



**Photo:** Anglican church guilds have been working hard to further the health of our churches for a century or more. Each year they are celebrating their ministry and that of other guilds through special services and events.

Here, three stalwarts of The Guild of the Good Shepherd at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity give out programs for their 127th Anniversary service. They are, from left, Sheila Wilkinson, Florence Parris and Andrea Simmons.

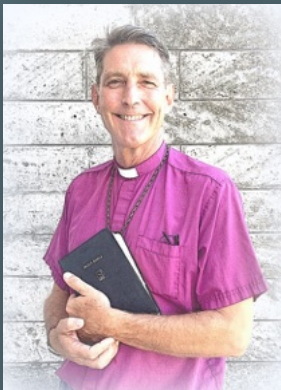


**Walter Carlington**

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# "ASK WALTER!"



**By Nicholas Dill**

*Bishop of Bermuda/Dean of the Anglican Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity*

*"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:57,58)*

Happy Easter season to you all! After the rigours of Holy Week and Easter, I am grateful to God for the ever relevant and precious hope that he gives to us all. The resurrection is not just a powerful image of the potential transformation of all things and the gift of new life in Christ – it actually changes everything and gives everything we do a sense of purpose. It reflects in every kind word or deed, every small victory over sin, every time we get up in the morning with thanksgiving in our hearts, despite the circumstances and situations we are in, despite the drudgery of life and its frustrations.

It is true that in our felt experience we can often say, "What's the point of all that effort?" – in our relationships, in our work. Even in our church lives, it can seem humdrum. "Moth and rust destroy, thieves break in and steal," as Jesus says.

After recent winter storms, all of the little seedlings I planted have shrivelled and seemingly died from salt spray and strong winds. I was about to pull them up when I noticed around the roots little tiny shoots of green. New life seemingly out of death!

This is the perspective we need to maintain as we go forward together – with the truth echoing around our

heads that our labour in the Lord is not in vain. If we do anything because of Jesus, we do it with excellence, even if we cannot see the results and have to redo it tomorrow.

If we do anything because of Jesus, even though no-one else should notice or thank us – God sees what is done and that work has eternal value. But at the same time, I want to say a huge thanks to all those who do the behind-the-scenes stuff that keeps the churches functioning. Every parish has people who you can rely on just to be quietly going about doing their chores, fixing, preparing, cleaning up – those people who we may not notice, but are reliably, dependably and faithfully serving.



*Walter Carlington leads the processional in one of his many capacities of service.*

# Fr. Carl Williams Licensed as Priest

The Right Rev. Nicholas B. B. Dill, the Anglican bishop of Bermuda, wishes to confirm that on March 24, 2023, the Rev. Fr. Carl W.O. Williams had his license to serve as a priest throughout the Anglican Diocese of Bermuda restored by order of the



Most Rev. and Right Hon. Justin Portal Welby, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, dated on January 18 of this year.

Fr. Carl will from henceforth be restored as a member of the House of Clergy of the Synod of the Anglican Church. He is available to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments, and generally to exercise his priestly ministry in the life and ministry of the Anglican Church of Bermuda as occasion may require and be accorded all the rights and privileges that the holder of such license normally

enjoys. Bishop Dill wishes to commend him to Almighty God, praying in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that his blessing may rest upon Fr. Carl and his wife, Melinda, and family and upon the whole church of God in Bermuda. It is hoped that together they may reflect the reconciling love of God and bring glory to him in his world, remaining faithful to the charge he has placed upon us and to the calling of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed afresh to every generation.

Here at the Cathedral we have so many people who notice things that need to get done and don't wait to be told, but just do them, or those who you only need to ask once and it is completed.

I want to acknowledge one amongst the many – and that is Walter Carlington. All his life has been spent around the Cathedral.

Singing, serving as chalice bearer since 1987, bishop's chaplain since 1992; but also sound technician, buildings and grounds manager, acolyte and trainer of acolytes and local historian.

If there is a question about where things are and how they work, 'Ask Walter;' if there is something that needs fixing – 'Ask Walter.' His humility and gentleness, his spirit of service and faithful reliability is commendable.

Our church thrives because of people like Walter Carlington – and I want to say to all in the church, let us learn from such as they seek in their own ways to serve the Lord. Let us never become weary of 'well-doing' but to remain immovable, steadfast, always excelling in the work of the Lord.

## Fundraising Launched for new MWI Patient Residence

Efforts to raise \$600,000 to renovate and convert the old St. James Church rectory at Somerset Bridge, kicked off last month with an invite-only event to prospective donors. At an event hosted by Bacardi at their headquarters on Pitts Bay Road, guests heard short presentations from Habitat for Humanity, The Anglican Church of Bermuda and Bermuda Hospitals Board (BHB).

The two charities are our partners in the project that will see the former rectory converted into a residence for eight Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute (MWI) clients. Habitat for Humanity is doing the fundraising and carrying out the construction, renovation and interior decorating, of the building. The Anglican Church is leasing the building and grounds to BHB and BHB will provide the services the residents require.

(Article by Cathy Stovell, Picture by Blair Simmons)



# 400 Years as a Parish!

## April Exhibit Celebrates Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Church in Bailey's Bay, founded in 1623, is holding an exhibition through the month of April to mark its 400th Anniversary. 'T400EX' as it is called, is hosted by the Bermuda Society of Arts at Hamilton's City Hall.

Canon John Stow says, "This is a fascinating celebration of the history of a parish church and of life in Bermuda over four centuries, newly probed and illustrated, with beautiful works of art and poetry inspired by the church."

The exhibition, which has been three years in the making, is curated by artist Vaughan Evans, with input from a host of contributors and guidance from Bermudian, Dr. Kristy Warren, senior lecturer in Black history at Lincoln University.



Included on display are artworks, some privately owned and rarely seen until now, and others generously loaned by the Bermuda National Trust and by Masterworks. Paintings of Holy Trinity Church by Bermuda's Plein Air Group will be on sale.

Timelines covering over four centuries give vivid, candid details of Bermuda's social context, gleaned both from historical sources, and from the living memory of those who have shaped Bermuda's social history over the last 50 years.

T400EX opened Sat., April 1, at the Edinburgh Gallery, City Hall, and will run until Tues., April 25, Mon. – Fri., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is Free.

Contact: the Rev. Canon John Stow, priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity Church

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[revjohn@anglican.bm](mailto:revjohn@anglican.bm)



**Photos, clockwise from top: Milton Hill and his model of Holy Trinity; Vaughan Evans, artist and show curator, and Amy Evans; Ronnie Chameau, local artist; Bishop Nick Dill enacting the role of Bishop John Inglis, 1826, at the opening of the art exhibit.**

# This Month We Visit:

**We** as the Anglican Church of Bermuda pride ourselves on being the church in every parish that cares for and welcomes every person in the parish. That means that we are the church, congregation and fellowship that tries to look after every person in the parish whether they come to worship or not, whether they are Anglican or not, whether they are Christian or not. This is part of our Anglican heritage and a key concept within the understanding of our Anglican identity.

For me it is even more than key, it is vital. If we were ever as a communion or a diocese to decide that our church was only for those who thought and worshipped like us, then I believe that we will have abandoned our Anglican heritage and identity.

Of course, our Anglican story has never been without fault or sin, and there have been times when we have failed to live up to Jesus's call to love others as God loves us. Our church's support of and participation in slavery, in segregation, and our ongoing participation in racism, sexism, xenophobia, elitism and homophobia is to be repented every day.

Here at St. Mary's, Warwick we have tried to address that shameful past by trying to become a more inclusive, more accepting and more welcoming congregation.

Part of our story here is that St. Mary's, Warwick has only been a separate, independent parish with its own rector since 1927. We have only had four incumbents since 1927.

That is four rectors in 95 years! Only three in 93!! They are: the Rev. Arthur Horner, 1927– 1930; Canon Gilbert Ritter, 1930 – 1956; Archdeacon Thomas Dyson, 1957 – 1995; Archdeacon Andrew Doughty 1995 – present.

My predecessor, Archdeacon Thomas Dyson, came to Bermuda after a distinguished academic career and as an incumbent in Oxford, England. Archdeacon Dyson was a "Prayer Book Catholic" (some would describe him as "high church"). He was holy, scholarly and stood apart from the rivalries and politics of the diocese of his day.

Archdeacon Dyson's preaching and his theology were always up to date and progressive: thoughtfully addressing the dilemmas of the times and the community. One of his many pastoral gifts was in meeting broken, hurting people

## St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church



**By the Ven. Andrew W. Doughty, archdeacon of Bermuda, rector of St. Mary the Virgin, Warwick**

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# This Month We Visit St. Mary's

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wherever they were, and welcoming them into our St. Mary's fellowship. He befriended numerous lay persons who had been damaged by other clergy and parish experiences. He encouraged them to worship, to share and then, in time, to discover their ministry and gifts within the church.

He was a progressive (*i.e. ahead of his time*) when it came to the remarriage of divorcees in church. Long before it became acceptable or permitted to do so, Archdeacon Dyson was marrying divorced people in church, and including them in full sacramental fellowship. There are numerous couples still within our fellowship who trace their membership to Archdeacon Dyson's liberal kindness and warm inclusion.

I have been happy and privileged to follow in that liberal, sacramental, gospel ministry. And as part of that commitment, the good people of St. Mary's have joined with me and our ministry team, in trying to become a congregation and a church where everyone is welcomed and included.

We believe that our door has to be OPEN. That it has to be high enough, wide enough, strong enough to accept anyone who has been prompted by God to come to the doorstep of the church and of our fellowship.

No one must be excluded from our worship, our fellowship or our sacraments, for we are all sinners and only redeemed by God's love, mercy and grace.

That is why, over the last few years, we at St. Mary's have adopted and committed ourselves to the mission statement of the Inclusive Church movement (<https://www.inclusive-church.org/>).

"We believe in inclusive church – a church that celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of *disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality*.

We believe in a church that *welcomes and serves all people* in the name of Jesus Christ; that is scripturally faithful; that seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation and that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

We would like to invite all our fellow Anglicans in Bermuda to join us in this ministry and hope.

## Pilot James "Jemmy" Darrell Commemorative Service

5 pm, Saturday, April 22, 2023  
St Peter's Church Graveyard



The Friends of St Peter's Church  
Honorary Chairman Rev. Dr. Erskine Simmons  
welcomes all to a service in remembrance of  
King's Pilot James "Jemmy" Darrell  
1749 - April 12, 1815

In attendance will be  
Mayor of St George, the Wor. George Dowling III, JP  
Bermuda Branch Pilots  
TS Admiral Somers Sea Cadet Corps  
Pilot James Darrell Family Descendents

## Pentecost and Bishop's 10th Anniversary Party

Sunday, May 28 is Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, and the Diocese of Bermuda is going to have a party.

*Please reserve a spot on your calendars for the afternoon of May 28, as there are plans for an island-wide celebration at Bermuda Botanical Gardens, beginning at 3 p.m.*

The one-time general secretary of the Anglican Communion, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, who is now bishop in residence at the Church of St John the Divine in Houston TX, will be the special speaker at this event.

Gathering at 3 p.m. for special music from a variety of island gospel musicians, the community will celebrate not only the birthday of the church but the 10th Anniversary of the consecration of our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Dill.

Not only will there be great music and an inspiring and challenging speaker, but there will be food and fun for the whole family. Our hope and prayer is that followers of Jesus from every denomination on the island will come and worship with us in this marvelous, uniting festival.

# Clergy of St. Mary's, Warwick

## Warwick, Southampton & Sandys

		Yrs. Served
Rev. George Stirk	1622 – 1625	3
Rev. Patrick Copeland	1626 – 1644	18
Rev. Jonathan Burr	1656 – 1662	8
Rev. Henry Vaughan Sr.	1664	–
Rev. Charles Hotham	1670 – 1671	1
Rev. Henry Vaughan Sr.	1679 – 1680	1
Rev. James Wallace	1681 – 1685	4

## Western Parishes (Paget, Warwick, Southampton & Sandys)

Rev. John Fowle	1693 – 1710	7
Rev. William King	1715 – 1721	6
Rev. William Swift	1722 – 1728	6
Rev. William Walton	1741 – 1742	1
Rev. John Moore	1743 – 1791	48
Rev. Marischal Keith	1793 – 1796	3
Rev. John Moore	1796 – 1798	2
Rev. John Thomson	1802 – 1806	4
Rev. Robert J. Hoare (1777– 1856)	1808 – 1820	12

## Rectors of Paget and Warwick

Rev. Robert Hoare	1820 – 1821	1
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Rev. David Edwards	1822 – 1824	2
Ven. Aubrey Spencer	1825 – 1832	7
Rev. Samuel P. Musson	1840 – 1844	4
Rev. M.K.S. Frith	1845 – 1864	19
Rev. James Wood	1864	1
Ven. J.F.B. Lumley Lough	1866 – 1896	30
Rev. Edward Inglis Lough	1896 – 1899	3
Rev. Arthur Goldring	1899 – 1905	6
Rev. Edward Inglis Lough	1907 – 1919	12
Rev. Geoffrey B. Cooley	1919 – 1927	8

*Serving with the Rev. Joseph H. Harvey, assistant curate and first resident priest in Warwick (1919-1927)*

## Rectors of St. Mary the Virgin, Warwick

Rev. Arthur Horner	1927 – 1930	3
*Canon Gilbert Ritter) (22.10.1897 – 10.9.1956)	1931 – 1956	5
*Ven. Thomas Dyson, O.B.E. (1918 – 24.12.2001)	1957 – 1995	38
Ven. Andrew W. Doughty (2.11.1956 – )	1995 -	28

*\* Buried at St. Mary's*

## Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Good Friday



Photo, above right. Approximately 200 members of the Anglican and Orthodox communions joined the Roman Catholic church at Victoria Park on Good Friday to do the Stations of the Cross, with readings divided between the Roman, Coptic and Anglican communities. Photo on left: l-r, Bishop Nick Dill, Anglican; Coptic priest Abuna Isaac el Antony; Roman Catholic Bishop Wieslaw Spiewack and Anglican Cathedral Canon Jerry Smith, reading first lesson.

# NAVIGATING ANXIETY

By April Simmons, from St. Mary's

Often when my son leaves home on his motorbike and whenever my daughter leaves on a plane, I have internal anxiety. I fear that they may be randomly shot, assaulted or hit by a drunk driver; I fear being diagnosed with cancer; I fear a host of other medical conditions.

We all have these thoughts at times and, generally, we tend to keep these thoughts to ourselves and post COVID-19, many of us have become even more anxious. As Christians, sometimes we feel guilty about being fearful or worried as we feel we should have more faith and trust in God.

Should Christians be fearful, paranoid, anxious and worried?

*No. 1: Recognize that fear and worry are common human feelings*

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6: 25-33), he tells us that we should not worry as the Lord provides – we should strive first for the Kingdom of God. This passage refers to concern over what to wear and eat (possessions) but doesn't address the deeper worries that many of us face today.

From Ecclesiastes 3 we have the familiar passage: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." This passage provides poetry and comfort emphasizing the cycle of life – this is very applicable when we can recognize a time to die, a time to lose, a time to weep. We know the human condition is not all good times. We know that God's plan is not always our plan.

My mother passed away relatively early, at the age of 67, and missed the opportunity to see her five young grandchildren grow into young adults. This was a sad and painful time for our family. Within a few years, we welcomed my step-mother into our family and this has been an amazing and unexpected blessing. Certainly, my mother's illness and death was a painful experience, and certainly we did not want my mother to pass; however, we have since experienced God's continued blessings. We needed to be open to the Spirit, open to peace, joy, hope – open to experience God's next blessing.

Then there are events that happen that do not fall into this rhythm. As Christians, we cannot predict the future, we cannot predict God's timing. This means our fears can and do come true. The Book of Job (from the Old Testament /Hebrew Scriptures) explores this part of our human experience.

*No. 2: Redirect your thoughts*

Throughout the Old Testament and New Testament there are various verses that speak to how God's people are to respond in times of despair, worry, fretfulness. Practical ways to respond include redirecting our thoughts such as:

- Join with other Christians who struggle.
- Practice thankfulness in journaling and prayer, worship, hymns.
- Make room for joy and laughter within your community and family.
- Take action: e.g. instead of fearing cancer, raise funds for PALS.

*No. 3: Practice trusting God*

As Christians, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit – the Spirit who fills us with joy, peace, hope, love. We can ease our worries by focusing on the teachings of Christ and cultivating the gifts of the Spirit. Specifically, we can:

- Invite the Holy Spirit through regular prayer, music and readings.
- Acknowledge that it is normal to be anxious, while working to accept the peace that God brings.
- Remember that transformation is progressive – it's a daily renewal with the grace of God.

As followers of Christ, we will experience the fear of the unknown, anxiousness. We understand this fear and welcome anyone who also lives with worry. As the Body of Christ, we aim to welcome all who are anxious, fearful, depressed, those suffering from trauma, in therapy or on medication.

**Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you for your presence in my life and in your world. Help me to acknowledge your power. Let thy will be done, Amen.

**Scripture Verse**

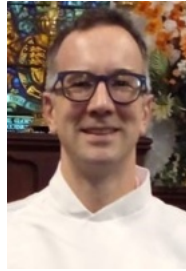
"I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." – Psalm 34: 4.



# Bus Route Brought Priests to St. Mary's

## They Stayed Because of Community

**Note:** Interview by Robert Alexander of St. Mary's honorary clergy, the Rev. James Decker and the Rev. Robert Clubbe. Answers supplied by James.



Robert Alexander

*Please tell us more about yourselves*

We are priests in good standing in the Toronto and Algoma Dioceses in the Province of Ontario, Canada. A clinical fellow of the Ontario Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, I was a hospital chaplain for many years and was involved with ministry for a large number of nursing homes. I retired from Toronto to Muskoka as an elementary school principal.

Robert spent many years in parish ministry. He retired from St. Simon the Apostle in Toronto. Robert has ministered extensively to the homeless. He has two shelters named after him: the Clubbhouse in Toronto.

We have been together for 38 years and live in the village of Rosseau in the Algoma diocese when in Canada.

*How did you come to know Bermuda?*

While in seminary, Robert spent time as a student to Patrick White, former bishop of Bermuda. I often looked after Bishop Patrick's To-

ronto parish when he vacationed. We both know Bishop Patrick and his wife Ely well.

About 15 years ago, Robert visited Bermuda to surprise Bishop Patrick at one of his birthdays. Since then, we have visited Bermuda annually. Some six years ago, we became residents of Bermuda and spend six months a year on island.

*Please tell us how you found St. Mary's.*

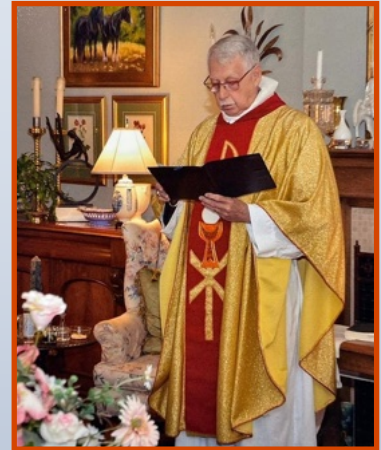
We live in Sandys and initially were using buses. We found the bus would get us to St. Mary's in time for 10.30 a.m. service!

*Why did you choose St. Mary's?*

St. Mary's welcomed us with open arms. It is the kind of Anglican church we feel at home in: inclusive, liberal catholic, with a sacramental focus. Archdeacon Andrew welcomed us as fellow priests and colleagues. St. Mary's ministry team is very special.

*How do you split your life between Bermuda and Canada?*

I am in charge of a summer parish in the Diocese of Algoma. We keep busy with committee work. When in Bermuda, we both volunteer: at the Barn, Habitat for Humanity, Windreach, and National Trust. We are totally involved in the life of St. Mary's and have made many friends.



# Hibiscus Garden Club

(Formed Sept. 18, 1959)

**Submitted by J. Winette Phillips, club president**



The founding members of the Hibiscus Garden Club (HGC), led by Ruth Elizabeth Simons, are Roseannie Louise Wilson, Viola Davis, Edna Mae Scott, Edna Marguerite Wilson Conyers, Faith Steede, Julia Lightbourne, Laura Bean, Mildred Irene Smith, Reginald Ming, OBE and Ruth Ester "Sally" Wainwright. All but two of the listed founding members were stalwart members of St. Mary's Church, located in Warwick, and

served in such capacities as follows:

- creating floral displays for the church
- member of the church choir
- member of Cyprians Guild
- Church vestry duties (Edna Conyers was the first woman to serve)
- The church flower guild

Ruth Simons was instrumental in starting HGC. The first meetings were held in her home. The founders had the vision, determination and strength to reach beyond the limits of circumstance to realize their dreams and achieve their goals.

The circumstance at that time was that there was only one garden club on the island in the 1950s. Ruth applied for membership but was blatantly refused because she was a Black woman. She resolved to start her own garden club where other Blacks could foster their interest in and love for flower arranging, among other things. The aim was to enlighten and educate Blacks who were passionate about forestry, gardens and plants.

The meetings soon became too big for accommodation in members' homes and moved, first to the Tennis Stadium, then to Manchester Unity Lodge Hall on Victoria Street and later to The Christian Education Centre in Paget and FINALLY moved, over 30 years ago, to St. Mary's church hall where the club's meetings are still held to this day – every second Wednesday of each month – when vegetables, cut flowers and potted plants (known collectively as The Bench) as well as floral arrangements are presented for judging.

This tribute to founder Ruth Simons was written on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary, in which she related how her aim was to share through the club, "a common interest in horticulture in all its facets; to beautify the island; have discussions on any subject pertaining to gardening and also hold an annual exhibition." The annual exhibition is currently held every year in May as part of a Tea & Hat Show. The hats are made of local flowers and plant material.

Former President Verna Eve explained – "Flower arranging and allied subjects are like golf – you get addicted." Looking back on her decades long membership, Mrs. Eve says she has, in developing her natural talent for flower arranging, gained a lot of experience and confidence. She is still a member to date and continues to serve.

The Hibiscus Garden Club is appreciative of the church's continuous support and assistance.

Persons requiring more information about The Hibiscus Garden Club may email [jwphil-lips@logic.bm](mailto:jwphil-lips@logic.bm) or call 238-1575. We welcome new members.





## This Old Church: Stained Glass

### St. Mary's Half-Moon Windows Depict Prayer of St. Francis

For many years, St. Mary's, Warwick would have had plain glass windows, but now it boasts a beautiful collection of traditional and modern stained glass.

Whilst there are several windows on the south side of the church depicting Jesus with his disciples at the Sea of Galilee, perhaps the most prized glass by the people of St. Mary's is that crafted by the wonderful local artist, Vivienne Gardner. The large Virgin Mary window, from 1980, with its halo of angels, is a wonderful centerpiece dedicated, as the church is, to the mother of Jesus.

In 2009, the church wanted to do something to mark the 400th Anni-

versary of Bermuda's continuous habitation from 1609, and it was decided that there were two more perfect small windows awaiting stained glass. These two windows are on either side of the organ, in the balcony. Both being semi-circular (or half-moon) in shape there was a suggestion that they could be used to depict the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, in which he speaks of "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon."

This suggestion was all Vivienne needed to get started on her glorious design: one window with its warm 'sun' colours and the other with its cool 'moon' tones, as well as giving faces to the brother sun and sister moon. Everyone was

thrilled with the results and the windows were installed in 2010.

The best viewpoint for these windows is looking from the altar towards the organ, which means those in the sanctuary enjoy them most, although I dare to suggest that everyone looks up at them on their way back from communion.

Stained glass is one of the many ways in which churches embrace the arts and celebrate the wonder of our God's creation. We are indebted to those who designed and carried out this work, and are particularly proud to have the work of such a renowned local artist represented in three of our church windows.

## God's Little Easter Miracle

Two of the monarch butterfly caterpillars that I have been feeding and tending, having gone into chrysalis, emerged Easter Sunday morning as beautiful creatures of the sky. They were demonstrating why they are symbolic of resurrection.



FROM YOUR EDITOR

# This & That, Here & There

Photos from the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity Guild of the Good Shepherd's 127th Anniversary service.



Are you interested in deepening your faith?

**Faith Discovery - Come, Share and Explore**

**Series: Hearing God's Voice (Lectio Divina)**

**Dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Time:** 6:30pm to 8:30pm

**Place:** The Cathedral Hall, Church Street, City of Hamilton

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**The guild of st. john's**  
c/o St. John's Anglican Church  
The Anglican Parish of Pembroke, Bermuda  
Phone: 405-5308



**Photos, from top, clockwise, the first three are of the Easter Vigil service:**

Photos 1-3: Candidates for confirmation were presented during the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity. From Christ Church Devonshire (l-r) Yvonne Simmons, Colin Thompson, Karen Richardson, The Rt. Revd. Nicholas Dill.

From Holy Trinity parish (l-r) Anabelle Frances Gray, Sydonnie Marie White-Heyliger Douglas, Anthony Fowler.

The service also included the licensing of Elizabeth Christopher (St Peter's parish) and Patricia Hayward (Chapel of Ease) as eucharistic ministers.

Photo 4: Palm Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Warwick.

Photo 5: Rose Castle Foundation team was on the island from England to do "Difference" training. Here, they chat with Michelle Simmons, third from left. They are, from left, Canon Sarah Snyder, Joe Banfield, Phoebe Dill.

Photo 6: Taken on Mothering Sunday at St. Mary's: Overseer Deborah Dean of Rehoboth Church of God was special preacher for Mothering Sunday. In photo, from left, are: Sue Tucker, Denise Astwood, Patrick Simons, April Simmons, Fr. Andrew, Overseer Debbie Dean, Sandy Bushara, Edward Simons.

Photo 7: St. Anne's Church choir on Easter morning.



# The Ministerial Alliance of Warwick

and Paget and  
Southampton  
and Sandys  
and ... anyone  
else who  
wants to join  
us

Over the last 20 years, all the denominations of the western parishes have gotten together for joint services on a Tuesday in Lent. Each week we visit a different church and hear a different preacher – thus experiencing a wide range of worship services and preaching styles. In this year 2023, we have been exploring together the theme of “Life out of Death,” as we prepared for Holy Week and Easter together.

This Lent we had sermons from Overseer Deborah Dean, Pastor Evroyd Weeks, Pastor Leonard Santucci, Elder Ivan Smith and Fr. Attilio Morelli. We have had services at the N.T. Church of God Sanctuary of Praise, Cedar Hill; St. Paul’s, Paget; St. Anthony’s RC Church; the New Nehemiah Apostolic Church of God, White Hill, Sandys and here at St. Mary’s.

At every service we collect on behalf of the ministerial alliance’s goal to benefit students at Bermuda College – offering those nominated a book grant of around \$500 per year. Over the years, we have given out more than \$38,000 in such book grants.

Our alliance has been meeting together for nearly 25 years. We started when Pastor Deborah Dean, Pastor Eugene Joell and the then Rev. Andrew Doughty met to discuss our ministry with youth in the parish, and then decided to invite other clergy from Warwick to join us.

We have been meeting monthly since that time and our membership has grown and become open to any who want fellowship, support, theological discussion and, of course, lunch!

We now have clergy from numerous different denominations meeting each month. Our current regular attendees are:



Canon Ant. Pettit of St. Paul’s Anglican church, Paget  
Fr. Attilio Morelli of St. Anthony’s RC church,  
Pastor Evroyd Weeks of Warwick Holiness Church of God, Warwick  
Pastor David Trott of the Peace Lutheran church, Paget  
Rev. Alastair Bennett of Christ church Presbyterian, Warwick  
Rev. Dr. Leonard Santucci of Vernon Temple A.M.E. church, Southampton

Rev. Charles Alex Smith of Bright Temple A.M.E. church, Spring Hill, Warwick  
Pastor Rudolph Ebbin of the N.T. Church of God Sanctuary of Praise, Cedar Hill, Warwick  
Pastor Charly Burch of the New Nehemiah Apostolic Church of God, White Hill, Sandys

# Why I am a Member of St. Mary's, Warwick

By Sue Tucker

Member of St. Mary's Ministry Team

Having visited a couple of churches during my time living in Bermuda, I attended St. Mary's church for the baptism of a friend's son many years ago. I subsequently attended services there periodically but also attended Christ Church, Warwick from time to time. I enjoyed the services and fellowship in both. Then, one Sunday, after returning from a trip to visit family in Australia and sitting in the service at St. Mary's I noticed a confirmation group had started and I decided to sign up.



It was the start of my journey of faith, which has led me to be part of the ministry team at St Mary's, initially most unwillingly! I was certainly way outside my comfort zone being up there on the altar and having to do readings and intercessions! With the encouragement of Father Andrew and members of the ministry team and the wonderful congregation at St Mary's, here I am eight years later feeling less in trepidation of it all.

St Mary's had a very welcoming, all-inclusive feel to it and we have had many wonderful services and events in the church hall over the years.

As we approach Easter this becomes a very special time for the ministry team and their participation in the various church services. Being part of the St Mary's family has certainly been a positive in my life.

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Captain Dennis Maybury of the Salvation Army Corps, Cedar Hill, Warwick  
Archdeacon Andrew Doughty of St. Mary's Anglican church, Warwick

The health and longevity of our clergy fellowship has been bolstered by providing lunch and informal conversation – focusing on what unites us, rather than on what divides us – and in mutual support and prayer.

For the last 15 years we have been meeting at the Rehoboth Church of God on Khyber Pass, with a simple lunch provided by Sister Dorothy Burch of

Rehoboth Church of God. It is Dorothy's kind hospitality and excellent catering that keep us coming back for more.

Over the years we have had a Walk of Witness along Middle Rd., Warwick, from St. Anthony's to St. Mary's; an outdoor service for young people at the rubber tree/Warwick Post Office; our annual joint Lent services and numerous other community events and get-togethers.

Every new minister who comes into the area is welcomed and invited to join us. We are always glad to have new members. And all are welcome.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month, at 12 p.m., at Rehoboth Church of God.

Photos from a recent concert at the Cathedral, featuring Nashville recording artists Bethany Bordeaux, on violin, and Jonathan Noel, on piano, accompanied by local artists. They are from left in group photo: Shelton Bean, drums; Jonathan Noel, piano; Tiffany Fox, violin; Bethany Bordeaux, violin; Keible Hart, drums; Kevin Bean, drums; Amoti Nyabongo, bass guitar; April Roach Maule, cello.





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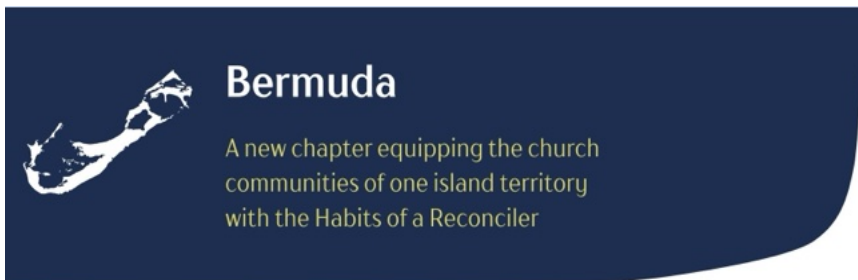
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The Rose Castle Foundation's purpose, in an increasingly conflicted world, to equip faith-formed leaders who build trust across society's deepest divides. Their work: "We work with emerging leaders who are motivated by their faith and moving into positions of influence across societal divides.

We equip them to lead through change, chaos and conflict, not just today but for the long term. They learn with those on the other side of their divides, re-humanising those they no longer see or hear, and working towards a more peaceful future where both sides flourish – one in which their differences still matter. This is something we call 'deep-to-deep' encounter. In a carefully facilitated space, in which nobody is asked to leave their faith or ideology at the door, searching questions can be explored because it feels natural and safe to do so. This depth of interaction draws out vital common ground, but, more importantly, allows space to understand our differences. Instead of seeking shallow agreement, it enables a better quality of disagreement." See below, their contact with Bermuda.



#### **Opening new possibilities for reconciliation**

As the Bishop of Bermuda puts it: "at a recent visit of a small team from Rose Castle Foundation to Bermuda, new conversation and possibilities have opened up for us.

"The vision for the Foundation sparked a huge amount of interest and imagination as to who and where would benefit from the training that is offered – in interfaith dialogue, across divisions within the political life of the island, in handling not only historical issues around race – slavery, colonial legacies and segregation, but present-day issues about prison rehabilitation, the education of our children in public schools to name a few.

"The team were passionate, servant hearted, humbly sharing tools and experiences rather than being didactic and formulaic. The discussions have brought renewed hope for the possibility of transformation. As a Christian organization, we have been encouraged to read the familiar stories of Jesus and his interactions with individuals and communities with fresh eyes. But the principles remain the same for those who do not have a shared faith."

#### **'Train the trainer' programme for Habits facilitators**

30 small-group facilitators running the Difference course, representing each of the island's parishes, were trained in the 12 Habits of a Reconciler. The course has now been running for several weeks and the benefits are already being felt.

#### **Meeting faith & government leaders**

The team visited the governor at Government House, where we shared coffee and tea for over an hour, mapping out the full range of social, racial, political, governmental, health, & educational issues facing Bermuda.

At a meeting with the Emir, Catholic Bishop, and Anglican bishop, we learned that the trio have been modelling a Human Fraternity-inspired mission of inter-faith engagement in Bermuda – and discussed ways of sustaining and growing that vital work.



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