

News of our Parish & Friends

Congratulations

Beth Bilson was given the honour of being named a *Canon* at the recent Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon. Beth is also the Chancellor and Solicitor for the Diocese.

Craig Campbell is taking part in the *Figurative Sculpture Exhibition, April 28 – May 9* at the Galleria Building Foyer, 15 Innovation Boulevard. **Opening Reception: May 1, 7-9 pm.**

Shae Forsberg performed in April at the Phantom of the Opera Gala. Shae also won 1st place in one of the vocal categories at the Saskatoon Music Festival and placed 2nd in another.

Emily Otterbein performs in Aden Bowman Collegiate's production of *Cabaret* as Fraulein Schneider on May 21 and 23.

Kathlene Whiteway performs in *Cabaret* as Sally Bowles on May 22 and 24.

Baptisms

Marix Caiden Jarvis was baptized on April 27. Marix is the son of Shay & Shasta Jarvis and the grandson of Ken & Elaine Jarvis who attend St. Mark's.

Updates on Parishioners Who have been Sick

Bill Hanson is healing nicely at home after undergoing bypass surgery.

Wilmotte McCallum has just been moved to Parkridge Centre after spending time in all three Saskatoon Hospitals. Her broken arm and hip are healing and she is now able to walk with a walker.

Frank Pascoe is out of the hospital and is back living at home. He continues to improve and is getting his strength back. Occasionally he has trouble swallowing but feels he is "getting there."

Anne Pratt continues to heal from a broken ankle. She is able to walk but is in a bit of pain and is still experiencing swelling. She says she is not doing "too badly."

Staffing Changes

Michele Heximer, who has been doing the cleaning at The Refinery and Church for the last year has resigned. We wish her well and we will miss her thoroughness and attention to detail.

Ahmed Said will be taking over the cleaning duties as of May 1. Ahmed is a friend of Rev. Ponice's who is moving to Saskatoon from Toronto. Ahmed is originally from Egypt.

Parish Retreat at Camp Okema

THE DATE OF THE
ST. JAMES' PARISH WEEKEND AT CAMP OKEMA,
EMMA LAKE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM JUNE TO:
AUGUST 22-24. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
SUE VERITY, 242-2199.

How Much Homelessness is there in Saskatoon? Can You Help Find Out?

The Community University Institute for Social Research (CUISR) is planning a 'homeless count' for Saskatoon to take place on Thursday, May 22. CUISR is seeking survey volunteers for the project.

The time commitment will be a 1-day training session on Sat. May 17 or Sun. May 18 and between 4 – 7 hours on May 22, when the count will be done.

There is a need to have statistics on the number of homeless people in Saskatoon so that the organizations that work with the homeless are better able to apply for funding. Some of these groups include *Rainbow Community Centre, Spectrum Core Community Services, the Friendship Inn* and *Saskatoon Overnight Shelter* to name a few.

The results of the survey will be used to inform community service providers, policy makers, and the general public with a clearer picture of what absolute homelessness looks like in Saskatoon. It will allow service providers to better tailor services to our local context.

Our very own Katherine Ash is involved with this project and could answer some of your questions or you may contact:

Homeless Count 2008
c/o CUISR
RJD Williams Building
432-221 Cumberland Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3
or email: holelesscount2008@gmail.com

Report on the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon, April 4-6 By Mary McKay, St. James' Diocesan Representative

- Please read the report given in St. James' 2008 Annual Report distributed on April 27th.
- The May 2008 Anglican Journal has an article on page 9 about the resolution concerning same-sex blessings.
- In order that the cutting of the Travel Grant to Rural Parishes be reconsidered, a task force has been set to make recommendations to Diocesan Council. Mary McKay is a member of that committee.
- The next meeting of Diocesan Council is May 24th 2008. The Rev. Joe Ponik was elected to be St. James' representative.

Many Mini Ministry Mysteries

Lyell Gustin – St. James' Parishioner

Compiled by Mary McKay

Did you know.....?

St. James' parish church was the venue for a recital held on Sunday evening, April 20th 2008. It featured the eminent musicians, Allen Harrington–saxophonist & Laura Loewen–pianist. The Gustin/Trounce Heritage Committee sponsored the concert. The 'Lyell Gustin Recital Series' honours the memory of the distinguished musician and teacher, Lyell Gustin. His biography, [The Gustin Influence](#) by Muriel Leeper, as well as many other printed articles thoroughly document the many successes that he attained during his teaching and musical career.

The interest to St. James' is in having a glimpse of his influence on our parish. Mr. Gustin was a parishioner of St. James'. He considered St. James' as his place of worship. When he passed away in February of 1988, the Rev. Bruce Rathbone conducted his funeral. Lyell had come to Saskatoon in 1912 at age 17 with his parents. His older brother, Charles who was 20 years his senior, had homesteaded in the area prior to Lyell and his parents' arrival. Lyell was already a brilliant pianist having studied and majored in piano studies at Stanstead College. His uncle, The Rev. Canon W. Alford Gustin, an Anglican priest, had sponsored him during his four-year attendance at Stanstead. He had hoped that Lyell would eventually enter the priesthood. However, being a clergyman wasn't for Lyell. His vocation lay in being a master teacher of music.

Mr. Gustin was an educator as well as a teacher. This led him to organize impressive music appreciation concerts in the 1930's for Saskatoon elementary students. He believed that all children should experience music education. One benefit of his dedication to teaching occurred at St. James' in 1930. The Rev. Alderwood noted in the Parish Hall Notes of the December 1930 issue of the St. James' Magazine the following; *'The Boy's Choir is taking shape under the expert guidance of Mr. Lyell Gustin, and the boys who are fortunate enough to be enrolled are most enthusiastic about it. One of these days they will make a public appearance and surprise us all!'*

Many of those who studied with Mr. Gustin became world-renowned musicians. Two such students actually shared their talents at St. James'. It was quite probable that Lyell encouraged them to contribute to the musical life of St. James'. In the [Diamond Jubilee Year History Booklet of 1967](#) it was noted that Edmund Assaly, who later became a well-known Montreal musician, played a piano solo at a farewell congregational gathering for the Rev. and Mrs J. W. Seymour who were leaving St. James' for Vancouver in April of 1942. [The Encyclopedia of Music in Canada](#) has an entry for Edmund Assaly which includes the following... he studied piano and composition 1937-45 with Lyell Gustin. He was organist at St. James' Church....

Robert Fleming, an outstanding Canadian musician also was St. James' organist during the time that he studied with Mr. Gustin, 1941-42. The '67 booklet read: *'Bob Fleming, the organist, left that fall ('42) for Toronto, where he is now well known as a musician.'*

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In the 'Pioneers of St. James' list', along with Mr. Lyell Gustin is named: Helene Gertrude Rose. A Holy Eucharist Altar Missal that survived the 1982 fire, albeit somewhat charred and blackened, is housed in the Mona Fisher Library. The inscription and dedication of the Missal reads:

To the Glory of God
And
In loving memory of
Helene Gertrude Rose
Presented by
The Afternoon Branch
St. James' W.A.
1963

Helene Gertrude Rose was Lyell's niece. Her parents were Mr. & Mrs. C. Gustin. Charles Henry Gustin was Lyell's older brother. Helene married Virgil Rose whose business was Roses' Furniture and Auction. Helene died on Dec. 6, 1956 at age 50. The Rev. A. E. Crowther conducted her funeral. Her obituary read that she was president of St. James' Women's Auxilliary.

And so the family and musical legacy of Lyell Gustin has perpetuated through time at St. James'. Our worship and praise in hymns, anthems, song and psalm is an integral part of our being. This is another of our Many Mini Ministry Mysteries.

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