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OUR PURPOSE

- *To unite women in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.*
- *To work for and sustain an informed interest in the mission of the Church.*



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ACW ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 2

St. Luke's Anglican Church
104 Church St.,
Woodstock



REGISTER BY
APRIL 14

Serving God in Spirit and in Truth

- Registration begins at 9 a.m.
- Banquet at 5 p.m.
- One-day only event

Lighthouse Bookstore in Fredericton will have a display of items for sale

Details and registration form in the April edition of *Launching Out*

Launching Out is posted on the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton website (anglican.nb.ca.) Members, please post or circulate this newsletter in your ACW branches as you are able to do safely.



St. Paul's ACW on Grand Manan hosted a tea on Feb. 11, the first tea since the pandemic began, and it was a full house. All the monies they raise are used to support local families in need, newly arriving Ukrainians to the island, upkeep of the church and hall and the list goes on.

Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour -

Our new Book of Remembrance/Roll of Honour custodian is Maureen Gill. Please notify Maureen and your Deanery representative with the names of those who should be entered into the Book of Remembrance.

If you would like to put a member on the Roll of Honour, please contact Maureen at 506-386-3011 email: gill.jones@bellaliant.net or 1 Brock Lane, Riverview NB E1B 4Z1



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“Serving God in Spirit and in Truth”

DIOCESAN ACW ANNUAL MEETING – PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Tuesday May 2, 2023 – One Day Meeting

**St. Luke’s Anglican Church,
104 Church Street, Woodstock, NB E7M 5Z7**

Please pre-register by April 14

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE#: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHURCH/PARISH LOCATION: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes below and enclose a cheque for the total amount made payable to Dorine Dennique.



Registration fee \$10

Banquet ticket \$20

IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, GLUTEN OR OTHER FOOD ISSUES, PLEASE MENTION HERE:

Please return this form with your cheque by April 14 to
Dorine Dennique, Registrar
208 Wright St., Woodstock, NB E7M 0H9

Banquet tickets will be held for pickup at registration on the morning of May 2.
Cut-off date for ordering banquet tickets is April 14.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From TransCanada take Exit 185 to Connell Road. Turn left onto Deakin Rd. (just past Tim Hortons). At the bottom of the hill, turn right at the lights onto Main St. Turn left on Church St. There is parking on the corner of Main and Church Streets. Entrance to the hall is at the bottom of Church St. on the right.

This form is also available online:

<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/diocesan-acw-annual-meeting--693/2023-05-02>



“I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

Recently I attended a Layreaders’ workshop in which we were given a text and told to write a sermon outline.

It was just a practice run, and we only had 10 minutes, but I enjoyed the challenge. It usually takes a bit longer than that for a message to come to me, and at first I was stumped.

Then I saw something I hadn’t thought of before. The text was Luke 7:1-10, the healing of the centurion’s servant. It contains the memorable words, “I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed.”

This may sound familiar because it has been incorporated into the Catholic mass using the word “soul” instead of servant. If you’ve ever watched daily mass on television you have heard these words many times.

I thought about the centurion’s faith, his absolute belief that Jesus had the authority to do what he asked. I wondered how a Gentile Roman could have achieved such a state of grace.

The Jews presenting his request to Jesus give this testimonial: “He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people and it is he who built our synagogue for us.”

Add to this his devotion to his slave, and willingness to humble himself in asking an itinerant Jewish teacher for help, and we have a picture of what kind of person could have a faith like that.

Because of his humility and compassion for others, the centurion is already in the place he needs to be in order to recognize who Jesus is. He understands how authority works, and sees in Jesus the genuine article.

I was left asking myself the ques-

tion: “Do I have the humility and compassion to recognize Jesus when I see him?”

Most of the scribes and teachers of the law did not. Knowing the scriptures is clearly not a prerequisite.

Neither is being a model citizen or being a member of a religious sect. Those who were in positions of authority, the members of the Sanhedrin, did not perceive the authority of Jesus, but a pagan did.

What does this tell me? It leaves me thinking seriously about what God requires of me in order for me to be in the place where I can respond as the centurion did.

Jesus told his followers to follow his example and wash one another’s feet, that the servant is not greater than the Master. “The greatest among you will be your servant” (Matt 23:11)

He said we must become like children, be born anew, start fresh. In other words, park my preconceptions, my notions of hierarchy — education, breeding, nationality, religious affiliation, wealth, public profile, power, and so on.

I need to become nothing. Maybe then I will be blessed with the ability to actually see Jesus for who He really is.

Lots to think about.

Blessings,

Eva



Reminders from Launching Out

- The deadline for submissions is always the 22nd of the month before publication: Aug. 22 for September; Oct. 22 for November; Jan. 22 for February and March 22 for April.
- Launching Out needs your news! Please consider sharing your news so it can be included in the next publication of Launching Out. Don’t hide it under a bushel — let it shine! Send to: gmcknight@diofton.ca



Greetings to all,

As your ACW diocesan president, I would like to say thank you!

I continue to learn and grow with this position and am finding it both challenging and fun.

ACW members are awesome! They have so much to offer to our church communities; and, offer they do! I have experienced this

first-hand. They offer in more ways than I can count.

At our last executive meeting, we watched the message from our primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, which she gave to our national ACW members last fall.

Her charge was for us to look forward, using as our guide the “Five Marks of Mission.” She emphasized that we are to live them out with love, joy and action.

It was a wonderful and thought-provoking message.

Our meeting was focused around prayer and praying. I had challenged our members to be able to recite our ACW prayer by heart for this meeting.

I was truly amazed at how serious they all took this challenge!

So, I have to fess up. For me, prayers by recitation sometime defeats the purpose of me praying. My voice is saying the words, but my

mind is wandering.

I have to be mindful to draw my brain back to the prayer at hand and to be mindful of what it is saying to me.

We critiqued books on prayer and praying that we had read, we prayed often and each member read out loud a message on prayer that I had prepared ahead of time.

In other words, we had a very prayerful meeting!

A big shout out of thanks to all in Riverview who welcomed us, helped set up equipment, made tea and coffee and sent us on way with smiles and prayers.

I will leave you with one thing I have learned about prayer. When I have been upset with God and found it difficult to communicate with Him, it wasn't his fault. It was mine!

Yours in Christ,
Jill

Coronation Tea



The Anglican Parish of Kingston invites you to join us on Saturday, May 13th to Celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III

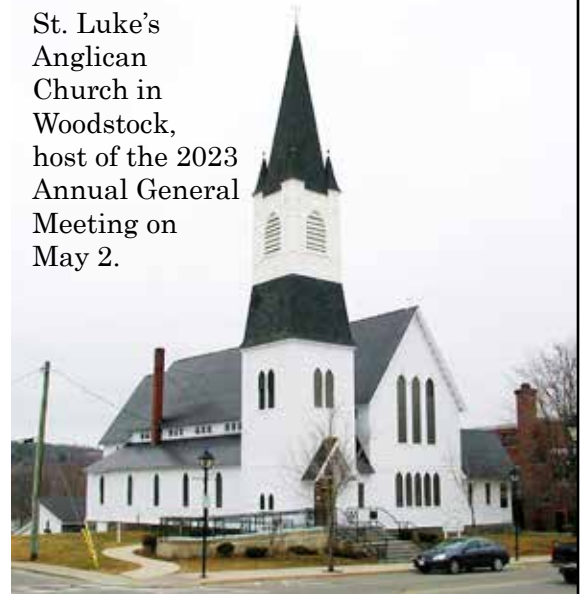
Our Tea will be held between
11:30am – 2:00pm
at the Kingston Parish Hall
Cost is \$10.00 per person



Fascinators and other festive attire encouraged!

The annual general meeting registration form is available online:
<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/diocesan-acw-annual-meeting--693/2023-05-02>

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