind... 'O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered unto our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with you our God, and in perfect charity with all. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.' That prayer reflects Bob Falby... It speaks to life and how we're called to live it; it speaks to death and how we face it; it speaks to our faith and hope in Christ our Lord." - AN EXERPT FROM THE PRIMATE'S EULOGY

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

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Jan 1	Keith Anthony Nobrega	May 10	Barbara Sue Turnbull
Jan 3	Ian Ross Dutton	Jun 8	Canon Robert Falby
Feb 9	Joan Millicent Buchanan	Jun 14	Dorothy Margaret Payne
Feb 21	William Earle Robertson	Jul 26	Ingrid Heming
Mar 25	James William Baatjes	Aug 2	Phyllis Marguerite
Apr 17	Edgar (Ted) Thomson		Grosskurth
Apr 23	James Basil Charles Doak	Aug 30	Canon Donald Peter Reginald Gratton

Holy Baptism

Mar 17	Leon Martin Stoute	
Apr 4	Melissa Creighton	
	Michael Cumming	
	Hong (Wenli) Fei	
	Peter Jenkins	
	Li (Lily) Jing	
	Miho Nakazawa	
	Yujing (Eugene) Wang	
	Feng (Leo) Wang	
Apr 12	Enoch Aaron	
	Ssekabembe Mugwanya	
	Calum Jacob	
	Joseph-Setsofiah	
	Simone McClellan Sallah	
May 18	John Reece	

May 23	Quan Zhou
Jun 8	Charles Douglas Daniel Abbott
Jun 15	Scarlett Lucille Zivic
Jun 20	Henry Huxley Twerdahl
Aug 2	Amelia Marie Dawes
	Dylan Kelly Deacon
	Alexandra Coco Anna Dent
	Thomas Gili Greg Jakubowski
Oct 4	Liam Patrick Burton-Williams
	Louise Josephine von Wersebe

A SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS



"How are you supposed to cross yourself? Do I start left or right?" My friend Jay is new to Christianity and we were sitting in the Lady Chapel after Morning Prayer. Jay has only been coming for just over a week and he has already grown so much in his understanding. When he first came to prayers, Jay had trouble with the Psalms. He'd often jump in

at the wrong spot or forget to pause even if I took time to explain what we were doing. Just ten days in, he is now a Psalm-reading pro and has started to bring a friend along, but he doesn't quite know how to cross himself yet.

Jay is full of questions (he has allowed me to include several in our upcoming series), and I find it so refreshing to talk with him. His powerful intellect and innocence cause him to notice many details. Being so new to faith and hungry for God, he asks me his questions.

Talking with Jay is refreshing because I have questions too and sometimes I'm afraid to ask them. I can feel too embarrassed to ask the questions that I feel like I should already know the answers to but as I have asked, I have found something wonderful.

When I finally muster up the courage to ask my questions, people haven't rejected me. They haven't taken my collar away, and most of the time asking my questions has been an opportunity for an honesty that has strengthened relationships.

But what about questions that are a bit bigger than liturgical specifics? Is there even a God? How can I believe what the Bible says? Is belief opposed to Science and Reason?

Those are bigger questions but we can ask them too. We want to provide a space for us to ask all our questions – big and small – about belief and our faith. Each week, the fall education series will take one big question and have a brief presentation about it, and each week we will get a chance to bring whatever is on our minds to discuss with each other.

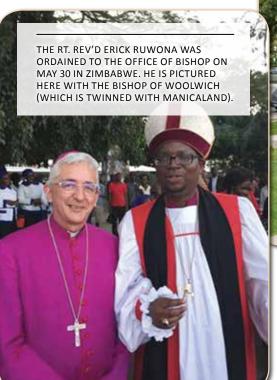
Not all questions can be answered, and there is certainly no guarantee that the answers from reason, theology and history will satisfy us, but we hope you will join us on Wednesday nights starting October 14th for six weeks from 6:45-8:45 in the Cathedral Centre.

Learn, meet some new people, enjoy fellowship, and most of all... ask your questions!

- The Reverend Simon Davis

The Reverend Simon Davis is Assistant Curate at St. James Cathedral. He received his priestly ordination here at the Cathedral in March 2015.

HIGHLIGHTS





THE CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

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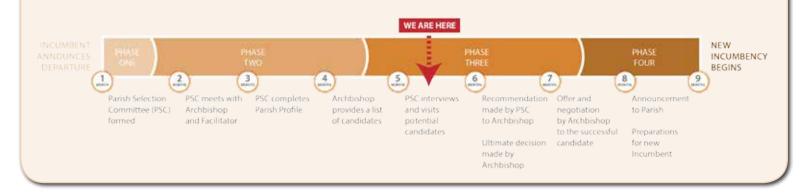
TIMELINE OF SELECTION PROCESS

Following the announcement of Dean Stoute's intention to step down from his position as Dean of Toronto, the Cathedral Selection Committee is currently engaged in seeking a new Rector and Dean. We can now report to you that, working with the Archbishop, we have a list of highly qualified candidates and that the interview process is underway. While we are constrained by confidentiality, we can tell you that consideration has been given to both male and female candidates from inside and outside of the Diocese. We are most grateful for the advice and support of Susan Graham Walker, appointed by the Archbishop as his liaison to the committee. She has been very helpful in assisting the committee in reaching the present position. Interviews are currently taking place. Following prayerful deliberation, the committee will then make its recommendation to the Archbishop. The committee is so grateful for the prayers and support of the Cathedral Community. Please continue to pray for us as we move further through the process, particularly for the gifts of wisdom and discernment.

-Angela Carroll & Larry Enfield, Churchwardens



GIVER OF ALL GOOD GIFTS,
LOOK ON YOUR CHURCH
WITH GRACE, AND GUIDE
THE MINDS OF THOSE
WHO SHALL CHOOSE A
RECTOR AND DEAN FOR THE
CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY,
THAT WE MAY RECEIVE A
FAITHFUL SERVANT WHO
WILL CARE FOR YOUR PEOPLE
AND SUPPORT US IN OUR
MINISTRIES; THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.





MEMBERS OF THE ST. JAMES TEAM POSE WITH CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP AT ST. GEORGE'S IN KINISTINO, SASKATCHEWAN.

AN EXHIBIT ENTITLED "TRUTH & RECONCILIATION" WAS ON DISPLAY IN THE CATHEDRAL THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Truth & Reconciliation Saskatchewan Trip

In light of the Truth and Reconciliation Report, Fr. Simon Davis felt it was important that we do something tangible to start and continue a relationship with a First Nations community. As he has contacts in Saskatchewan, this was a natural fit. Our group included the Rev'd Simon Davis, Bita Bardi, Jenny Formanek, Brian Raney, Nicole Samuel, Naomi Sundara.

We were asked by Fr. Chris Dow if we would run a Vacation Bible Camp for 3 days at St. George's in Kinistino, one of the three parishes he presides over. The others are St. Mary's in Birch Hills and St. James on the Muskoday First Nation.

For three days we held a day camp at St. George's in Kinistino. The 14 children who attended ranged in age from 6 to 13 years, some local farm kids, some from the James Smith First Nation Reserve and two Mexican brothers.

We sang songs, told stories from The Jesus Story Book Bible, the kids did crafts and drawings and were outside at least twice a day for soccer and other games. The church ladies produced homemade snacks twice a day and cooked lunch for us all each day.

Questions elicited from the children surprised us by their intensity and we tried to answer them as fully as possible. They were obviously having a good time and we think they were as exhausted as we were by the end of the 3 days.

Our evenings were just as full but overshadowed by the death of Daniel Smith, a 27 year old single father on the Muskoday First Nation Reserve.

We met with the Rev'd Wilfred Sanderson and his wife Teresa who is a survivor of a residential school and who suggested we attend the Wake in order to better understand the culture of the First Nations Peoples.

On Thursday, we set off for Muskoday First Nation for the public Wake for Daniel at the Band Hall. Fr. Chris celebrated Holy Eucharist, assisted by Fr. Wilfred and gave the homily.

On Friday morning, Bishop Michael Hawkins generously gave us 2 hours of his time at the Diocesan office in Prince Albert. Our discussions were wide ranging and he talked about the important issues of addictions, domestic violence, suicide (which he says is contagious), diabetes and low levels of graduation. His main concern is education and the different funding levels for children on and off the reserve

We then went to St. Alban's Cathedral and met Simon's father Dean Kenneth Davis. He introduced us to Sam Halkett, a Cree priest and together we assembled a real tipi or Mekiwahp and learned some words in Cree as Sam shared his story with us.

Dean Davis shared his experiences of 5 years in Prince Albert and in addition to the issues discussed by Bishop Hawkins he mentioned the high incarceration rate of the Cree people.

There is a need for burial booklets on the Muskoday First Nation and so we are fundraising to have these printed. We have established some meaningful relationships and will continue to keep in touch with our new friends.

- Jenny Formanek

T&R Exhibit

The Truth and Reconciliation Exhibit has come to a close and was taken down from the East Aisle of the Cathedral on Monday September 14, 2015 and has been shipped to the Diocesan Offices in Edmonton at the request of Bishop Jane Alexander. They hope to have it set up there in time for a Thanksgiving opening before sending it on to the Diocese of New Westminster in Vancouver, and then back here before going on to the church in Twillingate, Newfoundland next summer. What started as a seeking of ways of healing my own feelings of shame and humiliation on learning about the lasting legacy of the residential schools that was such a prominent part of the daily news in June, led to the idea of preparing a special educational exhibit on the subject and setting it up in the Cathedral where it would be seen by thousands. It was already mid June, but with the help of so many working virtually around the clock, it was put together in just three weeks! Who would have guessed the effect it would have on so many over the two months it was on view. Volunteers welcoming the many visitors to the Cathedral every day,



A MANDARIN-ENGLISH SERVICE WITH PROCESSION TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2015, WHICH FOCUSSED ON PRAYING FOR CHINA IN THE WAKE OF A SERIES OF INDUSTRIAL DISASTERS IN THE CITY OF TIANJIN. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



ROBERT FISK, ENGLISH JOURNALIST, WRITER AND EXPERT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, SPOKE AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2015. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

seven days a week over several weeks in July, counted an average of 423 visitors each day—not including those attending services. Of the thousands of visitors over the entire summer, many spent 40 minutes to an hour studying it in detail, while others returned several times. They came from across the world, and while few of them have been a part of the Indigenous communities themselves to date, they were wanting to learn more, to become involved, and to participate, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples together on the path to reconciliation. The exhibit was deliberately left open-ended so people could add to it as the summer progressed—which many did, sharing their personal stories and experiences. And the story will continue to grow as viewers continue to share as it moves on from one site to another across the country.

- Nancy Mallett, Archivist

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ISIL is not the whole story. This story is rooted in the shattered balance of order that more or less existed in the Middle East since the end of the First World War. It is this that has triggered the massive migration of people from the Middle East and North Africa. ISIL is merely the most grotesque face of this human tragedy.

Our politicians have been reticent to face the huge moral problem that confronts us. They have talked abut refugees and migrants as "security risks" and have attempted to shift the debate to the question of whether women can wear the niqab at swearing in ceremonies. The picture of Alan Kurdi lying face down on a Turkish beach reminds us that this will not do.

In a recent article in the Tablet, Jorge Nuño Mayer, Secretary General of Caritas Europa posed the challenge that faces Europe and which I believe equally applies to us:

"Britain's and Europe's identity are not threatened by migrants and refugees, but by the danger of losing humanity as a core value of our culture and civilization."

- The Very Reverend Douglas Stoute

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Mandarin Ministry at St. James

Mandarin Ministry officially started at St. James in January 2015, and since then three other parishes have begun similar programs based on the Cathedral model (St. George, Willowdale, St. Thomas, Huron Street, and St. Bart's, Regent Park). Our Mandarin Ministry meets weekly on Sundays for liturgy, Sunday school (focussed on basic catechism) and fellowship. Many participants also join the 11:00am liturgy in the Cathedral.

There have been numerous strategic efforts undertaken to reach out to the Mandarin-speaking community, including an active presence at Doors Open, a series of Gospel Tours, and the addition of Chinese characters to the banners that hang to the left and right of the Cathedral doors which read, "Welcome."

Over the first half of 2015, many special events were organized demonstrating the vibrant nature of this Ministry, including Stations of the Cross, Taize Prayer, A Tea Culture Event (to bring together English and Chinese parishioners), and a prayer service with procession called "Pray for China, Pray for Tianjin."

James Liu, the lay pastoral associate of Mandarin Ministry at St. James, notes that the most encouraging factor to him is not the development of this particular ministry, but the sense of working together with the Cathedral, parishes and broader Anglican community to grow in our passion for the Gospel.

Upcoming Dates

Two weekly recitals are offered year-round: Sundays at 4:00pm, and Tuesdays at 1:00pm



Catechesis Part 1: Big Questions Wednesdays, Oct 14 - Nov 18, 6:45-8:45pm



OCT York Group Speaker Meeting 1:00pm in the Lecture Room; Also meeting Nov 17 and Dec 10



OCT The Feast of St. Luke Choral Evensong celebrating healing ministries, 4:30pm



Gloucester Cathedral Choir in concert, 7:30pm; Details and tickets available online



OCT Amnesty Action Circle 1:00pm in the Cathedral Centre; Also meeting Nov 28



NOV All Saints

Liturgies at 8:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 4:30pm

Daylight Savings Time ends



Cantatas in the Cathedral 6:00pm; Pay What You Can; Also December 2



NOV Annual Requiem for all the Faithful Departed at the Chapel of St. James-the-Less (635 Parliament), 11:00am



NOV Remembrance Sunday Liturgies at 8:00, 9:00, 11:00am, 2:00pm, and 4:30pm



NOV Cities for Life - Against the **Death Penalty**

is returning to the Cathedral this year; Watch for details



NOV 2015 Snell Lectures with Stanley **28 Hauerwas** Public lecture on Nov 28 at 10:30am (Cathedral Centre), Sermon with Q&A on Nov 29 at 11:00am (Cathedral), Public lecture on Nov 30 at 4:00pm (Wycliffe College)

Are you in your 20s or 30s? ReGeneration Bible Study meets weekly. Email jnowers@stjamescathedral.on.ca to learn more.

HOW WILL WE ANSWER?

THE CATHEDRAL HAS ANNOUNCED IT IS SPEARHEADING A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO ASSIST SYRIAN REFUGEES IN COMING TO TORONTO.



In June 2010, a young family arrived at Pearson Airport with all their possessions in suitcases, speaking few words of English, after several years in a refugee camp on the borders of Syria and Iraq. Stateless Palestinians, they fled Iraq after the toppling of Saddam Hussein. The family finally came out of immigration to the Arrivals area after the long flight, the three little girls gloriously scrubbed and shiny, hair all in ribbons, in their best dresses, prepared lovingly by their young mother to meet their new life and friends proudly and with courage. They all needed that courage so bravely displayed in the challenging months ahead.

The Cathedral sponsored the family working jointly with the parishes of Holy Trinity and St. Martin's in the Fields, and with some financial support from the PWRDF. Five years later, they are a thriving and happy family, Canadian citizens, both adults employed, the three daughters chattering away in flawless English and fully integrated into their public school and life in Toronto.

For those of us on the Outreach Committee who worked with them, there is a quiet sense of gratitude and relief that they adapted so well, worked so hard and were so personally resourceful. It was a long and sometimes very difficult path for

them, and in some ways for us also. The challenges of explaining customs we take for granted, finding the elusive affordable housing, teaching the safe use of streetcars and subways, winter weather, finding kind dentists and doctors to make up for years of neglected health care, banking, car seats, cockroaches, language classes, the joys of parks and the Toronto Islands and the stresses of making sense of the maze of federal and provincial offices, forms and regulations... it must have been overwhelming for them. Arabic phrase books in hand, we tried to help but also foster that independence which would be essential to a successful settlement. They have shown such courage and they have done so well.

Now, families fleeing danger ask our help again. How are we called, and how will we answer?

- Angela Carroll

Angela Carroll is a churchwarden and Chair of the Cathedral's Outreach Committee.

IN 2010, THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY WAS PLEASED TO WELCOME A REFUGEE FAMILY FROM IRAQ, PICTURED HERE AT A CANDLELIT VIGIL FOR REFUGEES HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2015. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

OUR TRADITION IS A LIVING ONE

It is an honour and a privilege to be tasked with guiding our music program through the next stage of its artistic and spiritual life. The music-making which takes place at St. James, be it in the context of liturgy or concert, is of such numinous-inspiring quality that we have much to be thankful for. The stalwart contribution of our Parish Choir volunteers and our continuing ability to employ so many professional singers within the Cathedral Choir is a testament to the good health of our music ministry. However, seeking to convert a department in transition to a stable choral foundation of the highest order is akin to molding the grace and power of a sprinter into the disciplined machinations of a long-distance champion. For our congregation, clergy, choirs and organists, which have in recent memory averaged a new Director of Music every two years, the words 'transition' and 'interim' have become so familiar that they have promoted themselves from a mere status quo to a highly functioning modus operandi.

Steadying this most precious ship, while navigating the winds of change, is a balancing act that will manifest itself in a number of noticeable ways. Firstly, you will be able to find a music list, which contains details of all the month's Mass settings, Canticles, Anthems, Hymns, Organ Voluntaries and Psalms, at the narthex of the Cathedral and online (www.stjamescathedral.on.ca).

It is one of my priorities to provide a balanced diet of musical repertoire which has the power to inspire, uplift, console, challenge and quieten the minds of all who enter through our doors. Having recorded, edited and performed renaissance polyphony extensively in the UK, it is an immensely exciting prospect to introduce gems from 14th century France, Iberia's *Siglo De Oro*, 16th century Belgium, and 17th century Germany among many others.

As well as having a deep affinity towards the trusted brands of Anglican music, namely Willan, Howells, Stanford, Byrd and Bairstow, it perhaps goes without saying that we would be in chronic artistic poverty if we did not acknowledge the bounteous fruits of the Catholic canon: namely Palestrina, Monteverdi, Mozart, Haydn, Vierne, Langlais and MacMillan. If our tradition is truly a living one, it is also crucial to perform the works of living composers such as our own Artist-in-Residence and aspiring Canadian students of counterpoint.

If you have enjoyed the music within the liturgy at the Sunday morning services, or you are simply one whose ears hold an insatiable curiosity for music, I encourage you to attend our service of Choral Evensong which is held each Sunday at 4:30pm.

This weekly occasion is undoubtedly one of Toronto's hidden gems and best kept secret—which it shouldn't be. Particular mention should also be made to commend our service for Remembrance on November 8th, also at 4:30pm, where appropriately reflective readings will be complimented by the mellifluous Howells *Requiem*.

Furthermore, if you enjoy singing hymns, and would like to volunteer to sing in our 9:00am service with the Parish Choir (no previous experience necessary, just a musical ear), please do not hesitate to get in contact (dom@stjamescathedral.on.ca). If you are not sure whether this is for you, why not come for a trial Sunday?

- Robert Busiakiewicz

Robert Busiakiewicz was appointed Director of Music at St. James Cathedral effective September 1.



More Dates

The Annual Crèches from Across the World Exhibit will be on display in the Archives & Museum (Cathedral Centre) in early December: Stay tuned for details!



An Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols, 4:30pm



"The Incarnation in Art" Lecture with Dr. Anne Thackray; *Watch* for details



Cathedral Concert

To include the music of Haydn and Britten, the Cathedral Choir in concert with the Talisker Players, 7:30pm; Watch for ticket details



Write for Rights

following 9:00 and 11:00am services



When Christmas is a Difficult Time, A Service of Prayer and Reflection, 11:30am



Messiaen's *La Nativité du*Seigneur, An organ recital by
David Briggs, 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL



DEC Christmas Eve

4:30pm: The First Evensong of Christmas & Blessing of the Creche | **7:30pm:** Choral Eucharist & Procession to the Creche



Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist | 9:00am: Sung Eucharist | 11:00am: Procession & Choral Eucharist



The Naming of Jesus, New Year's Day

12:30pm: Said Eucharist | Times TBA: Archbishop's Levee, Bells of Old York, Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto, and Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir

More information about all listings available at 416-364-7865, or info@stjamescathedral.on.ca

THE SEASON IN REVIEW













CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: ARCHBISHOP JOHNSON CONGRATULATES NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS, MAY 3; THE HON. ELIZABETH DOWDESWELL GREETS PARISHIONERS FOLLOWING THE ACCESSION SERVICE, FEBRUARY 8; GOLD MEDAL SOCCER MATCH VIEWING PARTY, JULY 26; DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION, APRIL 19; PRAYERS FOR TIANJIN SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 20; ROGATION PROCESSION, MAY 10. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON