

Nov.11, 2018



War and Remembrance

World War I reminders in the Cathedral



Photos: Around the Cathedral are many reminders of the sacrifice made by local people in the First World War. A wooden cross was fashioned by a farmer for Lt. Despard Pemberton after he was shot down and killed in France in 1917; a handprinted roll of honour; a lectern with a stem post saved from the ruins of St. Martin's Cathedral in Ypres June 1916 by Lt. Arthur Lane (later Capt in the 52nd Canadian Infantry Battalion). The lectern was originally given to a Cowichan Valley parish.



Photo: (left) Barry Gough and friends were a big hit at An Evening of Jazz, Wine and Friendship last weekend at the Baumann Centre, a shared event for parishioners at St. John the Divine and the Cathedral (John Barton photo)

Two Chestnut Trees with a link to the Armistice of 1918

Take a look In the Christ Church Cathedral Deanery garden, at the Burdett Street fence, near the lychgate (roofed gateway) and you will see two chestnut trees, looking a bit middle aged. These trees have a direct link to the Armistice that ended the First World War in 1918.

It is recorded that an officer of the Canadian Expeditionary Force had just received news that the Armistice had been signed and that hostilities would cease at 11 a.m. The planned attack that he was to have been part of was cancelled. His life was spared! He would live to see his family and his home again!

“An utterly unusual quietness settled over the war-ravaged countryside of France and Belgium. Veterans who remembered Ypres, Vimy and the horrors of Passchendaele found it hard to believe that more was not expected of them”. (G.W.L. Nicholson, Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1918).

Later that morning the officer was at a large villa on the outskirts of Mons, the headquarters of the Canadian 2nd and 3rd Divisions, a town which had been captured just days before. While waiting for orders he walked in the gardens and thought about that historic place and time that he was part of, the end of a war that had cost so many lives. With that idea in mind he picked up some chestnuts from the path as souvenirs.

The troops then moved on to Bonn as part of the army occupying Germany, and it was from that city that he mailed the chestnuts to Victoria in a metal shaving soap tin. They survived the long trip and were planted and later transplanted to the Deanery garden, where they still live out the seasons to remind us of those terrible times which, though far away, affected every family, village and city in Canada.

Pause to remember the sacrifice of men, women and children and pray that peace will take root and grow in this, God's world.

From historical notes by David Barlow, a longtime parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral. He died Oct. 17.

Engaging God's World

The Cathedral community invites contributions to monthly causes in addition to other regular priorities. In November, Education is Power (Africa) is the recipient. The group subsidizes education for African students and promotes environmental sustainability and the empowerment of women.

In Conversation

**Friday, November 23,
Chapter Room at 6 p.m.**

Our conversation will be inspired by John Woodruffe, whose topic is **Life is Good: planning your own funeral.** Come with a salad, dessert or main course to share. Friends and family welcome. For details, contact Jan Rogers at janrogers@shaw.ca.

Infrastructure Counts, Too!

Love 'em or Hate 'em, Computers are here to stay! Here at the Cathedral the costs of maintaining, networking, and providing secure data storage for approximately 14 computers is \$10,500 per annum - or 10 gifts of \$20 per week.

Bicycle Wanted

The Refugee Committee is hoping to obtain a bicycle for our new arrival, Jasmine, who would like to explore the city and attend English classes by bicycle. Any parishioner who has a functioning bicycle available for Jasmine's use is asked to contact Joan Duckett at 250-381-2560.

Major donation allows PWRDF to restart food aid

A \$100,000 donation from a Canadian Anglican philanthropist (from Calgary) has enabled the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), the Anglican Church of Canada's relief and development agency, to re-start a food distribution project in South Sudan, a country facing severe hunger. *Read more in the Anglican Journal.*

Note of Thanks from the Barlow family

We would like to express our deep gratitude for the very kind expressions of love and condolence. The flowers and many cards from old friends and new following David's funeral have been a great comfort and made this time much easier to bear.

-Canon Mary Barlow and family

Available: Church Calendars 2019

The 2019 Church Calendars are in! Cost is \$5 payable at the church office. The Cathedral photo is featured in October.



Selected upcoming events

(Consult the website for more details)

- Nov. 21 Theology on Tap, Fernwood Inn 6pm
- Nov. 21 Concert with Ken Lavigne, 7 pm fundraiser St John the Divine
- Nov. 21 Choral Evensong at UVic with St Christopher Singers 6.30 pm
- Nov. 22 Cathedral book club begins
- Nov. 22 Dust and Bones, film about repatriation, UVic Cinecenta, 7pm
- Nov. 23 In Conversation 6 pm
- Nov. 25 COMBINED SERVICE 10.30 am Farewell Rev'd Canon Sue House

THIS WEEK Nov.12-18

MON		OFFICE CLOSED Monday, November 12 for the Remembrance Day statutory holiday.
TUES	10 am 1 pm 5.15 pm 6 pm 7 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Librarian (Chapter Rm) 12-step Eucharist Recovery Yoga Bell ringers practice
WED	9 am 11 am	Walking group (Ogden Point) Word of God, Word of Life
THURS	7 pm	Benedictine Spiritual Practices
FRI	7.30 pm 6 pm	On the Construction of the Heav'ns, concert and multi-media show, (Cathedral) Taize service, Lutheran Church of the Cross
SAT	ALL DAY 11 - 3 pm 7.30 pm 9.30 am	Musical Open House (St Cecilia) at Cathedral Christmas Bazaar, Cathedral School Victoria Philharmonic Choir, First Met 94 Calls to Action, reconciliation workshop, St Peter, Lakehill
SUN	3.30	Our Place dinner. Come and help serve

Readings for next Sunday, Nov.18 2018 Proper 33, Year B

1 Sam 1.4-20; 1 Sam 2.1-10; Heb 10. 11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mk 13. 1-8

WORSHIP IN THE CATHEDRAL

In company with cathedrals the world over, Christ Church Cathedral maintains a rigorous practice of daily prayer. Please join us!

Mon	8.45 am 5.15 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tues	8.45 am 12.15 pm 5.15 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist 12-step Eucharist
Wed	9.30 am 12.15 pm	Cathedral School Chapel (during term) Celtic Eucharist
Thurs	7.30 am 10.00 am 5.15 pm	Holy Eucharist/Breakfast Centering Prayer/Christian meditation Evening Prayer
Fri	8.45 am 5.15 pm	Morning Prayer Contemplative Prayer
Sat	8.45 am	Holy Eucharist