

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE REGION

- ~ Friday **June 1<sup>st</sup>** Welcome to the Reverend Wade Allen as the new minister to the shared Anglican / United parishes in Port McNeill, Port Hardy, and Port Alice.
  - ~ Saturday, **July 28<sup>th</sup>**, St. Mark's Qualicum Beach, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair
  - ~ **July 30, 31 and August 1, 2 & 3:** Vacation Bible School, St. Peter's Comox, theme is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity
  - ~ **August 12-17<sup>th</sup>** Camp in the Community, Alert Bay
- ADVANCE NOTICE: The **2012 Cursillo weekends**, at Camp Imadene, are scheduled for **October 18 to 21** {Women's} and **October 25 to 28** {Men's}
- ~ DEADLINES FOR *Nimpkish News*: **August 31<sup>st</sup>** for Autumn edition; **November 15<sup>th</sup>** for Advent/Christmas edition. PLEASE: put these dates on your calendars now.

~ **REQUEST: PLEASE** I still need the name and contact information for your parish "reporter" or contact person.

note: You can find your parish website by going to the diocesan website; click on "Regions and Parishes"; find and click on the parish you are searching for; click on "website". Now you will find contact information and much much more. Some of the parish websites are great! HOWEVER, the Diocesan site is still under re-construction, so some diocesan information is more difficult to find.

### THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

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St. Columba, Port Hardy (Anglican/United)	<a href="mailto:columbac@uniserve.com">columbac@uniserve.com</a>
+ Saint Johns Ecumenical Church Port Alice	
Christ Church, Alert Bay	<a href="mailto:lmckoen@hotmail.com">lmckoen@hotmail.com</a>
+ St. Olaf, Quatsino.	

**Diocesan Web-Site** [www.bc.anglican.ca](http://www.bc.anglican.ca) for all the latest news within the Diocese.

DAILY COLLECT for UNITY: Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee for thy Holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth; in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make it whole again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# NIMPKISH NEWS

## NEWS from the ANGLICAN PARISHES in the NIMPKISH REGION

where we are called to be welcoming communities, inspiring people to follow Christ in everyday life, loving and serving God and one another.

Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. The Right Rev. James Cowan, Bishop  
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## DEACON'S digressions

Welcome to this edition of "Nimpkish News". I hope you enjoy the article on the centre pages re: St. Andrew's Sandwick. When I was re-reading the "Five Marks of Mission" {see back page}, I realized that the work the St. Andrew's committee is doing with the secondary school "greenies", falls into the fifth Mission: *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.* However, it seems to me that working with these youngsters is also a way of *proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom.* How is your parish responding to the "Marks of Mission"? Please let us know; knowing what you are doing might stimulate another parish by giving them an "aha" moment.

Now is the time to start praying about attending a *Cursillo* weekend. The 27th Women's *Cursillo* will be held at Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake from 18th - 21st October; the Men's will be held on October 25th to 28th. (NOTE: no sleeping on the floor or on camp cots!!) There are many misconceptions about what a weekend entails. Basically it consists of a series of talks and reflections designed to re-awaken or re-new our Christian faith; a mini course in Christianity within the framework of a residential setting. I can remember my first *Cursillo* back in 1982 in the days when *Cursillo* was shrouded in mystery. I have no idea why ... For me it was a glorious affirmation of my Christian journey and a re-energizing of vision forward.

As far as I know, every parish in our region has someone who has attended a *Cursillo* weekend. Please, if you are at all interested in attending, speak with someone who has been there, or speak with your parish priest, or contact me. This is one diocesan sponsored event you won't be sorry to attend.

I'm also hearing questions about the *Education for Ministry* course offered in our diocese. This is a fantastic course designed to better equip each of us on our Christian journey. The course itself is challenging, but it certainly allows each of us to grow stronger in our faith and encourages us to be more intentional about how we live out that faith. Unlike a *Cursillo* weekend, EfM is set up by the year. Again, I think every parish in our region has at least one graduate of EfM to speak to. Ask questions; find information on line; if all else fails, contact me. I would love to see a new group formed in every parish; all it takes is 6 people to get a group started .....

'til next time, Shalom ... *Elizabeth*

## ARCHDEACON'S DESK

Dear friends,

There are some important diocesan initiatives I want to mention which touch us in different ways. Ours are all busy parishes and requests to engage in activities or share in ministries may sometimes feel like competition for scarce resources. Yet we are each part of a greater whole which in this instance is the Anglican Church on these islands, and I urge all to make the effort to understand the background to these diocesan initiatives and be a part of them as appropriate.

The first is our ongoing commitment to Safe Churches. In our diocese we have made much progress in our efforts to ensure the safety of vulnerable people in our churches, and for all that has already been done in individual parishes we thank you. However, the secular/legal environment in which we offer ministries, as well as ongoing scandals in other churches and service organizations, do mean that the bar is being raised all the time. The tests of our intentions and attempts to protect both providers and receivers of ministries continue to be more demanding yet we must comply. The diocese has recently used the Canadian Red Cross "Ten Steps to Creating Safe Environments" program to educate its clergy and officers and this is slowly being rolled out to parishes with the goal of all being in compliance by the end of this year.

The second follows on from the Diocesan Synod in January 2012, where it was resolved that the diocese will partner with the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in a feasibility planning study for implementing "Together in Mission" in our diocese. If accepted, this would be a collaborative effort at raising considerable

financial resources to benefit mission in parishes, dioceses and the national church according to their strategic plans and priorities – to be phased in across Canada with the timing determined by individual dioceses. A task team is being assembled to begin working on this for our diocese and, in the process, to consult widely on either updating or rewriting our strategic vision and ministry priorities.

There are also several other diocesan projects underway – the Camp Columbia review team which has just begun work; the financial working group which has made good progress in reorganizing the diocese's accounts and financial reporting; and the asset management group which has been working on the sale of some surplus properties and recommendations for other properties yet to be determined. We are indeed a busy church at all its levels, and all of these activities and more continue amid our primary, biblical call to mission and outreach.

My prayer is that these can be sources of encouragement and energy for all who participate in them, and supported by the many who live and minister faithfully within their parishes. Please look out for more information as these projects evolve, and uphold in your own prayers all who give of themselves to work on these difficult challenges and with us, give thanks for the tremendous progress that is being made.

The Ven. *Alan Naylor*  
Archdeacon, Nimpkish Region

### Some OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ACTS, Sonshine Lunch Club,  
Grandmothers to Grandmothers,  
B.C. Mission Boat, Precious Jewels,

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## REGIONAL DEAN'S MUSINGS

Dear Nimpkish Regional Family,

It's hard to believe that since the last issue of the Nimpkish News we were just entering the Lenten season and we were moving into a time of self-examination, deeper repentance and a deeper prayer life. In many ways it allowed for a much quieter and reflective rhythm. It was a beautiful season, to be sure. Yet that was then, and here we are now - once again, full swing into a new season, the most glorious of all – Easter. *The Lord is Risen – He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Personally, I have always felt that Easter has a wonderful energy of its own. Everywhere we look we seem to find examples of new life, new beginnings, and new hope as the People of God. It is an energy that is perpetual. I believe that one of the reasons for this is, as a life of faith we find within our Scriptures where God's presence also has a perpetual motion to it. God keeps showing up. When the disciples arrived at the tomb in the early hours of the morning on that first day of the week, they were amazed to discover that their Lord had been raised. Yet, to their greater amazement, they kept encountering him a variety of ways and places. Two of them met him while walking on the road to Emmaus. He appeared to his entire band of followers in the upper room a week later. They encountered him when they broke bread together. He even appeared to them while they were having breakfast. This seems to be one of the resounding aspects of Easter – God keeps showing up.

What an amazing thing! Perhaps this is one of the reasons why Easter, for us, is more than merely a 'one-day' in the life of the church, or even more than an entire season within the church calendar year. Rather, it is seen as a *way of life* for the church. As an Easter people, we encounter the reality of God showing up and we encounter the presence of the risen-Lord each and every day. And if this is so, then it offers many opportunities to think about this as a regional family.

Where, for example, have you noticed God "showing up"? One way, perhaps, is when many from our region joined in with the variety of *Truth and Reconciliation* events that occurred in support of our First Nations sisters and brothers, and who were present to hear their stories of life in residential schools. It allowed for a moments of healing to occur, which gives rise to new hopes to happen in peoples lives. God was present in these events.

We've also encountered this through a desire to focus on youth ministry within the northern section of our very large region. Regional-wide events have always been a challenge because we cover such a large geographical area, yet, further ministry is being planned; namely, the parish in Alert Bay will be hosting the Diocesan initiative of *Camp in the Community* later on in the summer.

Our Nimpkish region was also the focal point for a dedication Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral a few weeks ago, in celebration of all this happening in our area.

Certainly, one of the great moments of our Easter story in this place is the appointment, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, of The Rev. Wade Allen as the new minister to the shared Anglican / United parishes in Port McNeill, Port Hardy, and Port Alice. We rejoice with him and the community as they begin a new venture together in God's service.

How amazing that Easter continues to happen – God keeps showing up! May we continue to see ourselves as an Easter people in this beloved region of ours, and may we find ourselves constantly open to God's presence in all that we do.

Yours Faithfully, The Rev. Dr. *Blair Haggart*,  
Nimpkish Regional Dean

Be sure to read the latest issue of the *Diocesan Post* and the *Anglican Journal*.

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## DIOCESAN COUNCIL SUMMER REPORT

February 23, 2012 Diocesan Council met at Holy Trinity in Sooke. Word of advice: get directions from the Diocesan office if you need to go there because *Google* has the church on the wrong side of Sooke road and you will miss it. I know I did.

This meeting was mainly about which Diocesan committee looks after which motion from Synod, an Introduction for Council members recently elected or appointed, and the Bishop detailed his trip to Myanmar and his visit to India, Diocese of Durgapur.

Reports were given: Minutes of December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and 15<sup>th</sup> of January meeting, Nominations committee, Financial Committee. Acts of Synod, and Electronic Voting Report. Letters from Rainbow Kitchen and VST were received.

In regards to my first meeting. It is just like a parish council; the first couple of meetings you learn the lingo, understand what you can affect and what you cant affect. Most committees send a *this is what we have done or are doing* report, which you cant affect and some send motions to council which you can affect. At this meeting no motions for or from our region came up.

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 St George the Martyr , Victoria BC near UVIC.

A motion was discussed from our region. St. Andrews Sandwich part of St. John the Divine's parish Courtenay requested that the Church be Designated as the RCMP chapel for the Comox Valley detachment. This would allow the RCMP to display their flag, hold weddings, funerals and other related ceremonies within this Church. It

was noted that St Andrews is an old mission church not up to modern standards, so these events would most likely be held at St. John the Divine, Courtenay. Services would be conducted by the RCMP Chaplin or The Rector of St. John's. Only one note of concern was raised: how will marginalized people or people with a history of difficulty with the RCMP feel about this designation? St. John the Divine would still be responsible for St. Andrew's. {see article on p. 4/5} This motion was approved.

*Camp in the Community* gave us a schedule of camps. Two I can see in our region: Aug 13-17 unconfirmed in Alert Bay possibly at Christ Church Alert Bay ages 6-12, and a Wilderness Camp, July 30-Aug 3, at Strathcona Park for ages 12-14. The camp budget shows that the Diocese will have to provide support of \$50,000 to make their estimated expenditure (budget) for this year.

The *Columbia Coast Mission Report* for Monday December 12, 2011 included the name of a Bursary recipient, Ms. Leah Hughes of Campbell River who is attending UVIC. The bursary of \$2,550 is administered by the University of Victoria foundation.

As this is my first go at reporting from Diocesan Council, I'm always willing to know "what you want in a report". An average meeting has about 25 pages of reports and handouts. I can include mountains of minutia if you want it. Just email me at [cary\\_ddavis@hotmail.com](mailto:cary_ddavis@hotmail.com) Put Nimpkish in the Subject.

Yours in Christ *Cary Davis*

Nimpkish Lay Delegate to Diocesan Council

## ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, COURTENAY

*The Vision Committee* at St. John the Divine continues to offer new ideas and projects to the Parish Council.

Joan Anslow and her subcommittee are one of the newest innovations. They are actively preparing and coordinating lists of people who need rides to church (and perhaps other parish functions) with drivers, and drivers who already have regular passengers but have an extra place in their car.

There continues to be an enthusiastic response to the Seniors' Teas with parishioners seeking out and inviting elderly and often isolated individuals to share in a social afternoon. This involves not only the provision and serving of tea and goodies but in finding and organizing suitable rides for the guests and their caregivers. The next Seniors Tea is scheduled for May 4, 2012.

Functions and activities that have helped enrich our parish life since Epiphany include the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday; The Mother's Union serving Seminole cake during the coffee hour on Mothering Sunday; A Lenten Bible study program; The creation of an Easter Garden and the decorating of the church at Easter; and last but not least the innovative "No Bake Sale" initiated by the Ladies Guild.

The Parish held a very successful Plant and Garden Sale April 28, 2012, and will be having a "New To You Sale" in May. These money raising events are not only essential for keeping a sound roof over our heads, but they also provide us all with an opportunity to socialize, communicate, and give something back to our parish. While we are still in a process of change

and turmoil, there is much to be Thankful for. St. John the Divine has been wonderfully blessed by the continued services of the Rev. Rodney Ives. We might say "His participation in our Parish affairs has been Awesome". Our Sunday Services at St. John's have also enjoyed the presence of the Rev. Elizabeth Fussell our retired regional Deacon.

Meanwhile *the Vision Committee* and the Parish Council continue to gently offer us new ways to move forward and find new opportunities for fellowship, worship, and service.

It should also be noted that Bishop James Cowan will preside and preach at the 8:00am and 10:00 am Eucharists on Sunday, July 15, 2012. Our 10:00 service will include confirmation. Alleluia!

*Vera Jensen*

## CHRIST CHURCH, ALERT BAY

God is good - it is a mystery to us but not to God;

Alert Bay is hosting a Diocesan *Summer Camp in the Community* in August and we are very excited to have this program - it will be August 12 to 17th

Easter was very joyous with special events on Maundy Thursday with the servant washing, Good Friday , Holy Saturday , and Christ has risen indeed - we were blessed to share all the services with our church family.

*Truth and Reconciliation* community hearings included Port Hardy which has been painful and stress full for many. Please keep the Elders and community members in prayers - please encourage all to walk alongside remembering reconciliation is a partnership with all in the community - there is much information on the website. Hopefully our church parishes and members are maintaining involvement and interest - for more information, the hearings are streamed live on the internet.

*Julie Foster*, Christ Church, Alert Bay

## ST. ANDREWS:1864 - 2011 Heritage Church of the Comox Valley

As the pioneer era "mother church" for the Comox Anglican Parishes, this 1873 carpenter gothic styled church is a major historic landmark for the Comox Valley. It was lovingly restored in 2004 onto a new foundation, along with a professional restoration of its organ and two notable stain glass windows. Visitors and Anglican parishioners from around the valley enjoy summer services at St. Andrews from mid June until mid September.

St. Andrew's Chapel has been designated as the home chapel for the RCMP. Friends of St. Andrew's Committee and Vanier School youth group of volunteers work together with our property manager to help maintain St. Andrew's cemetery and surrounding property therefore giving them a sense of pride in helping with a community project. These groups are vital to the life of the church, providing a variety of opportunities for individuals to become involved in the parish and in the broader community.

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*"In 1862 British Columbia was in the midst of a great gold rush. Four thousand men pushed up the Cariboo Road that Spring and about one thousand more travelled the old fur brigade trail, through the Okanagan Valley, headed for the rich gravel of Williams Creek.*

*That same year a small group of men, attracted not by gold but by reports of land of the richest character with scattered*

*prairies of from 500 to 1000 acres, well-water and abounding in game", joined a government sponsored expedition to Comox. They came, in the fall of the year, on the gunboat HMS Grappler.*

*The Comox Valley was one of the first agricultural areas to be settled in British Columbia and although the first Bishop, the Rt. Rev. G. Hills, had been busy since his arrival in 1860 visiting the booming mining towns of the interior, he found time to visit the new settlement of Comox the year of its beginning. He came on the second sailing made by the Grappler to Comox October 25, 1862. He found "an active and bona fide settlement" and arranged for the Rev. J. B. Good, then in charge of Nanaimo, to make regular visits. It was Mr. Good who pre-empted 170 acres in the center of the valley, erected a small building and fenced the land so that by paying one dollar an acre for the whole property a Crown grant was issued to the Bishop.*

*The date of the foundation of the Parish of St. Andrew's Mission Comox is June 21, 1864, for on that date the Bishop located the site for the mission chapel and made arrangements for the appointment of Mr. Jordayne Cave-Brown-Cave as the missionary catechist. On August 25, 1864 the foundation log was laid and fourteen settlers gathered to put up the building."*

*~ From A History of Saint Andrew's written by The Rev. W. J. Lunny*

Located above St. Andrew's Church, is the historic cemetery which was established at the same time as the church. It is located in a protected **Garry Oak grove** of significant conservation value to the Comox Valley. Rehabilitation of this once neglected cemetery began in 2004 and

continues with ongoing annual landscape improvements.

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In February, "*The Vanier Secondary School Environmental Club*, also known as the *Vanier School Greenies*, volunteered on two Sunday afternoons to help rake leaves and clean up the St. Andrew's Cemetery.

They have also collected germinated acorn seedlings for propagation of young Garry Oak trees for replanting in the St. Andrew's properties. These should be ready for planting by summer, once we have the new environmentally sustainable landscape plan done for the St. Andrew's Properties.

The *Vanier School Greenies* are part of a community project organized by the St. John The Divine Parish to rejuvenate the St. Andrew's properties through collaborative design of a conservation landscape plan to enhance and expand the St. Andrew's Cemetery and to further beautify the St. Andrew's Church grounds. Other community partners include the Comox Valley School District 71 Student Services Department, the Comox Valley Land Trust, Project Watershed and the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team."

Community Project to rejuvenate the St. Andrew's Properties Continues ...  
*Sunday, March 25, 2012.*

"On Sunday March 25th, *The Vanier Secondary School Environmental Club*, also known as *the Vanier School Greenies* were at St. Andrew's Cemetery doing GPS mapping of the Garry Oak trees with Don Chamberlain and Steve Morgan. These are the 2 staff members from the Project Watershed Mapping Office who donated their time to show the "*Greenies*" how GPS mapping is done. The yellow backpack units with the masts that you see the girls carrying are called GPS Trimble units. They are highly accurate GPS location units used in forestry mapping.

This training is part of the workshop course we have put together for the students to learn what is involved in compiling information for a comprehensive conservation landscape plan. From this information we will eventually create a new landscape plan for the rejuvenation of St. Andrew's Cemetery and the grounds around St. Andrew's Church.

We mapped the location of 24 Garry Oaks on the St. Andrew's properties, 16 of them located in the cemetery and the remainder located on the rectory and church properties. All together, this is the largest concentration of Garry Oaks located on any one site in the Comox valley. The St. Andrew's properties is a very special place ... for many reasons."

*Story by: Bill Henderson, Chairman, Friends Of St. Andrew's Committee.*

*What is your parish doing to implement the 5 Marks of Mission?*