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Events

Greater Niagara AGM Jan. 27 2007 - 4:00 pm

At St Luke's Parish Hall
454 John St N., Hamilton

Guest Speaker

The Rev'd Bob Hudson,
sharing his experience at the
Seafarer's 150 years
celebrations in England.
All are invited to join us for
Spaghetti supper and Salsa
Dance following (see below)

Evensongs at St. John's, Ancaster January 28 - 4:00 pm

**Washington Cathedral
Revisited**

St. John's Choir
singing a seasonal service of
evensong followed by a short
organ recital by William
Murphy, who will perform
works recalling his student
years in Washington, D.C.

March 04 – 4:00 pm

**The Concert Choir of
Redeemer University College**
under the direction of Dr.
Chris Teeuwesen, evensong and
a concert. Come and hear this
magnificent choir of young
voices (including members of
the Greater Niagara Branch
of the PBSC)

St. Mike's Reunion

In March . . . notices will be
sent out to alumni.



Bishop Anthony Burton sharing a joke with the Prince of Wales just prior to them
addressing the Prayer Book Society of Great Britain



Cranmer Conference Number 2

Bishop Anthony Burton to be a Speaker

We must be mad. Or wise? Yes Greater Niagara, along with
our energetic partners, the Grand Valley Branch of the PBSC,
are cranking up and taking another leap of Faith...The
Cranmer Conference 2007 (TCC2007)!

The Dunn Parishes and Saint Paul's Dunnville are playing
host again and we are lining up a whole raft of people and
things to make it a terrific experience for deep thinking young
Anglicans.

And when we say young, we mean those of 19-29 years.
It's that age group that we refer to as the 'Missing Energetic
Future of Anglicanism'. Yes you know, the ones who give
what now passes for Anglicanism a miss and are searching for
substance to their liturgy and Faith. Not that we are precluding
those of a more advanced age. The rest of us will be invited to
partake and get in on the talks, speeches, party times and the
services as 'Observers' because not to let everyone who wants
to get in on such

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Branch President Forks Out



Alex with Archbishop Hutchison



and Bishop Spence of Niagara . . .



and retired Bishop Bothwell

In a wave of promotion your Branch President, coerced the rest of the executive to donate Society pins to all the young people at the 2006 Saint Michael's Youth Conference in Ontario. But being carried away in the moment he challenged all those kids to get themselves into a photo with a bishop while wearing their pins and he promised to fork over ten dollars of his own hard-earned readies for each picture. This challenge has never been taken up until this year when Alex Urquhart* from Saint Paul's hit the jackpot. While attending the diocesan youth camp the very next week he wasted no time in getting three, count them, THREE bishops to pose with him. It was all great fun as retired Bishop Bothwell, Bishop Spence and Archbishop Hutchison rose to the challenge and joined in and grinned at the camera along side the irrepressible Alex. Your Branch President has had to pay out and is still deciding how much an Archbishop is worth!

But there is still more to tell. Yes, young Alex has volunteered his services as piper to the Cranmer Conference, with the caveat that he be able to attend all the functions. Reminds one of wet bread doesn't it?

Yours broke and happy,

Walter Raybould

*Mr. Urquhart has just received the Order of Niagara, and at the age of 15, is the youngest ever to receive this honour.

Building the Faith

The hopes and dreams of those who wait for PBSC members to die off are being dashed. While the number of 'Anglicans' is shrinking into oblivion according to many reports in the press our band of 'tea sopping has beens' has grabbed the brass ring and are building the Faith anew through the Saint Michael's Youth Conferences and the Cranmer Conference. The latest news from Saint Michael's in Ontario is that they are taking a leaf from the Cranmer Conference by hosting an alumni weekend in March for their grads. That's quite a number!

What are we to do with all these young adults who have been fed pure Book of Common Prayer and are seeking it? Feed them more is the answer and watch the Society grow. Meanwhile those who do not cater to the needs of this demographic but insist on their own 'progressive' agenda just might have missed out and find 'has beens' is a more suitable label for themselves than 'progressive'. Time will tell and we obviously can wait. Can they?

Branch Growth

Great news from our membership secretary! We have grown again and this time by a substantial margin. And how did this come about you may ask? Very simple is the answer, we signed up everyone at the Cranmer Conference last June! Not only did we grow we grew with a huge percentage of young people. No longer can we be dismissed as gray headed old bothers. Yes and we are planning to do it again next June. Its simply so much fun. What can we say; Greater Niagara gets younger every year.

Cranmer Conference cont'd . . .

inspiring affirmation of Christianity would be a great loss. Yet it is to the twenties set that this conference is geared towards and with reason. One of those 'reasons' is to provide these young people a glimpse of what Anglicanism used to be in Canada, and what it actually is now if you can find it. Also among the reasons ... is one offered by the Cranmer attendees last year... they did not know there were so many other traditional Anglicans. Most of the Cranmer attendees "the twenty-somethings" find themselves alone or in small numbers in their home parishes.

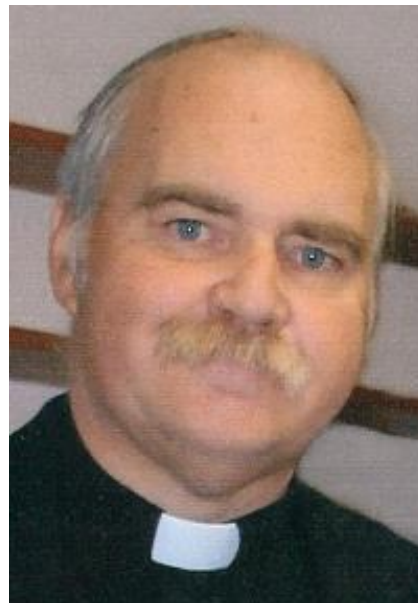
This Cranmer Conference of 2007 will be standing on the shoulders of Dr. Gary Thorne, Dr. Ranall Ingalls, Dr. George Sumner, Dr. William Renwick and Mrs. Sue Careless who were so superlative last year. (Oh, and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer too!) They set us a standard that will be tough to beat.

But read on . . . Our delight is unbounded as we are pleased to announce that **Bishop Anthony Burton of Saskatchewan will be the Conference Speaker**. We are again blessed to have Dr. William Renwick as the Conference Music Director. The Rev'd Haynes Hubbard of Saint Paul's will be the Conference Chaplain, and our conference cook and even the salsa dance instructor are on board. Oh yes, we even have a piper to get us all up in the morning. We are almost up to full steam. What more could we ask? Well the Lord's Blessing of course, because if we have not that we had better forget it. But there is always monetary support needed and we are hoping to get that too.

Because we are geared to the 'twenties set' we are using the Internet and have an easy to memorize web site www.cranmer.ca ! So if you are talking this conference up to anyone you just have to tell him or her to go to CRANMER DOT CA. Easy, right?

More about this Conference will be appearing in the National Newsletter in March and we hope to garner more publicity as we go along. But if anyone is to promote this conference it will members of the Society. Yes you! It was very telling from the response last year that it was PBSC members who made sure the delegates got to know about this. If you would like information and brochures, contact the branch and let us know. Thank you.

The Rev'd William Phipps



It is with regret that we must announce the passing on Nov 3, 2006, of one of the Society's staunchest friends, **His Worship The Rev'd Bill Phipps**, Deacon of Saint John's Nassagaweya, Campbellville Ontario, at the early age of 52. Whilst a man of wonderful humour and a raconteur par excellence, it was his deep Faith that stirred us all. Our branch will find his passing difficult indeed as he was always there for us, supporting us with everything he could.

He leaves behind his loving wife Wendy and their daughter Cathy Letourneau. Our sympathy goes out to them.

He also leaves behind a wonderful parish for which he worked with all his might. How they will miss his dry wit and stirring homilies. How we will!

One of Bill's wishes was that his friends remember him with donations towards supplying new Books of Common Prayer for churches of the north and to that effect we have been overwhelmed by the response. To all those who so generously gave funds we thank you. We have ordered the biggest supply of BCP's that we think Redeemer College Book Store has ever had and are sending them off post haste to the Artic.

Again, we will all miss Bill and the road home will seem lonelier now. But remember, Bill has trod this path to Glory, and is there waiting for us beside his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Annual General Meeting Goes Latin

Thomas Cranmer may have expunged Latin from the services of the Church of England but defenders of his great work the Book of Common Prayer have decided to put it back. Yes the AGM of Greater Niagara is being rolled into our host church's very Latin style Spaghetti Dinner and Salsa Dance Night.

Saint Luke's Hamilton, our host church, has been putting on these entertainments for over a year now as part of their 'Evangelizing' efforts to connect with the locals and to provide an inexpensive outlet for their own youth. It has proven to be an out standing success. Since the cost of the dinner (along with the dance) is \$5 we thought it quite fitting to our thin purses. So we will all gather at 4 o'clock, January 27th 2006 at the parish hall and start Branch proceedings and end up going Latin at 6 o'clock with dinner.

Greater Niagara, the branch that's, that's a little bit different.

The Year in Review

Considering the Branch runs on volunteer's spare time it's a wonder we even exist. Never mind actually doing anything. However, we did do a few things this year, and yes though we are a very quiet unassuming and retiring bunch of malcontents, we will give you a rundown on our achievements (and trials) this past year. Besides all the meetings with various PBSC groups and other groups both nationally and locally, and printing and sending out newsletters and brochures, and keeping up websites and making new ones, there were visits to various churches when we could, (and when we were asked!)

Notable things were the organizing and running of the second Saint Mike's Preparatory this spring at Saint George's where authour Sue Careless spoke. Then there was all the efforts in helping the Saint Michael's Youth Conference actually happen. (Said to have been the 'Best One Yet !')

This experience led us to take on the formidable challenge of the Cranmer Conference of which you have read. (We are still actually recovering from that one.) Oh yes we did go looking for that 'Perfect Communion Wine' which seems so difficult to find. Maybe better luck next year!

Money. We really appreciate your support in this regard. We sometimes wonder what do our members think? We keep running the bank account dry but then comes in another cheque and we get all reenergized and affirmed and happy because we know somebody thinks enough of our efforts to actually send money. Thank you!

For one last get-together this year, don't forget the ***New Year's Eve service at St. Luke's in Brantford*** (on New Years Eve at 7:00 pm), with the Rev'd Fr. Robert Hudson of St. Luke's Hamilton giving the homily.

Thank you again, and a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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